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PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

OFTEN it happens that a ringing pupil in course of time outdistances his teacher in ability and performance — a fact that should excite gratification rather than jealousy in the teacher, and no loss of respect on the part of the pupil, but only thankfulness for the joys and prospects to which he has been introduced. It may be generally helpful, then, before we claim much from the opportunities and developments which a New Year may bring to reflect a little upon such introductions to our art; upon what has been contributed in the past to provide the facilities and privileges which can be enjoyed to-day — an endowment, as it were, which bears a cumulative interest to be reinvested for the benefit of succeeding generations.

A tower surmounted by pinnacles is a symbol of the heights which can be attained. One would be rash to assert that the highest pinnacle of ringing progress has yet been reached. There was a time when the composition and achievement of a 5,040 of Grandsire Triples was acclaimed as a noteworthy performance. What would, say, John Garthon or John Holt, we wonder, have thought about the present-day accomplishments of Surprise Major, Royal and Maximus, not to mention the multiple spliced compositions? There are ringers now who take these easily in their stride and this age in which we live has brought a new assessment of standards.

But no sane ringer can ignore the past or surround himself with an aura of superiority with, perhaps, an indulgent smile for the ancient, maybe somewhat crude, pioneering efforts in change ringing and composition. For what an advanced ringer can glory in to-day is, after all, the superstructure which has arisen from those early efforts and discoveries.

There be of those pioneers that have left a name behind them, such as Fabian Stedman, Benjamin Annable, William Shipway, Henry Hubbard, Jasper Snowdon; and in the present century the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, Sir A. P. Heywood, John Carter, Charles Henry Hattersley, J. W. Washbrook, J. A. Trollope, the James and the Pye brothers, to mention but a few. Many, too, that have no memorial but whose industry and scientific insight, as well as their practical ability, have brought ringing on to a very high plane and opened the door for others to follow in their steps of enthusiasm, research and perseverance.

Yet, withal, these earlier exponents of the art were ready to confess to a limited outlook and to a consciousness of greater realms not given them to reach. Witness this remark in 'The Art of Ringing,' by William Jones, John Reeves and Thomas Blackmore (published about 1786), on Stedman Triples: 'Should the learner expect a greater extent than 1,260 changes in this method, perhaps the 5,040, we beg leave to observe that it is one of those occult mysteries that have never yet transpired, and the most diligent researches we have been able to make have not been attended with that success which we would have gladly communicated to the public; and so remote does it appear at present that there is every reason to believe that the composer of this system never designed it for more than five bells.' So again Shipway in his 'Campanologia' (1816): 'A true and complete peal of Triples on this principle has for many years been the constant research of the most eminent professors of the art. The author has paid great attention to the subject, but hitherto without effect.' He says, too, of Cambridge Surprise Major: 'It is very complex and extremely precarious in its composition, so that not one of the peals which have been rung proved true in its composition: nor is it probable that 5,000 changes of it can be composed true.' Also, referring to Holt's Original, he remarks: 'Few individuals, even among proficients in the art, have at any time undertaken to ring a bell and call this intricate peal; indeed, so great is the difficulty attending it that even Mr. Holt himself, on its first performance, did not attempt to call in the ordinary manner, but availed himself throughout of the assistance of the manuscript.' Compare again Hubbard (1868) on Double Norwich: 'The ringing of this peal is so extremely intricate as to render it impossible for any but the most experienced practitioners to accomplish it.'

To all of such quotations we may be disposed in these days to add exclamation marks.

And here a pertinent question suggests itself: How were the great men of ringing history taught? If they could be seen handling their ropes and controlling bells of all weights without any of the modern easements of self-aligning and ball bearings one wonders what criticisms would be forthcoming from the exponents of instruction whose 'Manuals' are clothed in such a multiplicity of words that — if a paraphrase may be allowed from one of the Prefaces of the Book of Common Prayer — 'the number and hardness of the Rules was the cause that many times there was more

business to find out what should be done than to do it when it was found out.' One is content to say that the reputations and accomplishments of these worthies of the Exercise required no official certificates or diplomas to guarantee their recognition as master campanologists. Somehow or another they found the means and inspiration for fostering their skill and provoking their interest and that of others, obviously quite independently of a mass of regimentation or an over-elaborated vocabulary.

Finally, the present generation and those to come may well reflect upon the advantages and fellowship, secured by the labours of both clergy and laymen within the last hundred years or so, in lifting the art of ringing out of the category of mere pastimes and giving it a closer association with the Church through the formation of Diocesan Guilds; resulting in the development of a wide and much needed belfry reform and a general recognition of ringers as valuable church workers.

We all know the pleasure and companionship which such voluntary organisation of ringers brings, not overlooking the inspiration it has been in setting forward the restoration and care of bells everywhere that they may fulfil the primary object for which they were dedicated in our church towers, viz., the calling of the people to the worship of God.

Year after year, then, in every way may we go from strength to strength. C. C. C.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., Dec. 13, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

Peter Border	*Treble*	*John R. Joyner	7
Muriel Reay	2	Norman J. Goodman	8
Albert Walker	3	†H. David Holland	9
Stella Hughes	4	John Pinfold	10
Edgar C. Shepherd	5	Ralph G. Edwards	11
Jeffrey B. Webb	6	George E. Fearn	*Tenor*

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Albert Walker.
* First peal on 12 bells. † First peal in the method and on 12 bells.

TEN BELL PEALS

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 15, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB ROYAL
Tenor 30 cwt. in C sharp.

William B. Duncan	*Treble*	Arthur F. Ballam	6
*Alice E. Lester	2	Sam J. Twitchett	7
Rosemary J. Seabrook	3	Leonard S. Sharpe	8
†Leslie N. Melton	4	Douglas H. Rooke	9
Robert E. Lester	5	Kenneth G. Brown	*Tenor*

Composed by H. J. Tucker. Conducted by Kenneth G. Brown.
* First peal of Royal 'inside.' † First peal on ten bells. First peal on ten bells as conductor.

CUDHAM, KENT.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Sat., Dec. 15, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 10 cwt. 21 lb. in A flat.

*Margaret A. Floyer	*Treble*	John L. Morris	6
Thomas H. Francis	2	*A. Rex Agg	7
*Peter P. Brown	3	A. Ronald Ling	8
Mabel Prockson	4	†E. Vivyan Williams	9
*Beverley Thompson	5	Doris E. Colgate	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Charge. Conducted by A. Ronald Ling.
* First peal on ten bells. † First of Stedman Caters.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

HAYFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 1, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. Matthew,
A PEAL OF 5280 KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Worcester variation. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in G sharp.

Mrs. Gladys Richardson	*Treble*	Alan McFall	5
*Carol Eustace	2	*Robert Smith	6
Elizabeth M. Bagshaw	3	*Michael J. Pryor	7
Bernard Groves	4	Brian J. Woodruffe	*Tenor*

Composed by E. Morris. Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.
* First peal of Treble Bob Major. First peal of Treble Bob Major as conductor. First peal in this variation by all the band and on the bells.

ROTHWELL, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Leeds and District Society.)
On Sat., Dec. 8, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
At the Church of The Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5088 BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 21 lb.

George Wm. Steel	*Treble*	Thomas Wm. Strangeway	5
*Valerie Massam	2	Frank Rayment	6
Dorothy Hogg	3	Leonard Drake	7
Arthur G. Wood	4	Irvin Slack	*Tenor*

Composed by E. A. Ridgway.
Conducted by Thomas Wm. Strangeway.
* First peal on an 'inside' bell.
Rung for the fifth anniversary of the recast bells, which were re-dedicated on December 8th, 1951.

TOTTERNHOE, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 8, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Giles,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9½ cwt.

R. John Scott	*Treble*	Ronald J. Sharp	5
*June Gladman	2	Brian Bladon	6
John W. Sinfield	3	Philip Mehew	7
Andrew C. Sinfield	4	Derek P. Jones	*Tenor*

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by Derek P. Jones.
* First touch in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. First peal of Superlative on the bells.

UFFORD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 8, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13½ cwt.

*Arthur Cuthbert	*Treble*	James M. Bailey	5
Jack Pilgrim	2	Edgar Pizzy	6
Raymond Peck	3	*Ernest Steward	7
Charles E. Fisher	4	Alderman G. Ling	*Tenor*

Composed by H. Dains. Conducted by Alderman G. Ling.
* First peal of Major.

EAST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Dec. 11, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Swithin.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in D.

Miss K. M. Shepherd	*Treble*	Frank H. Hicks	5
Bernard V. Collison	2	W. Arthur Riddington	6
Stanley G. Ponting	3	Ernest J. Ladd	7
Thomas E. Sone	4	William A. Kitchenside	*Tenor*

Conducted by Ernest J. Ladd.
Rung half-muffled to the memory of Joseph Wren, ringer at this tower for 70 years and captain for 50, who was interred the previous day.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 12, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Remigius.
A PEAL OF 5040 MULBARTON BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

Charles H. Moore	*Treble*	Bert Gogle	5
H. William Barrett	2	George Sayer	6
Arthur G. Bason	3	Nolan Golden	7
John S. Barnes	4	Raymond G. Lofty	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by Nolan Golden.
The first peal in the method, published in the diocese as 'Hingham,' and is No. 1 in F. T. Blagrove's list ('R.W.', August 17th, 1956).
A tribute to the memory of the late Rev. A. St. John Heard, Rector of Mulbarton and President of the Association, 1942–55.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Dec. 13, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 28 lb.

C. Aubrey Harrison	*Treble*	*Michael Crowder	5
Ronald Chafer	2	Harry Hall	6
*John Hall	3	Jack Bray	7
George E. Feirn	4	George W. Moody	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Jack Bray.
* First peal of Surprise Major.
Rung to welcome Philip Barnes home from hospital following an eye operation.

HORSMONDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Dec. 13, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 24 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Margaret,
A PEAL OF 5056 BOB MAJOR
J. A. Lambert's variation of J. R. Pritchard's. Tenor 19 cwt. 27 lb.

*William Fuller	*Treble*	Colin Tester	5
Edwin Bromley	2	Reginald E. Lambert	6
Frederick J. Lambert	3	Alan V. Bromley	7
Stanley Ponting	4	Robert T. Lambert	*Tenor*

Conducted by Robert T. Lambert.
* First peal. First peal on the eight bells.
Rung on the occasion of Mrs. F. J. Lambert's 89th birthday; also a 21st birthday peal for Mr. Michael Lambert and 14th for Master Kenneth Bromley; also a 31st wedding anniversary peal for Robert T. Lambert.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Dec. 13, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Ebbe,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
A variation of Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

Philip Walker	*Treble*	Donald H. Niblett	5
*Elizabeth M. Watts	2	†Dermot J. Roaf	6
Charles Coles	3	Francis A. White	7
Alan R. Pink	4	William H. B. Wilkins	*Tenor*

Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
* First peal. † First peal of Triples.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 15, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in G.

Walter E. Wilkinson	*Treble*	Roger Leigh	5
Arthur Tomlinson	2	†Peter J. Shipton	6
Joseph Thornley	3	Norman Smith	7
*Philip Dunderdale	4	Sydney Leatherbarrow	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by Norman Smith.
* First peal in the method 'inside.' † First peal of Plain Major. First peal in the method as conductor.

BALDOCK, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 15, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 26¼ cwt.

*K. Patricia Hutton	*Treble*	†Lionel B. Hughes	5
Jack S. Dear	2	*David Sutcliffe	6
*J. Richard Castledine	3	Edwin G. Buck	7
Eric Edmundson	4	*Colin A. S. Harwood	*Tenor*

Conducted by Edwin G. Buck.
* First in the method. † First 'inside.' First in the method as conductor.
Rung half-muffled in memory of Samuel E. Roberts, of Royston, former member of the Baldock Guild.

BREWOOD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Dec. 15, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 21 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Mary-the-Virgin and Chad.
A PEAL OF 5152 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in D.

Roger L. Hawkesworth	*Treble*	*†Peter Beresford	5
Dennis Beresford	2	Richard J. Warrilow	6
*Joan Beresford	3	Arthur Pritchard	7
J. Edward Cawser	4	*Edmund Malin	*Tenor*

Composed by William Barton. Conducted by J. Edward Cawser.
* First peal in the method. † 150th peal.
Specially arranged as a compliment to the Vicar, the Rev. S. D. Austerberry, on the 25th anniversary of his ordination.

CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 15, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Anta and All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5376 BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9¾ cwt.

*P. Ruth Hosken	*Treble*	Arthur F. Burley	5
†Margery A. Birch	2	Geoffrey W. Taysom	6
Rev. A. S. Roberts	3	Alan Carveth	7
‡V. Mary Matthews	4	David N. Penrose	*Tenor*

Composed by Ernest Morris. Conducted by Alan Carveth.
* First peal of Major. † First peal of Major 'inside.' ‡ 25th peal. The longest length yet rung on the bells.
Rung for the eighth anniversary of the consecration of the church.

DURSLEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 15, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James-the-Great,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in E flat.

Frank D. Mack	*Treble*	Philip M. J. Gray	5
Joan Gray	2	J. Henry Gilbert	6
Valerie Willard	3	Antony W. T. Cleaver	7
Ivor H. Trueman	4	Ronald G. Beck	*Tenor*

Composed by Maurice Hodgson.
Conducted by Antony W. T. Cleaver.
First peal in the method by all except ringers of fifth and seventh.
In memoriam Hedley W. S. Gregory, of Clifton, Bristol.

ESCRICK, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 15, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Helen,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

Leslie M. Woodhead	*Treble*	A. Harry Hawcroft	5
D. Margaret Hawley	2	John J. Taylor	6
Margaret S. Rhodes	3	Edward M. Bradley	7
J. Martin Thorley	4	*Alan Sheppard	*Tenor*

Composed by J. Carter. Conducted by Alan Sheppard.
* First peal of Major as conductor.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 15, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 10¾ cwt.

*Roderick V. Wallis	*Treble*	Augustin V. Good	5
Walter Ayre	2	William J. Puddifoot	6
Joe Hobbs	3	†Brian M. Barker	7
Mrs. G. Manchip	4	Edwin J. Upton	*Tenor*

Conducted by Walter Ayre.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Grandsire 'inside.'
Rung to celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Cook (Hunstanton).

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MARSHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 15, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5024 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 99 lb. in A flat.

REV. H. G. LILLINGSTONE	*Treble*	JOHN R. SMITH	5
STANLEY W. COPLING	2	GEORGE SAYER	6
ARTHUR G. BASON	3	CLIFFORD BIRD	7
NOLAN GOLDEN	4	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

NORTH BRADLEY, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 15, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5008 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

PERCIVAL W. J. HARDING	*Treble*	*GWILYM SALMON	5
LAURENCE H. HITCHINS	2	ERIC NAYLOR	6
DAVID HOARE	3	GEORGE J. HAWKINS	7
FREDERICK H. SLATFORD	4	JOSEPH T. DYKE	*Tenor*

Composed by G. W. DEBENHAM. Conducted by ERIC NAYLOR.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

OAKHAM, RUTLAND.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 15, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
F. H. Dexter's variation of Thurstans' Four-part.
Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in E flat.

JOHN M. JELLEY	*Treble*	ERNEST J. JELLEY	5
*ROLAND H. COOK	2	BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	6
†RONALD J. HILL	3	BRIAN G. WARWICK	7
PHILIP A. CORBY	4	L. ALLAN CHAPMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal of Stedman Triples. † First peal of Stedman.
Rung in memoriam W. Edgar King.

OVERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 15, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in A flat.

JOSEPH W. COTTON	*Treble*	RALPH G. EDWARDS	5
PHYLLIS POOLE	2	JOHN PINFOLD	6
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	3	FREDK. E. WILSHAW	7
GEORGE E. FEARN	4	FREDK. E. COLLINS	*Tenor*

Composed by F. H. DEXTER. Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 15, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in G.

KATHERINE BURCHNALL	*Treble*	HAROLD DENMAN	5
GRACE BURCHNALL	2	F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER	6
GEORGE E. FOSTER	3	WILLIAM L. EXTON	7
*BRIAN HOUGH	4	CHARLES J. COPP	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM L. EXTON.
* First peal on eight bells, and 'inside.'
Rung as a compliment to the Vicar, the Rev. R. T. Keal, who was installed a Canon of Southwell Cathedral on November 20th, 1956.

WHITCHURCH, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 15, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND.
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb.

GEORGE F. SPERRING	*Treble*	F. HECTOR BENNETT	5
*HAROLD F. WHITE	2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	6
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	3	*ERNEST F. WILLCOX	7
HENRY O. BAKER	4	PERCY SWINDLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.
* First peal in the method.

MAULDEN, BEDFORD.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 17, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10¼ cwt.

C. HENRY HARDING	*Treble*	ANDREW C. SINFIELD	5
ALFRED E. RUSHTON	2	DEREK JONES	6
JOHN W. SINFIELD	3	STEPHEN IVIN	7
RONALD J. SHARP	4	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

ABBOTS ANN, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 8, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in G.

*JANE GOODYEAR	*Treble*	†PETER R. DOLLERY	3
VERA SMART	2	†TERRY A. TARRANT	4
GEOFFREY K. DODD	*Tenor*		

Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.
* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. First peal on the bells.
Rung as a 75th birthday compliment to Mr. A. Whimpey, captain of the local band.

OTTERSHAW, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 10, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's of Kent Treble Bob, and four 720's of Plain Bob, each called differently.
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. in F.

ROY COLLINS	*Treble*	GEORGE TALBOT	4
*HAZEL L. HANCOCK	2	A. PATRICK CANNON	5
†JOHN KING	3	RALPH BIRD	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
* First peal of Minor in three methods. † First peal of Minor. The quickest peal on the bells.

SOMERLEYTON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 10, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Oxford Bob, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and three different extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 9¼ cwt. in G.

JOHN W. G. KINDRED	*Treble*	A. WILLIAM BIRD	4
STANLEY W. COPLING	2	PETER KINDRED	5
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by H. WILLIAM BARRETT.
In memoriam Princess Marie Louise.
Mr. Bird has now 'circled the tower.'

COSBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Dec. 12, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In two methods, being five extents of Kent Treble Bob and two extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. in G.

BRIAN G. WARWICK	*Treble*	BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	4
*ROGER K. STRETTON	2	ERNEST J. JELLEY	5
JOHN A. ACRES	3	JOHN M. JELLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal in two methods.

ELSTREE, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 12, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURFLEET SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout.
Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in B.

CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	*Treble*	*KENNETH R. DUNSTAN	4
*JOHN R. MAYNE	2	JOAN M. WILCOCKSON	5
WILLIAM WENBAN	3	†A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
* 25th peal together. † 150th peal of Minor. First peal in the method by all the band, and on the bells.

STANTON-BY-DALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 12, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.
A PEAL OF 5040 CUMBERLAND BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents (C.C.C. Nos. 157, 64, 65, 66, 59, 154, 58).
Tenor 10 cwt. in G sharp.

*JOHN RYDE	*Treble*	GORDON A. HALLS	4
PETER BELLAMY-KNIGHT	2	FRANCIS R. LOWE	5
PATRICIA A. M. FORSTER	3	DEREK P. JONES	*Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
* First peal. The first peal in the method (C.C.C. P.21).

BARKING, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Thurs., Dec. 13, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

ROBERT E. LESTER	*Treble*	WALTER PERRY	4
*LESLIE N. MELTON	2	DOUGLAS H. ROOKE	5
*LEONARD S. SHARPE	3	KENNETH G. BROWN	*Tenor*

Conducted by KENNETH G. BROWN.
* First peal in seven methods. First peal in seven methods as conductor.

CLEWER, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Dec. 13, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods, viz.: Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Single Oxford Bob, Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's College Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in F.

AUDREY BUTLER	*Treble*	FRANK C. PRICE	4
MONICA HOWARD	2	WILLIAM BUTLER	5
FREDERICK R. SCOTT.. ..	3	FRANK T. BLAGROVE	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK T. BLAGROVE.

BISHAMPTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 15, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb.

WILFRED J. NEWMAN ..	*Treble*	ROBERT L. COLE..	4
COLIN B. LONGMORE	2	ANTHONY J. BRAZIER	5
HARRY E. WHEATLEY.. ..	3	ERIC T. LEE..	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERIC T. LEE.
First peal as conductor.

BODIAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 15, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 30 extents of Grandsire and 12 extents of Bob Doubles.
Tenor 7 cwt. 13 lb.

FREDERICK J. LAMBERT ..	*Treble*	*DAVID BELCHAM	3
STANLEY G. PONTING.. ..	2	WILLIAM BUTTON	4

WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE.. *Tenor*
Conducted by WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE.
* First peal.

BRENTFORD, MIDDLESEX.
LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 15, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Tenor 12 cwt., approx.

*PHILIP G. K. DAVIES ..	*Treble*	JOHN ARMSTRONG	4
†MRS. R. L. ARMSTRONG	2	ALAN F. THIRST..	5
†DAVID G. JACKSON	3	WILLIAM T. COOK	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM T. COOK.
* First peal. † First peal in one method.

BROADWINDSOR, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 15, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being one 2,160 and four different extents. Tenor 15 cwt.

*JOSEPH T. BARRETT ..	*Treble*	HENRY G. KEELEY	4
CANON C. CAREW COX ..	2	ROGER KEELEY	5
*MRS. C. W. POWELL ..	3	G. STEDMAN MORRIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by G. STEDMAN MORRIS.
* First peal of Cambridge Minor. The first peal on the restored bells.

CARLTON COLVILLE, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 15, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* ¼ *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 15 extents each of Grandsire and Plain, and 12 of St. Simon's.
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.

*HORACE W. EASEY	*Treble*	‡GEORGE A. KINDRED ..	3
†EDWIN T. CHAPMAN ..	2	JOHN W. G. KINDRED ..	4

†PETER KINDRED.. .. .. *Tenor*
Conducted by PETER KINDRED.
* First peal of Doubles. † 25th peal together. ‡ First peal. First peal of Doubles as conductor. First peal on the bells.

COMPTON DANDO, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 15, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being eight extents each of Reverse Canterbury, Stedman, Plain Bob, St. Simon's, and ten of Grandsire. Tenor 16 cwt.

CECIL F. MOGFORD	*Treble*	ERNEST E. BRAY	4
MARJORIE LEGG	2	GEORGE PRESCOTT	5
DAVID ROBERTSON	3	*SIDNEY SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by MARJORIE LEGG.
* First peal of Doubles.

ROYDON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 15, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

F. WRIGHT..	*Treble*	C. W. SAMS..	4
A. A. LIVINGS	2	B. G. BURTON	5
*W. P. SAMS	3	W. WEDLOCK	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. WEDLOCK.
* First peal of Minor.

WILBURTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 15, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise and Norwich Surprise, two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and one extent of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

GEORGE A. WALKER	*Treble*	GEOFFREY A. LUCAS	4
DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS ..	2	ARTHUR YARROW	5
GEORGE E. CRISP	3	STANLEY SHIPP	*Tenor*

Conducted by STANLEY SHIPP.
A 32nd wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Claud Gimbert, of Sutton. Also to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the first peal on the bells on November 17th, 1896.

HANDBELL PEALS

MANCHESTER, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 10, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT 4, HEALD GROVE, WHITWORTH PARK,
A PEAL OF 5120 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

ROBIN G. TURNER	1—2	FREDK. WM. GROCOTT ..	5—6
WILFRED L. ROBINSON ..	3—4	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	7—8

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

WHITWORTH PARK, MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 10, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT WESTON HOUSE.
A PEAL OF 5120 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

*ROBIN G. TURNER	1—2	FREDK. WM. GROCOTT ..	5—6
*WILFRED L. ROBINSON ..	3—4	*LESLIE BOUMPHREY ..	7—8

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by ROBIN G. TURNER.
* First peal of Oxford 'in hand.'

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Dec. 11, 1956, *in* 1 *Hour and* 44 *Minutes,*
IN THE RINGING CHAMBER OF THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 360 of Reverse St. Bartholomew, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas', St. Simon's, St. Martin's, and 720 of Plain Bob, Old Bob, April Day and Grandsire.

D. MARGARET HAWLEY ..	1—2	EDWARD M. BRADLEY ..	3—4
ALAN SHEPPARD		5—6	

Conducted by ALAN SHEPPARD.

CHELTENHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 12, 1956, *in* 1 *Hour and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT 19, ROYAL PARADE.
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor size 16 in B flat.

*SHIRLEY PARSONS	1—2	†DAVID J. MARSHALL ..	3—4
*CYRIL A. WRATTEN		5—6	

Conducted by DAVID J. MARSHALL.
* First peal 'in hand.' † 25th peal 'in hand.'

ALDERTON, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Hall 1, G. Webb 2, F. Hall 3, C. Hall 4, G. Atkins (cond.) 5. Rung as a farewell to Canon Marshall, who is leaving for Canada.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 9th, 1,260 Reverse St. Bartholomew Doubles: I. C. Forrest 1, Diana M. Gough 2, C. D. Linington 3, S. W. Brown (cond.) 4, Valerie Mepham 5, R. D. Brown 6. A 17th birthday compliment to the ringer of the 6th.

ASFORDBY, LEICS.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss C. Wheeler 1, E. Littlewood 2, R. H. Cook 3, J. H. Cook (cond.) 4, R. Looker 5, M. Collins (first quarter) 6. Rung as a compliment to Geoffrey Collins (chorister and server) and Mavis Marriott (Sunday School teacher) on their marriage, which took place earlier in the day.

BATH, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 21st, at St. Michael's with St. Paul's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Mills (first quarter) 1, Mrs. G. Plank 2, Miss B. Russell 3, R. Stubbs 4, G. J. Hawkins (cond.) 5, G. Plank 6.

BEXLEY, KENT.—On Nov. 16th, 1,264 Bob Major: Brenda Foster (first on eight) 1, Susan Nicholson (first quarter) 2, Mary Andrews 3, Beverley Thompson 4, Judith Cox 5, D. L. Hall 6, P. P. Brown 7, J. L. Morris (cond.) 8. Rung before Evensong as a welcome to the new curate (the Rev. J. M. Whatmore).

BROUGHTON, NORTH STAFFS.—On Dec. 18th, 1,264 Bob Major: Mrs. H. Roberts 1, W. E. Roberts 2, A. H. Lawton 3, H. Roberts 4, E. W. Colley (cond.) 5, W. G. Talbot 6, R. D. Hazeldine 7, H. F. White 8. First quarter for 1, 3, 4 and 6. Rung for the wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. H. Roberts.

BURES, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: C. Bower 1, Mrs. L. Mills 2, Miss E. R. Cansdale 3, D. L. Mills (cond.) 4, A. W. Cansdale 5, S. T. Hume 6, L. D. Mills 7, E. C. Hynard 8. For Evensong.

CHILTON TRINITY, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Short 1–2, M. Stone 3–4, D. Miller (cond.) 5–6. First quarter on handbells by all.

DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.—At St. Cuthbert's Church, on Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Bob Minor: Miss M. Craggs (first quarter) 1, Miss D. M. Killingley 2, D. R. Airey 3, T. Senior 4, F. Hodgson 5, T. Cooke (cond.) 6.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On Nov. 18th, 1,280 Bob Major: E. B. Crowder 1, F. W. Richardson (cond.) 2, K. Small (first in method) 3, J. Sims 4, C. Philpott (first in method) 5, J. Hurrell 5, G. Hurrell (first 'inside') 7, F. Hurrell 8. For Evensong, also a 79th birthday compliment to Mr. Henry Wood. Also on Dec. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original): F. Hurrell 1, F. Richardson (cond.) 2, Miss B. Slark 3, J. Hurrell 4, E. J. Coode 5, K. Small 6, G. Hurrell 7, P. Rablah 8. For Evensong, also an 82nd birthday compliment to Mrs. J. Hurrell.

EPSOM, SURREY.—On Dec. 16th, at the Church of St. Martin of Tours, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Margaret Slack (first of Caters) 1, Brenda Chappel (first 'inside' of Caters) 2, E. J. Lindley (cond.) 3, Janet Besant 4, D. Spittle 5, Ginny Roff (first of Caters) 6, L. Kingswood 7, C. W. Munday 8, J. Hill 9, J. Davidge 10.

FRINDSBURY, KENT.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): Miss Ruth Highley 1, Miss D. Borer 2, Miss J. Highley 3, P. F. Borer 4, C. S. Jarrett (cond.) 5, J. C. S. Benson 6. Rung prior to midnight service.

GORING-ON-THAMES, OXON.—On Dec. 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. F. Diserens 1, K. Cotterell 2, A. Diserens 3, R. K. Russ (first of Triples) 4, B. C. Stirland 5, A. K. Street 6, R. H. Begrie (cond.) 7, N. J. Diserens 8.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Dec. 2nd, 1,260 Bob Minor: S. E. Dyer 1, Miss D. Robinson 2, C. J. Young 3, J. R. G. Spicer 4, F. R. Nicholls 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For morning service. Also on Dec. 9th, 720 each of Kent Treble Bob and Bob Minor: S. E. Dyer 1, Miss D. Robinson 2, C. J. Young 3, J. R. G. Spicer 4, F. R. Nicholls 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For morning service. Also on Dec. 16th, 1,260 Bob Minor: S. E. Dyer 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, C. J. Young 2, Miss D. Robinson 4, F. R. Nicholls 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For morning service.

QUARTER PEALS

HENDON, MIDDLX.—On Dec. 23rd, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Hurlstone 1, J. Maliby 2, Miss R. Foreman (cond.) 3, K. Grey 4, G. Pratchett 5, H. W. Barnard 6. To the memory of E. E. Pratchett ('Old Mac'), a ringer at this church for over 66 years.

HOBY, LEICS.—On Dec. 15th, 1,260 Doubles (480 each Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 300 Grandsire): J. A. Burnham 1, A. E. Hinman 2, H. Stonehouse 3, J. H. Cook (cond.) 4, G. A. Bowcutt 5. Rung for the wedding of Mr. Cecil Wallace and Miss Julian Read; also as a birthday compliment to Mrs. G. A. Bowcutt, wife of the tenor ringer.

HUNTINGDON.—At All Saints' Church, on Dec. 2nd, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: S. E. Dyer 1, Miss D. Robinson 2, J. R. G. Spicer 3, Miss B. Spicer 4, H. S. Peacock 5, S. Gilbert (cond.) 6. For morning service.

KELSTON, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 6th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. Brain (first of Minor) 1, D. Yeo 2, Monica Fray 3, L. Derrick 5, C. Kortright 5, M. Horseman (first of Minor as cond.) 6.

KINGSBURY, WARWICKS.—On Dec. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (ten callings): Mrs. G. H. Lane (first quarter) 1, W. G. Lane 2, S. Perry 3, T. Smith 4, G. H. Lane (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled in memoriam L. Maddox, once chorister and ringer at this church; also for Mrs. E. King and Mrs. F. Vickery.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.—On Dec. 20th, 1,344 Bob Major: Mrs. P. W. Mills 1, Miss H. Sharp (first quarter) 2, Miss M. Mills 3, M. Mills 4, D. Welham 5, J. Butler 6, P. W. Mills 7, U. W. Wildney (cond.) 8.

LANCASTER.—At St. Peter's Cathedral, on Dec. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Rainford 1, J. Metcalfe 2, H. Rainford 3, G. Braithwaite 4, A. Capstick 5, R. Eccles 6, J. E. Burles 7, N. M. Newby 8. To mark the completion of 50 years' membership of the belfry at St. Peter's of Mr. R. Rainford. The band wish to associate with this effort the names of Mr. John Woods and Mr. Frank Postlethwaite.

LONDON, E.C.—At St. Olave's Church, Hart Street, on Dec. 25th, 1,260 Bob Minor: Mrs. A. Broadhurst 1, Mrs. R. L. Armstrong 2, Mrs. M. L. Thirst 3, J. Armstrong (cond.) 4, A. F. Thirst 5, W. T. Cook 6. Also on Dec. 9th, 1,260 Bob Minor: Miss M. Hart 1, Miss E. Aldridge (first 'inside') 2, Mrs. R. L. Armstrong 3, P. G. K. Davies 4, J. Armstrong 5, W. T. Cook (cond.) 6, D. G. Jackson 7 (covering).

MARK, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: M. Legg, D. Miller 2, C. Clarke 3, J. Walton 4, C. Mogford 5, R. Short 6, G. Prescott 7, M. Stone 8. First of Stedman Triples by 2, 3, 6 and 8.

NETHERTON, WORCS.—On Dec. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss B. Hall (first quarter) 1, H. J. Shuck (cond.) 2, A. G. Hall 3, H. Hubball 4, J. Griffiths (first 'inside') 5, H. Goodman 6, A. Wyre 7, D. Overton 8. Rung for the wedding of Miss R. E. D. Harris and Mr. N. B. Beaman.

NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS, LANCS.—On Dec. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Aspden (first quarter) 1, E. A. Flint (first 'inside') 2, D. Burgess (first quarter) 3, G. Lloyd (first quarter) 4, P. A. Millward (first as cond.) 5, M. G. Goff (first quarter) 6.

NORTHIAM, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Seeling (first quarter) 1, Mrs. G. Reece 2, J. Barnes (first 'inside') 3, R. Barnes (first 'inside') 4, W. Button (cond.) 5, F. Tedham 6. For carol service.

POOLE, DORSET.—On Dec. 16th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: P. N. Tubbs 1, Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay 2, D. T. Matkin 3, H. H. Abrahams 4, J. E. Daniels 5, F. L. Harris (cond.) 6, F. Price 7, J. Hartless 8, R. N. Marlow 9, E. J. Doel 10.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.—On Dec. 16th, 1,264 Bob Major: L. Key 1, Miss M. L. Jeffreys 2, B. C. Sadler 3, J. Belcham 4, L. J. Beal 5, B. Cook 6, P. J. King 7, P. A. Sadler (cond.) 8. For youth carol service. Also on Dec. 22nd, 1,316 Grandsire Triples: M. Scanes 1, Miss J. Rose 2, Miss M. Jeffreys 3, L. J. Beal 4, P. A. Sadler 5, B. Cook 6, P. J. King (cond.) 7, B. Sadler 8.

QUEDGELEY, GLOS.—On Dec. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. G. Corby 1, F. E. T. Trantet (cond.) 2, S. Pugh 3, C. F. Wixey 4, W. C. Wixey 5, W. R. Wixey 6. For evening service.

REIGATE, SURREY.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples, Freda Hankey 1, Betty Saggers 2, A. Streeter 3, G. F. Hoad (cond.) 4, W. H. Inwood 5, F. T. Hoad 6, A. T. Shelton 7, Joan Hanning 8. For the festival.

RUGBY, WARWICKS.—On Dec. 19th, at St. Andrew's Church, 1,260 St. Simon's, Old Bob, Norfolk, April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: Miss W Moore (first quarter) 1, J. A. Tole 2, D. J. Pitstow (cond.) 3, C. Underwood 4, J. Underwood 5. For Confirmation.

RYE, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 24th, 1,280 Little Bob Major: J. Small (first of Major) 1, D. C. Jackson 2, Miss R. S. Hodgson (first of Major) 3, Miss P. A. M. Forster 4, Miss R. A. Carey 5, A. J. Hicks 6, R. A. Hodgson 7, D. Hodgson (comp. and cond.) 8. First quarter of Little Bob Major on the bells and by all the band except 5. First quarter of Major on the bells for 45 years.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At the Church of St. Peter, on Dec. 16th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: H. V. Frost 1, Mrs. J. Dodds (first of Grandsire Caters) 2, Miss E. C. Oakeshott (first on ten) 3, H. G. Mason 4, C. F. S. Ayer 5, R. W. Darvill 6, A. R. Tysoe 7, F. J. Spicer 8, B. C. Johnson (cond.) 9, G. W. Debenham 10.

SAXILBY, LINCS.—On Dec. 17th, 1,260 Minor (360 Kent Treble Bob, 360 Single Oxford, 360 Single Court, 180 Bob Minor): Miss K. Yardley (first quarter) 1, H. Dove 2, M. L. Mann 3, J. M. Blaikie 4, W. G. Baker 5, J. B. Nicholson (cond.) 6. Rung as a compliment to the ringer of the 2nd, who celebrated his 21st birthday on December 16th.

SOHAM, CAMBS.—On Dec 16th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: C. T. Graves 1, R. O. Fyson 2, M. K. Whitehead 3, F. W. Talbot 4, D. J. Pollard 5, C. R. Waller 6. First quarter for all except 4. Conducted by 3, 4 and 5 jointly. All members of local Sunday service band.

STAMFORD HILL, N.—On Dec. 16th, at St. Ann's Church, 1,320 Doubles (4 extents St. Simon's, 4 extents St. Martin's and 3 extents Plain Bob): Pat Rowe 1, Lesley Hawes (first in three methods 'inside') 2, E. J. Rowe 3, M. J. Rowe (first as cond.) 4, B. Bladon 5, F. Riddlestone 6.

STOKE BISHOP, BRISTOL.—On Dec. 16th, 1,260 Bob Minor: F. W. Dixon 1, M. Hill 2, Joan Gray 3, Dr. R. J. Brocklehurst 4, J. K. Lavers 5, P. M. J. Gray (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

SUNNINGWELL, BERKS.—On Christmas morning, 1,260 Bob Doubles: M. Jones (first quarter) 1, Miss D. Honey (first 'inside') 2, Miss J. Jones 3, Jas. Honey 4, A. R. Pink (cond.) 5, W. G. Cudd 6. For Matins.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—On Dec. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Downes (15, first quarter) 1, F. C. Maynard 2, E. E. Holman 3, D. Hewitt 4, C. T. W. Coles 5, R. J. Chapman (cond.) 6, A. J. N. Boyack 7, B. Collard 8.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Dec. 18th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. A. Darmon 1, D. Land (first in method) 2, Miss J. M. Wilcockson 3, W. G. Paul 4, S. H. Hoare 5, S. E. Darmon 6, K. R. Dunstan 7, J. R. Mayne (cond.) 8.

WEMBDON, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 12th, 1,260 Doubles (240 each of Stedman, St. Simon's, Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob and 300 of Grandsire): C. Clarke 1, F. Sweet (cond). 2, R. Short 3, D. K. Lane 4, M. Stone 5, C. Sweet 6. A farewell to D. K. Lane (R.A.F.), of Kingsbury, Warwicks, who is shortly returning to civilian life.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—At St. Mary's Church, on December 26th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: M. J. Hayes 1, D. Hewitt 2, H. Rumens 3, C. A. Hughes 4, C. T. W. Coles 5, R. Lumsden 6, H. Smith 7, A. J. N. Boyack 8, R. J. Chapman (cond.) 9, A. L. M. Shepherd (first of Caters) 10. Rung for the birthdays of Mr. P. D. Chapman and Mrs. H. Rumens.

WISBECH ST. MARY, CAMBS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,280 Bob Doubles: G. Sharpe 1, Miss J. Sharpe 2, J. Bird 3, M. Parker 4, L. Harvey (first as cond.) 5, J. Brown 6. First quarter in this tower by the local band. Rung for Midnight Mass.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

Southern District at Reigate

A quarterly meeting of the Southern District was held at St. Mary's Church, Reigate, on December 15th. In spite of the extremely wet and windy day and the close proximity of petrol rationing, a good attendance from both District members and visitors was forthcoming. The business meeting was attended by 17 members from the District and 11 visitors, the towers represented being from as far afield as Streatham, Burstow, Uxbridge, Leatherhead and Tunbridge Wells. Congratulations to the hardy!

Ringing on the 10 bells took place from 3.30 p.m. until the service and again in the evening. The ringing curate of St. Mary's conducted the service, at which a local ringer read the lesson. An excellent tea was then enjoyed in the Parish Hall, the curate speaking to each member personally during tea.

The business meeting followed, the main item of business being the nomination of District officers for 1957. The following were proposed:—Ringing Master, Mr. A. P. Cannon; hon. secretary, Mr. A. Streeter; hon. treasurer, Mr. A. Gear: hon. auditor, Mr. M. A. Northover: committee, Miss N. Kempsall and Messrs. A. Clarke, G. Olliver, B. Cracknell and T. Bird. Offices are to be filled at the District annual general meeting at Bletchingley on January 19th.

After votes of thanks had been passed to the Vicar, curate, organist and ladies (for the preparation of the tea) the meeting closed. A collection towards the Association donation to Bow Bells Fund realised 18s. odd.

Ringing was recommenced and continued until about 8.30 p.m. D. J. P.

BOW BELLS AND CROMER

An association of Bow Bells with East Anglia is mentioned in the following note from 'The East Anglian Daily Times':—

'Early Bow Bells ring in tradition. They are those whose message persuaded Dick Whittington to "Turn again." All of the ring in the old tower were melted in the Great Fire of 1666. Just over a century later the new tower of St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, one of Wren's masterpieces that had been completed in 1683, received four recruits to its existing ring. They came, tradition has it, from Norfolk.

'In a leaflet on Cromer Church, authorised by the present Vicar, the Rev. D. T. Dick, Mr. B. Smith recalls that Bishop Philip Yonge, of Norwich, gave the parishioners of Cromer permission for four of the five bells, lead from the roof and other saleable items to be sold to raise money for the repair of their decayed church. This was in 1767. "The bells were sold to St. Mary-at-Bow, Cheapside, London, and became (it is believed) the famous Bow Bells." These were destroyed by enemy action in May, 1941.'

Gratefully Acknowledged

Personal.—A. Cutler, £1 1s., L. Evans 2s., J. E. Harmsworth 2s., W. F. Stenson 2s., Miss S. Knight 2s., J. T. Newington 2s., A. Hill 2s., T. J. Thurley 2s. 6d.

Peals. — Broadwindsor 3s., Pulborough 4s., Witton 4s., Tangley 2s. 3d., Wilburton 3s.

Quarter Peals.—Lancaster 4s., Quedgeley 2s., Alderton 2s. 6d., Walthamstow 4s., Watford 4s., Newton-le-Willows 6s., Kelston 3s., Bath 2s. 6d., Kirby-le-Soken 2s. 6d.

SOMERSET RINGERS AT EXETER

The unceasing rain on December 15th did little to dampen the high spirits of a party of 12 ringers from North and Mid-Somerset (including two from R.A.F., Locking), who travelled to Exeter. The primary object of the journey was to join the Cathedral ringers in their monthly practice, but before this we visited Newton St. Cyres—a charming light eight—where standard methods were rung both with and without the aid of electric light! (Fortunately one of the local ringers was able to procure two candles for us.) The party then returned by bus to Exeter, and 12 slightly damp ringers presented themselves at the Cathedral, where there was ringing to suit all tastes.

A convivial evening, spent in the vicinity of the Cathedral, followed and the exuberant spirits of some of the party were still in evidence (despite the rain!) when we had to leave to catch the 10.6 p.m. back to Bridgwater and Bristol.

Many thanks to the Newton St. Cyres and Cathedral ringers—and also Cyril—for helping to 'make our day' (not to mention ticket inspectors, etc. !). M. E. F.

Having no regular change ringers at Wrentham, the Rector was very interested in the visit of a peal band on December 17th, and what they were going to ring. At the conclusion of the peal the ringers could faintly hear the 'Town Prize Band' playing carols at the Rectory, some 50 yards away. It seems that the band were not going to be 'beaten' by mere bells ringing nearby, and the Rector complimented the ringers(!) on the effect of 'Silent Night' with Plain Bob and St. Simon's Doubles as a background.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Cook, of Hunstanton, received golden wedding congratulations from Hertfordshire friends, by a peal of Grandsire Triples at King's Langley on December 15th. It was at this tower Mr. Cook was formerly captain and he conducted the first peal on the bells—Grandsire Triples—in 1922.

The tariff on handbells admitted to the United States has been reduced from 20 per cent. to 19 per cent.

The peal of Yorkshire Surprise rung at Overseale on December 15th was a birthday compliment to Peter Staniforth and J. W. Cotton.

Mr. John Armstrong, Master of the London University Society, has completed the Cambridge 'family' with a peal of Cambridge Minor at Brentford. He has rung his 'first' on all numbers within the space of last year.

News of veterans is always welcome, and older members of the Exercise will appreciate news of Mr. John Dale, of Hornchurch. Now aged 92 years, he is in excellent health—a grand example of the spirit being willing but the 'legs being weak.' John retains his interest in the Exercise through the columns of 'The Ringing World' and is looking forward to the peal attempt for his 100th birthday.

By calling 250 peals of a total of 426, George E. Symonds has had some novelties in conducting. Among these are the first peal of Oxford Treble Bob Maximus after 112 years, on handbells, several first peals of Surprise Maximus, Plain Bob on eight different numbers of bells, in 1926, Forward, Duffield and short course of Bob Maximus calling 448 bobs and six singles in the three peals. In addition he has conducted 40 of his first peals in different methods on tower- and handbells.

Recorded this week is a peal at Wilburton, Cambs, to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the first peal on the bells. Among those who participated in the 1896 peal was Mr. Henry W. Sharp, and it was unfortunate that recent ill-health prevented him from taking part in the anniversary peal.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Walker, of Birmingham, celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary on December 12th. The following day Albert conducted a peal of Stedman Cinques at Birmingham Cathedral.

We have this week a spate of first peals on the bells. Such performances have taken place at Abbot's Ann, Hants, Broadwindsor (restored), Dorset, Carlton Colville, Somerset, and Tangley, Hants. A peal at Horsmonden, Kent, was the first on the augmented eight.

Soham, Cambs, band make their appearance in our quarter peal columns after an absence of many years. The band was re-formed in July, 1954, and in spite of a break from February to July, 1955, when the bells were being rehung, there are now some 14 ringers, who are proud of their record of having rung the bells twice every Sunday for service and for other special services.

The handbell peal rung for the Society of Rambling Ringers at Stoney Stanton was not without incident. The band had to compete on several occasions with a telephone which persisted in ringing loudly, and a large chiming clock which faithfully sounded the quarters. Towards the end of the last extent the door was flung open and four large retriever dogs bounded into the room, one of which proceeded to make quite a fuss of the treble ringer. They eventually quietened down and appeared to quite enjoy the last few courses.

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UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION REUNION DINNER

Mr. J. F. Smallwood and 'The Ringing World'

AFTER a day spent ringing in the east of London, during which the towers of St. Mark's, Dalston, St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, St. Saviour's, Walthamstow, St. Mary-the-Virgin, Leyton, and St. John-of-Jerusalem, South Hackney, were visited, and Evensong was attended in the last-named church, members of the University Association held their annual dinner at the Victoria, Buckingham Palace Road, London, on Saturday.

Mr. Paul L. Taylor presided in the regretted absence of the president, Mr. Edwin H. Lewis, whose apologies were received. A spirit of happy informality prevailed, and to the delight of the company there was an interval of ten minutes between the dinner and the annual meeting to enable the secretary to write his minutes of the last meeting of the Association.

In proposing the toast of 'The Church,' Mr. S. Darmon thanked all the incumbents of the churches where the Society had rung that day for putting up with them. Particularly, he would like to thank the rector of St. John-of-Jerusalem, South Hackney, for not only letting them ring in a most interesting belfry but also for conducting their service. He mentioned that he had no ringers in his beautiful church; he hoped he would soon raise a band and ringers living in the neighbourhood would help them. When the Society were ringing there the rector received a number of telephone messages stating how much the bells were appreciated. Such an experience was unusual. He recalled a case where the rector said to the tower captain: 'I have had a complaint about the bells today.' The captain asked how he dealt with it. 'Easily,' replied the rector, 'I buried her yesterday.'

A FACET OF THE CHURCH

The rector of South Hackney, the Rev. J. Isherwood, in reply said the Church was like a diamond which had many facets and each was important. They might look on the clergy as insignificant people, but he would say that most clergy were travelled and experienced men, and were brought into touch with every shade of life. Today they were drawn from all classes and made an interesting group, as indeed did all professions in this democratic age.

They had a desire in their Church to progress, and he looked on Christianity as a progressive thing and the Church as a living thing, living according to the generation in which it happened to be. The technique of the present Church was in accordance with this generation and it would be very interesting to see what the technique of the next generation would be.

While the clergy might be shy people, they loved people, especially the people they served. 'I have been in a few churches around the world and in England,' he said, 'and looking back I found that each church had something to teach me, and I hope and pray that we as clergy have something to teach our people.'

'A LITTLE HARMONY INTO A HARSH WORLD'

'You as bellringers have a wonderful chance of evangelising the people, as it is through music that people listen, and music does strike the responsive chords in human nature. It is a difficult world, and for many a struggle from the cradle to the grave, and a little music is a good thing; it encourages and brings a harmony into a harsh world. You bellringers have a wonderful opportunity in helping to lift up the hearts of the people. This afternoon as you were ringing I had several telephone calls. People said how much happiness the bells gave them with their message of peace and goodwill. My experience has taught me that we are much indebted to the few who are public-spirited and prepared to contribute to the age in which they live. I believe you bellringers have something to contribute. You are welcome to come to our church, and in 1957 I hope to arrange for 15 to 20 people to learn to ring our bells. You are one of the facets of the Church—a very necessary facet, because when the diamond turns round and shines it is your part to make one of the contributions to the life of the Church.'

The chairman announced that they had lost by death that week one of their oldest members, the Rev. F. Llewellyn Edwards. At his request the company stood in silence to his memory.

U.A. AND THE EXERCISE

Mr. J. Frank Smallwood proposed the toast of 'The Universities' Association.' He said he had lived long enough to see the growth and development of the Universities' Association, beginning, of course, with Oxford and Cambridge, and extending to other universities. He had lived to see the recognition of the work of the Universities' Association by the Exercise generally, and recognition by the Central Council which, as one of their members remarked, was 'a classic example of complaisant futility.' 'Be that as it may, the Central Council had done very good work.'

'I have been casting my mind as to what is the most valuable contribution this Association can make to the Exercise. Many of you join either the teaching or medical profession. Those who join the teaching profession have all the qualifications for teaching the young ringers; they know all the short cuts and are better qualified to teach than the old-timers like myself.

'Another way the Association could help would be to give the bell-founders a jolt. It seems to me in this atomic and electronic age there are all sorts of wonderful things. We are thinking of space travel and yet we have not been able to devise a simple system of bell lubrication. That is where the Universities' Association could come in.

'Another way would be in trying to make the Exercise generally more conscious of its responsibilities as the owners of a newspaper. The Exercise not only owns its newspaper but depends for the articles in that newspaper from the people who own it. Who are more suitable to provide readable articles than members of your Association? I must confess that up to now we have seen very little from you, except Rodney Meadows and Denis Layton.

'A PERPETUAL HEADACHE'

'"The Ringing World" is a perpetual headache. We seem to be no sooner out of one mess than we are in another. By the end of 1955 we were sitting pretty. We had made a profit of no less than £1,000, but in 1956 came a terrific increase in printing costs that has put us back to where we were, so that we cannot introduce the improvements which would increase the circulation.

'We want to make "The Ringing World" more attractive and we look to you to provide us with the material. It cannot be said that the Universities' Association, through one of their distinguished members, has not provided us with some material in recent times. We have had a spate of letters of all sorts of opinion—some for and some against—and I certainly think that if we were to award a prize for the most prolific contribution to "The Ringing World" it should go to one of your distinguished members. If I were to select the prize it would be one of Shakespeare's works, "Much Ado About Nothing." [Laughter.]

'Seriously, it must be said that "The Ringing World" has to cater for tastes of all kinds of people. The Editor is continually being badgered for more instruction for learners, and if they are not satisfied with what they have had for the last three or four months, well, they have had it.

'I appeal to you to act as a liaison between your University and "The Ringing World." Supply the Editor with news. I am sure you have enough brains and ideas to fill his editorial bag twice over.'

THE YEAR REVIEWED

Mr. Brian Threlfall, the hon. secretary, extended a welcome to the guests—the Rev. J. Isherwood, Mr. Smallwood, Mr. Alfred Peck, secretary of the Ancient Society of College Youths, Mr. A. A. Hughes and Mr. T. W. White. Mr. Smallwood had asked the Association to increase as far as possible the circulation of 'The Ringing World.' It seemed to him that the Association were decreasing rather than increasing the sales because they had seven married couples present, and it was his pleasure to congratulate two couples present on their engagements.

In his report on the year's activities, the secretary said they had rung four peals, of which two were rung during the summer ringing week. The week was not an unqualified success as it was found that there were not enough sheets for one each. They rang at what some people said were too many towers and others too few; but most people would agree it was quite a successful week.

The annual business meeting followed, with Mr. Paul L. Taylor in the chair. The secretary reported that the balance in hand had increased by £5 4s. 9½d. and now stood at £28 4s. 10½d.

Mr. E. H. Lewis was re-elected president. In succession to the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, who was dedicating that day a new ring of bells in Suffolk, Mr. P. L. Taylor was elected vice-president. Mr. Brian Threlfall was re-elected hon. secretary and treasurer, and Miss M. Cross representative of the Association on the Central Council. Mr. R. F. D. Speed was re-elected auditor.

New members elected were Adele Bagnall (Oxford), Mrs. Nancy Hudson (London), Robin Pittman (Oxford), Dermot Roaf (Oxford), Stephen Ivin (Oxford) and Lucy Allen (Reading).

It was decided to hold the summer week at Bingley Training College, Yorks, starting on July 26th. The annual dinner will be held in London on Saturday, January 4th, 1958.

Votes of thanks to the secretary and chairman concluded the business meeting.

Christmas Day Broadcast

An eminent ringer, who is a member of the Central Council of long standing, has forwarded the following observations on the Christmas Day broadcast of ringing by the B.B.C.:—

CHESTER.—*Grandsire Caters, poor striking.*

LONG ASHTON.—*Grandsire Triples, fair ringing.*

BELFAST.—*Call-changes, spoilt by treble and third (too quick).*

LAMBETH.—*Stedman Triples, fair but very slow.*

GREENOCK.—*Grandsire Doubles, chimed by someone who did not know much about it.*

NEWPORT.—*Rounds on 12, awful ringing.*

WYMONDHAM.—*Bob Triples, fair ringing.*

BETHLEHEM.—*Usual jangle.*

Congratulations to Mr. Harold Pitstow and the Banstead band on the excellent broadcast in television (Panorama) on Christmas Eve. It was one of the best ringing broadcasts that have so far appeared.

PEALS IN CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND

THE tour in 1956 in Cumberland and Westmorland was the fifth during the past 31 years, the others being in 1925, 1927, 1931 and 1933. Peals in these two isolated counties have been few, and people not conversant with local conditions may wonder why.

At the time of the 1925 tour, organised by the late Mr. W. H. Fussell, only Kendal and Ambleside had bands and so Westmorland was limited to 24 ringers, the majority having no peal to their credit.

WESTMORLAND

Westmorland, with a population of 66,000, comprises an area of 504,917 acres, a large part being moor and fell land, besides the lakes, the whole of Lake Windermere being included in the county area.

It contains one ring of ten at Kendal, rings of eight at Ambleside, Kirkby Stephen, Orton and Windermere, and rings of six at Beetham, Burton, Milnthorpe, Heversham, Langdale, Crosthwaite, Shap, Appleby and Kirkby Lonsdale, and a ring of five at Bampton.

The first peal in the county was rung at Kendal in 1796, the method being Grandsire Triples. Grandsire Caters followed in 1819, and from this period until 1898, 12 peals of Grandsire Triples were rung and another one of Grandsire Caters: these two peals of Caters are the only ones to be rung. The foregoing peals were rung by the local bands, and one more was rung in 1904 by the locals.

From this period until and including Mr. Williams' party's peal, another 13 peals have been rung as follows: Bob Major, the first of Major in the county in 1909, conducted by W. Robinson, of Ambleside; peals of Grandsire Triples, followed in 1910 and 1913; Kent Treble Bob Royal in October, 1925, rung for the Cumberland Association and conducted by W. Keeble; three peals of Grandsire Triples, conducted by E. Jennings; Bob Minor, called by W. Robinson; Cambridge Royal, conducted by W. Pye; Cambridge Major, conducted by Frank Bennett; Oxford T.B. Major, conducted by W. Sharples, of Brindle, 1936; and then in 1956 a peal of Grandsire Triples, conducted by J. E. Burles, and Mr. Williams' peal of Yorkshire Royal.

Kendal, however, has maintained a Sunday service band since 1765, but since 1904 very few of the members have been keen on peal ringing.

AT AMBLESIDE

The ring of eight at Ambleside was opened with a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major in July, 1901, conducted by A. E. Wreaks, of Manchester, all the ringers belonging to that district. The local band rang Bob Triples in 1912, the conductor being W. Robinson, and this remains the only local band peal on the bells. Grandsire Triples followed in 1925, Henry Hodgetts, of Oxhey, being in this peal, which was conducted by T. B. Newton.

W. Robinson called Parker's twelve-part peal of Grandsire Triples in 1926, and the next peal took place in 1933—Bristol Surprise Major, conducted by C. W. Roberts.

Double Norwich followed in 1933, the conductor being George R. Pye, and London Surprise Major in 1939, the band coming from Bolton, Liverpool, Cheshire and the London area, the conductor being J. C. E. Simpson.

Orton has had a ring of eight since 1917, and had its first peal of Cambridge Surprise Major in 1933, conducted by J. C. E. Simpson.

Kirkby Stephen has had a ring of eight since 1877, and had its first peal in 1930 when E. Jennings called a peal of Grandsire Triples for the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association. Superlative followed in 1933, conducted by Frank Bennett.

Bowness, Windermere, Parish Church, with a ring of eight since 1897, had its first peal in 1929, the conductor being E. Jennings, who called peals of Grandsire Triples in 1930 and 1931. The local band rang a peal on Boxing Day, 1931, and a Lancashire band a peal of Bristol in 1947, conducted by Jim Simpson.

Of the 6-bell towers, Langdale had its first peal in 1904. Crosthwaite 1913 (A. W. Brighton, of London, was in this peal); Beetham and Burton in 1927, the conductor being W. Robinson; Kirkby Lonsdale, six since 1825, had its first peal in 1932, the conductor being E. Jennings; while Haversham, six since 1870, had its first peal as recently as 1954, George Braithwaite, of Burton, being the conductor.

Let 1957 Be Your Red Letter Year

No young ringer can feel he is part of the great ringing fraternity until he is a regular reader of 'The Ringing World.' We are now enrolling subscribers for 1957. We ask District representatives to make a special effort so that 1957 will be a red letter year. The drop in circulation reported at the Central Council annual meeting has been made good, but we want to do much better.

Remittances should be sent to Mr. J. E. Jeater, Greystones, Cusgarne, Truro. Rates: 12 months, £1 8s.; 6 months, 14s. 6d.; 3 months, 7s. 6d.

The majority of the Minor peals have been rung by Westmorland and Furness District ringers, and the total number of peals rung in Westmorland by local ringers or otherwise amounts to less than 50 peals in the county since 1796.

The record for peals rung by any one ringer in the county amounts to 26 peals rung in ten towers and having conducted 14 peals.

In the writer's opinion, the lack of peal ringing and ringing of advanced methods is due entirely to the isolated positions of the towers and the difficulty of travel to practise methods with other bands.

CUMBERLAND

Cumberland has an area of 968,607 acres and a population of 281,150.

Peals in this county have been very few, the first being Grandsire Triples in 1861 by a College Youth band from London at St. Stephen's Church, Carlisle. The first local peal was in 1890, also at this church. W. Keeble called Superlative here in 1925; W. Pye, London in 1931; and this completes the history of peal ringing at this tower.

Peals at the Cathedral prior to the present tour are Stedman Triples, November 21st, 1925, conducted by W. H. Barber, the band being from Newcastle; Bristol Surprise Major in 1931, conducted by W. Pye; and the peal of Yorkshire by W. Williams.

Crosthwaite had its first peal in 1895—Grandsire Triples. Kent T.B. Major followed in 1910, W. Keeble called the first peal of Surprise here in 1952 (Superlative); Frank Bennett, Stedman Triples in 1933; Dr. Simpson, London in 1946; now Bristol, conducted by Peter Border, in 1956, followed by the recent peal of Stedman called by Mr. Burles in October, 1956.

Cockermouth.—W. Keeble called the first peal, Cambridge Surprise Major, on November 2nd, 1925; E. Jennings the first of Triples in 1930, and J. C. E. Simpson called Superlative in 1933. This amounts to the peal ringing at this tower.

Workington.—Mr. A. W. Brighton, of London, called a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major on May 31st, 1911.

Cleator Moor.—George Newton called a peal of Double Norwich here in 1933; Chris. Gudgeon, Stedman Triples in 1936; and with the recent peal of Bristol completes the list of 8-bell peals at this tower.

Egremont had its first peal in May, 1921, the conductor being W. T. Holmes, the present president of the Herts Association, the method being Bob Major (Mr. Holmes cycled 34 miles to conduct this peal). Cambridge Surprise Major followed in 1933, conducted by Frank Bennett, and Stedman Triples in 1935, the conductor being Chris. Gudgeon.

St. Bees.—The first peal was in 1933—Cambridge Surprise Major, conducted by George R. Pye.

Arlecdon, a ring of eight since 1904, had its first peal in 1933—Superlative, conducted by F. Bennett. The recent peal of London brings the total in this tower to two.

Hensingham.—W. T. Holmes called the first peal of Major on May 6th, 1932, the method being Kent Treble Bob. Superlative followed in 1933, called by F. Bennett, and the recent peal of Lincolnshire brings the total on the eight to three peals, two rung by touring bands.

Penrith (8).—The only peal rung at this tower was Superlative in 1933, conducted by G. R. Pye.

I cannot find any trace of peals rung at Irton (8), Silloth (8) or Aspatria (8). Of the 6-bell towers, W. Robinson called the first peal at Millom in 1926, and E. Jennings the only one rung at Bridekirk in 1930.

The total peals rung in Cumberland amount to about 30. I doubt if any one ringer has a personal total reaching double figures.

A LOCAL RINGER

BATS IN THE BELFRY

Dear Sir,—I remember the late W. P. Garrett (Bill) telling the story of a band starting for a peal in a remote country church steeple long before electricity was installed.

The chandelier hung in the centre and had four lighted tallow candles. About halfway through the peal a bat began fluttering around them to the ringers' consternation and dismay—and extinguished three candles. By good luck one was left alight till the end of the peal.—Yours truly, G. E. SYMONDS.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

COLLEGE OF CAMPANOLOGY

Dear Sir,—Our attention has been drawn to statements that the College of Campanology has the full support of the committee set up by the Central Council to revise the handbook 'Hints for Instructors and Beginners.'

While some of us individually are members of the College this does not imply that we are in full agreement either as a committee or individually with 'The Manual,' as published in 'The Ringing World.'—Yours faithfully,

M. R. CROSS,
W. G. WILSON,
R. F. B. SPEED,
J. T. DYKE.

UNIFORMITY

Dear Sir,—Now that you have been taken to task about deleting the word 'Plain,' may I suggest you have some consistency in printing records of peals of Cambridge Major composed by C. H. Middleton? Sometimes these are entered as 'Composed by C. H. Middleton' or 'Johnson's Variation' also just 'Middleton's' on the top of the names. This last way is my idea that the peal should always appear in your paper, and so have uniformity. —Yours truly,

GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

Ipswich.

NOT AN INDUCEMENT FOR RECRUITS

Dear Sir,—I read, with not a little disappointment and disgust, the article in the current issue of 'The Radio Times' by Tom Ingram. The article opens up by picturing a village band meeting at the rear door of the church at 6 a.m. on Christmas Day, ascending the belfry stairs, off come their coats, away into changes. The next paragraph makes an attempt to explain how the bells are raised; surely the cart before the horse. Sallies are mentioned as flying up through holes in the ceiling, and the sally is checked in its upward motion.

Then there is the gruesome picture of the interior of the ringing room, which looks like an old-fashioned cowshed. The ringers are not forming part of a circle with the contours of their bodies, in fact two are standing in such a manner as might possibly bring on a hernia—no neat stance as is practised by most experienced ringers.

There is also in the article a brief account of a fatal accident in the year 1884 in Dorset through the breaking of a stay.

The second picture shows a bell at 'set,' the crude idea of the stay and its fittings would make our bellfounders weep. The writer goes on to say such names for methods as 'The Whirligige' and 'Blunderbus' are splendid names for methods. What rubbish! Our methods for ringing changes, or at least the composition of the same, are likened to the game of chance—football pool perms.

This brief explanation brings me to my point. If such an article covering this subject which the writer has tried to do could have been entrusted to one of our experienced ringers with a more journalistic mind than I have, a great deal of good propaganda could have been done for the art of change ringing, by way at least of making bellringing appear more attractive and might be a step towards getting many of the bells ringing which have been silent so long. Instead, I fear, the reverse may be the result; in short, the article does not give much inducement to would-be learners to try ringing the bells.—Yours faithfully,

RICHARD NEWMAN.

London, N.4.

14th CENTURY BELLS AT HAYLING ISLAND



This interesting picture sent to us by Mr. A. J. Buswell, of Havant, shows the mid-14th century bells of St. Peter's, North Hayling, Hants, which are still on their old wooden axles and half-wheels.

The tenor bell is inscribed 'Sancta Maria Ora Pro Nobis' (St. Mary, pray for us). The bells may have been dedicated to the Church of St. Mary, South Hayling, and later moved to St. Peter's. The three bells are all ringable. The founder of the bells is unknown.

[Picture by courtesy of Portsmouth 'Evening News.'

EXPERIMENTS IN SPLICED MINOR

Dear Sir,—A short while ago the Exercise was confronted with a poser that wasn't; may I now present a poser that is?

I recently made an arrangement of a 720 of Spliced Minor in which there were 24 methods. This was one more than any previous 720, and furthermore a variation of it in 23 methods made it possible to extend the present Minor record by one method.

Shortly after I had shown it to Mr. W. F. Moreton (who is, I have recently been relieved to discover, a Yorkshireman after all!) he pointed out that by the introduction of a bob lead of Lytham these 720's could be made to contain 25 and 24 methods respectively, and the possible Minor record therefore increased by two.

It is argued that seeing that Thelwall is not included in the 720 the introduction of a bob lead of Lytham is quite permissible, and may be therefore counted as another method.

The logic of this is unanswerable but I don't like it, nevertheless, probably because—as has been observed by one of my galaxy of friends—I am obstinate and perverse. (The other friend maintains a discreet silence!)

I have also an arrangement which contains bob leads of Frodsham, which in this case, seeing that Frodsham has no 6th place counterpart, rather weakens my case.

What would the Exercise think of the following 720?

23456	Newdigate (Willesden, Old Oxford or College Bob IV)
— 64235	Double Oxford
26543	Lytham
35426	London Bob
— 64352	Newdigate, etc.
— 23645	Double Oxford
62534	College (Wavertree in Part 1)
S 45632	London Bob
26345	Double Oxford
32564	Bamborough Surprise
53426	Double Oxford
— 64532	St. Clement's (Childwall in Part 3)
56243	Thelwall
25364	Bacup Surprise
43625	London Bob
S 56423	London Bob
34256	

Twice repeated.

Here we have bob leads in *four* treble bob methods and single leads in *two* plain methods. Each of the treble bob methods (4ths place delight, really) has an alias!

It could, of course, be argued that a 'single' doesn't make a method, but the fact remains that if St. Clement's was called by the conductor instead of College and a single called at the end of the lead, the places made would be 2nds, 3rds and 4ths, instead of 4ths, 5ths and 6ths.

That I have been able to get out a variation in which all the treble bob methods have plain leads should indicate that if I were patient—or clever—enough, it *might* be possible to do the same with the plain methods.

There must, of course, be a maximum somewhere, but who is to say when we have reached it? The maximum number of methods in the Spliced Minor record thought to have been reached a few years ago has still continued to rise.

Have we now reached it? Time (the stuff between pay-days) will tell. Meanwhile, ought we to allow bob-leads (or single-leads) in Minor records?—Yours sincerely,

H. CHANT.

Ryhill, Wakefield.

A Stonham Aspal Bride

For five years a member of the parish church company of bellringers and for ten years a member of the church choir, Miss Dorothy May Largent, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Largent, of Chapel House, Stonham Aspal, was married at Stonham Aspal Church recently to Mr. Raymond Arthur Ellis, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Ellis, of Church Walk, Stowupland.

Given away by her father, the bride wore white net over taffeta, with a pannier of diamante studded net, and she had a full-length veil. Her bouquet was of dark bronze chrysanthemums.

There were five attendants—the Misses Jean Thorpe, Marjorie Rutter, Daphne Frost, Muriel Pipe and Rita Pratt. The Misses Thorpe, Rutter and Frost were in blue full-skirted dresses of net over taffeta, with matching boleros. The others were in similar ensembles of lemon colour. The bridesmaids wore headdresses of leaves and flowers and had short nylon gloves. Their bouquets were of pale bronze and yellow chrysanthemums. Mr. David Garrod, a friend of the bridegroom, was best man.

The service was conducted by the Rev. G. L. Manson, and Mr. Alan Page was at the organ.

After the service a reception was held at Stonham Aspal Village Hall.

POPULARITY OF HANDBELL RINGING IN U.S.A.

FROM the current issue of 'Overtones' to reach us this week we learn of the amazing growth in popularity of handbell ringing.

At the annual convention of the American Guild of Bell Ringers at Ipswich, Mass., Mrs. Arthur A. Shurcliff, the president, wore the costume of her band of Beacon Hill Bellringers, scarlet skirt and white peasant blouse with scarlet embroidery, and in her opening remarks she described how the Guild had grown in three years from the 25 original bands to its present 120, representing 29 States as well as Alaska, Canada and England.

With the expansion in numbers, the bell-ringing art has become more widely known. The group which travelled furthest to the Ipswich festival were the Cathedral Ringers from Atlanta, Ga., who have played at the White House in Washington and been featured on the Ed. Sullivan show. The 20 boys and girls from south of the Mason Dixon line were identically costumed in black shorts, white blouses and knee socks with an announcer in page's outfit of white satin with a purple cape. They played a programme of hymns, a Bach chorale and a folk song, and brought down the house with a spirited rendering of Dixie. As an encore they played an arrangement of Adeste Fidelis, as presented on the Ed. Sullivan show.

At the suggestion of their coach, Canon Eckles, the Cathedral Ringers joined with several other bands in 'Onward, Christian Soldiers,' with the audience singing the words.

A virtuoso performance was that of Sharon Spurgeot, who played two solos accompanied by the piano. She used 19 bells and 12 bells, picking them up and laying them down without a false tinkle or a missed note, an exhibition of great dexterity and control. The Beacon Hill bellringers, under Mrs. Shurcliff's direction, rang a plain course of Grandsire Triples, a traditional and difficult bellringing exercise, states 'The Lawrence Eagle.'

One of the most musical groups were the Berkshire Ringers from Pittsfield, six players with deep-toned bells. Their Ukrainian 'Carol of the Bells' was one of the most beautiful offerings of the evening. Another charming selection was the Polish Carol by the Village Lutheran Church Choir from Bronxville, New York. A group with a high degree of technical proficiency were the Cape Anne ringers of Gloucester, a veteran group. They were expert with the trick of swinging the bells loosely at arms length, seeming to emphasise the singing overtones with a fascinating effect.

The same technique was used effectively by the Paul Revere group from Bedford, five ladies in evening dress, who have been ringing together ten years. They used a great assortment of bells.

APPEAL TO THE YOUNG

Commenting on the festival and the way young people are responding to handbell ringing, David Knickel gives these conclusions of the Board of Management of the Guild:—

(1) A substantial number of young people over the country are regularly ringing in handbell bands and choirs on a voluntary basis, and love it.

(2) Handbell ringing brings certain satisfaction to the beginner immediately, yet practice and imagination bring rich rewards through discovering the potentialities of the bell as an instrument.

(3) Young people respond to handbell ringing as a vital part of religious worship as well as for recreation.

(4) Esprit de corps which rivals that of a football team can be established among any combination of ringers. Once having declared membership in a group, the individual is indispensable—fellow ringers will bring this to the attention of the absentee.

(5) The demand for sets of handbells by schools and churches is increasing every month.

(6) There is every reason to believe that the future of the American Guild and interest in handbell ringing is guaranteed if the quality of interest demonstrated by young people at this festival is a true cross-section.

(7) It is apparent to the board of managers that the young belong at the annual festival. It is apparent, also, that they should have their own programme for study, performance, observation and recreation. A special festival committee has been planned for the summer of 1957, and the committee would like to encourage bands of young people to attend the fourth annual festival next August.

Peal Ringers of 1956

We are hoping to publish at an early date a list of the prominent peal ringers of 1956. Will those who have rung 25 peals or over during the past year kindly submit details. What we require is number of tower-bell and handbell peals separately and also the number of each conducted.

MR. L. E. LAST RETIRES

To Live in Suffolk

His many friends in the Exercise, particularly in the South-Western District of the Essex Association, will join in wishing Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Last many years of happy retirement. For the best part of 20 years Mr. Last has been physical education organiser and adviser to the educational authorities at Barking and Walthamstow, and during that time has been an active member of the Essex Association.

He has been most helpful in stimulating knowledge of the Exercise and was always willing to give lectures, illustrated by film strip, to societies, church organisations and bodies during their winter programmes.

A native of Suffolk, Mr. Last returns home, hoping to educate his gracious wife to say 'How aré yew bor?' One cannot imagine a retirement of inactivity, and from the nature of the presents given by his educational colleagues—a strip film projector and a camera—it is easy to see where Mr. Last's activities will be.

Mr. Last's future address will be Low Street, Hoxne, Diss, and doubtless he will soon be trying those grand rings once again in Suffolk and South Norfolk.

May good fortune attend both him and his wife in the years ahead.

ROMSEY, HANTS.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Northway 1, Miss S. Morey 2, Miss A. Knight 3, M. Northway (cond.) 4, D. Greenlaw 5, I. Templeton 6, J. Page 7, R. Allen 8. For Advent.

Annual Meeting of the North Staffordshire Association

The annual meeting of the North Staffordshire Association was held at Stoke-on-Trent on December 1st. The president, the Venerable George Youell, Archdeacon of Stoke-on-Trent, in his opening remarks, said he knew the difficulties many towers had in maintaining ringing. It was not easy to bring people from their 'other jobs' into the service of the Church and he would do all he could to encourage the Association in its hard but invaluable work.

The Archdeacon paid tribute to the tremendous record of his predecessor, the Venerable Percy Hartill, who had retired owing to ill-health earlier in the year. President from 1935 to 1956, he had missed only one annual meeting, that of 1955. The Association had intended to present him at that meeting with a suitably engraved salver as a token of its appreciation, but the petrol crisis had prevented Mr. Hartill from making the long journey from his new home. The Association wished him a long and happy retirement.

The Archdeacon then expressed concern at the lack of provision for bells in the new churches being built. This was a serious omission. Although it might not be possible to afford a ring of bells in the first instance, bells offered an excellent form of memorial, or in any case could be purchased at a later date. Bells had an important part to play in the ministry of the Church and he hoped that all ringers would use their influence whenever possible to ensure that reservation was made for the installation of bells in new churches.

In conclusion, on behalf of the Association, he extended a warm welcome to the Rev. F. A. R. Chapman, the new Rector of Stoke-on-Trent, who had taken the service and been host to the Association that afternoon.

The meeting then stood in silent prayer in memory of members whose deaths had occurred during the year—George Holbrook (Newcastle), George Jones (Hanley), Frederick Palmer (Bucknall) and the Rev. J. J. MacDonald (Cheadle R.C., honorary member).

THE OFFICERS

The appointment of the following officers for the year 1957 was confirmed:—Chairman, Mr. R. S. Anderson; vice-chairman, Mr. A. W. Hall; hon. secretary, Mr. T. H. Edge; assistant hon. secretary, Mr. G. W. Biddulph; auditor, Mr. C. H. Page; Ringing Masters: 8- and 10-bell towers, Mr. W. P. Deane; 6-bell towers, Mr. W. Hazledine; Central Council representative 1957-59, Mr. R. S. Anderson.

In the annual report adopted at the meeting the secretary stated that during the Association year ended October 31st, 12 peals had been rung, comprising Royal and Major (8) and Minor (4), which compared with 10 in the previous year. Eleven meetings had been held, attendance had shown a slight decrease but this had been due principally to extremely inclement weather in January and February, and also in part to the distance to be travelled to reach some of the towers visited. Nine resident ringing members had been elected during the year and seven non-resident life members.

The statement of accounts was adopted.

It was agreed that a fee of 6d. per rope, to be collected by the conductor, be levied on all peals rung for the Association.

The monthly meetings for 1957 were fixed as follows: January, Newcastle-under-Lyme; February, Kingsley; March, Kidsgrove; April, Norton-le-Moors; May, Leek; June, Biddulph; July, Draycott-le-Moors; September, Uttoxeter; October, Keele; November, Bucknall; December, Stoke-on-Trent (annual general meeting).

Seven new ringing members were elected at the meeting.

In recognition of their services to the Association, in each case more than 50 years, Jonah Cottrell, of Biddulph, W. P. Dean, of Norton, and C. H. Page, of Stoke, were elected life members

OBITUARY

MR. WILLIAM T. TUCKER

A fortnight before his 80th birthday, Mr. William T. Tucker, of North Stoneham, died, to the regret of many friends.

At the request of his only daughter and relative, Mrs. D. M. Brown, three members of the local band had learned to ring handbells, and had been practising assiduously for ten weeks with the intention of paying him a surprise visit on his birthday, on December 10th, and ringing 360 Bob Minor.

He came to Eastleigh at the beginning of the century, being employed as a painter in the railway carriage works; immediately he became attached to St. Nicholas' Church, soon becoming captain of the band there. He conducted the first peal—Plain Bob Minor—on the bells on February 15th, 1905, and rang in a great many others afterwards. But his interest in ringing was not for peals alone, for he never missed a service if it were at all possible, and for many years he also served on the Parochial Church Council and as a sidesman.

As an early member of the Winchester Diocesan Guild he did yeoman service in the cause of ringing in the district, helping to teach and encourage learners in the art. For many years he was secretary of the Winchester District of the Guild and was a member at the time of his death.

It was only fitting that the first peal on the new bells should be rung to his memory, also that the method rung should be his favourite—Kent Treble Bob Major.

He was laid to rest at the foot of the tower, beside his old friend and mentor, George Williams, on December 1st, the service being conducted by the Rector, the Rev. W. F. Shail. Ringers present included Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Kippin, Mr. M. J. Butler (District secretary), the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, Mr. Owen Giles and many others, including the local band. A course of Plain Bob Minor was rung at the graveside by three members of the local band. band.

To his daughter his ringing friends extend their deepest sympathy but, as she herself said, the beauty of the service would remain to comfort her, as would also the knowledge that he was laid to rest near his beloved bell tower, and with a goodly company of friends to mourn him. R. A. R.

MR. WILLIAM NASH

Another stalwart from the North Mymms, Herts, tower has passed on. Mr. William Nash, in his 77th year, died suddenly on his way home from a meeting on December 18th. He had rung at St. Mary's Church for over 50 years, and for a time acted as secretary of the St. Albans District of the Hertford County Association. Stedman Triples was his favourite method, and the local band rang half-muffled the day after his death as a tribute to his memory.

He led a full and devoted life in the service of others and was a prominent Freemason and bowls player. T. J. L.

WEST HARTLEPOOL, CO. DURHAM.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Wright 1, K. Lawson 2, T. Templeman 3, R. Webster 4, W. Maughan 5, H. Short (cond.) 6, J. Clouston 7, T. Clouston (first quarter) 8. For Evensong. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. F. Robson, captain, and for over 50 years a ringer at this church.



REV. F. LLEWELLYN EDWARDS

With deep regret we announce the death of the Rev. Frank Llewellyn Edwards at Poole on Christmas Eve, aged 83 years.

He was one of the oldest members of the Central Council and for many years was convener of the Press, Publicity and Broadcasting Committee. For the long period of 48 years he was Rector of Kington Magna, Dorset, from which living he recently retired. He gave long service to the Salisbury Diocesan Guild and was honorary secretary for 37 years. Mr. Edwards was one of the oldest members of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

A memoir will be published in our next issue.

MR. E. E. PRATCHETT

The funeral service for Mr. E. E. Pratchett, of Hendon, whose death in his 82nd year was reported in our last issue, took place at St. Mary's Church, Hendon, where he had been a ringer for 66 years, on December 20th.

The service was preceded by some beautifully struck Grandsire and the bells were also rung after the service.

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild was represented by Messrs. T. J. Lock, H. G. Hart, W. N. Genna, E. Prior, R. Sanders, R. Stoddart, S. A. Warwick and H. Arnold.

'One thing we will always have with us is the memory of this lovable and unassuming character, this Grand Old Man of St. Mary's, Hendon,' writes H. A.

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MR. FREDERICK JAMES FREESTONE

Members of the S.W. District of the Essex Association will learn with regret of the death of Mr. Frederick James Freestone, late of Hornchurch, and lately residing at Epsom. He had been in failing health for some time and passed away in Norbury Hospital, Surrey, at the age of 84.

A native of Sawston, Cambs, he learned his ringing on the local bells. Eventually he moved to Hornchurch, where he was watchman at Harwood Hall. From here he moved on to Dagenham Dock, where he was for many years berthing attendant.

At Dagenham he was a member of the local band and journeyed many miles to attend local practices, mainly, however, to Hornchurch. He was also connected with St. Andrew's, Holborn. On retirement from the dock he took up residence again at Hornchurch, became active again with the local band and eventually took over the duties of towerkeeper, succeeding Mr. John Dale.

Fred was no great peal ringer and no records are available of his peal total, but he could be rightly described as one of those stalwarts of the Exercise—hail, rain or shine he could always be relied upon to be there.

A life member of the Essex Association, he was specially proud of his connection with the College Youths.

Visitors would sometimes find Fred rather remote—a certain brusqueness and austerity of manner contributed to this, but beneath the rugged and rather outspoken exterior was the proverbial heart of gold, a keen sense of loyalty and an impish sense of humour.

The funeral was at Streatham Crematorium on December 21st.

Rest in peace, Fred. L. V. G.

MR. JOHN T. HERBERT

The death occurred on December 6th of Mr. John T. Newbert, of Gamston, Notts, at the age of 69. He had been at home three weeks following an operation and was making a good recovery when he had a sudden heart attack from which he passed away.

Although he had lived in Gamston only 15 years, he had been the village blacksmith for 35 years, a first-class workman and highly respected by young and old alike.

In his younger days he rang at a three-bell tower and it was not until 12 years ago that he joined the local band at St. Peter's Church. In all he rang 19 peals of Minor, including one in five methods. His one regret was that he had not commenced change ringing earlier. A good attender, he always gave of his best. 'Jack' will be sadly missed by those who rang with him, and many others.

When not taking part in a peal if there had been any bad ringing he would be sure to criticise but would give praise if it had been good.

He was laid to rest on December 8th a few paces from his own well-kept garden and near the tower and bells he loved. After the service, which was conducted by the Rev. S. M. I. Salt, four of the local band and two of his friends rang a 360 Bob Minor, half-muffled. He leaves a widow and a brother.

On December 22nd a peal was rung as a last tribute to him. May 'Jack' rest in peace.

H. D.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 16th, 1,260 Bob Minor: J. J. Prentice 1, P. R. J. Lester 2, A. E. J. Lester 3, R. E. Lester 4, L. N. Melton (cond.) 5, D. Brant 6. For Evensong.

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DEATHS

FERRIS, John, of 15, Park Lane, Knebworth, Herts, in his 91st year. For many years captain of the Knebworth ringers and a former ringer at Exeter Cathedral. 9536

FREESTONE.—On December 16th, 1956, at Norbury Hospital, Surrey, Frederick James Freestone, aged 85 years. Life member of the Essex Association, member of the Ancient Society of College Youths. 9508

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MISCELLANEOUS

The bellringers of St. Mary Magdalene's Church, Creswell, Derbyshire, will in future hold their practices on Thursday evenings at 7 p.m.—L. Barlow. 5917

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Bridgwater Branch.—Annual meeting at Bridgwater, Jan. 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5. Names, please.—R. Short, Chilton Trinity. 9502

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—Annual general meeting to be held at St. Peter's, Bedford, on Saturday, Jan. 5th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names must be given to the secretary.—Miss Phyllis Gray, 18, Durler Avenue, Kempston, Bedford. 9512

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Annual meeting at Ely, Saturday, Jan. 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Streatham bells available after tea. 9488

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Saturday, Jan. 5th, St. Philip's (8), 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. Please attend.—A. Bennett. 9519

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kington District. — Annual meeting, Presteigne, Saturday, Jan. 5th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names, please, to J. Preece, Lea Lodge, Staunton-on-Arrow, Leominster. 9498

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Practice meeting at Rickmansworth (10), Saturday, Jan. 5th, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Everyone welcome.—K. R. Dunstan, Dis. Sec. 9467

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch.—Meeting, All Saints', Wigan, Saturday, Jan. 5th. Bells (10) 2.30. No arrangements for tea; cafes nearby.—M. E. Ridyard, 16, Vaughan Road, Birkdale, Southport. 9501

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Saturday, Jan. 5th, St. Luke's, Chelsea, 3.45–5; St. Mary's, Battersea, 6.30–7.45. Business and nominations of officers 8 p.m. Practice, Monday, Jan. 7th, St. Mary's, Lambeth, 7.30 p.m.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. HOU 3921.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Annual meeting, Jan. 5th, at the St. Martin's Hotel at 6 o'clock. St. Martin's bells (12) available at 4.30 p.m.—G. E. Fearn, Hon. Sec. SPR 1025. 9510

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Annual meeting, Devizes, Jan. 5th. Bells (three towers) 3 p.m. Service, St. John's, 4.30 p.m. Names to Slatford, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 9511

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Jan. 5th, Chesterfield, 3–5.15 and 6–7, Old Brampton 6–8.30. Names to Mr. S. Scattergood, 797, Sheffield Road, Chesterfield. — J. Seager, Sec. 9495

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Bolney (8) Jan. 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names, by previous Wednesday, please, to I. Butcher, East Bungalow, Paddockhurst, near Crawley. 9506

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Andover District.—Annual meeting, Andover, Saturday, Jan. 5th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Copper Kettle Café. Meeting 6 p.m. in Church Room. 9492

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION. — Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station) on Monday, Jan. 7th, at 7 p.m.—T. J. Lock. 9527

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Ilchester Deancry Branch.—Advanced practice, Stoke-under-Ham, Friday, Jan. 11th, at 7 p.m. —T. J. Setter. 9523

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting, Saturday, Jan. 12th. All Saints', Poplar, 4 p.m. Ship, Talbot Court, E.C., 6 p.m.—A. B. Peck, hon. secretary. 9544

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual meeting at Barnsley on Saturday, Jan. 12th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in Rectory Rooms 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Jan. 9th, to E. Stainrod, 6, Ledbury Road, Smithies, Barnsley.—H. Chant.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Frome Branch. — Annual meeting, Shepton Mallet, Saturday, Jan. 12th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business to follow. —E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 9529

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Bath Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Michael's Church, Twerton (8), on Saturday, Jan. 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. R. O. Fry, 5, Morford Street, Bath. 9514

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Dunster Branch.—Annual meeting at Dulverton, Saturday, Jan. 12th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Notifications for tea by Jan. 8th.—A. R. Tudball, West Close, Dunster. 9515

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT RINGING SOCIETY.—Meeting, Holy Trinity Church, Hull, Saturday, Jan. 12th. St. Mary's bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5.15 p.m. Holy Trinity (10) after tea. Names for tea to Mr. F. G. Reed, 127, Holmgarth Drive, Bellfield Avenue, Hull. 9551

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Annual meeting to be held at St. Michael's, Macclesfield (12), on Saturday, Jan. 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Meeting in the vestry at 6 p.m. Own arrangements for tea.—B. Corbishley, Hon. Sec. 9558

DEVON GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Payhembury on Saturday, Jan. 12th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and business after. Names for tea, by Jan. 7th, to W. Webb, Oakwell, Millhead Road, Honiton. 5507

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—You have just time to get your ticket for the annual dinner at The Culverden Arms, Tunbridge Wells, Saturday, Jan. 12th; 10s. 6d. Ringing at St. Peter's 4 to 5.30 p.m.—A. F. Wellington, Rosebank Hotel, Tunbridge Wells. 9539

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Annual meeting in Cambridge, Saturday, Jan. 12th. Bells: R.C. (8), 2 to 3 p.m.; St. Bene't's (6), 2.30 to 4 p.m. and evening; St. Mary's (12), 6.30 to 8 p.m. Service at St. Andrew's 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., St. Andrew's Parish Room, Emmanuel Road.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 9541

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Eastern Division.—Annual meeting to be held at Great Baddow, Saturday, Jan. 12th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30 p.m. Business meeting, election of officers for 1957, 6.15 p.m. Numbers for tea to A. H. Everett, Cornerway, Plantation Road, Boreham. 9469

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Western.—Annual general meeting, Leytonstone, Saturday, Jan. 12th. Bells (8) 2.30. p.m. **Service 4 p.m.,** followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea, please, to Mr. C. Willmington, 79, Wallwood Road, Leytonstone, E.11. 9503

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—St. Mark's, Swindon (8), Saturday, Jan. 12th. Names for tea to Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Swindon. Tel.: 3936. 9520

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—The annual District meeting will be held at Guildford on Saturday, Jan. 12th. Holy Trinity (8) and St. Nicolas' (10) bells available at 3 p.m. Service at St. Nicolas' Church at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting in St. Nicolas' Hall 5.15 p.m. A social will follow the meeting in St. Nicolas' Hall. Names for tea and tickets for social to Mrs. V. Collins, 3, Hawthorne Way, Burpham. 9548

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Ross District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 12th, at Ross. Bells *from* 4 *p.m.* Service 4.30. Tea and business (at Central Café) 5 p.m. Names by previous Tuesday to Miss M. Tilbury, 34, Clayton, Bridstow, near Ross. 9525

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting on Saturday, Jan. 12th, at Aylesford. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5.—R. L. Sills, Dis. Sec. 9499

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting at Newington on Saturday, Jan. 12th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Names for tea, as early as possible, to Mr. Gilbert, 144, High Street, Newington, near Sittingbourne.—Cyril S. Jarrett, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9516

LADIES' GUILD.—Sussex Division.—A.G.M. at St. Nicholas', Brighton, Saturday, Jan. 12th. Ringing 3 to 8 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Ladies please support. Gentlemen cordially invited. Names for tea, please, by Tuesday, Jan. 8th, to Miss K. Yeo, Hon. Sec., 118, Station Road, Hailsham. 9477

LADIES' GUILD.—North-Eastern District.—A joint meeting with the Eastern District of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association will be held at St. Andrew's, Roker, on Saturday, Jan. 12th. Bells available 3 p.m Names for tea by Tuesday, Jan. 8th, to Mrs. N. I. Lea, 9, St. Vincent Street, South Shields. 948?

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—Practice meeting, St. James's Church, Barrow-in-Furness, Saturday, Jan. 12th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to J. E. Burles, 2, Rand Villas, North Scale, Barrow-in-Furness.—N. M. Newby, Branch Sec. 9552

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at Todmorden Unitarian Church, Jan. 12th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea, by 10th, to H. Sutcliffe, 24, Lowerlaithe Avenue, Todmorden.—F. Pritchard. 9514

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch.—Annual general meeting at St. Annes-on-Sea Parish Church (8 bells), Sat., Jan. 12th. Ringing 3 p.m. Members and non-members cordially invited. Cups of tea provided.—John F. Turner, Branch Sec. 9553

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch. — Meeting at Leyland, St. Andrew's, Saturday, Jan. 12th. Bells (10) available 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, 9th, to me.—L. Walmsley, Leyland Motors, Ltd., Leyland, Lancs. 9518

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Annual District meeting, Saturday, Jan. 12th. Ringing: St. Mary's (8), 2.30 to 4.15 p.m.; All Saints' (8), 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. Service, All Saints', 4.30. Tea, All Saints' Schoolroom, 5 p.m., followed by meeting for election of District officers and nominations for Guild officers; and subscriptions are also due. Good attendance, please.—W. A. Lacey, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9535

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 12th, Melton Mowbray. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in Colles Hall. Ringing in evening at Asfordby. Names for tea to Mrs. P. A. Corby, 11, Bowley Avenue, Melton Mowbray. 9540

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Lincoln District.—Annual meeting, Harmston (8), Jan. 12th. Tea for those who notify me by Tuesday previous.—C. Brown, 3, Altham Terrace, Lincoln. 9504

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Kingsbury (near terminus of No. 8 bus, Blackbird Cross) on Saturday, Jan. 12th. Ringing from 2 p.m. Dedication of local hall 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business to follow. Ringing in evening.—T. J. Lock. 9526

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD. — Annual meeting, St. Paul's, Burton, Saturday, Jan. 12th. Bells (10) 2.30. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify, by Jan. 9th, Mr. B. G. Key, 54, Rolleston Road, Burton. All welcome. 9505

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Annual meeting at Wymondham on Saturday, Jan. 12th. Bells from 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., Abbey Hotel. Names for tea by Wednesday, Jan. 9th, to Mr. H. Tooke, 11, Long Row, The Lizard, Wymondham. 9422

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Banbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Bloxham (8), Saturday, Jan. 12th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Good bus service from Banbury. All welcome. Please notify H. L. Roper, Adderbury, Banbury, Oxon. 9482

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oundle Branch.—Annual meeting, Oundle, on Saturday, Jan. 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Tuesday previous.—Mrs. Clarke, 7, Bassett Place, Oundle. 9534

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—North Notts District.—Annual meeting at Retford, Saturday, Jan. 12th. East Retford (10), West Retford (6) and Ordsall (6) from 2.30. Service in East Retford Church at 4.30. Plenty of cafes for tea. Meeting in East Retford belfry at 6 p.m. —H. Denman. 9509

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—Practice meeting, Petworth, on Saturday, Jan. 12th. Names for tea, please, by previous Tuesday to G. Francis, Hook Cottage, Itchingfield, Horsham.—W. L. Weller. 9494

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Southampton District.—Annual District meeting at St. Mary's, Southampton, on Saturday, Jan. 12th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Jan. 9th to M. J. Butler, 8, St. Peter's Road, Southampton. 9545

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District. — Annual meeting at Harlow Town (8) on Saturday, Jan. 19th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting at the Queen's Head. Names, please, to G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Annual District meeting, Colchester St. Peter's, Saturday, Jan. 19th. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.45 p.m. Numbers for tea by Wednesday, Jan. 16th, please, to Mr. H. J. Millatt, 301, Harwich Road, Colchester. 9524

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch. — Annual meeting, St. Andrew's, Chippenham, Saturday, Jan. 19th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 4.45. Service 6.30 p.m. Business meeting, election of officers for 1957, 5.30 p.m. Names for tea by Jan. 17th to H. Heath, 89, London Road, Chippenham. 9533

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Annual District meeting, on Saturday, Jan. 19th, at Hertford. St. Andrew's (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All Saints' (10) after tea. Please note change of date.—T. J. Southam. 9521

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury Disrict.—Quarterly meeting, Faversham, Saturday, Jan. 19th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 2s. per head. Numbers for tea not later than Wednesday, Jan. 16th, to Miss E. Wyles, 23, Reedland Crescent, Faversham, enclosing cash, please.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 9555

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Annual meeting at Bolton (Parish) on Saturday, Jan. 19th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Business 6. Tea (free) 5 p.m. Names by previous Wednesday to Vincent Martin, 413, Crompton Way, Bolton.—Thornley. 9530

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Gainsborough District.—Annual meeting at Gainsborough on Saturday, Jan. 19th. Bells afternoon and evening. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., for those who notify me by Tuesday previous.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 9547

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Bicester Deanery Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Islip, Saturday, Jan. 19th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. Important.—Names for tea by Jan. 14th to C. Kinch, Causeway, Bicester. 9543

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 19th, at Hungerford. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Please send names for tea not later than Wednesday, Jan. 16th, to Mr. Crossley, Church House, Hungerford. 9532

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rutland Branch.—Uppingham (8), annual general meeting, Saturday, Jan. 19th. Names for tea by Tuesday, Jan. 15th, to E. E. Gibson, Hon. Sec. 9550

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—Annual meeting, Finedon, Saturday, Jan. 19th. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea by Tuesday previous to Malcolm King, 29, Ewenfield Road, Finedon, Wellingborough.—Arthur Bigley, Hon. Branch Sec. 5928

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual general meeting at St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Saturday, Jan. 19th. St. Martin's bells (12) available 3 to 5 p.m. Other ringing arrangements later. Tea 5.15 p.m., followed by business meeting in Fellowship Hall. Names for tea by Tuesday, Jan. 15th, please, to me. Good attendance, please!—P. N. Bond, Hon. Sec., Gaywood, Stocks Green Road, Hildenborough, Tonbridge, Kent. 9542

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 19th, St. Martin's, Salisbury. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Bells: St. Martin's, 3 to 4, 6.45 to 8.30 p.m.; St. Paul's 2.30 to 3.45, 8 to 9 p.m.; St. Thomas', 6.45 to 8 p.m.; Wilton, evening. Tea arranged for those who send names by Tuesday, 15th, to Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 9522

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The fifth annual dinner will be held at The Corporation Hotel, Derby, at 6 p.m. on Saturday, March 2nd. Ringing, 3 p.m. at the Cathedral. Tickets, 11s. 6d., from G. Halls, 15, Brackens Avenue, Alvaston, Derby. 9549

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Newark District.—Annual meeting, Balderton, Saturday, Jan. 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to Miss B. N. White, 131, London Road, Balderton, Newark. Buses leave Newark every eight minutes.—W. L. Exton, Hon. Sec. 9538

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Annual District meeting, Bletchingley (8), Saturday, Jan. 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., King Charles Cottage. Meeting after at Church House. Names for tea by Wednesday, Jan. 16th, to Mr. F. Bird, Braddon, Godstone Road, Bletchingley. 9537

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Annual meeting, Portsmouth Cathedral, Saturday, Jan. 19th.—D. P. Banks. 9546

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Kingswinford (Stourbridge not available), Saturday, Jan. 19th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business. Names by Thursday, 18th, please. — Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 9557

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — General meeting at Wakefield on Saturday, Jan. 19th. Committee meet 3.30 p.m. in Cathedral School, Brook Sreet. Tea 4.30 p.m., followed by general

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OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY. — Annual dinner (not lunch), Wilberforce Hotel, Feb. 2nd. Ringing in city. Service at St. Mary the Virgin's 6.15 p.m. Tickets 12s. 6d. from D. J. Roaf (Christ Church). All welcome. 9556

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.—Preliminary Notice: The annual general business meeting will be held in St. Mary's Hall, Truro, on Saturday, Feb. 23rd, at 2.30.—H. Trewhella, Sec., Crantock, Newquay. 9513

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A GOOD IDEA — BUT

LIFE'S road is paved with good intentions, but many go awry for want of the correct presentation. The intentions of the promoters of the College of Campanology are good, but the presentation is not and the choice of terminology unfortunate. It is very evident that 'the powers that be' are out of touch with the average parish church ringer and they are the ones to be catered for; the majority do not bother about proficiency certificates, but they do want to learn how to ring well for Sunday service.

Very few of us have the opportunity of meeting many ringers in all parts of the country, and until the promoters are conversant with the difficulties of the average tower, they will get nowhere in a long time. As one goes about the country the most frequent questions asked are, 'What is it in aid of?' and 'What are the use of proficiency certificates?' On all sides we learn that the rope-end still is the best thing to test one's skill — good wine needs no bush.

We have plenty of individuals who think they know it *all* and who often come unstuck in an out-of-the-way country tower; the less of this type we produce the better, and is there not a risk of the 'certificated' ringers becoming 'big 'eds'? I know a few who, having progressed fairly rapidly to 'Surprise' standard, began to show signs of 'swelled head,' but happily through contact with more experienced ringers learned that they did not know quite so much as they thought they did, and no matter how long they ring, they never can know it all.

No matter how many certificates a ringer possesses, he will still have to ring to the 'lowest standard' member of the band, unless the proficient folk are going to keep themselves aloof — is there not a danger of 'class distinction' creeping in? Before the war there used to be 'The Tall Hat Brigade' in the Manchester area — some still are with us and peal ringing; they were of Surprise and Spliced standards and, above all, first-class strikers, but Grandsire and Plain Bob were not beneath them. They had had a simple but thorough grounding and surely this is all that is required.

Is it not too much to ask that the curriculum as presented to us be recast into a simpler and more efficient form? Cut out the 'Cathedral System' (whatever this means), because it conveys absolutely nothing and only confuses the average Sunday service ringer. We know full well that as far as church music is concerned our cathedrals and the great churches present the best possible and reach a standard undreamed of by the parish church choir, but as far as bell-ringing is concerned that is quite another story.

A School for Instructors seems to be the most urgent requirement and a good instructor can teach the pupil according to the aptitude of the individual — the personal touch is everything; coupled with patience it will produce results. A slow but sure procedure has proved to be the one which makes the good ringer; the one who has been pushed on usually is a poor handler and unfortunately this type resents being given a word of advice. On more than one occasion when passing on a little fatherly advice I have been told, 'Excuse me, I am a member of the Universities' Association,' as if being a member of any particular association puts one in a class above all others.

Do not let us turn down the idea of 'The College,' but let the 'Professors' come down out of the clouds and get down to brass tacks. When they do start in earnest, let them take a page out of George Gilbert's book and let the first lesson be a talk on what their responsibilities will be and not to waste either their own time or that of the instructor. If they know beforehand what is expected of them, the intending ringer will be less inclined to treat the matter lightly. At present some 'would-be's' treat the whole thing as a bit of fun to be put on one side as fancy takes them without any regard for the time that has been spent on them. Start right and we should end right.

J. P. F.

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JOHN E. BIBBY	4	RALPH G. EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
An 88th birthday compliment to Mr. Samuel Jones.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 15, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Thomas Day's Six-part. Tenor 15¼ cwt.

*ALLAN SMITH, JUN.	*Treble*	‡GEOFFREY CHEETHAM	5
†MILDRED M. JONES	2	†PHILIP J. H. HUDSON	6
†MRS. P. J. H. HUDSON	3	PETER CROOK, SEN.	7
†PETER SCHOLFIELD	4	COLIN S. TAYLOR	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.
* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Triples. ‡ First peal of Grandsire Triples 'inside.'
Rung on the 150th anniversary of the addition of the three trebles.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 15, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.
A PEAL OF 5472 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In nine methods, being: 1,024 London, 832 Bristol, 800 Watford, 640 Cambridge, 512 Dorchester, 512 Pudsey, 416 Cassiobury, 384 Superlative and 352 Lincoln, with 125 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

JOHN WORTH	*Treble*	C. KENNETH LEWIS	5
FRED DUNKERLEY	2	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	6
EDWARD JENKINS	3	PETER LAFLIN	7
BASIL JONES	4	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.
An 82nd birthday compliment to W. W. Wolstencroft. The band wish him a speedy restoration to health.

OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Rochdale Branch.)
On Sat., Dec. 15, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS, MOORSIDE.
A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 18 lb. in E.

*ALLAN SMITH	*Treble*	*FRED PRITCHARD	5
HAROLD HAMER	2	*GEOFFREY S. MILLS	6
*DEREK SANDERSON	3	SELWYN H. DEARDEN	7
*JOHN T. WALMSLEY	4	IVAN KAY	*Tenor*

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by HAROLD HAMER.
* First peal in the method. Rung for the Patronal Festival.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 15, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

*MICHAEL V. WHITE	*Treble*	REGINALD W. REX	5
REGINALD A. REED	2	ALICE REED	6
NORMAN HAYES	3	GEOFFREY K. DODD	7
ROBERT C. KIPPIN	4	HAROLD P. REED	*Tenor*

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by REGINALD A. REED.
* First peal of Treble Bob. 250th peal in the tower, and first on the bells since being recast and rehung by John Taylor and Co.
Rung in memory of the late William T. Tucker, who was buried here on December 1st.

WITTON, NORTHWICH, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 15, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5056 BOB MAJOR
Pritchard's. Tenor 14 cwt.

*CYNTHIA MOORE	*Treble*	ERIC HORNBY	5
VICTOR NEAL	2	CECIL RADDON	6
HARRY W. HOWARD	3	JOHN E. BIBBY	7
REGINALD W. WORRALL	4	HENRY PARKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by HENRY PARKER.
* First peal.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Moore; also as a birthday compliment to Mr F. J. Neal.

YARDLEY, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Dec. 15, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDBURGHA.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's variation. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in F sharp.

ALBERT H. FITTER	*Treble*	GEORGE E. FEARN	5
*ELIZABETH M. YARDLEY	2	PAUL J. RIGBY	6
STELLA HUGHES	3	ANTHONY AGER	7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	4	FREDK. E. COLLINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.
* First peal of Surprise 'inside.'

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., Dec. 17, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5120 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

RICHARD J. CANN	*Treble*	JOHN PINFOLD	5
ELIZABETH M. YARDLEY	2	*JOHN A. ANDERSON	6
H. DAVID HOLLAND	3	PETER BORDER	7
HENRY H. FEARN	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
* First peal of Surprise 'inside.'

EXETER, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Thurs., Dec. 20, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-THE-APOSTLE,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (sixth observation). Tenor 14¼ cwt. in F sharp.

WILLIAM H. HOWE	*Treble*	CHARLES P. YATES	5
EDWARD W. BIFFIN	2	JOHN L. D. GLANVILL	6
*CHARLES T. WILLIAMS	3	FREDERICK WREFORD	7
NORMAN MALLETT	4	FRANK WILLS	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN L. D. GLANVILL.
* First peal. Rung on the Eve of the Patronal Festival.

ALMONDSBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Dec. 22, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Cave's variation of Washbrook's. Tenor 24 cwt.

FREDERICK G. LEAKER	*Treble*	†ALBERT V. BENNETT	5
*TUDOR P. EDWARDS	2	REGINALD G. HOOPER	6
ALBERT M. TYLER	3	FRANK HANSFORD	7
SYDNEY G. RICHES	4	WILLIAM J. COOK	*Tenor*

Conducted by REGINALD G. HOOPER.
* First peal of Stedman Triples. † First peal of Stedman.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Dec. 22, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL OF ST. CHAD,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb.

MURIEL REAY	*Treble*	TERRY R. HAMPTON	5
STELLA HUGHES	2	JOHN PINFOLD	6
HENRY H. FEARN	3	GEORGE E. FEARN	7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	4	FRANK E. HAYNES	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.
The conductor's 600th peal.

GREAT HOLLAND, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 22, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5024 BOB MAJOR
C.C.C. No. 34. Tenor 15 cwt. 10 lb. in F sharp.

*PAMELA I. FAIRCLOTH (14)	*Treble*	MICHAEL A. MILLS	5
MARIAN H. MILLS	2	†DAVID F. J. WELHAM	6
PERCY W. MILLS	3	STANLEY LEACH	7
GEORGE WATERMAN	4	URBAN W. WILDNEY	*Tenor*

Composed by F. E. W. MEADOWS. Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.
* First peal. † First peal of Major 'inside.'

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 22, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb.

CECIL W. PIPE	*Treble*	ROBERT E. LESTER	5
RODERICK W. PIPE	2	WILLIAM J. BUTTON	6
JAMES BENNETT	3	GEORGE E. SYMONDS	7
GEORGE A. FLEMING	4	ERNEST V. BLAKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.
250th peal as conductor; rung on his 70th anniversary of commencing ringing.

HARROW-ON-THE-HILL, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 22, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24¼ cwt. in E flat.

*SHIRLEY H. DOREY	*Treble*	†CHRISTOPHER E. SLADE	5
ELSIE K. HART	2	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	6
JOAN M. WILCOCKSON	3	FRANK C. PRICE	7
H. GEORGE HART	4	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES S. WILDE. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
* First peal. † First peal of Surprise. First peal in the method on the bells.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 22, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7¾ cwt.

MARGARET BOUMPHREY	*Treble*	BASIL JONES	5
EDWARD JENKINS	2	ALAN J. BROWN	6
C. KENNETH LEWIS	3	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	7
ALAN A. POTTS	4	JOHN WORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

OUNDLE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 22, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in D.

*KILBY R. HOLTOM	*Treble*	PHILIP MEHEW	5
†ALAN J. FROST	2	DEREK P. JONES	6
RALPH G. EDWARDS	3	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	7
BRIAN S. COPE	4	*A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
* 25th peal together. † First peal of Surprise. The first peal of Surprise on the bells.

SEVENOAKS, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 22, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21½ cwt.

*ROY PANKHURST	*Treble*	†RICHARD V. FULLER	5
THOMAS E. SONE	2	DORIS E. COLGATE	6
PETER N. BOND	3	ROBERT COLLINS	7
ERNEST J. LADD	4	WILLIAM ROGERS	*Tenor*

Composed by CHAS. ROBERTS. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.
* First peal of Surprise. † First peal in the method. The ringer of the seventh has 'completed the circle.'

THURCASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 22, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 10 cwt. 7 lb.

*RONALD RUSSELL	*Treble*	B. STEDMAN PAYNE	5
ERNEST MORRIS	2	*GEOFFREY M. BREWIN	6
*PERCY D. BALDOCK	3	ROYSTON WILMORE	7
*ROGER A. BREWIN	4	FREDERICK T. BINDLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.
* First of Triples in the method. The conductor's 1,650th peal and 650th as conductor.

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SOUTHPORT, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 22, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's variation. Tenor 12 cwt.

*BRIAN OMESHER	*Treble*	NORMAN HEAPS	5
LESTER L. GRAY	2	RONALD KENRICK	6
MARGARET E. RIDYARD	3	†CYRIL LOW	7
PETER COXALL	4	JOSEPH RIDYARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.
* First peal of Major. † First in the method 'inside.'
Rung half-muffled in memoriam W. R. Silkstone Dobson, for 60 years organist at Christ Church.

WESTBOURNE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 22, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Holt's Original. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT	*Treble*	E. WINIFRED KEYS	5
PAULINE M. SAXTON	2	ROGER BALDWIN	6
*E. KEITH JORDAN	3	ROBIN G. LEALE	7
A. YORK-BRAMBLE	4	ARTHUR E. HOODLESS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.
* First peal 'inside.' The conductor's 50th peal in 1956.

WICKEN, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 22, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's variation. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

*GEORGE SHELLARD	*Treble*	WILLIAM A. YATES	5
WILLIAM J. CHESTER	2	THOMAS E. ROBERTS	6
FREDERICK C. CASE	3	GEORGE E. GREEN	7
FREDERICK VICKERS	4	GEORGE W. HOLLAND	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE W. HOLLAND.
* First peal of Surprise Major.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 24, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5024 BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19½ cwt.

ARTHUR CHAPLIN	*Treble*	DAVID W. BEARD	5
ERNEST W. FURBANK	2	FRANK V. GANT	6
JOAN M. PEACOCK	3	LIONEL S. WOODS	7
*FREDK. G. RICHARDSON	4	ANDREW I. SALISBURY	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by DAVID W. BEARD.
* First peal on eight bells.
In memoriam Frederick James Freestone, died December 16th, 1956, life member of the Essex Association and for many years tower keeper at St. Andrew's.

FROME, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 26, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 31 cwt.

*WILLIAM NORRIS	*Treble*	KENNETH T. MOON	5
W. JOHN PHIPPEN	2	GEORGE W. MASSEY	6
DAVID T. ROBERTSON	3	DONALD H. FLOWER	7
ERNEST E. BRAY	4	HUGH VENNELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE W. MASSEY.
* First peal.
A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Mills on their golden wedding anniversary. Mr. Mills has been a ringer at this church for 42 years.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 26, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN.
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 27 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb.

*ENID SOFTLEY	*Treble*	*CHARLES N. LEA	5
CHARLES MCGUINESS	2	KENNETH ARTHUR	6
*KENNETH LAWSON	3	J. ALAN AINSWORTH	7
DENIS A. BAYLES	4	ERIC N. HARRISON	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.
* First of Bristol.
Rung on the Feast of St. Stephen.

SOUTHAMPTON.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 26, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5056 DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16¼ cwt. in F.

JESSIE M. KIPPIN	*Treble*	*MAURICE J. BUTLER	5
PETER NASH	2	*ADRIAN J. TUMBER	6
*ROBERT C. KIPPIN	3	CHARLES H. KIPPIN	7
NELIA M. LEAHY	4	JOHN H. GILBERT	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 28, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's variation of Washbrook's. Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

ARTHUR G. MASON	*Treble*	BRIAN BLADON	5
JENNIFER M. HIGHLEY	2	FRANK E. WALKER	6
CYRIL S. JARRETT	3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM	7
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS	4	RALPH BIRD	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.
In memoriam Isaac Emery.

ANSTEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 29, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 10 cwt.

E. CHARLES TURNER	*Treble*	RALPH ELKINGTON	5
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON	2	WILLIAM A. LACEY	6
*RICHARD F. PRIME	3	JOHN A. SMITH	7
†VERNON GREEN	4	HERRICK B. BOWLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by REDVERS F. ELKINGTON.
* First peal of Surprise. † First peal in the method.
A birthday compliment to the ringer of the seventh.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 29, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's No. 2 variation. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

ALFRED J. HOUSE	*Treble*	EDWIN A. BARNETT	5
PHILIP A. CORBY	2	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS	6
DENNIS L. HALL	3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM	7
WALTER J. LEMON	4	PERCY J. DAW	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.
The treble ringer has now 'circled the tower.'

MAULDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 29, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

JUNE GLADMAN	*Treble*	ANDREW C. SINFIELD	5
DEREK P. JONES	2	BRIAN BLADON	6
RONALD J. SHARP	3	PHILIP MEHEW	7
JOHN W. SINFIELD	4	STEPHEN IVIN	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 29, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Morris J. Morris's Transposition. Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 10 cwt.

*JOSEPH W. COTTON	*Treble*	†JACK BENISTON	5
GEOFFREY W. HAIR	2	PERCIVAL W. GRICE	6
ARTHUR E. ROWLEY	3	ROLAND BENISTON	7
JOHN W. RAWSON	4	JOHN A. UNDERWOOD	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.
* 250th peal for the Guild. † First peal in the method.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 29, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-OF-CANTERBURY.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 25¼ cwt.

*JOHN A. G. BALL	*Treble*	E. WINIFRED KEYS	5
MARION J. PARKER	2	FREDERICK W. BURNETT	6
RUSSELL H. PARKER	3	JOHN H. HUNT	7
LESLIE D. DUGUID	4	WILLIAM T. BEESON	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by JOHN H. HUNT.
* First peal on eight bells.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

MIDDLETON STONEY, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 3, 1956, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 240 Reverse St. Bartholomew, 1,320 Grandsire, 1,440 Plain Bob, 1,080 April Day, 960 Reverse Canterbury. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb.

*KENNETH GEORGE TASKER *Treble*	ALEC GAMMON 3
ROY H. JONES 2	DAVID C. WOODWARD .. 4
MICHAEL J. THOMAS .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by ALEC GAMMON.

* First peal. Rung for the Patronal Festival.

LYMINSTER, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 8, 1956, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in G.

JUNE M. CLEMENTS .. .. *Treble*	*ROGER BALDWIN 4
BERNARD G. MORE 2	W. LESLIE WELLER 5
GEORGE FRANCIS.. 3	ROBIN G. LEALE .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by ROGER BALDWIN.

* First peal in seven methods on tower bells. The quickest peal on the bells.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 14, 1956, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

*MICHAEL GAIHERCOLE .. *Treble*	LESLIE HOUGHTON 4
*EILEEN EDWARDES 2	WILLIAM ROSE 5
CECIL V. EBBERSON 3	NORMAN V. HARDING.. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by NORMAN V. HARDING.

* First peal. Rung on the top six of the ten.

Arranged for Miss Eileen Edwardes, who was leaving King's Lynn on New Year's Eve to take up nursing at St. Albans.

CHALFONT ST. GILES, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 15, 1956, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in 22 methods, as follows: (1) 168 Lightfoot, 120 Rossendale, 120 Netherscale, 120 Annable's London, 96 Stamford and 96 Wearmouth, with 14 changes of method: (2) 288 Durham, 144 Beverley, 120 Surfleet, 72 York, 48 Hexham and 48 Berwick, with 20 changes of method; (3) 216 Cambridge, 144 Ipswich, 144 Norfolk, 72 Primrose, 72 Bourne and 72 Hull, with 26 changes of method; (4) Carlisle; (5) London; (6) Wells; (7) Norwich. Tenor 11¼ cwt. in A flat.

PHYLLIS M. MAYNE .. .. *Treble*	WILLIAM WENBAN 4
JOAN M. WILCOCKSON .. 2	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. 5
JOHN R. MAYNE 3	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY *Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

The greatest number of methods rung to a peal by all the band, and the greatest number of methods rung in a peal of Minor, in the county and for the Guild.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 15, 1956, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Single Court, Double Court, Single Oxford, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, and two of Bob Minor. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

RONALD RUSSELL .. .. *Treble*	*BARRY BROWN 4
WILLIAM R. PARKER 2	†WALTER WESTON 5
PERCY D. BALDOCK 3	JAMES H. MUSSON .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

* First peal on six bells. † First peal in six methods 'inside' and 25th peal.

STAMFORD HILL, MIDDLESEX.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 15, 1956, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANN.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (15 callings). Tenor 8¼ cwt. in A.

JANET K. SECKER .. .. *Treble*	BRIAN BLADON 4
MICHAEL J. ROWE 2	ERNEST J. ROWE 5
FRANCES A. SECKER 3	LEONARD GREEN .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN BLADON.

First peal in the method by all except the conductor.

WIGMORE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Eardisland St. Mary's Society.)
On Sat., Dec. 15, 1956, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten callings). Tenor 8¼ cwt.

*JOYCE DAVIES (15) .. .. *Treble*	FREDERICK R. HARRIS .. 4
LAURENCE T. MAINWARING 2	LESLIE EVANS 5
ROSEMARY BRAY 3	SIDNEY DANIELS.. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE EVANS.

* First peal.

TANGLEY, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Dec. 16, 1956, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON DOUBLES

Grandsire variation. Tenor 6 cwt. 14 lb.

JANE GOODYEAR .. .. .. *Treble*	PHILLIP E. DODD 3
TERRY A. TARRANT 2	MAURICE J. DODD 4
GEOFFREY K. DODD .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.

The first peal in the method and the first peal on the bells.

DOWNHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 17, 1956, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent each of London, Wells, York, Durham, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge. Tenor 7½ cwt.

*JOAN E. M. HILLS .. .. *Treble*	ROBIN N. PITTMAN 4
HERMON J. OLIVER 2	JOHN H. SITCH 5
LAURENCE H. TURNER .. 3	HARRY TURNER .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY TURNER.

* First peal in seven Surprise methods.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 17, 1956, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being eight extents each of St. Simon's and St. Martin's, 12 extents of Grandsire and 14 extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

TREVOR N. J. BAILEY .. *Treble*	A. WILLIAM BIRD 3
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN 2	STANLEY W. COPLING.. .. 4
H. WILLIAM BARRETT.. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by H. WILLIAM BARRETT.

Rung after meeting short for Minor.

ITCHINGFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Dec. 18, 1956, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 960 Grandsire, 240 St. Nicholas', 720 Winchendon Place, 1,200 St. Simon's, 960 Reverse Canterbury, 960 Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

*ALAN MECHAM .. .. .. *Treble*	JUNE M. CLEMENTS 3
JOAN M. PHILLIPS 2	GEORGE FRANCIS 4
A. PATRICK CANNON .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by GEORGE FRANCIS.

* First peal of Doubles.

DARLINGTON, COUNTY DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 19, 1956, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being 720 each of Ipswich, Bourne, Lightfoot, York, Cambridge, Surfleet and London. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in B flat.

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

Conducted by ROLAND PARK.

Rung for the 65th anniversary of the installation of the bells.

GAMSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 22, 1956, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8½ cwt.

GRACE BURCHNALL .. .. *Treble*	SYDNEY CARNALL.. 4
KATHERINE BURCHNALL .. 2	HARRY BARNES 5
WILLIAM BRETT 3	HAROLD DENMAN .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD DENMAN.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. John T. Newbert, a local ringer, who passed away on December 6th, aged 69 years.

HARESFIELD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 22, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's. Tenor 13 cwt.

Frederick Blowen	*Treble*	Thomas Price	4
G. Leonard Hewitt.. ..	2	*Thomas Boreham	5
Peter Clarkson..	3	Leslie Barry	*Tenor*

Conducted by Leslie Barry.

* First peal of Minor. 200th peal as conductor.

Rung for the birth of a daughter, Janet Helen, to Hubert and Joan Matthews, née Bussey.

HARSTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 22, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 Cambridge Surprise and 1,440 each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

*Stanley Shipp	*Treble*	T. Reginald Dennis.. ..	4
Eustace W. Bullman ..	2	Geoffrey A. Lucas	5
George E. Crisp	3	Donald E. R. Knights ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by Donald E. R. Knights.

* 25th peal in 1956.

NORTH CERNEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 22, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being ten extents of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure (four callings), 12 of Bob (four callings), ten of April Day (three callings) and ten of Grandsire (ten callings). Tenor 6½ cwt.

William A. Godwin ..	*Treble*	John Dowdeswell	4
Hugh Falkner	2	Patrick A. Bartlett.. ..	5
Ralph E. W. Wenban ..	3	Mervyn Day	*Tenor*

Conducted by William A. Godwin.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. A. W. Baldwin, of Cirencester, who was 94 years of age on December 21st.

TAXAL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 22, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James.
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents in six methods: (1) Oxford, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure, Sandal and Capel Treble Bob; (2) Capel Treble Bob; (3) Sandal Treble Bob; (4) London Scholars' Pleasure Treble Bob; (5) Kingston Treble Bob; (6) Oxford Treble Bob; (7) Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

*Frank Osbaldiston ..	*Treble*	‡Bernard Groves	4
Brian J. Woodruffe ..	2	‡Alan McFall	5
†Robert Smith	3	William A. Smith	*Tenor*

Conducted by William A. Smith.

* First peal. † First peal in six methods 'inside.' ‡ First peal in six methods.

RADLEY, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Dec. 23, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James-the-Great,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob and five extents of Bob Minor. Tenor 6¼ cwt., approx.

*Susan E. Alexander (14)	*Treble*	Ruth Paton..	4
†Shirley Rymer	2	Marie R. Cross..	5
Daphne J. Pollard (13) ..	3	Alan R. Pink	*Tenor*

Conducted by Alan R. Pink.

* First peal in more than one method. † First peal in more than one method and first peal 'inside.'

Rung on the 50th anniversary of the ordination of the Rev. J. V. Pixell, M.A., Vicar of Radley, and a member of the local band. The ringers of 1, 3, 4, 5 are all members of the local band.

BRIXWORTH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 24, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six six-scores each of Stedman, St. Simon's and Grandsire, and 24 of Plain Bob. Tenor 17 cwt., approx.

Patrick L Chapman.. ..	*Treble*	Kilby R. Holtom	3
Alan J. Frost	2	Geoffrey E. Watson ..	4
Bryan S. Cope	*Tenor*		

Conducted by Bryan S. Cope.

CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 24, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Thomas-a-Becket,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents in two methods: (1 and 2) Kent and Oxford Spliced, (3) Kent, (4) Oxford, (5) Kent, (6) Oxford, (7) Kent. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

*William H. Dowse ..	*Treble*	Alan McFall	4
*Christine C. Macnair ..	2	Brian J. Woodruffe.. ..	5
Bernard Groves	3	William A. Smith	*Tenor*

Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

* First peal.

EDGWARE, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 24, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 26 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Margaret-of-Antioch.
A PEAL OF 5040 ROSSENDALE SURPRISE MINOR

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

Joan M. Wilcockson ..	*Treble*	Richard G. Ouston.. ..	4
William Wenban	2	Kenneth R. Dunstan ..	5
Harold E. Clayton	3	John R. Mayne	*Tenor*

Conducted by John R. Mayne.

First peal in the method by all the band, in the county, and for the Association. The quickest peal on the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Dec. 9, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 21 *Minutes,*
At 17, Queen Street,
A PEAL OF 5184 BOB MAJOR

G. Dodds' Twelve-part. Tenor size 11 in G.

Gerald Penney	1—2	*Joyce Dodds	5—6
Geoffrey Dodds	3—4	†Stanley Huckle	7—8

Conducted by Geoffrey Dodds. Witness: M. D. Frost.

* 25th peal. † First peal of Major 'in hand.'

LONDON, S.E.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 14, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
At the County Hall.
A PEAL OF 5056 BOB MAJOR

Thomas J. Lock	1—2	Wilfrid G. Wilson.. ..	5—6
James Wallman	3—4	Edwin A. Barnett	7—8

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Wilfrid G. Wilson.

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Dec. 16, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
At 17, Queen Street.
A PEAL OF 5184 BOB MAJOR

G. Dodds' Twelve-part. Tenor size 11 in G.

J. Desmond Painter.. ..	1—2	Joyce Dodds	5—6
Geoffrey Dodds	3—4	Gerald Penney	7—8

Conducted by Joyce Dodds.

First peal as conductor.

A 4th birthday compliment to Frances Dodds.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY OF RAMBLING RINGERS.
On Sun., Dec. 16, 1956, *in* 1 *Hour and* 42 *Minutes,*
At the Blue Bell Inn.
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor size 11 in G.

John A. Smith	1—2	John Vernon	3—4
		Michael Vernon	5—6

Conducted by Michael Vernon.

The first handbell peal for the Society.

RUSHOLME, MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 17, 1956, *in* 1 *Hour and* 52 *Minutes,*
At 178, Heald Place.
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 14 in D.

*Peter Watson	1—2	†Derek Taylor	3—4
		†Trevor Taylor..	5—6

Conducted by Trevor Taylor.

* First handbell peal. † 25th peal together.

ABSON, BRISTOL.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. B. Penfold 1, Miss W. Pennal 2, B. M. Angell (first quarter) 3, B. W. S. Angell 4, D. Pennal (cond.) 5, T. Salmon (first quarter) 6. A birthday compliment to T. Salman.

BEXHILL-ON-SEA, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Julia Kenward (first quarter) 1, C. Verdon 2, Sylvia Heasman (first of Triples) 3, Daphne Pankhurst (first of Triples) 4, Audrey Eldridge 5, C. E. Slade 6, C. A. Levett (cond.) 7, C. Grisbrook 8.

BOWNESS, WESTMORLAND.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Dickinson (first in method) 1, F. Wilson 2, Beryl E. Mayor 3, N. Campbell (first quarter) 4, L. D. Clement 5, J. E. Burles 6, A. Capstick (cond.) 7, W. E. Pepper (first quarter) 8. Rung for the birthday of Miss Beryl E. Mayor.

CHELSFIELD, KENT.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): Miss J. Outhwaite 1, Miss J. George 2, N. Martin 3, J. Parker 4, D. Manger (cond.) 5, A. Smith 6. For Evensong.

CHOBHAM, SURREY.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Veryan Acworth 1, G. Talbot 2, P. H. Lawson 3, Sallie Buchanan 4, R. Collins (cond.) 5, M. Martin 6, A. Burrows 7, R. G. Collins 8. First quarter for 1, 3, 4, 6 and 8. First quarter by a local band. Rung for Midnight Mass.

CREWKERNE, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): K. Pinney 1, Sheila Eason 2, Freda Patrick 3, W. Poole 4, L. Wear (first as cond.) 5, Rae Eason 6, G. Mabey (first quarter) 7, H. Pike 8. For morning service.

CROYDON, SURREY.—On Dec. 30th, at St. Peter's Church, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: Miss J. Franklin 1, Miss V. Potter 2, Miss M. Christopher 3, F. Jones 4, J. Relf 5, P. Davis (cond.) 6, T. Blow 7, W. Brownett (first of Caters 'inside') 8, J. Hayward 9, J. Adcock 10. Rung for Evensong and as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Blow on their 40th wedding anniversary. Also at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, on Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Anne D. Wooller (first quarter) 1, R. Davies 2, W. F. Oatway 3, N. Brown 4, N. G. Steere 5, F. E. Mitchell 6, F. E. Collins (cond.) 7, R. G. Abbott 8.

QUARTER PEALS

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.—On Dec. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (10 callings): J. Warner 1, E. C. Leigh 2, N. V. Greenaway (first 'inside') 3, E. J. Jenner 4, S. Jenner (cond.) 5, W. A. Leigh 6.

FINEDON, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 26th, 1,440 Bob Minor: M. Shipton (first quarter) 1, D. Pearson 2, B. Foster 3, S. A. Scott 4, E. Chapman 5, M. King (cond.) 6. Rung for the Feast of St. Stephen, and as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. Main.

GREAT AMWELL, HERTS.—On Christmas Eve, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Coptcoat (first quarter) 1, F. Cooke 2, I. Blay 3, R. Berry 4, C. Springham (cond.) 5, C. Pawsey 6. First 'inside' for 3 and 4.

LLANDAFF, GLAM.—On Dec. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. D. Woodman 1, Jean Williams 2, J. Davies 3, Jill Birch 4, W. Dare (cond.) 5, N. James 6. First quarter for 1, 2 and 4. Rung in honour of the wedding of Michael Bennett, the local captain, and Miss Jillian Ashton.

MELLS, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,776 Bob Major: E. E. Bray 1, P. W. J. Harding 2, W. J. Phippen 3, R. Abbott 4, R. Smith 5, J. Owen 6, G. W. Massey (cond.) 7, L. E. Hitchins 8.

NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS, LANCS.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Wendy Ellam (first quarter) I. P. Millward 2, Jennifer Ellison (first 'inside') 3, K. Edwards 4, J. Ashcroft 5, E. A. Flint 6. For carol service.

RADLEY, BERKS.—On Nov. 22nd, 1,260 Minor (720 Cambridge and 540 Plain Bob): Susan E. Alexander 1, M. R. Cross 2, Daphne J. Pollard (first in two methods) 3, C. J. B. Taylor 4, R. A. Hodgson 5, D. H. Niblett (cond.) 6. Rung for the 80th birthday of Mrs. A. Cross.

RYE, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. K. Knowles 1, Noreen Winter (first 'inside') 2, Rosemary G. Hicks (first 'inside') 3, A. J. Hicks (cond.) 4, J. Small 5, Judith S. Walker 6, S. Skinner 7, T. Longley 8. 7, 6, 8 covering. For evening service. Also on Dec. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): C. A. Jordan 1, Noreen Winter 2, Rosemary G. Hicks 3, A. J. Hicks (cond.) 4, J. Small 5, J. Moore 6, R. Hodgson 7, M. J. McRobbie 8. For morning service.

STAMFORD HILL, N.—At St. Ann's Church, on Dec. 2nd, 1,320 Bob Minor: Miss L. Hawes 1, Miss J. Secker 2, M. Rowe 3, M. Cubitt 4, Miss F. Secker (first of Minor as cond.) 5, E. J. Rowe 6. Also on Dec. 30th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Miss Pat Rowe 1, Miss J. Secker 2, E. J. Rowe 3, B. Bladon (cond.) 4, M. Rowe 5, H. Howson 6. The 34th quarter peal on the bells this year. A 12th birthday compliment to Miss Pat Rowe.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—At St. Thomas' Church, on Dec. 16th, 1,264 Bob Major: Mrs. R. Smith 1, R. Smith 2, W. H. Cooper 3, F. V. Nicholls 4, R. Cooper 5, D. H. Watson 6, F. B. Cookson (cond.) 7, J. N. Lindon 8. For Evensong.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On Dec. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (1 and 2 leading): R. Cann (first quarter) 1, D. Garvie (first quarter) 2, H. Heard 3, S. Littlejohns 4, H. Stacey 5, R. Pearce 6, C. Sangwin (cond.) 7, O. Gittens 8. A birthday compliment to Rene Stacey, wife of the fifth ringer.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBS.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. N. Bullman 1, Miss C. E. Willers 2, Mrs. S. Shepherd 3, A. L. M. Shepherd 4, E. M. Bullman (cond.) 5. For Evensong.

WALKERN, HERTS.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,320 Minor (600 Little and Plain Bob and 720 Plain Bob): J. D. Painter 1, Mrs. A. Coburn 2, Mrs. J. Dodds 3, F. W. Ellis 4, G. Dodds (cond.) 5, A. E. Rushton 6. Rung for the birth of a son (Ian William) to Mr. and Mrs. Eric Dodds.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. F. E. Haynes had to make three attempts for his 600th peal. Earlier in December, at Bishop Ryder's, the tenor rope broke after about two hours' ringing, while a week later he arrived at the same place only to find the band seven short! It is estimated that the total number of peals rung by the successful band is approximately 4,400.

Mr. C. H. Hawkins, secretary of the St. David's Guild, is in Llanelly Hospital making a slow recovery after a very serious illness.

The band who rang the peal of Yorkshire Surprise at Sevenoaks would like to congratulate Mr. Richard V. Fuller on the way he rang his first peal for 19 years. It was his first touch in the method.

'Bexhill-on-Sea Observer' had an interesting picture of the local band ringing a quarter peal at St. Peter's Church preceding the celebration of Midnight Mass. An article on bellringing with particular reference to the Christmas ringing also appeared in the issue of December 22nd.

Girl Guides of the 2nd Ruislip Company are keen on ringing. Three of them rang in the band on Christmas Eve, and Mr. Tom Collins, the captain, has great hopes of first quarter peals from a number of them very shortly. They made a seasonable Christmas picture for the 'Ruislip-Northwood Gazette.'

Many of our readers will have seen the beautiful greetings card of Eye Parish Church made from a photograph by Supt. Claude Rush. These cards were sold to start a restoration fund for Eye Church bells, and Supt. Rush has already handed the Vicar a cheque for £235 from the profit. The Superintendent is still ready for more business. Of the 10,000 cards printed 9,012 were sold before Christmas.

Can any other tower beat Rye, Sussex, for progress during 1956? Twelve members rang their first quarter and five their first 'inside.' During the year 23 past and present members took part in the eight quarter peals rung. Of these, six were for services.

Mr. W. W. Wolstencroft, who celebrated his 82nd birthday last month, went into hospital on December 17th for a minor operation.

Mr. J. E. Jeater has received a 10s. note and a postal order for 4s. 6d. bought at Tonbridge, Kent, with a blank subscription form. Will the sender please communicate with him.

Owing to a prior engagement, Mr. H. E. Audsley, Master of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, was unable to attend the Universities' Association dinner. He sent the Society's fraternal greetings and best wishes for 1957.

By ringing a peal of Stedman Triples at Almondsbury (Glos) Tudor P. Edwards has now rung Stedman from Doubles to Cinques. This is also the first peal Albert V. Bennett (instructor at St. John-on-the-Wall, Bristol School of Ringing) has attempted in almost ten years.

At St. John-the-Baptist's Church, Erith, an 'in memoriam' peal to Mr. Isaac Emery was rung on December 28th. It was here he rang his first peal—Grandsire Triples—in August, 1890. Ringing in the peal on December 28th were Mr. Arthur S. Richards and Mr. Frederick J. Cullum, who rang their first peals with Mr. Emery.

Mr. Ernest Morris, of St. Margaret's, Leicester, wishes to thank the band who rang the peal at Thurcaston on December 22nd for allowing him to conduct. It completed his 650th peal as conductor, and, by a coincidence, his 1,650th peal. He has thus rung in 1,000 peals with conductors other than himself.

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THE REV. F. LLEWELLYN EDWARDS

BY the passing on Christmas Eve of the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, the Salisbury Diocesan Guild suffers a loss which will be very difficult to replace.

Born at The Rectory, Kington Magna, in 1873, he was educated at Bath College, New College, Oxford, and Ridley Hall College, Cambridge. He taught for two years in Switzerland. He was ordained in Liverpool Cathedral in 1902 and worked there as Precentor at St. Paul's, Princes Park. He afterwards held chaplaincies in Seville, Spain, and Nicosia, Cyprus.

He was inducted as Rector of Kington Magna in November, 1908, remaining there until his retirement in July, 1956, with the exception of one year, 1926, when he took an appointment in Cyprus. During his time at Kington Magna the organ was reconstructed and the ring of bells augmented to five. He introduced orchestral music and handbell ringing in his church on festival days and taught the village schoolchildren to sing in seven languages.

After his ministry at Kington Magna Mr. Edwards' interest was in campanology; he was appointed a representative to the Central Council in 1911 and remained so until his death: his record of attendance is second to none. He was appointed hon. secretary and treasurer of the Salisbury Guild in 1913 and remained such until 1950. He was a great organiser and during his term of office the Guild celebrated its Jubilee, when the president, the Earl of Shaftesbury, presided at the annual meeting in the Chapter House and afterwards at lunch in a large marquee in the Cathedral grounds, to which 342 ringers sat down. Another large gathering was held at Milton Abbey in 1934, when Mr. Edwards received a presentation after 21 years as hon. secretary; on this occasion 350 sat down to tea.

Mr. Edwards was not a great peal ringer; his peals number six.

THE FUNERAL

The Church of All Saints, Kington Magna, was filled for the funeral on December 29th. The service was conducted by the new Rector, the Rev. H. B. Snelgrove, the lesson was read by the Rev. R. G. Chaffey Moore, chairman of the North Dorset Branch, the committal was taken by the Archdeason of Dorset, the Ven. E. L. Seager, who also represented the Bishop of Salisbury. Other robed clergy present were the Revs. H. L. Davis and R. A. Wells (hon. secretary, North Dorset Branch), who also represented Canon C. Carew Cox, Master of the Guild.

The Guild was represented by Messrs. A. F. Martin Stewart (Past Master), W. C. West (hon. secretary and treasurer), F. S. Slatford (assistant hon. secretary), H. Roles (chairman, Salisbury Branch), W. C. Shute (Ringing Master), A. T. Weeks (chairman, Devizes Branch), P. W. Harding (Ringing Master) and L. E. Hitchens (Devizes Branch), L. J. Lockyer (chairman, Wimborne Branch): and Mr. Sutton and Mr. W. A. Osborn (representing Central Council and Bath and Wells Diocesan Association).

Wreaths were sent from Salisbury Guild, North Dorset, Marlborough and Dorchester Branches; and from All Saints' tower, Kington Magna.

The North Bradley ringers rang a course of Grandsire on handbells at the graveside, and the local ringers rang half-muffled before and after the service. A quarter peal was rung by visitors as the evening was closing in.

W. C. W.

An Appreciation

The passing from our midst of Frank Llewellyn Edwards will be mourned throughout the Salisbury Diocese as well as by many all over the country who have valued memories of their association with him. I have known him for 40 years past, to appreciate him as one of the old school of country clergymen, whose solidity and even temper were the basis of an immense influence and commanded the respect, not only of those who came under his ministrations, but of all who could call him either acquaintance or friend. A well-travelled man, he was also a versatile musician and all kinds of instruments could be seen in the sitting room of his Rectory, while an imposing array of handbells lined the entrance hall. There at Kington Magna he was content to be the unassuming parish priest for 48 years, enjoying a little farming at the same time.

His love of bells and ringing, of course, goes without saying. Some may know that he had a few bells roughly hung in one of his barns, though I never heard of any performances on them. He never sought much peal ringing and I believe the last he rang was the clerical Grandsire Triples at East Hagbourne in 1935. The annual clerical tour was always a joy to him, and he was with us on the Derbyshire one last April, notwithstanding a long period in hospital the year before.

But his outstanding work was his 37 years' service as general secretary of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild. To know that he was at the helm was to be quite confident of sound progress and of the safeguarding of all the members' interests. I myself know as much as anyone what that exacted in time and labour, and what the Guild owes to his wisdom, care, discretion and experience is really inestimable.

Our memories will be of a good man: a lovable, knowledgeable personality: of whom it may surely be recorded 'Because of the House of the Lord our God I will seek to do thee good.'

May he find Rest Eternal.

C. CAREW COX.
Master of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild and President of the Clerical Guild of Ringers.

VICTORIA, B.C., CATHEDRAL BAND

Mr. E. W. Izard, ringing captain of Christ Church Cathedral, Victoria, B.C., in a letter to Mr. G. E. Symonds, of Ipswich, states that the two west towers of the Cathedral are now completed and all scaffolding has now been removed. There is a space six feet wide all round the bell frame with a platform running right round, and a stairway leading to another small platform up to a door connecting the passageway to the other tower.

Visitors can now look down on the bells from above while they are being rung. All is very clean and tidy. The ringing chamber is now lined right up to the ceiling with soundproof material.

'The ringing has improved and we can muster a full band of eight on Sunday mornings and usually another band for evening service. Eight junior ringers are making very good progress.

'We ring Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples, and the striking is good. We wish there were more visiting ringers to help; we also need competition.'

British Columbia is experiencing an inflatory period and a mechanic's wage, when such things as holidays with pay and medical services are taken into account, amounts to practically £1 an hour.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

AFFILIATION FEES

Association Secretaries are reminded that affiliation fees (ten shillings per Council member) are now due.

Will Secretaries at the same time please certify the number of honorary, ringing and resident life members on which their representation is based, and also forward the names and addresses of representatives for the new Council as soon as these are known.

E. A. BARNETT,
Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.

CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING AT CHELMSFORD — WHITSUN, 1957

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E. A. BARNETT,
Hon. Secretary.

MORE BELFRY GOSSIP

Correction. — The paragraph relating to a Christmas display, in which recordings of two Berkshire rings of eight were given, was at Messrs. Chapman's Stores, of Taunton, and not Swindon, as appeared in our columns. This error is regretted.

In honour of the 88th birthday of Mr. Samuel Jones, a peal of London Surprise Major was rung in his own tower, Eccleston (Cheshire). Since the bells were installed he has bestowed a loving care on them and he can be justly proud of the state of the ringing room and bell chamber. Mr. Jones, who still enjoys ringing for service, entertained the band to tea after the peal during which he received 'many happy returns of the day.'

Formed 18 months ago with only two experienced ringers—G. Talbot and Roy Collins—Chobham (Surrey) have rung their first quarter peal. There are 18 regular ringers with several more on the waiting list. The eight bells have been rung for all Sunday services since the formation of the new band and also for mid-week festivals. With fees received from weddings the belfry has been refurnished and a substantial tower fund started. In the past Chobham has always been a stoney tower.

REDEDICATIONS

BRAMPTON, CUMBERLAND

During the Patronal Festival on St. Martin's Day (November 11th), the bells of Brampton, Cumberland, were rededicated during Evensong by the Lord Bishop of Penrith.

This ring of bells was cast by Thomas Mears, of London, in 1826, and were hung in the old Parish Church. They were hung in the present church in 1906. To mark the jubilee of the completion of the church the bells have been quarter-turned, fitted on ball bearings, new fittings and the frame strengthened. The work was carried out by Mears and Stainbank.

The bells are now in excellent condition; in fact a quarter peal rung after the service by members of the Cumberland and North Westmorland Association, was ten minutes faster than the previous quarter.

Participating in the quarter peal of Bob Minor were: S. Hodgson 1, J. Ling 2, A. Forsyth 3, J. B. V. Porter 4, J. Boustead 5, J. Butterfield (conductor) 6.

WENHASTON, SUFFOLK

Removed from St. Peter's Church at Wenhaston last June for restoration work, the ring of six bells, recently rehung in the belfry, was rededicated by the Vicar of Great Yarmouth (the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow) on December 29th in the presence of a large congregation, including many members of the Suffolk Guild.

Accompanied by the Vicar (the Rev. L. R. Manthorp), Mr. Thurlow carried out the rededication in the ringing room, and the bells were rung immediately afterwards by Mr. J. W. Blythe (secretary of the Suffolk Guild), Mr. R. W. Clouston (a Bishop's representative of the Advisory Committee), Mr. J. Gibson, Mrs. J. W. Blythe, Mr. R. Pearce and Mr. E. Battle.

The restoration of the bells, carried out by Messrs. John Taylor, of Loughborough, and costing £1,185, included the recasting of the fourth, a pre-Reformation bell, dated 1450, and weighing seven cwt. It was originally cast at Bury St. Edmunds. Special permission had to be obtained from the Chancellor of the Diocese for the bell to be remade by using most of the old metal. The shoulder and inscribed band were cut off and are placed beside a window of the church.

The three small bells—the treble is dated 1787, the second 1787 and the third 1823—have been recast. The fifth bell, which was recast in 1947, and the tenor, dated 1500 and cast at Norwich, have been retuned.

The wooden bell frame was found to be badly affected by the death-watch beetle, and has been replaced by a metal frame which alone cost £450.

This work, together with necessary builder's work, is expected to involve an expenditure of £1,300. Since the bell fund appeal was opened in July nearly £350 has been raised. A grant of £50 is to be made by the diocese.

A later improvement planned is a new ringing floor to shorten the long bell ropes, and convert the ground level ringing floor to a choir vestry. This would cost between £200 and £300.



BELLRINGERS OF ST. PETER'S CHURCH, DROGHEDA, who won the Murphy Cup (All Ireland) and Lindoff Cup (Eastern District) Striking Competitions, 1956, and the Attendance Challenge Shield (100 per cent.).

Back row: M. Flitcroft, R. Huber, W. E. Bovenizer, J. Huber, F. E. Dukes, S. G. Lewis, W. D. Graham, J. Dolan, R. W. Smyth.

Front row: Mrs. F. E. Dukes, M. Kearney, W. Green, Rev. J. Hobcroft, F. Henly, Mrs. J. Hobcroft, Mrs. H. St. G. Smith.

On ground: Miss A. M. Dukes (12), Murphy Cup, Attendance Shield, Lindoff Cup, Master E. C. Dukes (10). [Photo by permission of 'Drogheda Independent.'

Enterprise at Sutton, Surrey

At St. Barnabas', Sutton, Surrey, there is a turret containing one tubular bell—the tenor of a proposed eight. This was hung when the church was built in the 1880's, and it has not been possible to add any other tubular bells up to now. Also in the turret is a loudspeaker, over which, for some years, a record has been played. This has caused a considerable annoyance to one or two ringers who attend St. Barnabas', and an attempt is being made to get rid of the record.

On Christmas morning, 1956, for the first time, a 'live' broadcast of bells was heard from the turret. Six of the 'young adults' of the congregation had gathered in the north porch where, complete with eight handbells borrowed from a nearby tower, and two microphones wired to the amplifying system, they rang rounds, queens and plain hunting before 8 a.m. Communion and Mattins. This proved to be a great success, although several technical details have still to be improved on.

The ringers are to be congratulated on a very good performance, especially when it is borne in mind that only one had handled a bell up to three months ago.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

BATS IN THE BELFRY

Dear Sir,—The recent correspondence in your columns regarding the presence or otherwise of bats in belfries interests me, but I have not written sooner because I felt that the original letter could not have been intended to be taken seriously.

My first encounter with a bat was in the summer of 1955, when, one day during the holidays I was in the belfry (on the ground floor) teaching my daughter to handle a bell, and I happened to look over her head on to the window sill behind her, where I saw what I thought was a small black fungoid growth. Being naturally inquisitive about such things, I stopped ringing to investigate, and found that it was, in fact, a young bat. My first reaction was of repulsion, but I soon found such a feeling to be quite unnecessary, indeed unworthy almost, for it was quite helpless, and lay in my hand motionless. It put paid, of course, to ringing for the afternoon, and instead we carried the new 'pet' home and put it out of reach of the cat in my daughter's moth-breeding cage! The next move was to read all we could about the animals, and we found that this was, in fact, a very young pipistrelle bat, and a very pretty thing it was, too. I fed it some milk with a fountain-pen filler, and found it could take about three drops every hour or so. Eventually by next afternoon it became strong enough to hang on to the gauze side of its cage and so I let it fly around the room. It soon found it way out of the window and flew off—I presume back home. From what I can learn they have a homing instinct, but am prepared to be corrected on that score.

The next experience was when I took some youngsters up to see the bells, and there were half a dozen bats hanging from the rafters in the roof. It was easy to catch four of them, to see just what they were like, and they turned out to be long-eared bats, not so handsome as pipistrelles, but nevertheless not by any means repulsive. Incidentally, there is no fear at all of a bat ever getting caught in anybody's hair, or colliding with anybody or anything, for man has yet to invent a radar mechanism as accurate as a bat's. Yes, there are bats in belfries, and they make a most interesting study.—Yours faithfully,

Eastleigh, Hants. R. A. REED.

PEALS AT HOAR CROSS

Dear Sir,—With reference to the footnote to the peal at Hoar Cross on November 24th, saying it was the 'quickest peal on the bells,' this is incorrect. On May 26th, 1934, Mr. J. T. Dyke rang the tenor to Bob Minor in 3 hours and 17 minutes. This was before the bells were rehung—a fine performance. And on September 5th, 1936, a peal of Minor in four methods was rung in 3 hours and 21 minutes, the tenor being rung by myself. Both peals were well struck.—Yours sincerely,

A. PATRICK CANNON.

Dorking.

Dear Sir,—The footnote added to the peal at Hoar Cross ('Ringing World,' page 820) is open to question, as I believe a quicker peal was rung in 1953.

I do not believe that any peal band has much reason for 'self-glorification' with such a footnote to a peal on a heavy ring (or any ring for that matter).

If it were ethical to print such a footnote as 'Believed to be the best-struck peal on the bells,' and the conductor could add this with all sincerity, then peal ringing throughout the Exercise would in all probability be of a higher standard.—Yours faithfully,

EDMUND MALIN.

Penkridge, Staffs.

PRAISE FOR STONEY STANTON

Dear Sir,—On Christmas Eve I paid a visit to my home tower of Stoney Stanton, Leicestershire, and as I approached the church I noticed the good standard of ringing that was taking place. On entering the belfry I found what I believe to be one of, if not the youngest eight-bell bands in the country, ringing for the midnight service. The ages of the participating ringers were, from treble to tenor respectively, 13, 13, 13, 12, 17, 14, 14, 16, giving an average age of 14. I am very interested to know if there is any tower in the country that can boast of a younger eight-bell band who regularly ring for services.

Although only call changes were being rung by this young band, it only needed three substitutes (one on the tenor) before, a very good touch of Grandsire Triples was rung.

I would like, through the columns of 'The Ringing World,' to offer my congratulations to 'The Brothers Vernon,' Mr. Graham T. Ball and Mr. Nun L. Walker, for the fine work they have done in getting and training and being able to keep such a fine young band of ringers in less than six months. Not to be forgotten, of course, are the young ringers themselves, who I hope will persevere and keep climbing the ladder of progress.

Incidentally, for the information of Mr. York-Bramble and his College of Campanology, the Manual was definitely not used to instruct these ringers. If it had been I doubt whether they would have progressed so far in the time, if they could have stuck to its long-winded course.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN A. SMITH.

Leicester.

Bitterne's New Ring

In our issue of December 14th we mentioned that the Church of Ascension, Bitterne Park, Southampton, was to have a ring of eight bells. On Advent Sunday the Vicar (the Rev. R. O. Stephenson) launched an appeal for 1,000 guineas—in the form of 500 'stakes' of two guineas each. Already 180 'stakes' have been either given or promised. Members of the Southampton University Society rang changes on handbells at the service.

The Vicar also desires to acknowledge the kindness of the Vicar of Preston Candover and his Parochial Church Council in presenting the bell from the demolished church at Nutley, which will be used in the casting of the new bells.

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NORTH HAYLING BELLS

Dear Sir,—I was delighted to see the photograph in last week's issue of 'The Ringing World' of the bells of St. Peter's, North Hayling.

My brother (who is churchwarden) and I took rubbings from the bells only last year, and I referred to Messrs. Mears and Stainbank for information about them.

As you will see from the photograph, the bells are chimable, not ringable: they are still on half-wheels. My brother and I chimed them on Christmas Day, and I was delighted to be told by listeners that they had never heard them sound better.

If, as seems possible, I move during the coming year to Hayling Island, I shall hope to meet Mr. Buswell and hope that I shall be invited to ring at Havant.—Yours truly,

DORIS H. SHEPPARD.

Chalfont, near Stroud, Glos.

HAPPY MEMORIES OF ALDERSHOT

Dear Sir,—I am sure there must be many Service and ex-Service men ringers to whom your article on 'Mr. Denyer and Aldershot Bells' ('Ringing World,' December 28th) must bring back many happy memories of a right warm welcome away from home by Mr. W. Denyer and family.

May I wish him a speedy recovery back to health and a happy New Year.—Yours sincerely,

ARNOLD COLE.

Leeds.

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Copies of this index for those who desire to bind their copies of 'The Ringing World' will be forwarded on the receipt of a stamped addressed envelope.

OBITUARY

MR. I. EMERY

The funeral of the late Mr. Isaac Emery took place at Ottery St. Mary, Devon, on December 19th. Despite the short notice Mr. David Martin was able to attend to represent SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Bromley, and the Lewisham District of the Kent County Association, and floral tributes were sent by Bromley Parish Church and the Kent County Association. On December 28th a memorial peal of Stedman Triples was rung at St. John's, Erith, the church where Isaac Emery rang his first peal.

MR. W. H. SHORT

'The Ringing Towers' received this week records the death of Mr. W. H. Short, of Sydney, New South Wales, on October 30th. He rang the treble to the first peal rung by resident ringers in Sydney, the first peal for the New South Wales Association, the world's record peal of Doubles and the first peal of Bob Minor outside the British Isles. He had rung eight peals for the New South Wales Association and 61 quarters.

In an appreciation, W. M. R. writes: 'Harry was one of the old-time ringers who are fast dying out. His love of bells and the companionship of men and women with the same great interest was his life. Harry was meticulous about his appointments and was always quarter to half an hour early for a ring, be it a peal, a practice or Sunday service ringing. Like most of the old-timers, he was always ready to turn up and help the beginner with his presence and his knowledge.'

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NORTH STONEHAM TEN REDEDICATED

SATURDAY, December 8th, dawned somewhat drear and drizzly, but in spite of such unwelcoming weather a large congregation gathered at the Church of St. Nicholas, North Stoneham, for the dedication of the recast bells. Of the 260 people who attended the service, about 60 were ringers from local towers and from places as far distant as Farnborough, Preston Candover, Salisbury, Bournemouth and Basingstoke.

The service was conducted by the Bishop of Southampton (the Right Rev. K. H. Lamplugh). The Rev. S. C. Wincott (curate of the parish) acted as Bishop's chaplain, and the other clergy present were the Rector (the Rev. W. F. Shail), Canon H. D. Cæsar (Rural Dean of Southampton), the Rev. W. V. Lambert (Vicar of Eastleigh) and the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead. Also present was the Mayor of Eastleigh and members of the Borough Council.

After the opening prayer and exhortation by the Bishop, the Te Deum was sung, followed by the lesson from the Book of Numbers read by the Mayor. The ringers' hymn, 'Unchanging God, Who Livest Enthroned in Realms on High,' was followed by the Creed and pravers for all benefactors, for the craftsmen and for the Guild. As the Bishop, preceded by the Rector and churchwardens, walked to the tower, another ringers' hymn was sung, 'Ring Forth, Holy Bells,' and with the congregation facing west, the dedication was carried out. Mr. J. P. Fidler, on behalf of the founders, handed the ropes to the churchwarden, who then handed them to the Bishop, asking him to dedicate the bells to the glory of God and for the use of His Church.

At the end of the dedication ceremony the bells were rung in rounds by ten members of the local band—R. A. Reed 1, C. Murphy 2, A. M. Reed 3, Miss A. Vinter 4, C. Taylor 5, A. Smith 6, D. Forder 7, L. Stead 8, N. Hayes 9, J. L. Dacombe 10. Then the carol 'Ding Dong! Merrily on High' was sung.

In an anecdotal sermon, the Bishop reminded the congregation of the picture they sometimes drew of home when away—'a green valley with a few trees, a placid stream flowing into a lake, a country church with a tower, and then from the tower the bells ring out, and at once the picture becomes alive.'

When he thought of bells he thought of a friend of his, who every evening used to go to the local pub and on his way always met the Vicar of his parish. One evening, when he was starting his car, he heard the church bells ringing for Evensong, and it made him think of the Vicar. He thought: 'That's his life, and this is mine, but I wonder which is right in the eyes of God?' So he decided to go to church instead of to the pub that evening. Now he was one of the leading laymen in the Diocese. He felt he must congratulate the people of the parish, who had raised £320 of the £650 needed to pay for the bells.

During the hymn 'Angel Voices Ever Singing,' which followed the sermon, a collection in aid of the Bell Fund was taken, which realised £13. Finally, after the Blessing, the bells were rung again by members of the local band, followed by the first changes on the new bells—a course of Grandsire Caters by members of the Winchester Guild and the University Guild.

Tea was provided by the Mothers' Union, and about 100 people (the Bishop included) assembled in the Church Hall to partake of an ample meal, at 1s. 3d. per head, as a result of which another £5 6s. was added to the Bell Fund.

The bells were rung to a variety of methods and a great many rounds until 9 o'clock, and the ringers went home satisfied that the bell founders had, as was to be expected, done a first-rate job, for the bells are now a most musical ring, the tenor being 10 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

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LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—The annual District meeting was held last Saturday. Announcement in January 4th issue incorrect. 9533

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting, Saturday, Jan. 12th. All Saints', Poplar, 4 p.m. Ship, Talbot Court, E.C., 6 p.m.—A. B. Peck, hon. secretary. 9544

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Frome Branch. — Annual meeting, Shepton Mallet, Saturday, Jan. 12th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business to follow. —E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 9529

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Bath Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Michael's Church, Twerton (8), on Saturday, Jan. 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. R. O. Fry, 5, Morford Street, Bath. 9514

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—The annual meeting will be held at Biggleswade on Saturday, Jan. 12th. Bells (8) 3 o'clock. Tea and business meeting at 5 o'clock. All ringers welcome. — L. H. Bywaters, Dis. Sec. 9590

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Annual meeting to be held at St. Michael's, Macclesfield (12), on Saturday, Jan. 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Meeting in the vestry at 6 p.m. Own arrangements for tea.—B. Corbishley, Hon. Sec. 9558

DEVON GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Payhembury on Saturday, Jan. 12th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and business after. 5507

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Annual meeting in Cambridge, Saturday, Jan. 12th. Bells: R.C. (8), 2 to 3 p.m.; St. Bene't's (6), 2.30 to 4 p.m. and evening; St. Mary's (12), 6.30 to 8 p.m. Service at St. Andrew's 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., St. Andrew's Parish Room, Emmanuel Road.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 9541

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Eastern Division.—Annual meeting to be held at Great Baddow, Saturday, Jan. 12th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30 p.m. Business meeting, election of officers for 1957, 6.15 p.m.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Western.—Annual general meeting, Leytonstone, Saturday, Jan. 12th. Bells (8) 2.30. p.m. **Service 4 p.m.**, followed by tea and meeting. 9503

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—The annual District meeting will be held at Guildford on Saturday, Jan. 12th. Holy Trinity (8) and St. Nicolas' (10) bells available at 3 p.m. Service at St. Nicolas' Church at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting in St. Nicolas' Hall 5.15 p.m. A social will follow the meeting in St. Nicolas' Hall. Names for tea and tickets for social to Mrs. V. Collins, 3, Hawthorne Way, Burpham. 9548

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting at Newington on Saturday, Jan. 12th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Names for tea, as early as possible, to Mr. Gilbert, 144, High Street, Newington, near Sittingbourne.—Cyril S. Jarrett, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9516

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting on Saturday, Jan. 12th, at Aylesford. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5.—R. L. Sills, Dis. Sec. 9499

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Lincoln District.—Annual meeting, Harmston (8), Jan. 12th. Tea for those who notify me.—C. Brown, 3, Altham Terrace, Lincoln. 9504

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Annual meeting, St. Mary's, Barnes, Saturday, Jan. 12th, 3. Service 4.30. St. Mary's, Mortlake, 6.30. Business in vestry 8. A good attendance is requested.—Hutchings. TUL 0800. 9582

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Kingsbury (near terminus of No. 8 bus, Blackbird Cross) on Saturday, Jan. 12th. Ringing from 2 p.m. Dedication of local hall 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business to follow. Ringing in evening.—T. J. Lock. 9526

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD. — Annual meeting, St. Paul's, Burton, Saturday, Jan. 12th. Bells (10) 2.30. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome. 9505

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Reading Branch.—Practice, Pangbourne, Saturday, Jan. 12th, at 6 p.m. Annual meeting, St. Mary's, Reading, Feb. 9th.—R. G. Burton. 9578

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—North Notts District.—Annual meeting at Retford, Saturday, Jan. 12th. East Retford (10), West Retford (6) and Ordsall (6) from 2.30. Service in East Retford Church at 4.30. Plenty of cafes for tea. Meeting in East Retford belfry at 6 p.m. —H. Denman. 9509

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Glaston Branch. — Annual meeting, Glastonbury, St. John's, Saturday, Jan. 19th. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting. Notify for tea before Tuesday, 15th.—W. Marsh, 4, Dovecotes, Street. 9571

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Chew Deanery.—Meeting, Nailsea, Jan. 19th, 5 o'clock.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 9611

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Luton District.—Annual meeting, Woburn, Saturday, Jan. 19th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by business in Town Hall. Names to 8, London Road, Woburn. 9565

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch.—Annual meeting, Crewe, Jan. 19th. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea must be received by Jan 16th.—W. Kerr, 102, Moreton Road, Crewe. 9603

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Quarterly meeting, Chilvers Coton, Jan. 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mrs. D. E. Beamish, 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton. Business meeting after tea. — J. L. Garner-Hayward, Hon. Sec. 9583

DEVON GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch. — Babbacombe, Torquay, Saturday, Jan. 19th. Names for tea to Miss Joan Smale, 107, Warboro Road, Babbacombe, Torquay. — A. L. Bennett, Branch Sec. 9592

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western and Northern District meeting. — Newburn on Saturday, Jan. 19th. Bells from 3 p.m. Names for tea, by Wednesday, Jan. 16th, to G. S. Deas, 65, Elsdon Road, Gosforth, Newcastle 3. 9604

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Hunts District.—Annual meeting, Jan. 19th, at Huntingdon. Bells: Godmanchester (8) 2.30 p.m. to 4 o'clock: All Saints' (6) 4 o'clock to service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting, All Saints' Hall. All Saints' and St. Mary's (8) available after tea.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 9600

ELY ASSOCIATION. — Wisbech Branch. — Annual meeting, Wisbech, St. Peter's, Saturday, Jan. 19th. Bells (10) 2.30. Service 4.30. Meeting in belfry 6 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 9584

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District. — Annual meeting at Harlow Town (8) on Saturday, Jan. 19th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting at the Queen's Head. Names, please, to G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Annual District meeting, Colchester St. Peter's, Saturday, Jan. 19th. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.45 p.m. Numbers for tea by Wednesday, Jan. 16th, please, to Mr. H. J. Millatt, 301, Harwich Road, Colchester. 9524

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting Yate (6), Jan. 19th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify for tea Jan. 16th.—Mary Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall. 9601

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Annual meeting, Hawkhurst, Saturday, Jan. 19th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea numbers, by Jan. 16th, to G. Billenness, 3, Grasmere, Hawkhurst. 9560

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Clun District.—General meeting will be held in Clun on Jan. 19th at 3 p.m. Please inform secretary of numbers requiring tea. — Thomas Davies, 20, Newport Street, Clun, Salop. 9575

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Annual District meeting, on Saturday, Jan. 19th, at Hertford. St. Andrew's (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All Saints' (10) after tea. Please note change of date.—T. J. Southam.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Annual district meeting at Hatfield, Jan. 19th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Tea 5.30. Names for tea by Jan. 17th. please, to S. Huckle, Dis. Sec., 39, Stonecross Road, Hatfield, Herts. 9612

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury Disrict.—Quarterly meeting, Faversham, Saturday, Jan. 19th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 2s. per head. Numbers for tea not later than Wednesday, Jan. 16th, to Miss E. Wyles, 23, Reedland Crescent, Faversham, enclosing cash, please.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 9555

LADIES' GUILD.—North-Western District. —Annual meeting, Manchester Town Hall (jointly with LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION, Manchester Branch), Saturday, Jan. 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Business meeting (including election of officers for 1957) No. 4 Committee Room, 4 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. Please do your best to come.—Stella P. Wain, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9657

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—Branch annual meeting, joint with LADIES' GUILD, at the Town Hall (Lloyd Street entrance), Saturday, Jan. 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Nearby cafes. All welcome.—R. Benson. 9608

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Annual District meeting at Market Harborough on Saturday, Jan. 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Wednesday previous, to F. Wallington, 118, St. Mary's Road, Market Harborough.—L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec. 9597

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Gainsborough District.—Annual meeting at Gainsborough on Saturday, Jan. 19th. Bells afternoon and evening. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., for those who notify me by Tuesday previous.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 9547

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Annual meeting, St. Mary's, Twickenham, Jan. 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by business meeting. Further ringing. Names for tea, by Wednesday, 16th, to Miss Watkins, 15, Bell Lane, Twickenham. —F. A. Finch, Dis. Sec. 9579

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Bicester Deanery Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Islip, Saturday, Jan. 19th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. Important.—Names for tea by Jan. 14th to C. Kinch, Causeway, Bicester. 9543

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch.—Combined practice will be held at Hurst on Jan. 19th at 6 p.m.—B. C. Castle. 9581

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 19th, at Hungerford. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Please send names for tea not later than Wednesday, Jan. 16th, to Mr. Crossley, Church House, Hungerford. 9532

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Culworth Branch.—Annual meeting, Culworth, Saturday, Jan. 19th. Please notify Tuesday previous of those requiring tea.—A. E. R. Walker, Eydon, Rugby. 9598

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Kettering Branch.—Annual meeting at Kettering, Saturday, Jan. 19th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea, by Jan. 17th, to Miss J. Luck, 40, Broadway, Kettering. 9559

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rutland Branch.—Uppingham (8), annual general meeting, Saturday, Jan. 19th. Names for tea by Tuesday, Jan. 15th, to E. E. Gibson, Hon. Sec. 9550

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch. —Annual, St. Peter's, Dorchester, Jan. 19th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea and meeting follow. Names, by Jan. 16th, please, to Mr. Duke, Morland, Prince of Wales Road, Dorchester. 9588

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Marlborough Branch.—Meeting, Ramsbury, Saturday, Jan. 19th. Names to T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Marlborough. 9602

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Aldrington (6), Jan. 19th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., only for those who notify, by Wednesday, Jan. 16th, Miss D. Gough, 3, Brittany Road, Hove 3. —K. C. Knight, Hon. Div. Sec. 9569

COMING EVENTS

RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD A.G.M.

Confirming and Hallowing: Dedication of Peal Board and Photograph, at Christ Church, Crewe, May 11th, 1957, full day.

A substantial meal, either lunch or tea, will probably be provided at a reasonable charge.

Copies of the Constitution and Rules will be circulated in due course. Any further alterations or amendments must be returned to the Honorary General Secretary a clear month before May 11th.

Ringing arrangements later. Any further information can be had from:—W. Frank Stenson, Hon. Gen. Sec., North Col. 142, Minshull New Road, Crewe, Cheshire. 9573

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 19th, St. Martin's, Salisbury. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Bells: St. Martin's, 3 to 4, 6.45 to 8.30 p.m.; St. Paul's 2.30 to 3.45, 8 to 9 p.m.; St. Thomas', 6.45 to 8 p.m.; Wilton, evening. Tea arranged for those who send names by Tuesday, 15th, to Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 9522

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual general meeting at St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Saturday, Jan. 19th. St. Martin's bells (12) available 3 to 5 p.m. St. Giles-in-the-Fields 3.30 to 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. followed by business meeting in Fellowship Hall. Names for tea by Tuesday, Jan. 15th, please, to me. Good attendance, please!—P. N. Bond, Hon. Sec., Gaywood, Stocks Green Road, Hildenborough, Tonbridge, Kent. 9542

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Newark District.—Annual meeting, Balderton, Saturday, Jan. 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to Miss B. N. White, 131, London Road, Balderton, Newark. Buses leave Newark every eight minutes.—W. L. Exton, Hon. Sec. 9538

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Annual District meeting, Bletchingley (8), Saturday, Jan. 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., King Charles Cottage. Meeting after at Church House. Names for tea by Wednesday, Jan. 16th, to Mr. F. Bird, Braddon, Godstone Road, Bletchingley. 9537

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting, Portsmouth Cathedral, Jan. 19th. Bells from 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Cathedral House. Business meeting follows. Bells again at 6.30. Please notify for tea, by Jan. 15th, Mr. F. W. Burnett, 46, Newcome Road, Fratton. 9591

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Kingswinford (Stourbridge not available), Saturday, Jan. 19th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business. Names by Thursday, 18th, please. — Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 9557

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — General meeting at Wakefield on Saturday, Jan. 19th. Committee meet 3.30 p.m. in Cathedral School, Brook Sreet. Tea 4.30 p.m., followed by general meeting on same premises. Names by 17th to Mr. J. Kirby, 53, Pinderfields Road, Wakefield. Bells available: Sandal (6) 2.30 to 4 p.m.; Cathedral (12), after meeting till 9 p.m.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Bradford, 9. 9531

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch.—Annual meeting at Ditcheat, Jan. 26th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea essential by 23rd instant.—Lintern, Alhampton, Ditcheat. 9599

DEVON GUILD. — South-West Branch. — Annual meeting, Jan. 26th, Plymouth, Emmanuel. Usual arrangements. Names for tea, by 22nd, to T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth. All ringers welcome. 9596

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. —Annual meeting at Coggeshall (8), Saturday, Jan. 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea, by Wednesday, 23rd, to C. Turner, Mill Cottage, Feering Bury, Kelvedon. 9577

HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western District. — Annual general meeting, Hemel Hempstead (8), Saturday, Jan. 26th, 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Names for tea, by 23rd, to R. Shutter, Church House, Apsley End. 9609

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Folkestone (8) on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. F. J. Whittaker, The Larches, 76, Surrenden Road, Folkestone.—C. T. H. 9576

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Quarterly meeting, St. Nicholas', Chislehurst, Saturday, Jan. 26th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Names for tea, not later than Monday, 21st, to A. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere. 9568

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District.—Annual District meeting, Penarth, Jan. 26th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Garrett, 4, Church Road, Penarth, Glam. Gentlemen cordially invited.—J. S. Evans. 9593

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—Annual meeting, Grimsby (8), Jan. 26th. Bells 2.45. Tea 5. Meeting 6 p.m. Evensong 7 p.m. Names for tea, by Jan 23rd, to Mr. F. Kennington, 23, Fairbrother Street, Grimsby. 9572

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Towcester Branch.—Annual meeting, Green's Norton, Saturday, Jan. 26th. Service at 3.30 p.m. Names for tea, by Tuesday previous, to Mr. A. Mansfield, Duncote, Green's Norton, Towcester.—W. A. Yates. 9564

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Annual general meeting at Shrewsbury on Saturday, Jan. 26th. St. Mary's bells will be available from 2.30 to 4 p.m.: St. Chad's from 2.45 to 4.30. Service 4.30 at St. Chad's. Tea 5, followed by business meeting. St. Chad's bells will be again available after meeting. Names for tea, by Wednesday, Jan. 23rd, to E. V. Jones, 30, Oakley Street, Belle Vue, Shrewsbury. 9607

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SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—The annual meeting will be held at Wimbledon on Jan. 26th. Bells (8) at 3. Service 4.30. Tea in St. Mary's Hall, in High Street, at 5.15. The business meeting will follow. Names for tea should be sent, by Jan. 23rd, to Mr. J. Tomsett, at 110, Hook Rise, Surbiton. Colliers Wood bells (6) will be available afterwards.—W. Parrott, Hon. Sec. 9570

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.—Annual Ringing Day and Dinner, Saturday, Jan. 26th. Towers available: St. John-on-the-Wall (6) 9.15-10; St. Matthew's, Kingsdown (8) 10.15-11.15; Lord Mayor's Chapel (6) 11.45-12.30; St. James' (10) 2-3; St. Mary Redcliffe (12) 3.15-4.15; St. Michael's (6) 5-6. Service, St. Michael's, 6 p.m. Dinner, Senior Common Room, University Refectory, 7.15 p.m. Tickets (10s.) obtainable from the secretary: David Heighton, 22, Cotham Vale, Bristol 6. 9587

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch. — Ninth annual dinner, entertainment and dance will be held at Coach and Horses Inn, Moreton, on Saturday, Feb. 2nd, 5.30 p.m. until midnight. Tickets, 15s. each, from Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 9605

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY. — Annual dinner, Feb. 2nd, 7.30, Eastgate Hotel. Ringing programme: Cathedral, 2; Merton, New, 3; St. Mary Magdalene's, 4; Carfax, 4.45; Magdalen, 5; St. Mary the Virgin's, 5.30. Service 6.15. Dinner tickets, 12s. 6d., from D. J. Roaf (Christ Church). All welcome. 9610

LATE NOTICE

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting to have been held on Jan. 12th unavoidably cancelled. Next meeting Feb. 9th.—C. I. Howlett, Branch Sec. 9566

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DIG THOSE CRAZY BELLS!

IT was a wet New Year's Eve, but not too cold. At half-past eleven we all climbed up the sixty-odd steps to the ringing room. One boy unhooked the chiming apparatus and we rang up the bells; the front eight went quickly up in peal and then the men slowly pulled up the heavy back four bells.

After many weeks of waiting, the new ropes had at last arrived and had been hung in time for the New Year ringing. The boys were now bustling around, putting out of harm's way the weights that had been tied to the foot of the ropes.

We have an euthusiastic band of young ringers, eight little boys who were literally ringing in the New Year for the first time. Some mothers and fathers had come with them, to see what it was that drew their offspring to the tower every Thursday night and twice on Sundays. They were seated in the safety of the window-seats, high up above our heads, as the junior band sent the front eight round. It was because the parents were there that we didn't notice the Teddy Boy earlier.

He had followed them up the tower and we thought he was with them; they thought he was a ringer. He clapped enthusiastically as the junior band stood their bells, and then grabbed hold of the nearest rope. Calmly, but firmly, the Master eased it from his hands and persuaded him to sit on the box in the centre of the room.

We rang a touch of Grandsire until midnight. The Teddy Boy sat facing us, beating his clenched fists on his knees, stomping his suede-shod foot, and screwing up his eyes in ecstacy. When a bob or a single was called, he jerked himself right up and flung back his head. He clapped again when we had finished and grabbed a spare rope. But this time we were ready. Pointing to the clock, the Master told him to watch how we rang in the New Year. The clock chimes whirred, then Derek rang the twelve strokes on the tenor. We stood by the other eleven ropes, ready to come in quickly if he failed to balance it on the twelfth stroke. But he held it and we were able to burst into graceful and unhurried rounds on the twelve. This really sent the Teddy Boy. He twisted round and round on the box, his fists pounding away, on his knees, on the box, in the air, and even, when 11 was called over 7, on his head.

He cheered loudly when we finally stood. This time he made for the 9th, but he was headed off, and again persuaded to sit down, while we rang a touch of Plain Bob. This time his ecstasies were interrupted by the whispering of three little boys in one of the window seats. 'Sssssshhh!' he hissed. They were so surprised that they fell silent immediately. Then he noticed that they were bent over a paper. He jumped up and took it from them. 'Sssh!' he hissed again and shook his finger at them. Plain Bob developed the hiccups as heads turned to see that he didn't touch a spare rope. I made an extra dodge, jumped to lead in one blow and gulped hard, but he went straight to his seat and swung again to the music.

The bells went down as they went up, in two peals, and the back four were almost too much for him. He swayed down, his head between his knees, his fists drumming on his neck, his thick-soled shoe still stomping hard.

When at last all the bells were down and the little boys were clattering down the stairs, it was safe to persuade him to go home. But I think we shall all remember ringing in this New Year! And now we are wondering. Will bell-ringing take the place of rock 'n' roll in 1957? Dig those crazy bells!

ADELE J. BAGNALL.

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TWELVE BELL PEALS

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(The Ashton-under-Lyne Society.)
On Sat., Dec. 29, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS
Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb.

*Harold C. Lonyon ..	*Treble*	*Brian Harris	7
*James Fearnley	2	*Neville Brown	8
*Basil Jones	3	*Leslie Boumphrey	9
John Worth	4	*Alan J. Brown..	10
*C. Kenneth Lewis ..	5	*Peter Laflin	11
*†Alex Richardson ..	6	Edward Jenkins	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by John Worth.
* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Maximus. † First peal on 12 bells. Ringer of the 5th has now rung Oxford from Minor to Maximus.

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 29, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 24 cwt.

Charles E. Brown	*Treble*	Walter Tomlinson	7
*John Freeman	2	Kenneth S. B. Croft ..	8
Norah M. Bibby	3	George H. Randles ..	9
†Geoffrey R. Parker ..	4	George E. Feirn	10
Raymond F. Smith.. ..	5	Jack L. Millhouse	11
Gwen I. Rusby	6	Geoffrey Paul	*Tenor*

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Walter Tomlinson.
* 300th peal. † 150th peal. First peal of Stedman as conductor.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 31, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Martin,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 25 cwt.

Herrick B. Bowley ..	*Treble*	John A. Acres..	7
*Richard F. Prime	2	Shirley Burton	8
Peter J. Staniforth ..	3	Harry Poyner	9
Phyllis Poole	4	*John A. Smith..	10
S. Anthony Jesson.. ..	5	William J. Root	11
Vernon Green	6	E. Charles Turner.. ..	*Tenor*

Composed by Frederick H. Dexter.
Conducted by Herrick B. Bowley.
* First peal of Stedman Cinques. First peal of Stedman as conductor. Rung by members of the Cathedral Sunday service band.

TEN BELL PEALS

LEOMINSTER, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 22, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
At the Priory Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 22¼ cwt.

Frederick R. Harris ..	*Treble*	George Davis	6
Wilfrid F. Moreton ..	2	Austin T. Wingate	7
*Philip Morgan	3	Reginald T. Jones	8
Leslie Evans	4	Michael P. Moreton ..	9
William E. Thompsett..	5	Arthur W. Davis	*Tenor*

Composed by G. T. Daltry. Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.
* First peal of Stedman and 50th peal. Leslie Evans has now 'completed the circle.'

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 29, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. in D.

Arthur W. Gravett ..	*Treble*	Leonard Stilwell	6
*June M. Clements ..	2	W. Arthur Riddington	7
Brian G. Warwick.. ..	3	†George Francis	8
Ralph Bird	4	‡Brian J. Luff	9
Barwell B. Dibben ..	5	†A. Patrick Cannon ..	*Tenor*

Composed by Ernest W. Tipler. Conducted by Brian G. Warwick.
* First peal of Surprise Royal. † 25th peal together. ‡ First peal on ten bells. Fastest peal of Surprise Royal on the bells.

LICHFIELD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Dec. 29, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 26 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of SS. Mary-the-Virgin and Chad,
A PEAL OF 5040 GAINSBOROUGH SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 31 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in D.

*Margaret M. Lewis ..	*Treble*	Richard J. Warrilow ..	6
Ann Barr	2	Jeffrey B. Webb	7
Dennis Beresford	3	Ralph G. Edwards	8
J. Edward Cawser.. ..	4	Edmund Malin	9
Joan Beresford	5	Peter Beresford	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by J. Edward Cawser.
* First peal on ten bells. The first peal of Royal rung in the method.

OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 29, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 35 cwt. 4 lb.

Arthur Tomlinson.. ..	*Treble*	*John T. Walmsley.. ..	6
Stephen Ll. Parry	2	Fred Pritchard	7
*Derek Sanderson	3	†Joseph Thornley	8
*Allan Smith	4	Ivan Kay	9
Harold Hamer..	5	*Thomas B. Hartley ..	*Tenor*

Composed by W. Hudson. Conducted by Arthur Tomlinson.
* First of Grandsire Caters † 100th peal.
Rung to celebrate the proclamation of St. Mary's as the Parish Church of Oldham.

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Dec. 29, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Giles.
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB ROYAL
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in F sharp.

J. Dennis Holden	*Treble*	Francis Brotherton.. ..	6
Herbert Knight	2	Stella Hughes	7
Frederick G. Handley ..	3	George W. Hughes	8
Christopher Wallater ..	4	P. George Golder	9
Ernest Stitch	5	Howard Howell	*Tenor*

Arranged by C. Wallater. Conducted by Stella Hughes.
A welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. Alan Bond, B.Sc., and to enable Mr. C. Wallater to ring his 100th peal in this his home tower.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Jan. 2, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mark,
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 25½ cwt.

Arthur Tomlinson	*Treble*	Cyril Crossthwaite ..	6
Richard Benson	2	David C. Vincent	7
Geoffrey Pearson	3	Peter Crook, jun.	8
Frank Reynolds	4	Percy H. Derbyshire ..	9
Brian A. Tomlinson.. ..	5	Roger Leigh	*Tenor*

Composed by W. Hudson. Conducted by Arthur Tomlinson.
Rung on the 78th birthday of Mr. Percy H. Derbyshire, to celebrate his completion of 60 years' service as a ringer at St. Mark's, Worsley, in December, 1956.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

LONGSTANTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Tues., Dec. 4, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7½ cwt. in A flat.

M. Susan Jackson	*Treble*	T. Reginald Dennis ..	5
*A. Robin Heppenstall ..	2	*Tony J. Howard	6
George E. Crisp	3	F. Brian Cookson	7
*Peter J. Windley	4	William J. Ridgman ..	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by William J. Ridgman.
* First peal in the method.

EGHAM, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 8, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5024 BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in F.

George Coussins	*Treble*	Eunice A. Hiley	5
Ronald I. Shepherd.. ..	2	A. Rex Agg	6
Derek W. Stone	3	Martyn W. Harbott ..	7
Patricia Doorn	4	E. John Wells	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by E. John Wells.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Dec. 15, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5056 BOB MAJOR
Tenor 26 cwt. 18 lb. in D.

RUTH M. JACKSON	*Treble*	PETER J. BARKER	5
STELLA HUGHES	2	ERNEST STITCH	6
*CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	3	HOWARD HOWELL	7
WILLIAM J. V. CONDUCT	4	GEORGE W. HUGHES	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by GEORGE W. HUGHES.
* 500th peal for the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.
Rung on the completion of the restoration and redecoration of the interior of the church.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 22, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18¼ cwt. in E.

TREVOR TAYLOR	*Treble*	BRIAN A. TOMLINSON	5
JOYCE HALLIDAY	2	NEIL BENNET	6
DEREK OGDEN	3	NEIL D. LOMAS	7
PETER WATSON	4	DEREK TAYLOR	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD Conducted by DEREK TAYLOR.
First peal as conductor
Rung for the engagement of Derek Ogden and Joyce Halliday, announced on Friday, December 21st.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 24, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 14½ cwt.

A. PATRICK CANNON	*Treble*	*RALPH BIRD	5
*JOAN M. PHILLIPS	2	*W. LESLIE WELLER	6
*JUNE M. CLEMENTS	3	*GEORGE FRANCIS	7
*†BARWELL B. DIBBEN	4	LEONARD STILWELL	*Tenor*

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by GEORGE FRANCIS.
* First peal of Bob Triples. † 25th peal. The tenor ringer has now 'circled the tower.' Fastest peal on the bells.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 26, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in G.

LEONARD WALSH	*Treble*	BRIAN A. TOMLINSON	5
PETER WATSON	2	TREVOR TAYLOR	6
NORMAN SMITH	3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON	7
ROGER LEIGH	4	DEREK TAYLOR	*Tenor*

Composed by C. C. MIDDLETON Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.
First of Cambridge Major for all except ringers of 4 and 7. First peal of Surprise on the bells.

ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield and District Society.)
On Tues., Dec. 26, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 24 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 34¼ cwt.

*SUSAN CHADDOCK (14)	*Treble*	GEORGE S. LEE	5
*ELIZABETH A. WARDILL	2	FRED FISHER	6
*MRS. N. CHADDOCK	3	NORMAN CHADDOCK	7
*JOHN N. D. CHADDOCK	4	HERBERT O. CHADDOCK	*Tenor*

Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.
* First peal of Grandsire Triples.
Rung for the Festival of St. Stephen by the Sunday service band, except the tenor ringer.
The ringers of 1, 3, 4 and 7 are of one family. Tenor ringer and 7 are brothers.

SOUTHWELL, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Dec. 26, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL AND COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's variation. Tenor 28¼ cwt.

PHYLLIS POOLE	*Treble*	W. NEVILLE BROWN	5
GEORGE E. FOSTER	2	J. FREDERICK MILNER	6
ERNEST W. RAWSON	3	JOHN M. JELLEY	7
ERNEST J. JELLEY	4	F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. FREDERICK MILNER.
Rung as a thanksgiving and to celebrate the millenary of the Minster, 956–1956.

MARESFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Dec. 27, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5056 SOUTHWELL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in F.

*JOAN M. PHILLIPS	*Treble*	BRIAN J. LUFF	5
†JUNE M. CLEMENTS	2	†W. LESLIE WELLER	6
†GEORGE FRANCIS	3	†BARWELL B. DIBBEN	7
RALPH BIRD	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by BARWELL B. DIBBEN.
* First peal of Surprise. † First peal in the method. First peal on eight bells as conductor.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Dec. 27, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 MELBOURNE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

C. EDWARD LANKESTER	*Treble*	JOHN R. MAYNE	5
MRS. T. J. LOCK	2	THOMAS J. LOCK	6
MARY LAWRENCE	3	ALFRED J. HOUSE	7
ALICK CUTLER	4	DENNIS KNOX	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by DENNIS KNOX.
First peal in the method by all the band, in the county, and for the Association.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 28, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 GAINSBOROUGH LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11½ cwt.

LEONARD WALSH	*Treble*	SYDNEY LEATHERBARROW	5
PHILIP DUNDERDALE	2	ROGER LEIGH	6
NORMAN SMITH	3	CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE	7
BRIAN A. TOMLINSON	4	CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN REEVES. Conducted by CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE.
First peal in the method for all the band, on the bells, and for the Lancashire Association.

CONISBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 28, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Carter's Odd Bob. Tenor 13¼ cwt.

W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	*Treble*	*FREDERICK J. JACKSON	5
DENISE J. SHAW	2	HAROLD WAGSTAFF	6
HOWARD SCOTT	3	WILLIAM H. JACKSON	7
IAN M. HOLLAND	4	DENNIS A. CHAPMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
* First peal in the method. The conductor and the ringer of the tenor have now 'completed the circle.'

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BIRCH-IN-RUSHOLME, MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 29, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in F.

PETER WATSON	*Treble*	IVOR JENKINS	5
TREVOR TAYLOR	2	GEOFFREY D. FEARNEHOUGH	6
BRIAN A. TOMLINSON ..	3	DEREK TAYLOR	7
*NEIL BENNET	4	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by TREVOR TAYLOR.
* First peal in the method.

BOURNEMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 29, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20½ cwt.

ARTHUR V. DAVIS	*Treble*	WILLIAM E. CHEATER ..	5
MICHAEL J. BEST	2	JAMES E. DANIELS	6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY ..	3	FRANK L. HARRIS	7
DANIEL T. MATKIN	4	RONALD N. MARLOW	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.
First peal in the method for all the band.
Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Miss Sheila Pearmain to Mr. Trevor Hextall, of the local band, which took place at this church the same day. Also a farewell peal for Mr. J. E. Daniels.

BROUGHTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 29, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in E.

HAROLD F. WHITE	*Treble*	THOMAS PRICE	5
ARTHUR PRITCHARD	2	FREDK. E. WILSHAW	6
IVOR R. NICHOLS	3	ROBIN G. TURNER	7
NEIL D. LOMAS	4	FREDK. WM. GROCOTT ..	*Tenor*

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

CAYTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 29, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VINCENT,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 10½ cwt.

*HENRY P. COLLIN	*Treble*	*W. RUSSELL READ	5
†FREDK. W. PINCHBECK ..	2	*BRIAN BUTTERY	6
†JAMES H. MUSSON	3	DENIS A. FRITH	7
*JOHN E. COOK, JUN. ..	4	*BRIAN HUNT	*Tenor*

Composed by B. ANNABLE. Conducted by DENIS A. FRITH.
* First peal of Triples. † First peal of Bob Triples. First peal of Triples as conductor, and his first of Bob Triples 'inside.'

COWBRIDGE, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 29, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb.

ROBERT E. COLES	*Treble*	ALAN F. LEE	5
JACQUELINE S. EVANS ..	2	DAVID J. KING	6
TUDOR P. EDWARDS	3	RICHARD J. BOWDEN	7
WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT ..	4	ROGER O. FRY	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.
Rung as a compliment to the Rev. Ernest P. Evans, Vicar of Chepstow, on his appointment as Canon of St. Woolos' Cathedral, Newport.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 29, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

*†JOE HOBBS	*Treble*	‡WILLIAM C. HUGHES ..	5
*WILLIAM J. PUDDIFOOT ..	2	‡FREDERICK J. PLUMMER ..	6
‡AUGUSTIN V. GOOD ..	3	§BRIAN M. BARKER	7
MRS. G. MANCHIP	4	WALTER AYRE	*Tenor*

Composed by H. L. JAMES. Conducted by WALTER AYRE.
* First peal of Surprise Major. † 50th peal. ‡ First of Surprise. § First of London Major. First of Major in method as conductor. First peal in the method on the bells, and in the District by a resident band.
Rung for the Christmas Festival.

LOWER BEEDING, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 29, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in G.

BRIAN G. WARWICK	*Treble*	BARWELL B. DIBBEN	5
BRIAN J. LUFF	2	*W. LESLIE WELLER	6
*GEORGE FRANCIS	3	RALPH BIRD	7
JUNE M. CLEMENTS	4	†A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
* 50th peal together. † 75th peal in the method.

NOTTINGHAM.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 29, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Holt's Original. Tenor 20¾ cwt. in E flat.

*PAMELA C. CLARKE	*Treble*	ALFRED MOULD	5
MRS. M. I. PAILING ..	2	BRIAN BUSWELL	6
CHARLES W. TOWERS ..	3	J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF ..	7
J. DAVID CLARKE	4	THOMAS O. GREASLEY ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN BUSWELL.
* First peal on eight.
The band is grateful to Mr. F. A. Salter for standing down after meeting one short for Caters.

SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 29, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Taylor's Six-part. Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN E. MORTON	*Treble*	FRANK TAYLOR	5
STANLEY E. BENNETT ..	2	RONALD C. NOON	6
*ELIZABETH C. OAKSHOTT ..	3	MAURICE BENNETT	7
JOHN G. AMES	4	W. ALLAN RICHARDSON ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.
* First peal and first attempt.
Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. Michael J. Newington to Miss Nina Gordon-Jones, which took place this day at the Church of St. Simon, Zelotes, London.

STAINES, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 29, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5168 BOB MAJOR
Being the first half (2,640) of H. W. Wilde's six-part and the second half (2,528) of J. R. Pritchard's four-part. Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.

FREDERICK R. SCOTT	*Treble*	WILLIAM BUTLER	5
MONICA M. BLAGROVE ..	2	BRIAN L. TAYLOR	6
WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM ..	3	FRANK C. PRICE	7
JEFFREY C. BIRT	4	FRANK T. BLAGROVE	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK T. BLAGROVE.

FAKENHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Dec. 30, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19¾ cwt.

*M. C. GATHERCOLE	*Treble*	NORMAN V. HARDING	5
JACK S. WILLIAMSON ..	2	GEORGE A. COOKE	6
*GEORGE GREEVES	3	GEOFFREY R. DREW	7
*ALAN A. COOKE	4	TONY OWEN	*Tenor*

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by TONY OWEN.
* First peal on eight bells. First peal of Major as conductor.
A farewell peal to G. R. Drew, R.A.F., who is leaving for the Far East. Also a 94th birthday compliment to A. W. Baldwin.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 31, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

CECIL BARKER	*Treble*	ALAN R. SYDER	5
*MRS. E. C. JARVIS	2	HERBERT C. REASON ..	6
LEWIS W. WIFFEN	3	†TERRY EARLE	7
HENRY G. FELTON	4	ALBERT WIFFEN	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by TERRY EARLE.
* First peal in the method. † 100th peal.
A birthday compliment to the ringer of the sixth and a compliment to the Ven. E. L. Evans, who has recently been appointed Bishop of Kingston, Jamaica.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

ROTHLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 10, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN AND ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 extents (ten callings). Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in F sharp.

MAURICE BISHOP	*Treble*	ROGER A. BREWIN	4
*NEIL BISHOP	2	B. STEDMAN PAYNE	5
ERNEST F. PAYNE	3	FREDERICK T. BINDLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROGER A. BREWIN.
* First peal. First peal as conductor.
A birthday compliment to Michael Westbury, of Rothley.

THRYBERGH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 8, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR
Being seven extents called differently. Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb.

*CLAIRE GREEN	*Treble*	DENISE J. SHAW	4
†E. BETTY MARCHANT	2	FRANK BRUNT	5
*JOYCE OAKLEY	3	WILFRED L. ROBINSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRED L. ROBINSON.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'
Rung to celebrate the dedication of new altar fitments and various memorials that afternoon by Bishop G. V. Gerrard, assistant Bishop of Sheffield.

MELDRETH, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Dec. 13, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

JANE THORPE	*Treble*	T. REGINALD DENNIS	4
*ALAN L. M. SHEPHERD	2	JOHN G. GIPSON	5
EUSTACE W. BULLMAN	3	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN.
* First peal.

BROMFIELD, SHROPSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 15, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 40 six-scores (ten callings) and one 240. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

*GRAHAM FLETCHER	*Treble*	DESMOND FERGUSON	4
†ALBERT BRADLEY	2	ALBERT E. JONES	5
WILLIAM MAPP	3	*WILLIAM BURTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT E. JONES.
* First peal. † First peal on a working bell.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. Mellings, organist of the above church.

ECKINGTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 15, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being ten six-scores each of Reverse St. Bartholomew and Plain Bob, two six-scores of Stedman and 20 six-scores of Grandsire.
Tenor 19½ cwt.

ERIC COOKE	*Treble*	RALPH HARRIS	4
RALPH PERKS	2	PATRICK HARRIS	5
FREDERICK WOODS	3	EDWARD MOORE	*Tenor*

Conducted by RALPH HARRIS.

RIPLEY, DERBYSHIRE.
THE EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 15, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 21 240's of Morris's arrangement. Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in F.

JOHN RYDE	*Treble*	K. JOHN FAULKNER	4
PETER B. KNIGHTS	2	REGINALD J. STRETTON	5
PATRICK W. SEWRY	3	KENNETH S. FAULKNER	*Tenor*

Conducted by REGINALD J. STRETTON.

STISTED, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 21, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. in A.

ALBERT SAUNDERS	*Treble*	FRANK B. LUFKIN	4
WALTER ARNOLD	2	ALAN R. SYDER	5
TERRY L. STOCK	3	TERRY EARLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by TERRY EARLE.

KELSTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 22, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in G.

TERENCE J. MILSOM	*Treble*	COLIN J. B. TAYLOR	4
RICHARD J. BOWDEN	2	ALAN F. LEE	5
CEDRIC J. A. BROWN	3	ROGER O. FRY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.

WASHINGTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 22, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Single Oxford Bob, Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*JOHN E. YOUNG	*Treble*	RALPH BIRD	4
†JUNE M. CLEMENTS	2	GEORGE FRANCIS	5
*JOAN M. PHILLIPS	3	W. LESLIE WELLER	*Tenor*

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.
* First peal in seven methods. † 50th peal.

LONG STRATTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 24, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Double Oxford, Double Court and Kent Treble Bob, and two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 9½ cwt.

*FRANK C. J. ARNOLD	*Treble*	WILFRED G. SAUNDERS	4
†BETTY SYRETT	2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	5
STANLEY W. COPLING	3	C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO.
* 100th peal for the Association. † First peal in five methods.

ROTHLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 24, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY-THE-VIRGIN AND JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb.

B. STEDMAN PAYNE	*Treble*	ERNEST F. PAYNE	4
ERNEST MORRIS	2	ROYSTON WILMORE	5
*ROGER A. BREWIN	3	GEOFFREY M. BREWIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY M. BREWIN.
* First peal of Minor 'inside.' First peal of Minor as conductor. The ringer of the treble has now 'circled the tower,' being the first to do so.

WADDINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 24, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB DOUBLES
Being 42 six scores (four callings). Tenor 12 cwt.

WALTER J. BLACK	*Treble*	JOHN R. WORSDALL	3
G. LEONARD THOMPSON	2	LOUIS WILLDERS	4
RAYMOND F. SMITH	*Tenor*		

Conducted by LOUIS WILLDERS.
First peal of Doubles as conductor.

WILLINGHAM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 24, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being one extent of London and three extents each of Norwich and Cambridge. Tenor 12½ cwt. in F.

DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS	*Treble*	HAROLD S. PEACOCK	4
*STANLEY SHIPP	2	*GEOFFREY A. LUCAS	5
GEORGE E. CRISP	3	MANSFIELD GINN	*Tenor*

Conducted by MANSFIELD GINN.
* 25th peal together.

OAKLEY, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Dec. 25, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB DOUBLES
Consisting of 42 extents. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

*KEITH R. WAKEFIELD	*Treble*	ROY A. WARD	3
†COLIN PAYNE	2	PETER J. SHIPTON	4
JOHN B. LONG	*Tenor*		

Conducted jointly by PETER J. SHIPTON and JOHN B. LONG.
* First peal of Doubles. † First peal and first Felmersham ringer to ring a peal. First peal of Plain Bob Doubles by all the band. First peal as conductors. Rung for the Festival of Christmas.

BRAMPTON, HUNTINGDON.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 26, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being ten different extents of Stedman, ten extents each of Plain Bob and St. Simon's (four callings) and 12 extents (ten callings) of Grandsire. Tenor 14 cwt.

EDMUND J. WHITING ..	*Treble*	*MAUREEN ALLEN	3
LUCY ALLEN	2	R. FRANK BAKER	4
*JOHN W. ALLEN	*Tenor*		

Conducted by R. FRANK BAKER.

* First peal in more than one method.
Rung for the Festival of Christmas.

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 26, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL TOWER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Plain Bob and St. Clement's. Tenor 11 cwt.

WILFRED J. NEWMAN ..	*Treble*	ROBERT W. COLE	4
GERALD C. HEMMING	2	ANTHONY J. BRAZIER	5
R. ROGER SAVORY	3	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY J. HEMMING.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Dec. 26, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 10 lb. in F sharp.

*BERNARD GROVES	*Treble*	*ALAN MCFALL	4
*CHRISTINE C. MACNAIR ..	2	*ROBERT SMITH	5
†ALEC OSBALDISTON	3	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

* First peal of Plain Bob Minor. † First peal. The quickest peal on the bells. Average age of the band 16 years.

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 26, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW, CHAPEL ALLERTON,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in five methods: (1) St. Clement's, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Oxford Treble Bob, (4) and (5) Kent Treble Bob, (6) and (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

J. MARTIN THORLEY	*Treble*	EDWARD M. BRADLEY	4
SHEILA M. SCHOFIELD ..	2	RONALD H. DOVE	5
D. MARGARET HAWLEY ..	3	JOHN E. COOK	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.

PILTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 26, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 40 six-scores (ten callings) and 240 Pitman's arrangement. Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

EDWIN G. LAMBERT	*Treble*	GWILYM G. SALMON	4
HARRY SMITH	2	VICTOR G. ROBERTS	5
STANLEY G. ATTWELL ..	3	ALBERT T. HARRIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by GWILYM G. SALMON.

First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells since rehanging.
Rung as a farewell to the Rev. M. Hurst-Bannister, Vicar of Pilton and Master of the Association, who is leaving to take the living of Fugglestone with Bemerton, Salisbury.

REEDHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Dec. 27, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB DOUBLES

Four callings. Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.) in A.

TREVOR N. J. BAILEY ..	*Treble*	JAMES W. FORDER	3
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	2	STANLEY W. COPLING ..	4
H. WILLIAM BARRETT ..	*Tenor*		

Conducted by H. WILLIAM BARRETT.

First peal of Bob Doubles by all except conductor.

SUTTON-IN-THE-ISLE, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Wed., Dec. 26. 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 18¼ cwt. in F.

*GEOFFREY A. LUCAS ..	*Treble*	STANLEY SHIPP	4
†KATHLEEN MATHESON ..	2	DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS ..	5
CLAUD GIMBERT	3	MANSFIELD GINN	*Tenor*

Conducted by MANSFIELD GINN.

* 25th peal in 1956. † First peal 'inside.'

RUGELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Mon., Dec. 31, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being ten different 120's and 16 different 240's. Tenor 8 cwt. 25½ lb.

M. ANNE WARD	*Treble*	J. H. JOYNER	4
J. R. JOYNER	2	E. EDGINTON	5
C. A. BRASS	3	E. H. NORMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. H. JOYNER.

Rung to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the installation of the present ring of bells, first rung to ring in the New Year, 1707.

HANDBELL PEALS

RADLEY, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Nov. 11, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,
A PEAL OF 5056 BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 14 in D.

WILLIAM H. JACKSON ..	1—2	DONALD H. NIBLETT	5—6
*ROBIN A. HODGSON	3—4	MARIE R. CROSS	7—8

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by WILLIAM H. JACKSON.

* First handbell peal away from the tenors.

WHITWORTH PARK, MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 17, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT WESTON HOUSE,
A PEAL OF 5152 BOB MAJOR
C.C.C. No. 25. Tenor size 15 in C.

WILFRED L. ROBINSON ..	1—2	FREDK. WM. GROCOTT ..	5—6
*LESLIE BOUMPHREY	3—4	ROBIN G. TURNER	7—8

Composed by GEO. H. BEEVOR. Conducted by FREDK. WM. GROCOTT.

* First handbell peal 'inside.'
Rung to celebrate the conductor's wedding anniversary.

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Dec. 18, 1956, *in* 1 *Hour and* 51 *Minutes,*
IN THE RINGING CHAMBER OF THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 1,440 each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Old Doubles, and 2,160 Plain Bob Doubles.

ALAN SHEPPARD	1—2	EDWARD M. BRADLEY ..	3—4
		JOHN POTTS	5—6

Conducted by ALAN SHEPPARD.

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 21, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT 17, QUEEN STREET,
A PEAL OF 5184 BOB MAJOR
G. Dodds' Twelve-part. Tenor size 11 in G.

GEOFFREY DODDS	1—2	JOYCE DODDS	5—6
J. DESMOND PAINTER ..	3—4	GERALD PENNEY	7—8

Conducted by GERALD PENNEY.

First peal as conductor.
Rung in memoriam Miss Peggy Teale, cousin of the conductor.

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 22, 1956, *in* 1 *Hour and* 32 *Minutes,*
IN THE RINGING CHAMBER OF THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 720 each of Reverse St. Bartholomew, Grandsire, April Day, St. Simon's, Plain Bob, Old and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure.

D. MARGARET HAWLEY ..	1—2	EDWARD M. BRADLEY ..	3—4
		ALAN SHEPPARD	5—6

Conducted by ALAN SHEPPARD.

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD

The annual meeting of the Guild was held at Halifax Parish Church on January 5th. The bells were put to good use during the afternoon to suit all tastes, and an excellent tea was provided at the residence of a member of the local band.

At the business meeting in the vestry the chair was taken by the Archdeacon, the Ven. E. Treacy. After an opening prayer the Archdeacon welcomed the Guild and said he particularly wished to thank those who had assisted in training the new team at this tower.

The annual report showed all six meetings had been held, although two had proved difficult to arrange. The general standard of ringing continued to improve and the attendance had been up to average. Financially there was a net loss on the year of 5s. 8d., but with a reasonable balance in hand and several arrears of contributions to come in, the matter should be corrected this year.

All officers were re-elected for the coming year with the exception of one committee member. A vote of thanks to the local company was proposed by Mr. W. Bottomley, and Mr. P. Birkett very ably thanked the Archdeacon. After a discussion regarding the March meeting, the business closed with the Blessing. Further ringing followed until 8.30 p.m.

About 30 members and visitors attended during the day. Ringing included Cambridge and London Surprise Major, Stedman Caters, Treble Bob Royal, rounds on twelve and the simple methods on eight and ten bells. The striking was up to a good standard, and this was the best annual meeting in the short history of the Guild. A. W. B.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Eastern District

The winter meeting was held at Howden on January 5th, and was attended by about 30 ringers representing 12 towers. The service in church was conducted by the Vicar, Canon Pattinson. Tea was served in the Church Hall, followed by the business meeting, presided over by Mr. H. Walker, of York, in place of the vice-president, Mr. A. E. Sellers, who was indisposed.

Four new members were elected: Mr. A. R. Hall and Misses Barbara Hall and Margaret Coward, all of Selby, and Mr. G. Cromack, of Carlton. St. Mary's, Beverley, was chosen as the next place of meeting, with Hull and Driffield as alternatives.

The usual votes of thanks were passed, and the Vicar welcomed all to Howden on this his first meeting since his recent induction. Mr. E. Philpot replied for the local company and ladies who prepared tea. Apologies for absence were received from Messrs. A. E. Sellers and F. Wilkinson.

FIFTY YEARS AGO IN NORFOLK

Recalling his journey to Gaywood 50 years ago on Nov. 5th, 1906, when the six new bells were rung as King Edward VII. passed through the village on his way to open King's Lynn Grammar School for Boys, Mr. Edward Barker, of Shouldham, gives the band as follows:—Charles Sedgley 1, J. W. Sedgley 2, Arthur E. Porter 3, Richard Watson 4, Henry Tedder 5, E. Barker 6. To reach Gaywood Mr. Barker and his friends hired a horse and cart—a mode of travel which may have to be resorted to in 1957 if the petrol shortage continues. The bells had been opened a few days earlier, on October 25th, 1906.

THE LADIES' GUILD

Central District's Presentation to Miss Lawrence

The Central District held a very successful meeting at Wood Green on December 29th. Upwards of 40 members and friends were present during the afternoon, the six bells being put to good use and a variety of methods to suit all tastes.

A fine tea was prepared by members of the District Committee in the nearby Church Hall, after which Mrs. K. Lock proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar, to the local tower secretary (Mr. B. Allen) for arranging the meeting, and to those who had helped with the tea.

Mrs. Lock then said that she had a more unusual duty to perform, and having wished the District secretary, Mary Lawrence, every happiness in her forthcoming marriage, presented her with a pair of very handsome tablecloths. Miss Lawrence warmly thanked the president and members for their unexpected and generous gift. The gentlemen then left for further ringing, and the ladies held their business meeting, eleven new members being elected, and alterations to the rules and the proposed Guild dinner being discussed.

It was agreed to send a message of congratulation to Mrs. F. J. Matthews on the birth of a daughter, and one wishing a speedy recovery to the Hon. Barbara Gibbs, of Hunsdon, who had recently undergone a serious operation.

Members then attended Evensong, after which further ringing took place, including Bob Minor and Grandsire Doubles by an all-ladies' band.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

At the conclusion of the peal at Reedham, Norfolk, on December 27th, the ringers found a blackboard standing in the church bearing the words: 'Well done! Come over to the Rectory for a cup of tea.' Needless to say, they availed themselves of the invitation and were entertained by the Rector and his wife. The Rector has taken up ringing and is at present struggling with Grandsire Doubles.

There were five Chaddocks in a peal at Rotherham on Boxing Day—Norman, his wife and two children and his brother, Herbert O.

The peal rung at Cowbridge, Glam, on Dec. 29th was rung as a compliment to the Rev. Ernest P. Evans, who, at 30, is the youngest priest ever to be appointed Canon of a Cathedral in the Principality.

Mr. Cecil Goldsmith, half-brother of the late Mr. John S. Goldsmith, who lives at Aldrington, Hove, had a quarter peal rung in honour of his 87th birthday last September. On all practice nights he never fails to come and stay the evening with the young ringers in the belfry.

Mr. R. A. Reed has 'completed the circle' of North Stoneham tower three times during his fifty peals on the bells. The 250th peal in the tower was an 'in memoriam' for Mr. W. T. Tucker, who conducted the first peal here on February 15th, 1905.

Mr. Richard J. Bowden, of Tiverton, has accepted a post with his firm at Plymouth, and takes up duty there early in the New Year. While working in the Bristol area during the past six years, he has taken part in many peals on both sides of the Bristol Channel. His ringing friends will wish him every success in his new post and look forward to future reunions.

The new Archdeacon of Oxford and Canon of Christ Church, the Very Rev. C. Witton-Davies, is keenly interested in ringing and used to ring regularly at St. David's Cathedral, where he was the Dean. All ringers received a good welcome at the Cathedral, and he was also interested in the work of St. David's Diocesan Guild of Bellringers. 'We of the Guild have lost a good friend,' writes the Master, Mr. E. J. Thomas.

Can any reader supply a copy of 'The Ringers' Commandments'?

Squadron Leader John S. Mason, Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths, has been invited to take the chair at the Henry Johnson dinner at Birmingham.

The peal of Stedman Caters at Leominster was arranged and rung as a farewell to the Vicar, the Rev. S. M. F. Woodhouse, who is going to St. Stephen's Church, Bristol. He went up to the tower after the peal to thank the ringers and told them how long the peal had taken!

The band who rang in the peal at Willenhall, Staffordshire, on December 29th, congratulate Mr. C. Wallater on ringing his 100th peal in this tower. The peal was one of Mr. Wallater's own arrangement, and the conductor thanks Mr. Wallater for giving her the honour of calling the peal on this special occasion.

Keith Williams, a ringer at St. Michael and All Angels', Pelsall, who was suddenly posted to Cyprus in August, arrived in England on Christmas Eve. All his friends in the Walsall area hope that he will be able to make up for lost time in 'tower-grabbing' and peal-ringing. Throughout his travels a copy of 'Dove' managed to stay with him.

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A QUIZ ON CAMPANOLOGY

(With Acknowledgments)

1.—Where, and by whom, was Big Ben originally cast?

2.—What is 'The Fragrant Memory,' and where would you hear it spoken of?

3—The Artichoke Inn has a strong connection with campanology; what is it?

4.—Which bell should all loyal ringers never wish to hear?

5.—A famous author was a ringer; who was he, and where did he ring?

6.—What had the incumbent of Fittleworth to do with modern bellfounding?

7.—In which city have two new rings of 12 been installed since the war?

8.—Probably all of us have, in our early years, rung crotals; what are they?

9.—Who learned to ring at Duke's Denver?

10.—What has 'Saxifrage Umbrosa' to do with Bow Bells?

11.—The so-called 'Westminster Chimes' were first installed, where?

12.—For which famous bell was £400 paid for unsuccessful attempts to recast it, but only £190 for successfully doing so?

13.—Where are ringers asked to ring a muffled peal on a wedding anniversary?

14.—A ring of eight hangs beneath a golden ball, where?

15.—Upon which famous bell appears the inscription: '(Founder's Name) made me 1625.'

16.—A royal ring of bells is hung 'widdershins,' where?

17.—In which ring of 12 is the tenor twice as heavy as the 11th?

18.—A famous campanologist gave his name to a chiming hammer; who was he?

19.—The 1951 Festival Bell is now the tenor of a ring; where?

20.—Which bell has, cast upon it, a tune in musical notation?

A book token is offered as prize to nearest correct solution received by February 1st. Address envelope: 'A Quiz on Campanology, 'Ringing World' Office, c/o Woodbridge Press, Ltd., Onslow Street, Guildford.

WEDDING

MR. FRANK T. BLAGROVE — MISS MONICA HOWARD

The wedding took place at St. Andrew's Church, Clewer, on December 22nd, between Miss Monica Howard, of Clewer, and Mr. Frank T. Blagrove, of Stanwell.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a white lace ballet-length dress with a matching headdress, and carried a white prayer book with a spray of orchids. She was attended by her friend, Miss Janet Pusey, who wore a lime-green brocade dress with a feathered headdress and carried a spray of yellow roses.

The bride and bridegroom are well-known ringers in the Windsor district, and were greeted at the church by many ringing friends. The best man, Mr. Frederick R. Scott, is also a local ringer.

The bells were rung before and after the ceremony by friends and fellow-ringers, touches of Stedman and Grandsire Doubles being brought round.

The reception was held in the Tudor Room of the Windlesora Restaurant, Windsor, where the guests were entertained with tunes on handbells rung by Mr. Jeffery C. Birt and Mr. W. Butler. The health of the bride and bridegroom was ably proposed by Mr. A. H. Cross.

The couple left for a honeymoon in Torquay, having a grand send-off from the station, which included tunes and carols on the bells.

'THE ARCHERS' HAD NO BELLS FOR THEIR WEDDING

The omission of bells from the broadcast of the Archer wedding, in this popular B.B.C. feature was noted by Mr. J. T. Symonds, of Ashtead, Surrey, who sent to the B.B.C. the following letter of protest:—

'Dear Sir,—I am an enthusiastic bellringer and only one of thousands spread throughout the length and breadth of the British Isles. I listened in to "The Archers," as usual, last evening but was amazed to find that although the instalment covered Christine Archer's wedding, including the scene outside the church, there was no sound of bells.

'We know that there are bells at Ambridge, while it is a well-known fact that ringers are only too willing and anxious to ring for the wedding of anyone even remotely connected with bellringing. Dan Archer himself being a bellringer, I cannot understand the omission, and perhaps you will explain.—Yours faithfully,

J. T. SYMONDS.'

Mr. Gordon Baseley, organiser, Rural Programmes, Television Editor, 'The Archers,' gave the following reply to Mr. Symonds on January 8th.—

'Dear Mr. Symonds,—In reply to your letter of December 18th, the reason for not including the bells in the wedding scene of Christine and Paul was that there was other material to deal with at the time when the bells would naturally have been ringing, and we thought it would be better to concentrate on one idea at a time. You will, however, be hearing bells again in the not too distant future.'

MR. PERCY DERBYSHIRE'S 60 YEARS' SERVICE

January 2nd, 1957, will long be remembered as a special occasion at Worsley, Lancashire. On that day, Mr. Percy Derbyshire's 78th birthday, a peal of Grandsire Caters was rung to mark his completion of 60 years' service as a ringer at St. Mark's Church the previous month. Mr. Derbyshire, who has for a long time been both tower leader and steeplekeeper at Worsley, is well known throughout the county and beyond, and the peal expressed the good wishes of many ringers besides those actually taking part.

After the peal had been successfully brought round, the churchwardens of Worsley, Messrs. E. Derbyshire and K. Preston, entertained the band to dinner at the Bridgewater Hotel. Also present were the Vicar of Worsley, the Rev. T. Billington, who presided, the president of the Lancashire Association, the Rev. R. D. St. John Smith, and Mr. Alan Pendlebury, a member of the local band, who had that day completed his military service but was too late to stand in the peal.

The Vicar and wardens spoke in appreciation of Mr. Derbyshire's work, and the toast to his health was proposed by the president, who commented on the fact that he was still ringing round the bottom end—he had rung the ninth in the peal—but suggested that in a further ten or 15 years' time advancing age might compel Mr. Derbyshire to move up the circle a bit, perhaps as far as the sixth.

The conductor of the peal, Mr. Arthur Tomlinson, voiced the thanks of the band to the wardens for their kind hospitality, and handbell ringing then concluded the proceedings.

R. D. St. J. S.

CUCKNEY, NOTTS.—On Christmas Day, 1,320 Norwich Surprise Minor: Miss D. Marshall 1, Miss F. Robinson 2, H. T. Rooke 3, G. Challans 4, F. Flint 5, D. H. Rooke (cond.) 6.

250th ANNIVERSARY OF RUGELEY BELLS

According to ancient records, the six bells of St. Augustine's Church, Rugeley, were installed at the end of the year 1706, and first rung to ring in the New Year 1707. The back five were cast from the metal of four older bells, and a new treble added by Abraham Rudhall. They were installed in the old church, of which only the tower and chancel now remain, and transferred to the new church when it was built in 1823. None of them has been recast, so they now join the fast diminishing number of complete rings that are over 250 years old.

The anniversary was fittingly celebrated during the last weekend of 1956. Evensong on December 30th took the form of a service of thanksgiving for the witness of the bells and the work of the ringers over 250 years. Special ringers' hymns were sung, and the specially chosen lessons were read by Mr. J. H. Joyner, captain of the local ringers, and Mr. F. Bennett, secretary of the Society of Change Ringers for the Archdeaconry of Stafford. After the first lesson, a well struck course of Grandsire Triples on handbells was rung by Mr. H. Knight 1-2, Mr. F. Brotherton 3-4, Mr. T. Reynolds 5-6 and Mr. B. G. Key 7-8.

The sermon was preached by the Ven. W. A. Parker, Archdeacon of Stafford and president of the Society. He said how pleased he was that the Vicar of Rugeley had arranged this service to pay tribute to the work of the ringers over 250 years, work which was only too often taken for granted. One of the happiest features of his office was the close contact he had with the ringers of the Archdeaconry, and he made special mention of the fact that one of the handbell ringers (referring to Mr. H. Knight, of Wolverhampton) was, at 84, the oldest ringer in the Archdeaconry, and among the oldest in the country. He said that the bells were the voice of the Church, and their message was one of triumph. Even when ringing half-muffled, on occasions of mourning, the note of the triumph of Christ over sin and death was still there.

During the course of the service, the Archdeacon dedicated a peal board, recording a half-muffled peal rung in September in memory of Mr. Alva G. Harding, who had been a member of the Rugeley band for over 20 years.

An attempt for a peal in six methods of Minor during the afternoon unfortunately came to grief, but a well struck 1,440 in two methods was achieved afterwards. The number of visiting ringers attending the service was no doubt kept down by petrol rationing, but those who did come were very welcome.

On New Year's Eve, the actual anniversary, the local band scored a peal of Grandsire Doubles in the evening, and later rang in the New Year in the traditional manner, carrying on the work begun 250 years ago.

During the week-end the tower was floodlit, for the first time in its history, and many parishioners commented on the beautiful effect achieved.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD

The annual meeting of the Northern Section of the Swansea and Brecon Guild was held at the old Parish Church of Devynock, on January 5th, by the invitation of the Vicar, the Rev. J. M. Davies. Those present remarked what a wonderful time they had, despite the weather. Between 30 and 40 ringers and friends sat down to tea. At the business meeting which followed, members stood in silence to the memory of the late Mr. Powell, of St. David's, Brecon. After the meeting ringing continued till 8 p.m.

G. P. D.

GOLDHANGER HAS NOW EIGHT BELLS

MANY friends and ringers gathered at St. Peter's Church, Goldhanger, Essex, on December 17th, for the dedication of a new treble bell recently added to the ring of seven. The service was conducted by the Rev. W. A. Randall (Rector). The dedication was performed by the Bishop of Colchester, the Right Rev. F. V. D. Narborough, who was mainly responsible for the gift of the bell from St. Giles' Church, Colchester, which has now been recast by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

After the dedication, as the Bishop returned from the belfry, a course of Grandsire Trebles was rung by a selected band of those present, including local ringers.

During his address the Bishop mentioned that the gift of this bell to Goldhanger had been made possible by the Colchester Reorganisation Scheme, of which a lot of time had been spent in the last few years and a lot of unpopularity had been caused because some people think that old bells should be kept as museum pieces. (This bell is by Miles Graye, 1657.) 'I feel happy,' said the Bishop, 'that this bell should be given to Goldhanger, where the ringers are so keen in their ringing and are pleasd to take time and trouble in the expenses incurred by the new bell. The bell sounds so happy amongst the others after being a single one at St. Giles' that it sounds well worthy of the name that Goldhanger suggests.'

Among those present were Mr. E. C. Roast (Master of the South Eastern Division of the Essex Association), Mr. A. H. Everitt (secretary), Mr. H. J. Mansfield (Maldon, member of the Central Council), Mr. H. Gardner and his wife (the patron of the living) also representatives of the following towers: Great Totham, Boreham, Tolleshunt D'Arcy, Maldon, Sandon, Tollesbury, Chelmsford Cathedral, Burnham-on-Crouch and Danbury.

The most disappointed ringer was Mr. B. C. Mann, the local tower captain, who is in hospital for an emergency operation. The local ringers express their good wishes for a speedy recovery and their thanks to him for his efforts in the realisation of their ambition. Thanks also go to Mr. H. R. Appleton, who has performed the duties of treasurer.

For interest, the old six were rehung and a tenor added by Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, in 1951, being dedicated on December 15th. The inscriptions and details are:—

Treble.—A flat. 'MG TT WD SE IF. 1657. Recast by John Taylor, Loughborough, 1956. Cost defrayed by local ringers and friends.'

Second.—G. 'G. H. Bowell and Son, Founders. 1898. Magister Adest Et Vocat Te. F. T. Gardner, Rector. C. C. Littlehales, Curate. G. Cracknell and J. Bunting, Churchwardens. 1898.' 3 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

Third.—F. 'Thomas Playle and Mark Mihill, Churchwardens at Goldhanger. 1781. Wm. Chapman of London. Fecit.' 3 cwt.

Fourth.—E flat. 'Thos. Playle and Mark Mihill, Churchwardens at Goldhanger. 1781. Wm. Chapman of London. Fecit.' 3 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

Fifth.—D flat. 'Miles Graye made me in 1657.' 3 cwt. 22 lb.

Sixth.—C. 'Miles Graye made me in 1657. Recast by H. Bowell and Son. 1898. Sancte Petre.' 4 cwt. 3 qr.

Seventh.—B flat. 'Thos. Playle and Mark Mihill, Churchwardens at Goldhanger. 1781. Wm. Chapman of London. Fecit.' 6 cwt. 20 lb.

Eighth.—A flat. 'Gillett and Johnston, Founders, Croydon. In Memoriam. Frederick Thomas Gardner, Priest. Rector 1893 to 1936. Also of his wife, Ethel Mary Gardner, Patron of the Benefice. 1951.' 8 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb.

CHERITON, HANTS

Despite the unfavourable weather, there was a good congregation of parishioners and ringers at St. Michael's Church, Cheriton, Hants, on December 15th for the rededication of the bells by the Right Rev. Bishop Lang.

The service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. A. P. Skene, and other clergy present were the Rev. E. W. Selwyn, Rural Dean, and the Rev. C. E. C. Brinkworth, Vicar of Preston Candover.

During the singing of the hymn, 'Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven,' the Bishop was escorted to the tower by the Rector and churchwarden for the dedication. After the dedication the Bishop, in his address, recalled that during the last war the bells were silent and were only to be rung to give warning of the landing of enemy forces. The Bishop reminded the congregation that the bells were still used to give warning of the forces of evil.

After the service the bells were rung by the local band and the visiting ringers until 4.30 p.m., when the company adjourned to the Parish Hall for an excellent tea, which the ladies of the congregation had prepared.

After tea a vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. P. Nash to the Rector, on behalf of the visiting ringers, for allowing them to come and ring that day, and also to the ladies for the fine tea they had provided. The Rev. C. E. C. Brinkworth endorsed the vote of thanks on behalf of the Winchester District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.

The bells were rung during the evening to Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Plain Bob Minor, with rounds and call changes for the less experienced.

Messrs. Mears and Stainbank are to be congratulated on the very fine work which they have done and the excellent 'go' of the bells.

P. D.

Maidstone Grammar Schools' Society

In spite of bad weather, difficult bus services and increased fares, there were 19 people present at the meeting of Maidstone Grammar Schools' Society at Headcorn on January 5th.

In his address the Rev. Mr. Atkins described the history of Headcorn bells. Headcorn is fortunate in possessing a very complete record of the bells from the 17th century.

A wonderful tea of sandwiches and home-made cakes was enjoyed in the schoolroom, and at the business meeting, which followed, four honorary members were elected.

After the business was concluded members returned to the belfry. Method ringing included Stedman, Plain Bob and Grandsire.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Farnham District Nomination Meeting

The nomination meeting of the Farnham District was held at St. Michael's Church, Aldershot, on December 15th. Despite the bad weather and the petrol shortage, the meeting was well attended. The bells were rung from 2.30 p.m., and during the afternoon there was a captains' meeting in the Church Hall.

The ringers' service was conducted by the Rev. T. H. Dart. Local ladies served an excellent tea in the Church Hall.

Mr. G. Grover was chairman for the business meeting, and he expressed the meeting's sympathy to Mr. W. Denyer, of Aldershot, who was seriously ill in hospital. After much discussion the names of Miss E. Turner and Mr. F. Cherryman, both of Worplesdon, were nominated for Ringing Master, and Mr. S. Russell (Ash) and Mr. T. Page (Aldershot) as deputy. Other officers were re-elected unopposed.

The annual meeting is to be held at Farnham on February 16th.

Ringing continued in the evening under the leadership of the Ringing Master, Mr. R. Corke.

Leatherhead District

The District held its last meeting of the year at Ashtead on December 8th. The usual ringing preceded the service, which was conducted by the Rev. A. W. Douglas. The local ladies had prepared a sumptuous tea in the schoolroom.

The Ringing Master, Mr. H. N. Pitstow, presided at the business meeting. A good start for 1957 was made by the election of five new members. Mr. Pitstow said that after ten years in that office he thought it time that someone else had a go, so Mr. H. V. Young was nominated as Ringing Master. Other nominations were: A. H. Smith, hon. secretary; Derek Astridge, assistant secretary; A. H. Winch, hon. auditor; and G. Marriner, representative on the Guild executive committee. The meeting closed with votes of thanks to Mr. Symonds and the ladies for the tea, and ringing was resumed until 8.30.

BIDDENDEN YOUTHS

For the third year in succession the Society of Biddenden Youths (Kent) held their annual dinner and meeting at the Chequers on New Year's Eve. The evening's programme commenced with ringing at All Saints' until 7.30 when the party, which included the Rev. and Mrs. A. B. Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Watts, Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Waters and Mr. and Mrs. H. Baker, from Frittenden, retired to the Chequers and enjoyed an excellent dinner.

After the customary toasts and speeches, the annual meeting was held. All the present officers were re-elected except the secretary, Mr. H. Paine, who unfortunately wished to be relieved of his post. Miss Sheila Austin was proposed and she accepted. Four new members were elected.

A short social followed until 11 p.m., when the company returned to the belfry. Ringing continued until 11.45 p.m., when the watch night service was listened to until midnight. Then Frank Goodearle, senior member of the band, rang in the New Year. This concluded a most enjoyable evening.

S. G. W.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CHRISTMAS DAY BROADCAST

Dear Sir,—I cannot entirely agree with your anonymous critic's observation on the Christmas Day broadcast, particularly regarding Chester, Lambeth and Wymondham, as I indicated by the following notes made at the time, not (I must emphasise) in any extreme critical sense, as I am unacquainted with the circumstances, 'go' of bells, etc., in most of the towers concerned:—

Chester.—Grandsire Caters. Reasonably good.

Long Ashton.—Grandsire Triples. Fairly good.

Belfast. — Call change (13527468). A bit 'rocky.'

Lambeth.—Stedman Triples. None too good. The band was unfortunate in having a most unmusical part of the touch 'on the air,' 1-5 dodging behind almost all the time.

Greenock. — Grandsire Doubles. Badly chimed.

Newport.—Poor rounds. (An unusual 12.)

Wymondham.—Bob Triples. Poor ringing.

Bethlehem.—The usual 'babel.'

In my humble opinion, the ringing on the rather cumbersome Chester 10 was some of the best heard and, while perhaps not quite up to the standard of the more recently broadcast Grandsire Caters from Beverley Minster, it was at least comparatively simple to tell what was being rung, despite Stuart Hibbert's constant interruptions!

I, too, heartily congratulate Mr. Pitstow and his band on their splendid television broadcast —excellent propaganda and all the more delightful as it came as a complete surprise to many of us. When one considers that, at my own fireside, I was able to amuse myself (and family) rendering piano accompaniment to ringers and bells some 200 miles away, in the opening sixes of the plain course of Stedman Triples, one cannot but wonder what will be the potentialities of bells and ringing in future generations.—Yours faithfully,

Liverpool. T. R. BUTLER.

'IN DOUBTFUL TASTE'

Dear Sir,—I should like to say a few words in protest against the remarks made by a 'prominent member of the Central Council' 'Ringing World,' January 4th) concerning the Christmas Day broadcast ringing. I think that the publication of remarks such as these are, to say the least, in very doubtful taste and are most unnecessary. Whatever one's personal opinions of the ringing, all the ringers taking part would naturally try to do their best, and the publication of these pompous remarks must be most discouraging to them.

It is noted that despite the prominence given to these remarks by means of the 'black box' the Central Council member remains anonymous, and therefore the identity of his own tower is not known, but one wonders if their regular Sunday service band would do much better than that which has been described as 'fair ringing'?

On Christmas Day, of all times, those towers chosen to broadcast can have little or no outside assistance, and in addition to this there is the inevitable 'stage fright.'

Let us hope that the person concerned did not intend his observations to the Editor to be published.—Yours faithfully,

M. J. HORSEMAN.

Nailsea, Som.

Note.—One of the reasons of publication is to impress on the B.B.C. the necessity of consultations as to suitable bands and bells for the Christmas Day broadcast. There are good town and village Sunday service bands in the country, and these should have their chance.—Ed.

BROADCAST GAVE PLEASURE

Dear Sir,—It was with very great disappointment, and I may say anger, that my wife and I read the insert on page 9 of your issue of January 4th on the Christmas Day broadcast. Countless ringers all over the country and overseas look forward to these broadcasts. I was unable to hear the ringing, but it gave my wife—also a ringer—a lot of pleasure.

It is of no great matter if criticisms of the ringing can be made—the point is that the ringers concerned were in their places ringing out the Christmas message, which, in case your 'eminent ringer who is also a member of the Central Council' is not aware of it, contains the phrase 'goodwill to all men.'

Your insert has done incalculable harm to the bands concerned, and will cost you quite a lot of subscribers, probably my own.

If all the Central Council can do is to make ridiculous rulings—and plenty have been made concerning peals, methods, nomenclature, etc. —the sooner it is disbanded the better.

I strongly suggest, too, if the circulation of 'The Ringing World'—which is the mouthpiece of the Central Council—is to be maintained, it will do well to refrain from publishing such damaging articles. It would be a good thing, too, if this so-called 'College of Campanology' vanished from the pages of the journal; it is unlikely to gain or keep any recruits to our belfries, and most of the devoted instructors who train and keep young bands together will gain nothing from it.

Finally, if certain people wish to criticise ringing, whether broadcast or not, let them write a letter to the Editor and let it be published in full over the author's name.—Yours faithfully,

E. F. M. SAMSON,
Major, 17/21st Lancers.

B.A.O.R. 12.

Dear Sir,—Many of my ringing friends disliked the 'eminent ringer's' (C.C. member) criticism of the Christmas broadcast ringing.

Much better had it been for him to have thrown his pen under a steamroller!

Without doubt each tower did its best, and any mark of criticism should have been left out. The 'eminent ringer' would have been more manly to have signed his name.—Yours faithfully,

H. A. PRICE.

Yatton, Som.

SOUTH AFRICAN RINGER'S APPRECIATION

Dear Sir,—I arrived in this country in the beginning of March, 1956, with the intention of cycling round Britain. As a bellringer I was also looking forward to some ringing whilst I was over here. Coming from a country with only three towers, it seemed like Paradise to arrive in one with several thousand!

Although I have not been able to do as much ringing as I would wish, it has really added to my enjoyment of this trip. In all the belfries I have visited I have found a really friendly crowd of people, and I should like to take this opportunity of thanking those good ringers who have endured my struggles, when I have been passing through, especially the ringers of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, with whom I spent several months, and where I learned most of what I do know.

I should like to add that a hearty welcome is extended to any ringers who may happen to pass through South African ports, to come and have a pull!—Yours faithfully,

PATRICK F. CAHILL.

210, Bulwer Road, Durban.

PEAL RINGING IN CUMBERLAND

Dear Sir,—We read with interest the article entitled 'Peals in Cumberland and Westmorland' in your issue of January 4th. It is evident that your contributor, who styles himself 'A Local Ringer,' has spent some considerable time over his research, but in view of the many errors in his summary of peal ringing in Cumberland we conclude that he must be a Westmorland ringer and not a Cumbrian.

We would refer him to the short article by the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead in the issue of August 20th, 1954, which gives a concise picture of peal ringing in this district up to that date.

We would like, however, to correct a few of the errors so far as the county of Cumberland is concerned.

The peal book of the old Cumberland Association is credited with 36 peals rung between 1890 and 1946, when the Association ceased to exist. Two of these peals were rung in towers outside the territorial area of the Association and 23 were rung by resident ringers. In addition, seven peals were rung in the county during this period which were credited to other Associations. This makes a total for the period of 41 peals rung in the county.

The Cumberland and North Westmorland Association, founded in 1947, has 21 peals to its credit, two of which are handbell peals. Of the 19 tower bell peals, 16 have been rung in the county of Cumberland and 11 by resident ringers. In addition, one peal has been rung in the county since 1947 for another Association.

Thus a grand total of 58 peals rung in Cumberland to date, of which 34 have been rung by resident ringers, can be deduced.

A number of the Cumberland towers have higher individual totals than those indicated, and the following peals have been omitted from the article:—

Crosthwaite: Grandsire Triples, 1931; Kent Major, 1931 and 1948.

Cleater Moor: Grandsire Triples, 1935.

Egremont: Grandsire Triples, 1927 and 1928; Cambridge Minor, 1929; Grandsire Triples, 1936; Bob Major, 1953; Grandsire Triples, 1954.

Workington: Kent Major, 1928.

Hensingham: Bob Minor, 1931; Doubles, 1932; Two of Bob Minor, 1947; Bob Major, 1951; Grandsire Triples, 1951. (The peal of Major called by W. T. Holmes was rung in 1922 and not 1932 as stated.)

Arlecdon: Doubles, 1951.

Cockermouth: Bob Major, 1927; Kent Major, 1930; Treble Bob Minor, 1932.

St. Bees: Bob Minor, 1950; Double, 1950; Minor, 1951; Bob Major, 1951; Bob Minor, 1953.

The peal of Superlative called at Crosthwaite by W. Keeble was rung in 1925 and not 1952.

Your contributor is correct in assuming that no peals have as yet been rung at Irton, Silloth or Aspatria. The bells at the first two of these towers are now unringable. We would add that it appears that no peals have as yet been rung at Brampton, Great Salkeld or Thursby.

We should also point out that a number of individual ringers have rung more than ten peals in Cumberland.

Your contributor seems to have overlooked most of the peals rung in Cumberland by local ringers, particularly those recorded in recent years, which seems strange and surprising in view of his nom de plume.

We are fully aware that our corrections to this list of peals may not be complete, and would welcome any information regarding this matter from other ringers.—Yours faithfully,

STANLEY RICHARDSON,
GRAHAM MCKAY

Whitehaven, Cumberland.

OBITUARY

GEORGE H. DAYNES AND ISAAC EMERY

By the death of these two ringers in recent weeks, two stalwarts of the Exercise have passed on. Each had a ringing career extending more than 65 years, and both were members of the band of octogenarians who rang a peal of Bob Major at St. John's, Deptford, getting on for five years ago, five of whom still survive.

George Daynes, then nearly 82, rang the tenor to this peal; a month or two later, just after his birthday, he called Holt's Original at Eltham, a remarkable feat for one of his age, and one which he is the oldest ringer to have accomplished. His name first appeared in a Kent County Association peal in June, 1893, and his last peal was in November, 1954. His grandfather, Thomas Daynes, called the Association's first peal in October, 1881, having taken part in a peal at Goudhurst in 1854.

Mr. Daynes was at different times a member of the bands of Lewisham, St. Nicholas' and St. John's, Deptford, and Eltham. For quite a number of years he was both captain of the ringers and churchwarden at St. Nicholas', and the destruction of this church during the war was a great blow to him. He was a good ringer and striker and took part in some 200 peals, including 11,008 of Double Norwich at Erith in 1927.

As A. S. R. wrote in 'The Ringing World' of December 28th, 1956, Isaac Emery was a native of St. Mary Cray, and he would relate how he and a friend tied two bells there and rang them for three hours to satisfy themselves that such a thing, of which they had heard, was physically possible. For some years he forsook ringing for football, but he was a College Youth for 64 years, and after he returned to ringing, a loyal member of the Bromley band and the Kent County Association. Altogether he rang 368 peals, the first at Erith in August, 1890, and the last on Boxing Day, 1952. The list is as follows:—

Minor: 5.

Triples: Grandsire 66 (conducted 16), Stedman 64 (11), Union 1, Oxford Bob 2.

Major: Bob Major 29 (6), Double Norwich 51 (2), Double Oxford 3, Little Bob 1, Kent Treble Bob 26 (2), Oxford 1, Cambridge Surprise 42, New Cambridge 2, Superlative 35, London 10, Bristol 4, New Cumberland 4, Norfolk 3.

Caters: Grandsire 1, Stedman 10.

Royal: Bob Royal 1, Forward 1, Kent Treble Bob 5, Cambridge Surprise 1.

Total: 368 (37). E. A. B.

MR. RALPH COLES

The death took place at the Memorial Hospital, High Wycombe, on December 27th, after a short illness, of Mr. Ralph Coles, at the age of 83.

The many visitors to High Wycombe during the past half-century will remember him, as for 62 years he had been parish clerk, and his ringing connection with All Saints' Church went back to the 90's. In 1915 he was appointed foreman, a post he held for 33 years, and from which he retired in 1933.

His outstanding ringing achievement was a peal of Stedman Cinques by 12 residents of the parish of All Saints. While his record of peals is unknown, it is recorded that he rang 92 peals on All Saints' bells, the last being in celebration of the completion of 60 years as parish clerk and rung on July 17th, 1954.

The funeral service, which was fully choral, was at All Saints' Church on January 2nd.

F. H.

MR. MARK FENSOM

The death occurred on December 29th, at Whittington Hospital, Archway Wing, of Mr. Mark Fensom, aged 80 years.

A ringer at Hornsea for many years, and later at Southgate, he was a very lovable character.

The funeral took place at Enfield Crematorium on January 4th; among those present were Messrs. S. G. Peck (Southgate), A. W. Coles and J. G. Nash.

MR. ALFRED C. CHERRYMAN

The news of Mr. A. C. Cherryman's death was received with very great regret, particularly as he died on December 21st, only four days before the Christmas festival.

Although he was not fit enough to ring during recent years, Alf had a wonderful record of over 56 years' service in Aldrington tower. He died in his 82nd year and was one of the last three surviving members of the old Aldrington band that rang the first peal of London Surprise Minor in Sussex in their home tower during 1928.

A wreath from the local ringers lay with the family wreath as the coffin was carried to the church. As a last token of respect the Aldrington band rang a half-muffled quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles, as it is believed this was his favourite method. At the service the Sussex County Association was represented by the Master, Mr. S. E. Armstrong, and all three neighbouring Brighton towers were also represented. The bells were rung half-muffled during the interment, which took place near the tower.

The heartfelt sympathy of all friends is extended to the widow and family. May his soul rest in peace. H. W. B.

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STOKE-BY-NAYLAND BELLS

A Peep Into Their History

Apropos the report of the dedication of Stoke-by-Nayland bells, Claude Rush sends us the following interesting commentary on their dedication. (See 'Ringing World' December 21st.)

Reader, do you remember seeing an article in 'The Ringing World' of January 6th, 1956 (page 9), on the rededication of the bells at Polstead, Suffolk, on December 18th, 1955, and mention therein of the imposing tower of Stoke-by-Nayland standing high on the other side of the valley a couple of miles away?

Now, on Saturday, December 8th, we had a dedication at Stoke-by-Nayland. Ah! That tower stands in a wonderful position. Brookes' Gazetteer of 1827 says of Stoke-by-Nayland: 'A village two miles E. of Nayland. It has a church on a hill, whose tower is a seamark to ships that pass the mouth of the harbour of Harwich, at 13 miles distance.' James' 'Suffolk and Norfolk,' 1930, says: 'The church commands the countryside; the tower is visible from Harwich.' Arthur Mee's 'Suffolk' says: 'A mediæval church which Constable put into his famous rainbow picture. The church stands on a hill among the trees, lifting up a tower 120 feet high as a landmark for Suffolk, a proud landmark, for it is one of the grandest in the county, with pinnacles on its beautiful parapet . . . . owes its tower and most of its grandeur to early 15th century builders . . . . deeply moulded tower arch exceptionally tall and narrow.' Clarke's 'Norfolk and Suffolk,' 1921, says: '. . . . famous views—that from Stoke-by-Nayland — which crowns a ridge of hills rising from the valley of the Stour (the boundary of Suffolk and Essex) being one of the best known,' and also '. . . . churches were built in strong defensive positions, frequently difficult of access from the village and probably erected on a site utilised by prehistoric man. Suffolk contains many examples . . . . Stoke-by-Nayland . . . .' I would not, however, say that this church is 'difficult of access' from the village, for it is in the middle of it.

So these two towers, Polstead and Stoke, seem to nod at each other on opposite sides of the valley of the River Box—Polstead seems to say, 'Hello! Great Stoke,' and Stoke replies, 'Hello, Little Polstead.'

Getting to the bells, Dr. J. J. Raven (1890) records the old six in the same terms as appear on the dedication service pamphlet. He also adds 'Great bells V Return of 1553. Davy, Sept. 29 and 30, 1828. "12 bells which I omitted to visit." This is remarkable.—J. J. R.'

The pamphlet includes a note by the Vicar of Stoke-by-Nayland, Canon C. V. Clibbon, M.A. This shows:—

Treble (new).—5 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb. 1956. 'I ring for Edith Octavia Simpson. Selfless in Love; Steadfast in Service.'

Second (new).—5 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. 1956. 'I ring for Cortland Herbert Simpson. He served well; he rang true.'

Third (recast).—6 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. 1725. 'Thomas Gardiner fecit.'

Fourth.—7 cwt. 23 lb. 1725. 'John Hollon, Samuel Bigsbe, C.W.'s'

Fifth.—9 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. 1440-1485. 'In multis annis resonet campana Johannis.'

Sixth.—14 cwt. Circa 1380. 'Ora mente pia pro nobis Virgo Maria, Amen.'

Seventh.—15 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. 1699. 'Thomas Williams, 1699. Joseph Holles, 1699. H. Pleasant made me.'

Tenor.—22 cwt. 12 lb. 1811. 'The Rev. Joshua Rowley, minister. Henry Cook, Ed. Cook, Churchwardens, 1811. Thomas Mears of London fecit.

When the tenor was lowered it weighed 24¼ cwt., but with cannons removed and tuning it is now 22 cwt. 12 lb.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Diana M. Gough 1, Pamela R. Gough 2, S. W Brown 3, Valerie Mepham 4, H. W. Brown (cond.) 5, D. A. Hibbitt 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Alfred Cherryman, a ringer in this tower for over 56 years, who died on December 21st. Also on Dec. 25th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: Gwyneth R. Brown 1, June A. Grieveson 2, Pamela R. Gough 3, S. W. Brown (cond.) 4, R. D. Brown 5, D. H. Paine 6. For the festival of Christmas.

BABBACOMBE, DEVON.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (10 callings): G. Nix 1, Miss J. Smale 2, P. Smyth 3, G. Smith 4, D. Roberts (first away from tenor) 5, W. Simmonds (cond.) 6. First quarter and first attempt for 1, 2, 3 and 4. First quarter ever rung in Torquay by a resident band.

BARKING, ESSEX.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,218 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. R. Armstrong 1, E. G. Cottis 2, D. G. Mitchell (first 'inside') 3, A. W. Beard 4, J. Armstrong 5, D. W. Beard (cond.) 6, J. H. Crampion 7, S. J. Holgate 8. A farewell to D. G. Mitchell on leaving for National Service. Also on Jan. 3rd, 1,260 Bob Minor: W. S. Girling 1, P. R. J. Lester 2, J. J. Prentice 3, L. N. Melton 4, W. A. Perry 5, R. E. Lester (cond.) 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Prentice on the birth of a son.

BATHAMPTON, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 21st, 1,260 Doubles 600 Bob, 660 Grandsire): E. Naylor (cond.) 1, R. Stubbs 2, S. A. Read 3, W. J. Prescott 4, T. T. Jones 5, F. G. Gooding 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam S. E. Read.

BETHERSDEN, KENT.—On Dec. 31st, 1,440 Bob Minor: H. Jarvis 1, P. Reeves 2, P. Jarvis 3, C. Marshall 4, W. W. King (cond.) 5, W. C. Marshall 6. Rung half-muffled for the passing of the old year.

BIGGLESWADE.—On Christmas Day, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: S. H. Wallis 1, F. Briscoe 2, Miss S. Duffin 3, A. S. Smith 4, P. G. Smith 5, B. F. Sims (cond.) 6. For early morning service.

BOLTON, LANCS.—On Jan. 6th, at Holy Trinity Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Wood 1, W. Tyson 2, J. Kay 3, J. Fielding 4, T. Bratby 5, S. Clough 6, P. Crook, sen. (cond.) 7, W. J. Stokes 8. To celebrate the birth of twins to Barbara and David Burrow, formerly of this tower, now in Ashton-under-Lyne.

BOSTON, LINCS.—On Dec. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Brown 1, F. Leggott 2, F. Harwood 3, S. Jessop 4, H. Spencer 5, J. Petch 6, W. E. Clarke (cond.) 7, T. Freeston 8.

BRIDLINGTON, YORKS.—At the Priory Church, on Dec. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Ashby 1, W. Bell 2, J. V. Davies 3, J. Porter 4, F. Burnett 5, J. A. Parker 6, H. Parker (cond.) 7, T. Ayre 8.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 30th, at the Norman Tower, 1,264 Bob Major: Wm. Stannard (cond.) 1, E. Nice 2, G. Jennings 3, C. Stannard 4, R. Rose 5, Wm. Goodship 6, F. Buckle 7, J. W. Banks 8. For Evensong service at the Cathedral.

CHELSEA, S.W.—At St. Luke's Church, on Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. G. G. Meyer 1, E. R. Mackrill 2, A. B. Peck 3, C. W. Ottley 4, C. H. Wood 5, A. F. Udall (cond.) 6, C. M. Meyer 7, T. F. V. Neil 8. For the festival service of nine lessons and carols and to welcome the Rev. Lt.-Col. J. G. E. Hickson to the parish.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYS.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Paulson 1, M. H. Paulson 2, D. Gregory 3, R. Bullen 4, H. E. Taylor 5, A. Hopkinson 6, G. H. Paulson (cond.) 7, N. Hotchin 8. For the festival of Christmas.

HALIFAX, YORKS.—On Dec. 30th, at All Souls' Church, 1,312 London Surprise Major: R. Mann 1, D. S. Hollas 2, M. V. Copping 3, J. F. Bryant 4, C. Sweeney 5, E. M. Fielden 6, J. H. Fielden 7, V. Bottomley (cond.) 8. First in method by 2, 5 and 6. Rung by the local company.

HARTEST, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Garwood 1, M. Willoughby 2, R. Seabrook (cond.) 3, H. Clarke 4, R. J. Truin 5. For morning service.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.—On Jan. 6th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: F. Bowden (cond.) 1, A. Queen 2, Dr. R. E. Price 3, Miss E. Pearson 4, Miss A. Carpenter 5, Miss M. Cox 6, Mrs. F. Bowden 7, C. Pound 8, H. Gauntlett 9, J. E. Clark 10. First of Caters for 2, 4, 5, 6, 8 and 10. For Evensong.

QUARTER PEALS

HILLINGDON, MIDDLX.—At St. John-the-Baptist Church, on January 6th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: M. Palmer (first on 10 bells) 1, T. G. Bannister (cond.) 2, Miss M. J. Skinner 3, N. Genna 4, F. W. Goodfellow 5, D. Robinson 6, A. R. Turley 7, W. H. Coles 8, F. C. Price 9, C. Ashpool 10. A thanksgiving for the recovery from serious illness by the Vicar (the Rev. F. C. Tyler).

KINGTON MAGNA, DORSET.—On Dec. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Ralph 1, W. West 2, P. Harding 3, W. Shute (cond.) 4, F. Slatford 5. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 30th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: M. T. Symonds (cond.) 1, S. J. Twitchett 2, Miss R. Seabrooke 3, R. Chambers (first in the method) 4, W. Jarvis 5, F. F. Mortlock 6, F. A. Poulson 7, F. Bensley 8. Rung for festival of lessons and carols.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: A. H. Winch 1, G. Marriner 2, W. G. Newberry 3, B. Hawkins 4, A. J. Smith 5, G. Peters 6, A. H. Smith (cond.) 7, H. V. Young 8. For Evensong. Also on Dec. 29th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: A. H. Smith 1, A. H. Winch (cond.) 2, A. J. Smith 3, A. Cheesman 4, F. Oakshott 5, A S. Harris (first of Caters) 6, B. Hawkins 7, G. Peters 8, J. Euston 9, G. Marriner 10.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BEDS.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,440 Bob Minor: J. H. Conquest 1, L. G. Lee 2, H. B. Whitney 3, J. G. Newman 4, Valerie Willard 5, C. F. Loke (cond.) 6. For the wedding of June Toms, a member of the local band.

LONG EATON, DERBYS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Leah Turner 1, D. Marshall (cond.) 2, Mrs. D. Marshall 3, A. Hartland 4, J. Harvey 5, T. Robinson 6, C. Geary 7, R. Newsum 8.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.—At St. Michael's Church, on Dec. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Croucher 1, D. Bowyer 2, S. A. Hayzelden 3, W. R. Manser 4, L. Honess 5, P. M. Town 6. Rung for the wedding of Mr. H. Smith and Miss J. Kitchenham in acknowledgment of the help given by the bridegroom in the renovation of St. Michael's bells.

NEW ROMNEY, KENT.—On Dec. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Boulden 1, P. Small 2, Miss M. Vantom (cond.) 3, Miss O. Boulden 4, H. S. Humphrey 5, R. Swift 6, S. J. Boulden 7, A. L. Terry 8. Rung for Southlands School carol service.

OKEFORD-FITZPAINE, DORSET.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Shorto (first quarter) 1, F. Hilliar 2, B. Ridout (cond.) 3, L. Ridout 4, B. Ridout 5, R. Ridout 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of a great ringer and friend, the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards.

PILTON, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. G. Attwell 1, Rev. M. Hurst-Bannister (first 'inside') 2, A. T. Harris 3, G. G. Salmon (cond.) 4, E. G. Lambert 5, R. Talbot 6.

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RUGELEY, STAFFS.—On Dec. 30th, 1,440 Minor (720 Double Oxford Bob and 720 Single Oxford Bob): G. W. Hughes 1, Miss B. Hughes 2, B. G. Key 3, R. J. Warrilow (cond. Double Oxford) 4, J. H. Joyner (cond. Single Oxford) 5, J. R. Joyner 6. Rung after the failure of a peal attempt, to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the installation of the present ring of bells.

ST. MARY CRAY, KENT.—On Dec. 29th, 1,260 Bob Minor: R. Beard 1, P. J. Spice (Bromley) 2, F. Gorringe 3, P. G. Braund 4, J. Hurrell (Eltham) 5, B. Aldridge (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to Isaac Emery, who commenced his ringing career in this tower.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Hook 1, G. King 2, J. H. Edwards 3, A. Hoad 4, A. Smith 5, J. Harris 6, P. H. Hoad (cond.) 7, A. Allcorn 8. To welcome in the New Year.

SAWLEY, DERBYS.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Leah Turner 1, Mrs. D. Marshall 2, Wm. Simpson 3, T. Robinson 4, D. Marshall (cond.) 5, J. Harvey 6, C. Geary 7, R. Newsum 8. First of Triples for 1 and 6. Also on Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Newsum 1, Mrs. D. Marshall 2, Leah Turner (first 'inside') 3, D. Marshall (cond.) 4, C. Geary 5, J. Harvey 6. Also on Dec. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Leah Turner 1, Mrs. D. Marshall 2, A. Hartland 3, J. Harvey (first of Grandsire Doubles) 4, D. Marshall (cond.) 5, R. Newsum 6.

SHIRLAND, DERBYS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,320 Bob Doubles: P. Blount (first quarter) 1, R. Mason 2, B. A. Richards (cond.) 3, J. Marjorie Blount (first quarter) 4, K. Jennifer Ashbey (first 'inside') 5. Rung for Midnight Mass, also in honour of the engagement of the Rector's son (Mr. W. F. Armitage) to Miss S. Fisher.

STANMORE, MIDDLX.—On Jan. 6th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Miss D. G. Ward 1, R. Stoddard 2, Miss M. Mesley 3, Miss L. M. Wilcockson 4, K. R. Dunstan 5, W. Wenban (cond.) 6, L. North (first of Surprise Major) 7, A. C. Wenban 8. For Evensong and a birthday compliment to Diana Ward.

STEPNEY, E.—On Dec. 29th, 1,260 Bob Royal: H. W. Knauss 1, T. G. Fox 2, G. W. Boomsma 3, L. J. Fox (cond.) 4, H. G. Weedon 5, G. W. Cecil 6, A. F. Lewry (first of Bob Royal) 7, C. E. Willmington 8, F. V. Gant 9, J. H. Crampion 10. First of Royal for 1 and 5.

THURNBY, LEICS.—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (240 Stedman, 480 Bob, 540 Grandsire): H. L. Wykes 1, K. Rands 2, R. Jackson 3, P. Pawley 4, J. Pawley (cond.) 5, J. Cadwallader (first quarter) 6. Rung as a compliment to M. Roote, a ringer at this church, on his engagement to Miss Ann Freeman.

TOPSHAM, DEVON.—On Dec. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Brown 1, M. Godfrey 2, M. Richards 3, R. Berry 4, J. Pym (cond.) 5, K. Wannell 6. First quarter 1 and 4. For Evensong.

UPPER CLAPTON, E.—On Christmas Eve, at the Church of St. Matthew, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. F. Neal 1, Miss N. Hales 2, Mrs. D. Neal 3, J. A. Hales 4, J. Hales 5, D. Neal (cond.) 6, R. K. C. Wilkings 7, D. K. Brady 8. For Midnight Mass. Also on Dec. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. K. Brady 1, Miss N. Hales 2, Mrs. D. Neal 3, J. A. Hales 4, J. Hales 5, R. K. C. Wilkings 6, D. Neal (cond.) 7, D. Gray 8.

WALKERN, HERTS.—On Dec. 26th, 1,440 Treble Bob Minor (720 each of Kent and Oxford): F. W. Croft 1, Miss F. Welch 2, W. J. Houghton 3, G. Cherry 4, G. Johnson 5, D. L. Gullick (cond.) 6.

WHATLEY, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 25th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Bob, April Day, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Old and Norfolk): W. H. Mills 1, Ann Lewis 2, R. H. Abbott 3, Eunice D. Overend 4, P. J. Wycherley (cond.) 5, D. Robertson 6.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Jan. 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: M. Sinden 1, J. Tomsett 2, A. Bishop (first of Stedman) 3, G. Goodman 4, P. Devenish 5, N. Bagworth 6, F. Corfield (cond.) 7, J. Brickell 8. For Epiphany.

YEOVIL, SOMERSET.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, on Dec. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss B. Jackson (first quarter) 1, Mrs. H. Gaylard 2, L. Parris 3, R. J. Fox (cond.) 4, G. Gaylard 5, H. J. Gaylard 6, T. J. Setter 7, D. Corrie 8. For Evensong.

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ENGAGEMENT

KING—HARRIS.—The engagement is announced between Jack, of 21, St. Faith's Road, Winchester, elder son of Mr. A. King, of Bournemouth, and the late Mrs. C. King, and Grace, younger daughter of Mrs. R. Harris, of 8, West End Terrace, Winchester, and the late Mr. P. Harris. 9638

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ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Hunts District.—Annual meeting, Jan. 19th, at Huntingdon. Bells: Godmanchester (8) 2.30 p.m. to 4 o'clock; All Saints' (6) 4 o'clock to service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting, All Saints' Hall. All Saints' and St. Mary's (8) available after tea.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 9600

ELY ASSOCIATION. — Wisbech Branch. — Annual meeting, Wisbech, St. Peter's, Saturday, Jan. 19th. Bells (10) 2.30. Service 4.30. Meeting in belfry 6 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 9584

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District. — Annual meeting at Harlow Town (8) on Saturday, Jan. 19th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting at the Queen's Head. Names, please, to G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 9466

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Annual District meeting, Colchester St. Peter's, Saturday, Jan. 19th. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.45 p.m. Numbers for tea to Mr. H. J. Millatt, 301, Harwich Road, Colchester. 9524

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Annual meeting, Hawkhurst, Saturday, Jan. 19th. Bells (8) 2,30 p.m. Service 4.30. 9560

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Annual District meeting, on Saturday, Jan. 19th, at Hertford. St. Andrew's (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All Saints' (10) after tea. Please note change of date.—T. J. Southam. 9521

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Annual district meeting at Hatfield, Jan. 19th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Tea 5.30. 9612

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Faversham, Saturday, Jan. 19th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 2s. per head.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 9555

LADIES' GUILD.—North-Western District. —Annual meeting, Manchester Town Hall (jointly with LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION, Manchester Branch), Saturday, Jan. 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Business meeting (including election of officers for 1957) No. 4 Committee Room, 4 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. Please do your best to come.—Stella P. Wain, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9657

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—Meeting will be held at Rawtenstall on Saturday, Jan. 19th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Meeting in tower at 6 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited. — J. Porter, Branch Sec. 9617

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Annual meeting, St. Mary's, Twickenham, Jan. 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by business meeting. Further ringing.—F. A. Finch, Dis. Sec. 9579

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch. —Annual, St. Peter's, Dorchester, Jan. 19th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea and meeting follow. 9588

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Aldrington (6), Jan. 19th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., —K. C. Knight, Hon. Div. Sec. 9569

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual general meeting at St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Saturday, Jan. 19th. St. Martin's bells (12) available 3 to 5 p.m. St. Giles-in-the-Fields (8), one minute Tottenham Court Road tube station, available **2 to 4 p.m.** Tea 5.15 p.m., followed by business meeting in Fellowship Hall. Names for tea to me. Good attendance, please!—P. N. Bond, Hon. Sec., Gaywood, Stocks Green Road, Hildenborough, Tonbridge, Kent. 9542

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Newark District.—Annual meeting, Balderton, Saturday, Jan. 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Buses leave Newark every eight minutes. — W. L. Exton, Hon. Sec. 9538

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Annual District meeting, Bletchingley (8), Saturday, Jan. 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., King Charles Cottage. Meeting after at Church House. 9537

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting, Portsmouth Cathedral, Jan. 19th. Bells from 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Cathedral House. Business meeting follows. Bells again at 6.30. 9591

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Kingswinford (Stourbridge not available), Saturday, Jan. 19th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 9557

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Annual meeting, Kewstoke, Saturday, Jan. 26th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—E. C. Wickham. 9595

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Annual meeting at Stockport (St. Mary) Saturday, Jan. 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. For tea advise before Jan. 22nd Mr. F. S. Dodd, 208, Turncroft Lane, Stockport.—C. K. Lewis. 9644

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch.—Meeting, Eastham, Saturday, Jan. 26th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea free for those notifying by Wednesday previous. — Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 9645

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Quarterly meeting at Alfreton on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements. Cafés nearby. All welcome.—V. M. Horton, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9643

DEVON GUILD. — South-West Branch. — Annual meeting, Jan. 26th, Plymouth, Emmanuel. Usual arrangements. Names for tea, by 22nd, to T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth. All ringers welcome. 9596

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. —Annual general meeting at Doncaster (8) on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday, Jan. 24th, to D. A. Chapman, 31, Firbeck Road, Doncaster. All welcome. 9616

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION and CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Joint meeting at Stockton, Saturday, Jan. 26th, at 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea. Names by Jan. 23rd, please, to Mrs. E. P. Rock, 64, Tollesby Road, Middlesbrough. 9642

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Monthly meeting, Saturday, Jan. 26th, at Kirkby-in-Ashfield. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. D. Hardy, Pennine Drive, Kirkby-in-Ashfield, Notts. N.B.—Morton not available.—B. A. Sollis, Hon. Sec. 9624

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. —Annual meeting at Coggeshall (8), Saturday, Jan. 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea, by Wednesday, 23rd, to C. Turner, Miil Cottage, Feering Bury, Kelvedon. 9577

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 26th, St. Ambrose, Bristol East. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, Jan. 22nd, to W. F. Scudamore, County Police Station, Winterbourne, Bristol. 9637

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Cheltenham Branch. — Meeting, St. Mark's, Cheltenham, Saturday, Jan. 26th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Jan. 22nd to Mary Bliss, Beech Pike, Cheltenham. 9619

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—South Forest Branch.—Meeting at Newland, Saturday, Jan. 26th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. D. Stafford, Staunton, Coleford, Glos. 9627

HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western District. — Annual general meeting, Hemel Hempstead (8), Saturday, Jan. 26th, 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Names for tea, by 23rd, to R. Shutter, Church House, Apsley End. 9609

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Annual meeting, Hitchin, Saturday, Jan. 26th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in Church House, followed by business meeting.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 9625

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Folkestone (8) on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. F. J. Whittaker, The Larches, 76, Surrenden Road, Folkestone.—C. T. H. 9576

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Quarterly meeting, St. Nicholas', Chislehurst, Saturday, Jan. 26th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Names for tea, not later than Monday, 21st, to A. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere. 9568

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District.—Annual District meeting, Penarth, Jan. 26th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Garrett, 4, Church Road, Penarth, Glam. Gentlemen cordially invited.—J. S. Evans. 9593

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Meeting, Bradford Cathedral, Saturday, Jan. 26th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided 5 p.m. Please bring own food.—J. F. Hodson, Hon. Sec. 9622

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Annual meeting, Hinckley, Saturday, Jan. 26th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Parish Hall 5 p.m. Names, please, by Jan. 23rd, to Mr. R. Hayward, 6, Hurst Road, Hinckley. 9620

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 26th at Loughborough (10). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Fearon Hall. Names by Wednesday previous to Mr. L. Stevens, 91, Parklands Drive, Loughborough. 9628

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—Annual meeting, Grimsby (8), Jan. 26th. Bells 2.45. Tea 5. Meeting 6 p.m. Evensong 7 p.m. Names for tea, by Jan 23rd, to Mr. F. Kennington, 23, Fairbrother Street, Grimsby. 9572

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Annual meeting, Grantham (10), Saturday, Jan. 26th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Meeting, Vicarage basement, 4.30 p.m. Own tea arrangements—cafés nearby. Further ringing 6.15 to 8.30 p.m.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 9626

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 26th, St. George's, Barkingside (8) (two minutes Gants Hill, Central Line), 3 to 4.30 p.m., short service. Meeting and tea to follow service. St. Margaret's, Barking (8), 6.30 to 8 p.m. Everyone welcome. A good attendance requested.—Bullock, Sec. 9639

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Committee meeting, Boyne Hill, Saturday, Jan. 26th. Ringing 3.15 p.m. Meeting 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Jan. 22nd to Butler, 17, Forest Road, Windsor. 9621

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—South Oxon Branch.—Meeting at Wheatley on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 4 p.m. Names for tea by Jan. 22nd.—H. Badger, The Blue Man, Thame. Oxon. 9635

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Towcester Branch.—Annual meeting, Green's Norton, Saturday, Jan. 26th. Service at 3.30 p.m. Names for tea, by Tuesday previous, to Mr. A. Mansfield, Duncote, Green's Norton, Towcester.—W. A. Yates. 9564

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Annual meeting, Northampton (St. Peter's), Saturday, Jan. 26th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Monday previous, to Mr. G. F. Roome, 116, Derby Road, Northampton. 9614

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—Annual meeting will be held at Poole on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea for those who notify by Jan. 23rd J. Davis, 13, Sandbanks Road, Parkstone, Poole. 9636

SALISBURY GUILD. — Calne Branch. — Annual meeting, Wootton Bassett (8), Jan. 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 6 p.m. Names for tea, Mr. E. Brooks, 14, Templars Firs, Wootton Bassett, Wilts. 9648

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Annual general meeting, Selby Abbey, Saturday, Jan. 26th. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (Hawdon Institute) 5 p.m., 2s. 9d. each. Drive, Selby, Please notify by Thursday, Jan. 24th, Mr. T. H. Foster, 15, Portholme Drive, Selby.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 9623

Peal Ringers of 1956

We are hoping to publish in our next issue a list of the prominent peal ringers of 1956. *Will those who have rung* 25 *peals or over during the past year kindly submit details. What we require is number of tower-bell and handbell peals separately and also the number of each conducted.*

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Annual general meeting at Shrewsbury on Saturday, Jan. 26th. St. Mary's bells will be available from 2.30 to 4 p.m.; St. Chad's from 2.45 to 4.30. Service 4.30 at St. Chad's. Tea 5, followed by business meeting. St. Chad's bells will be again available after meeting. Names for tea, by Wednesday, Jan. 23rd, to E. V. Jones, 30, Oakley Street, Belle Vue, Shrewsbury. 9607

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Annual meeting at St. Mary's, Nottingham, on Saturday, Jan. 26th, at 3 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to Mr. Nichols, 179, Eltham Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham. 9646

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Prittlewell, Saturday, Jan. 26th, at 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea, meeting and more ringing. Names for tea to B. C. S. Adler, 15, Priory Crescent, Prittlewell. Large attendance, please. 9631

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—The annual meeting will be held at Wimbledon on Jan. 26th. Bells (8) at 3. Service 4.30. Tea in St. Mary's Hall, in High Street, at 5.15. The business meeting will follow. Names for tea should be sent, by Jan. 23rd, to Mr. J. Tomsett, at 110, Hook Rise, Surbiton. Colliers Wood bells (6) will be available afterwards.—W. Parrott, Hon. Sec. 9570

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division. Practice meeting, Saturday, Jan. 26th. Burwash. Method for practice Oxford Bob Triples. Names for tea, before the kettle boils, please! to H. Reynolds, Sec., 10, Eastern Avenue, Polegate. 9615

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Surprise practice, Arundel, Saturday, Jan. 26th. Bells 5.30 to 8.30 p.m. Tea available. 9632

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.—Annual Ringing Day and Dinner, Saturday, Jan. 26th. Towers available: St. John-on-the-Wall (6) 9.15-10; St. Matthew's, Kingsdown (8) 10.15-11.15; Lord Mayor's Chapel (6) 11.45-12.30; St. James' (10) 2-3; St. Mary Redcliffe (12) 3.15-4.15; St. Michael's (6) 5-6. Service, St. Michael's, 6 p.m. Dinner, Senior Common Room, University Refectory, 7.15 p.m. Tickets (10s.) obtainable from the secretary: David Heighton, 22, Cotham Vale, Bristol 6. 9587

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Annual District meeting at Basingstoke on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Bells from 2.45 p.m. Service in St. Michael's Church 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Church Cottage. Names for tea by Tuesday, Jan. 22nd.—F. Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John, Basingstoke. 9640

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch. — Ninth annual dinner, entertainment and dance will be held at Coach and Horses Inn, Moreton, on Saturday, Feb. 2nd, 5.30 p.m. until midnight. Tickets, 15s. each, from Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 9605

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, Feb. 2nd, Southwark Cathedral, 1.30 to 3 p.m. and possibly 4 to 5 p.m. St. Mary's R.C., Clapham Common, 3 to 4 p.m. St. John's, Waterloo Road, 3.30 to 4.30 p.m. St. George-the-Martyr, Borough High Street, 3.30 to 4.45 p.m. Service, Southwark Cathedral, 5 p.m. Tea, individually purchased, Lyons, opposite Cathedral. Business and handbell contest, 7 p.m., in Chapter House. Practice meeting, Monday, Feb. 4th, St. Mary's, Lambeth, 7.30 p.m. Dinner party, Saturday, March 2nd, The Victoria, 56, Buckingham Palace Road (opposite Victoria Station). Tickets 15s. 6d.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. Tel, HOU 3921. 9630

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY. — Annual dinner, Feb. 2nd, 7.30, Eastgate Hotel. Ringing programme: Cathedral, 2; Merton, New, 3; St. Mary Magdalene's, 4; Carfax, 4.45; Magdalen, 5; St. Mary the Virgin's, 5.30. Service 6.15. Dinner tickets, 12s. 6d., from D. J. Roaf (Christ Church). All welcome. 9610

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting at West Bridgford (8), Saturday, Feb. 2nd. Bells available from 3 to 4.30 p.m. and 6 to 7.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Tuesday to Rev. Canon R. F. Wilkinson, West Bridgford Rectory, Nottingham.—C. W. Towers 9629

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD

On December 8th a quarterly meeting of the Guild was held at St. Mary's Church, Burry Port. The bells were available from 2 p.m., and although the day was very dismal it did not prevent members coming from Tenby, Llandilo, Carmarthen, Llanstephan, Llanelly, supported by the Burry Port ringers and the old faithfuls, the unattached members.

The Vicar (the Rev. T. J. Thomas) officiated at the service, with Mr. Richards as organist, and the lesson was read by the Master of the Guild, Mr. Ed. J. Thomas. A very nice tea at the Church Hall was enjoyed by 45 members.

The Vicar kindly presided at the business meeting, the agenda of which was disposed of very quickly. Members were told that the next quarterly meeting would be at Llanelly on March 9th. The collection for the Bell Restoration Fund realised the sum of £1 10s. The usual touch on the handbells was given by Mr. A. Hoare, Mr. R. Scudamore and Mr. E. Thomas.

A hearty vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. H. Jenkins, of Tenby, to the Vicar for having the Guild at Burry Port, to the organist, and ladies who gave and waited at tea. The Vicar then closed the meeting with prayer. A demonstration of handbell ringing was given by members, both 'in hand' and lapping and the playing of hymns. Members then returned to the tower to finish off the evening.

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YATESBURY, WILTS.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss V. Preston 1, B. Preston 2, H. Barry 3, F. Preston (cond.) 4, R. Barry 5. For the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. F. Preston.

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REFLECTIONS ON THE NEW FOUND DELIGHTS

'GO. Grandsire Doubles.' What a magic the words have now. No longer a meaningless jumble of ropes and confusion of mind, but an orderly pattern, each rope coming to you singly and clearly. 'Bob'—ah, yes, double dodge out of the hunt, treble back stroke, hunt bell, one more bell and lead. 'Single'—make long thirds, that's it. No panic, just remember what you are doing. And so it goes on for another forty minutes or so. And then, 'That's all,' and you've done it — you've really done it. You've rung your first quarter peal 'inside.' George, who has been calling it, and who has initiated you into the mysteries of change ringing, is coming across to you smiling and saying, 'Well done.' You feel you could cry with sheer happiness.

That was at the end of last year. A lot of things happened last year. It really was the turning point. At the beginning of the year you really began to think you never would know anything about change ringing. And then, slowly, the mysteries began to unfold. You rang the treble to a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples — that was something. As you began to learn more, you became more and more interested. You started to write out some methods. Long columns of figures on foolscap paper, and you traced strange green and red lines through them. Your friends asked what on earth were you doing and you told them with an air of superiority that you were writing out bell-ringing methods. They asked you to explain it and you did, and they were vastly impressed by your apparent knowledge of the subject.

Then you got more venturesome and tried a course of Stedman Triples. It was in a new tower too — and in another county. Of course, someone stood behind you and perhaps you didn't know much about what you were doing, but at least it was a step forward. You tried Bob Major there too, and Grandsire Triples, and you came away feeling you had learned something.

Calling was the next thing. One night George said, 'Would you like to call a hundred and twenty?' Would you like to? — Well you could try. 'Look to, treble's going.' We're off. Now here it comes, this time, the first call 'Bob.' Goodness, how strange your voice sounds. Wait a bit, what are you doing? You forgot to take the treble there—who's in the hunt? Is it a bob or a single next time? Oh dear, what a mess. 'Single, no—I mean bob—Oh, Lord! Bring them round. Stand.' Oh dear, that wasn't very good, was it? Never mind, perhaps it'll be better next time.

Came New Year's Eve, and Nobby said, 'We'll ring the Old Year out with some rounds, and ring the New Year in with a nice touch of Grandsire.' George said, 'I think it would be nice if we asked our lady conductor to call the first touch of the year,' and Nobby agreed. To call the first touch of the year! What joy! What bliss! Nobby sounded the twelve sonorous strokes of midnight on the tenor and then out pealed the bells to welcome the New Year. You heard your voice say 'Go, Grandsire Doubles' . . . Bob . . . Single . . . Bob . . . There's one hundred and twenty — now for another . . . Single . . . . . . Bob . . . Bob . . . and then wonder of wonders — they come back to rounds again. 'That's all. Stand.' And feeling rather wobbly round the knees you realise you've done it — you've called the first touch of the year. You look at George and he looks at you, pleased and proud. And you are proud too.

Soon after New Year, Nobby said, 'Are you going to combined practice at St. John's?' And you said you thought you would. You asked George, 'Do you think there'll be a chance of some Stedman?' and George said he thought there would. And so it was you rang your first touch of Stedman Doubles. True, it was only a hundred and twenty and the calls did not affect you. True, George stood behind you, but he only had to tell you once when you nearly missed a four-five up dodge. But you had seen it — it made sense. And again that feeling of elation at being part of a team which wove wonderful and intricate patterns with the bells. The next night at your own tower Nobby suggested trying Little Bob. You'd rung the treble to it, but now you were 'inside.' And so you added Little Bob to your list. The striking wasn't much to write home about, but it did come round in a shaky sort of way. You rang some fairish touches of Bob Minor that night too, and afterwards you said to George, 'I think I could ring Plain Bob now,' and George said confidently, 'I'm sure you could.' And you felt confident too.

So many things are in store for 1957. Perhaps you will be able to call your first quarter. Yes, I know it will only be Grandsire Doubles, but it'll be wonderful just the same.

What about a peal, did you say? Well — I don't know. To ring for over two hours without a break seems an awfully long time. But I suppose I will do it . . . one day.

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IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 12, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,
A PEAL OF 5016 BOB MAXIMUS
Tenor 32 cwt.

*DONALD C. ANDREWS	*Treble*	†HERBERT G. JILLINGS	7
†LESLIE G. BRETT	2	GILBERT R. GOODSHIP	8
†ALAN ANDREWS	3	†EDWARD E. DAVEY	9
JAMES BENNETT	4	†WILLIAM J. BUTTON	10
†HARRY D. LISTER	5	JOHN F. TILLETT	11
GEORGE E. SYMONDS	6	ERNEST V. BLAKE	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE E. SYMONDS. Conducted by ERNEST V. BLAKE.
* First touch on 12 bells. † First peal of Bob Maximus.

TEN BELL PEALS

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.
LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 15, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 16½ cwt. in E.

MRS. OLIVE L. ROGERS	*Treble*	GEORGE FRANCIS	6
THOMAS E. DAVIES	2	*PETER G. DAVIES	7
A. ST. JOHN BOYACK	3	*BARWELL B. DIBBEN	8
*JUNE CLEMENTS	4	†HAROLD W. ROGERS	9
*BERNARD G. MOORE	5	†WILFRID G. WILSON	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by HAROLD W. ROGERS.
* First peal of Caters. † 50th peal together.

STONHAM ASPAL, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., Jan. 7, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAMBERT,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor 23 cwt.

MURIEL S. PIPE	*Treble*	WALTER RUFFLES	6
DIANA M. PIPE	2	WALTER W. MILLER	7
RUSSELL G. PARKER	3	*†KENNETH G. BROWN	8
ROBERT E. LESTER	4	WILLIAM J. BUTTON	9
*FRANK RUFFLES	5	LESLIE G. BRETT	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.
* First peal of Treble Ten. † 50th peal.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Muriel Pipe.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Jan. 12, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 21¼ cwt.

ALBERT W. COLES	*Treble*	*N. DAVID ROBINSON	6
MISS M. J. SKINNER	2	G. WILLIAM MORRIS	7
WILLIAM F. BUTLER	3	FREDK. W. GOODFELLOW	8
WILLIAM H. HEWETT	4	REUBEN SANDERS	9
FREDERICK R. SCOTT	5	HAROLD W. CLARK	*Tenor*

Composed by WM. WILLSON. Conducted by WILLIAM H. HEWETT.
* First peal of Stedman.
Rung as an 83rd birthday compliment to Reuben Sanders.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Nov. 11, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB TRIPLES
Hubbard's Five-part. Tenor 4¼ cwt.

CHARLES COLES	*Treble*	MALCOLM S. CLOKE	5
CHRISTINE M. WOODWARD	2	MICHAEL J. THOMAS	6
*MICHAEL J. HALLETT	3	DAPHNE R. CASTELL	7
DONALD H. NIBLETT	4	FRANK A. BARRETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by MALCOLM S. CLOKE.
* First peal on eight bells.

ST. NEOTS, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 26, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 29 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in D flat.

C. HENRY HARDING	*Treble*	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES	5
BRYAN S. COPE	2	BRYAN F. SIMS	6
RONALD J. SHARP	3	PHILIP MEHEW	7
GILES C. GALLEY	4	DEREK P. JONES	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
The first peal of Yorkshire on the bells.

DARTFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 31, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5056 BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18¾ cwt.

RALPH BIRD	*Treble*	FRANK E. WALKER	5
HARRY SPRINGATE	2	CYRIL S. JARRETT	6
FREDERICK A. MITCHELL	3	TREVOR A. CROSS	7
TERENCE BARTON	4	BRIAN BLADON	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by CYRIL S. JARRETT.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Harry Springate.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 31, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

ALAN CLARKE	*Treble*	CLIFFORD R. LOVETT	5
DAVID H. BUXTON	2	FREDERICK J. CRAPNELL	6
RODERICK W. PIPE	3	JAMES BENNETT	7
GEORGE V. BUXTON	4	CECIL W. PIPE	*Tenor*

Composed by C. WILLIAMS. Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.
Rung half-muffled for the passing of the Old Year. All the band are Grundisburgh residents.

MELKSHAM, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 31, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5024 BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr.

MICHAEL NOAD	*Treble*	HARRY HEATH	5
WILLIAM C. WEST	2	LAURENCE E. HITCHENS	6
HERBERT HEATON	3	FREDERICK S. SLATFORD	7
PERCIVAL W. HARDING	4	CHARLES F. ANDREWS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. BARKER. Conducted by CHARLES F. ANDREWS.
Arranged and rung as a thanksgiving to Almighty God for the life and work of Frank Llewellyn Edwards, priest, Rector of Kington Magna 48 years, hon. secretary and treasurer of Salisbury Diocesan Guild 37 years, member of the Central Council 45 years.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 31, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

DONALD H. NIBLETT	*Treble*	A. JAMES ADAMS	5
WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS	2	PHILIP WALKER	6
CHARLES COLES	3	EDWIN G. MOORE	7
DERMOT J. ROAF	4	FREDERICK A. H. WILKINS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. COX. Conducted by DONALD H. NIBLETT.
A birthday compliment to the ringer of the second (aged 86) and to his grand-daughter, Miss Ruth Wilkins.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 31, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation).
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in F.

ROGER K. STRETTON	*Treble*	G. HARRY BRAY	5
JOHN M. JELLEY	2	BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	6
ERNEST J. JELLEY	3	BRIAN G. WARWICK	7
ROLAND H. COOK	4	ALBERT J. COOKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN G WARWICK.

WANDSWORTH, LONDON, S.W.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 31, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5088 BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

JAMES W. CHAPMAN (75)	*Treble*	JOHN W. EUSTON	5
*JAMES W. REA	2	GORDON PETERS	6
*H. MICHAEL WILLIAMS	3	EDWARD G. TALBOT	7
ARTHUR F. LEWRY	4	REUBEN SANDERS (83)	*Tenor*

Composed by CHAS. SEDGLEY. Conducted by JOHN W. EUSTON.
* First peal. First peal since the bells have been rehung and first peal since 1937.

EARDISLAND, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Jan. 1, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.

*JEAN HUTTON	*Treble*	A. BRIAN ELSMORE	5
WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT	2	WILFRID F. MORETON	6
ROSEMARY JARRETT	3	AUSTIN T. WINGATE	7
LESLIE EVANS	4	SYDNEY DANIELS	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
* First peal on eight bells. Rung on the Feast of the Circumcision.

GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Jan. 2, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
F. H. Dexter's variation of Thurstans' Four-part.
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in G.

BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	*Treble*	ERNEST MORRIS	5
JOHN A. ACRES	2	JOHN M. JELLEY	6
PHYLLIS POOLE	3	ERNEST J. JELLEY	7
BRIAN G. WARWICK	4	GEORGE BROUGHTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

BLOXWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Thurs., Jan. 3, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in F.

CLIVE M. SMITH	*Treble*	JOAN A. BERESFORD	5
ANN BARR	2	JEFFREY B. WEBB	6
J. EDWARD CAWSER	3	EDMUND MALIN	7
PETER BERESFORD	4	DENNIS BERESFORD	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by DENNIS BERESFORD.
The first peal of Bristol on the bells.

BREDBURY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 5, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

IVOR JENKINS	*Treble*	GEOFFREY PEARSON	5
SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN.	2	A. NEVILLE BROWN	6
FREDERICK W. GROCOTT	3	DEREK TAYLOR	7
NEIL D. LOMAS	4	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.
The first peal on the bells.

CONISBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 5, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Carter's Odd Bob (No. 2 version). Tenor 13¼ cwt.

GIBSON JACKSON	*Treble*	HAROLD WAGSTAFF	5
DENISE J. SHAW	2	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	6
*DAVID G. JACKSON	3	WILLIAM H. JACKSON	7
MILTON C. FOWLER	4	FREDERICK J. JACKSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM H. JACKSON.
* First peal of Stedman. Tenor ringer has now 'circled' the tower.

DARESBURY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 5, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
A PEAL OF 5008 ST. CLEMENT'S BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16¼ cwt.

WALTER ALLMAN	*Treble*	JOHN E. BIBBY	5
VICTOR NEALE	2	WILLIAM E. ALLMAN	6
ERIC HORNBY	3	HARRY W. HOWARD	7
CECIL RADDON	4	HENRY PARKER	*Tenor*

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by WALTER ALLMAN.
First peal in the method by all the band.
Rung for the birthday of C. Raddon.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 5, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

*LEONARD S. SHARPE	*Treble*	*LESLIE N. MELTON	5
*ALICE E. J. LESTER	2	ROBERT E. LESTER	6
WILLIAM B. DUNCAN	3	EDWARD E. DAVEY	7
*IVAN COOPER	4	*KENNETH G. BROWN	*Tenor*

Composed by W. E. BASON. Conducted by KENNETH G. BROWN.
* First peal in the method.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 5, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

MURIEL S. PIPE	*Treble*	WALTER W. MILLER	5
FRANK RUFFLES	2	CHARLES W. BEECROFT	6
DIANA M. PIPE	3	WALTER RUFFLES	7
WILLIAM J. BUTTON	4	LESLIE G. BRETT	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM WIGHTMAN. Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.
In memoriam Leslie C. Wightman.

HAILSHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION
On Sat., Jan. 5, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb. in F sharp.

ARTHUR J. HART	*Treble*	RAYMOND OVERY	5
*KATHLEEN YEO	2	FRANK H. HICKS	6
†BETTY PERCY	3	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON	7
EDGAR R. RAPLEY	4	WILLIAM ROGERS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. MIDDLETON. Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.
* First peal of Surprise. † 25th peal.

MILFORD-ON-SEA, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 5, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation). Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

DANIEL T. MATKIN	*Treble*	PHILIP N. TUBBS	5
RONALD N. MARLOW	2	FRANK L. HARRIS	6
*ELIZABETH YELD	3	MICHAEL J. BEST	7
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	4	WILLIAM T. GODFREY	*Tenor*

Conducted by MICHAEL J. BEST.
* First peal on eight bells.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 5, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in G.

W. GEOFFREY HAIR	*Treble*	JOSEPH W. COTTON	5
JOHN M. JELLEY	2	WILLIAM F. WOODWARD	6
ARTHUR E. ROWLEY	3	ERNEST J. JELLEY	7
JOHN A. UNDERWOOD	4	ROLAND BENISTON	*Tenor*

Composed by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD. Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

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NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 5, 1957, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In 12 methods, being 960 each of London and Rutland, 320 each of Bristol, Cambridge, Cray, Eastcote, Lincolnshire, New Gloucester, Pudsey, Superlative, Wembley and Yorkshire, with 139 changes of method. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

MRS. L. BOUMPHREY	*Treble*	C. KENNETH LEWIS	5
EDWARD JENKINS	2	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	6
JAMES FERNLEY	3	BRIAN HARRIS	7
BASIL JONES	4	JOHN WORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN (REV.). Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 5, 1957, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-DE-SEPULCHRE,
A PEAL OF 5216 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.

*TREVOR N. G. BAILEY	*Treble*	NOLAN GOLDEN	5
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	2	ARTHUR G. BASON	6
WILLIAM LOVE	3	GEORGE SAYER	7
STANLEY W. COPLING	4	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	*Tenor*

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

WEEDON BEC, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
NON-ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 5, 1957, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (second observation). Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.

*MICHAEL R. BENNETT	*Treble*	*ROBIN V. BAKER	5
SYDNEY G. OSBORNE	2	MALCOLM J. V. CHOWN	6
*JAMES H. WEBB	3	VICTOR A. PERRY	7
JUNE M. E. HILL	4	FREDERICK G. ROBINSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by SIDNEY G. OSBORNE.
* First peal of Triples.
Rung for the engagement of James Webb to Miss June Hill, and also a 21st birthday peal for Bryan D. Hill.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Wed., Jan. 9, 1957, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19¼ cwt.

CHARLES W. BEECROFT	*Treble*	†WILLIAM J. BUTTON	5
ROBERT E. LESTER	2	WALTER RUFFLES	6
FRANK RUFFLES	3	*KENNETH G. BROWN	7
*LESLIE N. MILTON	4	LESLIE G. BRETT	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. MIDDLETON. Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.
* First attempt for a peal of Cambridge. † 50th peal of Cambridge Major. Quickest peal on the bells.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Jan. 9, 1957, in 2 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	*Treble*	BRIAN G. WARWICK	5
MRS. B. G. WARWICK	2	JOHN A. ACRES	6
JOSEPH W. COTTON	3	ERNEST J. JELLEY	7
PHYLLIS POOLE	4	JOHN M. JELLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER (B.24). Conducted by B. G. WARWICK.

DARLINGTON, COUNTY DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Jan. 10, 1957, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 10 lb.

FRED HODGSON	*Treble*	*MALCOLM P. HAMMOND	5
*ROHILLA M. COOKE	2	MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT	6
THOMAS COX	3	KENNETH LAWSON	7
*DORIS M. KILLINGLEY	4	THOMAS COOKE	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN REEVES. Conducted by THOMAS COOKE.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.
Rung as a welcome to Pamela Grace, infant daughter of the Rev. R. Brown, Vicar, and Mrs. Brown.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

BENSON, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 1, 1956, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being extents in (1) Reverse Bob, Double Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Fulbeck; (2) College Exercise and Norbury Treble Bob; (3) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob; (4) Cambridge Surprise; (5) St. Clement's and Double Oxford; (6) Thelwall and Childwall; (7) Plain Bob and Single Oxford. Tenor 14 cwt.

MICHAEL J. HALLETT	*Treble*	DONALD H. NIBLETT	4
DAPHNE R. CASTELL	2	MALCOLM S. CLOKE	5
FRANK A. BARRETT	3	STEPHEN IVIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by MALCOLM S. CLOKE.
First peal in 15 methods by all the band and on the bells.

PORLOCK, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 15, 1956, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUBRICIUS,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

CHARLES H. ARSCOTT	*Treble*	JAMES R. HUISH	4
HORACE W. ARSCOTT	2	D. KEITH LANE	5
LESLIE H. ARSCOTT	3	RAYMOND F. ARSCOTT	*Tenor*

Conducted by HORACE W. ARSCOTT.

PEWSEY, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Marlborough Branch.)
On Wed., Dec. 19, 1956, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 38 extents (ten callings) and two 240's of Morris's arrangement. Tenor 17 cwt. in G.

R. S. SPRICKMAN	*Treble*	A. ASHTON	4
MRS. L. F. LOVE	2	L. J. RUTT	5
C. H. CHANDLER	3	P. L. CHURCHILL	*Tenor*

Conducted by L. J. RUTT.
First peal by all the band.
Rung as a farewell to the lady ringer.

SWAFFHAM PRIOR, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 26, 1956, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CYRIAC,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB DOUBLES
Tenor 11 cwt.

*SIDNEY FENN	*Treble*	RICHARD J. W. HOUSDEN	4
A. GEORGE ORBELL	2	CHARLES F. SARGEANT	5
ALBERT G. FULLER	3	†NEVILLE SARGEANT	*Tenor*

Conducted by RICHARD J. W. HOUSDEN.
* First peal away from tenor. † First peal.
Rung on the 21st anniversary of the wedding of the treble ringer.

GREAT FINBOROUGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Thurs., Dec. 27, 1956, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 12½ cwt.

MRS. R. E. LESTER	*Treble*	KENNETH G. BROWN	4
*PETER R. J. LESTER	2	WILLIAM J. BUTTON	5
ARTHUR F. BALLAM	3	LESLIE N. MELTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE N. MELTON.
* First peal 'inside,' aged 13. First peal as conductor.
A 15th birthday compliment to the conductor and a 76th to the conductor's grandfather.

KETTERINGHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Dec. 27, 1956, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

HENRY TOOKE	*Treble*	WILLIAM CLOVER	4
EDWARD CURSON	2	RAYMOND G. LOFTY	5
SHEILA BARKER	3	*CHARLES H. MOORE	*Tenor*

Conducted by HENRY TOOKE.
* 150th peal.
A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. S. Semmence. Mr. Semmence is churchwarden and head ringer at this church.

WELTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Dec. 27, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

G. Angus Dixon	*Treble*	*A. David Dixon (14) ..	4
*John E. Bundy	2	*Harry Bartlett	5
*Roger I. R. Armistead ..	3	Arthur A. Clarke	*Tenor*

Conducted by G. Angus Dixon.
* First peal. First attempt by ringers of 3, 4 and 5.

COLLINGHAM, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 28, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 24 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Oswald,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

Margaret Barker	*Treble*	J. Martin Thorley	4
D. Margaret Hawley ..	2	Alan E. Hartley	5
Edward M. Bradley ..	3	John E. Cook	*Tenor*

Conducted by John E. Cook.

RAVENINGHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 28, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being four extents each of New Doubles, Canterbury Reverse, Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas', St. Martin's, St. Simon's, April Day, Grandsire, two extents of Stedman and eight extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt. in G.

Godfrey G. Walpole ..	*Treble*	James W. Forder	3
Stanley W. Copling	2	Ernest A. Long	4
H. William Barrett ..	*Tenor*		

Conducted by H. William Barrett.
First peal of Doubles in ten methods by all.
Rung in honour of the engagement, announced this day, of Edward Roundell, youngest son of the Earl and Countess of Selborne, and Joanna Constance, eldest daughter of Sir Edmund and Lady Bacon, of Raveningham Hall, Norfolk.

ASTON ABBOTTS, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 29, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James-the-Great,
A PEAL OF 5040 STAMFORD SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout.
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb. in G sharp.

Phyllis M. Mayne	*Treble*	Richard G. Ouston ..	4
*Joan M. Wilcockson ..	2	*Kenneth R. Dunstan ..	5
William Wenban	3	John R. Mayne	*Tenor*

Conducted by John R. Mayne.
* 25th peal together. 100th peal as conductor. The first peal in the method.

ETWALL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 29, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Helen,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in A flat.

*Alan Whiting	*Treble*	‡Stuart Knighton	4
†Bernice A. Manning ..	2	John E. Collins	5
Brian R. Manning	3	David K. Walklate ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by David K. Walklate.
* First peal of Bob Minor † First 'inside.' ‡ First peal. 25th peal as conductor.

DRIGHLINGTON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 29, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Paul,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in five methods: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) St. Clement's, (3) Oxford Treble Bob, (4) and (5) Kent Treble Bob, (6) and (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

Sheila M. Schofield ..	*Treble*	J. Martin Thorley	4
Margaret S. Rhodes ..	2	Alan E. Hartley	5
D. Margaret Hawley ..	3	Edward M. Bradley ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley. Witnessed by John E. Cook.

CASTLE EATON, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 29, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

Richard E. G. Luton ..	*Treble*	*Francis G. Wilton	4
Ralph E. W. Wenban ..	2	*Raymond C. Westney ..	5
William A. Godwin	3	Anthony R. Peake	*Tenor*

Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.
* First peal of Minor in three methods.
Rung as a welcome peal to Josephine Ann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Peake, born December 15th, 1956.

GREAT HORWOOD, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 29, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in ten methods, viz.: (1) London Surprise, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, (4) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (5) Plain and Double Bob, (6) Fulbeck, (7) Single Oxford. Tenor 16 cwt. 10 lb.

*F. George Edmans	*Treble*	†William A. Yates	4
†Frederick Vickers ..	2	†George W. Holland ..	5
†George F. Burton	3	Alan R. Pink	*Tenor*

Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
* First peal of Minor. † First peal in more than nine Minor methods. The first peal of Minor on the bells. Mr. G. W. Holland's 100th peal.

HORSELL, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 29, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St Mary.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob (four callings) and 30 six-scores of Grandsire (ten callings). Tenor 10½ cwt.

George Oliver	*Treble*	George Talbot	4
*Doreen Gibbons	2	Roy Collins	5
*Hazel Hancock	3	Eunice A. Hiley	*Tenor*

Conducted by Roy Collins.
* First peal of Doubles. First peal as conductor.
A compliment to the Rev. F. A. Woodard, vice-president of the Guild, Vicar since May, 1936, who was leaving for Cheriton Fitzpaine on January 2nd.

KINGSTONE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 29, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 9 cwt.

Charles Phillips	*Treble*	Leslie H. Colcombe ..	4
Reginald G. Powell ..	2	*Ivor G. Jones	5
Thomas J. Gundy	3	†Michael Munn	*Tenor*

Conducted by Reginald G. Powell.
* First peal 'inside.' † First peal.
Rung as a farewell to the Vicar, the Rev. S. W. E. Jones; also for the 200th anniversary of the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and tenor bells.

MELDRETH, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 29, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
At the Church of The Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise, and three extents of Bob Minor. Tenor 12 cwt.

Jane Thorpe	*Treble*	T. Reginald Dennis	4
Frank E. Haynes	2	Harry L. Martin	5
John G. Gipson	3	William J. Ridgman ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by William J. Ridgman.

MERE[illegible]TH, KENT.
THE KENT CO[illegible]NTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 29, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of St. Lawrence,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR
Being seven different 720's. Tenor 10 cwt.

*Pamela J. Butcher	*Treble*	George Fry	4
Luther J. Honess	2	Eric J. Brunger	5
Harry H. Usbourne ..	3	†John T. Medhurst	*Tenor*

Conducted by George Fry.
* First peal. † 50th peal. First peal as conductor
In memoriam Mr. W. Manser, of Barming.

MERRIOTT, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 29, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob and five Plain Bob.
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

HERBERT W. PEARCE	*Treble*	SIDNEY W. WHITE	4
*RAYMOND P. SELWAY	2	JOSEPH T. BARRETT	5
*WALTER H. POOLE	3	*WILLIAM E. TURNER	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM E. TURNER.
* 25th peal together. In memoriam the Rev. F. Llewellyn Edwards.

YORK.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(The York Minster Society.)
On Sun., Dec. 30, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE YORK INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTURAL STUDY,
(formerly the Church of St. John)
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

SEDMAN H. STEEL	*Treble*	MARGARET E. WILKINSON	4
*COLIN REEVES (13)	2	†JAMES WOOLFORD (14)	5
*MICHAEL MASKILL (14)	3	HAROLD WALKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD WALKER.
* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells.

BUXTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 31, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

H. G. SMITHSON	*Treble*	W. R. CATCHPOLE	4
J. FIDDY	2	D. E. RUST ANDREW	5
D. FARDON	3	W. G. MEDLER	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. C. MEDLER.

DERBY.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 31, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents of Oxford, two extents of Kent and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

ERNEST H. JOHNSON	*Treble*	JOHN S. HARRISON	4
JACK BAILEY	2	BENJAMIN BARKER	5
ELISABETH A. G. GRIME	3	MAURICE BAILEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK BAILEY.
A birthday compliment to the ringers of four and six.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 31, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Plain Bob, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr.

LEWIS R. RUNNACLES	*Treble*	GEORGE CHERRY	4
ALFRED C. HARRIS	2	FRANK W. CROFT	5
*STANLEY H. ASHTON	3	DAVID L. GULLICK	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID L. GULLICK.
* First peal 'inside.'
Rung half-muffled for the passing of the Old Year.

MARSTON BIGOTT, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 31, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 21 extents each of Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 8 cwt.

ERNEST E. BRAY	*Treble*	W. JOHN PHIPPEN	4
JOHN HILLARD	2	KENNETH E. MOON	5
GEORGE W. MASSEY	3	GEORGE WAREHAM	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE W. MASSEY.
A golden wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Mills.

PEMBRIDGE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 31, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Consisting of 2,400 Plain Bob and 2,640 Grandsire. Tenor 16 cwt.

*JOHN COATES	*Treble*	BRIAN D. THRELFALL	3
†WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT	2	LESLIE EVANS	4
WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*		

The conducting was shared by B. D. THRELFALL, L. EVANS and W. F. MORETON.
* First peal. † First peal of Doubles.

HANDBELL PEALS

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 24, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
A PEAL OF 5056 BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 11 in G.

DONALD H. NIBLETT	1—2	JOHN THOMAS	5—6
MRS. J. THOMAS	3—4	R. ROGER SAVORY	7—8

Composed by T. B. WORSELEY. Conducted by R. ROGER SAVORY.
First peal 'in hand' as conductor.

WOODDITTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 26, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
AT SUNNY VIEW, WOODDITTON ROAD.
A PEAL OF 5136 BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

ANTHONY R. MANN	1—2	JOHN A. ACRES	5—6
ALBERT E. AUSTIN	3—4	J. REGINALD HEATH	7—8

Adapted from E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by JOHN A. ACRES.

FALLOWFIELD, MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Manchester Branch.)
On Thurs., Dec. 27, 1956, *in* 1 *Hour and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT 22, EGERTON STREET.
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor size 14 in D.

PETER WATSON	1—2	TREVOR TAYLOR	3—4
GEOFFREY D. FEARNEHOUGH	5—6		

Conducted by TREVOR TAYLOR.

CLEATHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Dec. 28, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
AT CLEATHAM HOUSE FARM,
A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

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

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

FALLOWFIELD, MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Manchester Branch.)
On Fri., Dec. 28, 1956, *in* 1 *Hour and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT 22, EGERTON STREET.
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor size 14 in D.

*ALLAN SHARPLES	1—2	DEREK TAYLOR	3—4
TREVOR TAYLOR	5—6		

Conducted by TREVOR TAYLOR.
* First handbell peal.

MAULDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Dec. 30, 1956, *in* 1 *Hour and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT 7, CLOPHILL ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores (ten callings).

PHILIP MEHEW	1—2	DEREK P. JONES	3—4
STEPHEN IVIN	5—6		

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
The first peal on the bells, the back six of an octave of 'saucer bells,' hemispheres from a table chime made into handbells by Mr. William Wagstaffe, of Northill, Beds, for Mr. Ronald Sharp, of Maulden, by whose hospitality the peal was rung.

SILEBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(The Humphrey Perkins School Campanological Society.)
On Tues., Jan. 1, 1957, *in* 1 *Hour and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT 153, RATCLIFFE ROAD.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 extents. Tenor size 13 in E.

DEREK M. SAWYER	1—2	B. STEDMAN PAYNE	3—4
MICHAEL WHITE	5—6		

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

CHELTENHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Jan. 2, 1957, *in* 1 *Hour and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT 19, ROYAL PARADE.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 40 extents (ten callings) and one 240. Tenor size 16 in B flat.

VALERIE WILLARD	1—2	DAVID J. MARSHALL	3—4
CYRIL A. WRATTEN	5—6		

Conducted by CYRIL A. WRATTEN.
First peal of Doubles 'in hand' for all. First peal 'in hand' as conductor. The ringers of 1-2 and 3-4 have now rung Grandsire from Doubles to Cinques 'in hand.'

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY

The winter meeting of the Society took place at Sedgley on January 5th. The weather was springlike compared with the arctic conditions prevailing on the occasion of the Society's previous meeting at Sedgley in January, 1950. The meeting attracted an attendance of 65, and the pleasing ring of eight bells was put to good use during the afternoon and evening to a variety of methods. The visitors were welcomed by that grand old veteran Mr. Ben Fullwood, who has been ringing at Sedgley for over 63 years, and it is indeed remarkable that at the age of 87 he had been up among the bells to grease them in readiness for the meeting.

The service was conducted by the Rev. W. Sargeant, Vicar of Sedgley, who is shortly leaving the parish for another living.

Tea was served in the new Parish Hall. At the business meeting it was proposed by Mr. H. Knight, and seconded by Mr. George Hughes, and carried, that a donation of £10 10s. be sent from the Society's funds to the Lichfield Cathedral Restoration Fund.

The next meeting of the Society will be at Penkridge in March. F. C. A. B.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

Sixteen new ringers were elected at the quarterly meeting of the East Devon Branch, which was held at Payhembury on January 12th.

Prebendary E. V. Cox, president of the Devon Guild, was present, and Mr. G. C. Woodley was in the chair. About 20 ringers attended and touches were rung on the bells before and after the service, which was conducted by the Vicar of Payhembury.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

The winter meeting of the Banbury and District Branch was held at Bloxham on January 12th and, in spite of petrol rationing, there was a very good attendance, about 70 members and friends from as far afield as Aylesbury, Oxford and Stratford being present. No doubt the newly rehung bells were the great attraction, and certainly the company much enjoyed the ringing on them of methods up to Cambridge.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. C. O. Morcton, who, as Branch chairman, subsequently presided at the business meeting, supported by Mr. F. Sharpe, Deputy Master of the Guild.

The next quarterly meeting was fixed for April 27th, at Somerton, and the monthly practice for February 23rd, at Adderbury.

An excellent tea was provided by the ladies, and some of the younger members of the Branch entertained with change ringing on the handbells.

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THE LADIES' GUILD

The national president of the Ladies' Guild (Mrs. Locke) attended the annual meeting of the Sussex Division at St. Nicholas', Brighton (10), on January 12th, when between 30 and 35 ringers were present. Ringing included rounds, Grandsire Triples and Caters, Bob Royal, Stedman Triples (an all-ladies' touch), Double Norwich Court Bob Major and Cambridge Surprise Major.

At the business meeting, with Miss Locke in the chair, the following officers were elected:—Vice-president, Mrs. B. Percy; hon. secretary, Miss K. Yeo; committee (increased to four because of growth of District), Mrs. Levett, Miss Apps, Miss Everest and Miss Eldridge. A proposal to hold a dinner was discussed and it was felt that London would be the best venue.

Thanks were extended to those responsible for arrangements and also to the Vicar for the use of the bells and conducting the service.

BEVERLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

The January meeting on the 12th at Holy Trinity Church, Hull, started 1957 well with an attendance of 45 members. During the afternoon the bells of St. Mary's, Lowgate, were rung whilst the committee held their annual meeting in Holy Trinity Church, in the very room where the Society was formed almost 11 years ago.

The service in Holy Trinity Church was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. R. Illiff, who welcomed the Society to Hull. Tea was taken in the Young People s Institute and was followed by the business meeting.

After tea, ringers returned to Holy Trinity Church, where the fine ring of ten was raised and rung for the remainder of the evening.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Perrens left for South Africa on Wednesday. Unfortunately a farewell peal attempt by the Allesley Sunday service band of Cambridge Surprise Major came to grief after 2 hours and 15 minutes. A quarter peal of Cambridge for Evensong came round after some almost perfect striking.

Mr. Harry Poyner has accepted an appointment at Ormskirk Grammar School.

Owing to extensive repairs to the tower, Birmingham Cathedral bells are likely to be silent for two years.

The peal at Marston, Oxon (see page 820, December 28th, 1956) was conducted by Mr. Alec Gammon.

With a peal of Yorkshire Surprise at Framsden on January 5th, Mr. Leslie G. Brett has completed 34 years of peal ringing.

The kind hospitality of Mrs. Pipe to the band that rang the peal of Kent Treble Ten at Stonham Aspal on January 7th was much appreciated by the band.

Will readers submitting quarter peals give the name of place and county first? Omission of name caused a quarter peal rung at Hughenden, Bucks, and printed in our issue of December 28th, appearing under High Wycombe.

Mr. A. Q. Barton, to whose memory a quarter peal was rung at Staunton, Glos, on January 10th, was a churchwarden. He learned to ring after reaching 60 years of age and had rung in one quarter peal.

It was not until 9 p.m. on December 31st that Bethersden ringers decided to attempt a quarter peal to mark the passing of 1956. Two ringers short, Bill Marshall drove into Smarden, six miles away, and recruited one ringer from the 'local' and another removing his whiskers prior to retiring to bed. The quarter peal was successful.

Mr. Walter Ayre, convener of the Peals Analysis Committee, informs us that the peal of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob (Hudson's 'New Light,' see 'Ringing World,' December 28th, page 821), will not be accepted by his committee.

Mr. Edwin Barnett, of Crayford, Kent, completed 60 years' membership of the Kent County Association on January 16th.

To participate in peals of Kent Treble Bob Royal at Stonham Aspal and Cambridge Surprise Major at Helmingham, Mr. Kenneth G. Brown cycled some 80 miles. It is refreshing to read of such energy and enthusiasm in this age.

Through an oversight, Mr. Frederick G. Robinson allowed his membership to the Peterborough Diocesan Guild to lapse. In consequence the peal at Weedon Bec with seven Daventry Branch members was a non-Association peal.

Personal congratulations were given by the Hon. E. R. Palmer and Miss J. C. Bacon to the band who rang the peal at Raveningham Church in honour of their engagement on December 27th. Sir Edmund Bacon is Lord Lieutenant of Norfolk and an honorary member of the Norwich Diocesan Association, and the little church situated in a lovely setting in the park is quite close to Raveningham Hall.

Great Glenn, Leicestershire, handbell ringers had a record collection last Christmas as the result of their activities. They have sent £21 to Dr. Barnardo's Homes and £6 10s. each to Imperial Cancer Research, St. Dunstan's, National Spastics Society and Wireless for the Blind. Expenses came to £1 16s. 3d., and £1 4s. 5d., has been devoted to their Bell Repair Fund. Well done!

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MARPLE'S ACHIEVEMENTS

Dear Sir, — Congratulations to the young ringers of Stoney Stanton, and may they continue to progress in the art.

We at Marple cannot dispute your claim due to the fact that we have only six bells. We do, however, claim to have a very young band which rings up to Treble Bob Minor for Sunday ringing. The 13 ringers' (eight male and five female) ages are two 13 years old, two 14, four 16, two 18, plus the father of one of the 18-year-olds and the writer.

It is usual to have 12 ringers for each service, and during the past year a record of over 90 per cent. of possible attendances was achieved.

The New Year was rung in with 120 Grandsire Doubles by a band (three boys and three girls) whose average age was 14 years two months. Some quarter peals have been rung during the past 14 months ranging from Bob Doubles to Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor, in which ten of the band have taken part. Eight of the band have scored a total of 32 peals during the last three months on six and eight bells, including Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major and Treble Bob Minor in six methods.

Recently, whilst four of the band, aged 13, 14, 18 and 18, were ringing a peal of St. Clement's Bob Major, three others aged 12, 13 and 16, were taking their places in touches including Bob Royal, Grandsire Caters and Cinques at a 12-bell meeting. Three of the band are now practising Spliced Surprise Major at the nearby tower of Norbury. Church functions have been supported by means of Grandsire Triples rung 'in hand' by four of the band. Branch meetings of the Chester Guild are always well supported by the tower.

We also hope that Stoney Stanton can equal the fact that ten copies of 'The Ringing World' are purchased by the band each week.

The whole of this band have been taught to ring by the writer since May, 1954, and thanks are extended to the local towers, who have always made these youngsters so welcome on their practice evenings.

In closing I would like to endorse the opening remarks of your leading article of January 4th, and express my own gratification that many of this band have overtaken the writer in ability and performance, and may the remainder soon follow suit. Can any other six-bell tower claim similar progress? — Yours faithfully,

M. J. PRIOR.

Marple, Stockport.

STAMFORD HILL'S RECORD IN 1956

Dear Sir, — Apropos paragraph in 'Belfry Gossip' in which a query is raised respecting progress made during the past year by the Rye, Sussex, band.

During the year at St. Ann's, Stamford Hill, the bells were rung for every service: 44 quarter peals were attempted, of which 34 wre successful, and these were rung by 17 ringers in over 30 different methods. Six ringers rang their first quarter and every attempt had a 'first' of some sort.

Several of our youngsters rang a 'first' of Grandsire Doubles and a 'first' of London Surprise within 12 months. These same youngsters are now ringing Spliced Surprise in four methods: altogether 49 different methods were rung at practice in the course of the year.

In closing I would like to add that this is due to the marvellous work of instruction given by Mr. Brian Bladen, who has achieved this without any reference to the College of Campanology.—Sincerely yours,

'ONE OF THE LOCALS.'

FIFTEEN-YEAR-OLD BOY GETS THE BELLS A'RINGING

Dear Sir,—Reading about the bellringers of Stoney Stanton has prompted me to write about the young bellringers of Holy Trinity Church, Barsham, Suffolk.

Barsham bells are a pleasantly-toned ring of five, of which all but the fourth were cast by Mears in 1893. The tenor weighs 6 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. and the bells are in the key of B flat major. At one time there was a company here but it faded out long before the second world war, and since the war the bells had not been rung more than about a dozen times. Only two peals have been rung on the bells, one in October, 1912, and one in August, 1956.

Before I learned to handle a bell I used to help chime the bells, but when I learned, at Beccles, I decided that I would like to ring at Barsham on a Sunday. So with the help of a friend, Trevor Bailey (aged 15), a Beccles ringer, and two ringers from Worlingham, we rang the bells for Sunday service one day. This created an amount of interest and so we decided to teach a company. But before we could do this the terrible 'go' of the bells had to be attended to. The bearings were scraped and oil liberally applied, the ropes were raised, the pulleys greased, nuts tightened and the sliders freed from miscellaneous debris. After this had been done the 'go' of the bells became very much easier.

My friend and I next lashed the clappers one Saturday and gave three boys their first lesson in handling a bell. After this more joined and our company now comprises members who come regularly to our Sunday ringing and on our practice night. They are John Carter (16), Terence Page (16), Norman Baker (11), Christine Sayer (16), Valerie Sayer (15) and myself (15). We have only been ringing for about eight months and ring mainly call changes and Grandsire leads.

To a large extent the goodwill of the village has been secured by the publicity given to us by the local Press. Thus, for the first time for many years, the bells ring for services at Barsham (Suffolk) Church every Sunday. — Yours sincerely PAUL CATTERMOLE.

Beccles, Suffolk.

YOUNG BAND AT ODIHAM

Dear Sir,—With reference to Mr. John Smith's letter in 'The Ringing World' I am proud to say that All Saints' Church, Odiham, has a team of seven ringers for the six bells, their ages being 14, 13, 14, 14, 14, 16, 14. We have been ringing for nine months and ring at services, weddings and New Year's Eve. We are also members of the church choir. Our belfry has three senior members who take us for practice each Wednesday evening. From these three ringers we get all the encouragement necessary.—Yours faithfully, P. KERSLEY. (Age 14.)

Odiham, Hants.

EVERCREECH'S EXAMPLE

Dear Sir, — For the information of J. A. Smith, whose letter appeared in a recent issue, I had the great pleasure one Sunday morning last year of sitting in our belfry whilst ten of our young ringers rang a well-struck course of Grandsire Caters, the average age of the band being 15 years. Some of these young people are now ringing in the Surprise Major field regularly.

Strange as it may seem, no college manual is used in our tower. We prefer a rather more simple and direct approach in our teaching and find it quite successful in producing Sunday service ringers.—Yours faithfully,

H. J. SANGER.

Evercheech, Som.

NOTE.—We are always pleased to hear of other outstanding examples of youth.—Ed.



HANDBELL RINGING IN TANGANYIKA. — When Mr. Dennis J. Davies, of Dar-es-Salaam, Tanganyika, was on leave in his home town, Gloucester, in 1952, he purchased an old set of handbells by Mears (tenor size 18 in G).

Back in Dar-es-Salaam, he formed a team of African ringers. To date their activities have been restricted to ringing tunes — by numbers and then by heart — but hopes are entertained to introduce change ringing. All instruction is given in Kiswahili.

In the photograph are four brothers from Nyasaland who constitute the band — Boddington, Kipson, Manwell and Jackson Msuko. 'We are having endless enjoyment in a country where, to my knowledge, no peal has ever been rung,' writes Mr. Davies.

AN ANSWER TO THE RECORD PROBLEM

How a Sutton Band Succeeded

IT is most unusual for any band of ringers to take their bells with them when preparing to ring for Sunday services. But this is just what happens at St. Barnabas', Sutton, Surrey. Fortunately there is no need to carry ropes or wheels as well, although a blanket is found to be useful. All this perhaps sounds strange to the more conventional ringer who is used to finding his circle of ropes ready for him whenever he chooses to ascend his tower. But where there is a church without a tower, and where no provision, architectural or financial, has been made for one, some other system has to be found. That, briefly, is the story behind the announcement in 'The Ringing World' dated January 11th, 1957, entitled 'Enterprise at Sutton, Surrey.'

There may be other ringers who have themselves come up against the problem which faced St. Barnabas'. A few details of the way in which we have faced the problem will perhaps be of interest to them. Although some recordings of bells sound passably good when played in a small room, when amplified through a loud speaker must is lost. Apart from the fact that the music is artificial, at least to the church using the records, the distortion caused makes the noise far from satisfactory. It is just such a condition that we set out to alter.

Several problems confronted the two ringers who first mooted the idea of using handbells. Not least of these was the lack of any handbells of our own. Fortunately a close liaison exists between a neighbouring tower, All Saints', Benhilton, and St. Barnabas', and a set of handbells was readily lent to us. Although rumour had it that several members of the St. Barnabas' congregation had had some experience of ringing, it was decided to approach a ready-made group of young people with a view to their forming a nucleus of a change ringing band. Little persuasion was necessary to get this group, none of whom had rung before, to begin practices, and progress was apparent from the earliest days. Perhaps a dangerous position may have been created by trying to teach the group the elements of Plain Bob in the first practice. Fortunately steadier influences prevailed and it was decided to concentrate on learning to ring rounds and set changes two in hand before change ringing was taught.

THREE MONTHS' PRACTICE

This period of practising continued steadily for three months, progress not being achieved at every session. Occasionally the group became disheartened, perhaps feeling that little was being achieved. Some measure of the group's progress, however, may be seen from the following details: All the original members were able to ring rounds and set changes (queens and tittums) after two weeks; six members were able to plain hunt on six bells, one in hand, after four weeks; and four members were able to plain hunt, two in hand, on six bells, after seven weeks. Progress in plain hunting was achieved by spending almost as much time at practices, pricking changes on paper, as was spent in actual ringing practice. Perhaps the classic example of 'homework' was achieved when one of the band produced a sheet containing hundreds of changes, laboriously written out whilst trying unsuccessfully to bring Bob Doubles round.

As Christmas approached and arrangements were being made to broadcast the ringing, the group showed a renewed interest in the practices. By this time most felt reasonably proficient, but all had the feeling that they were far from ready to appear in public. Now other difficulties began to be discovered. Would it be possible to amplify the handbells sufficiently so that they could be heard over the parish? And where would be the most convenient place for the ringing to take place? The amplifying equipment is situated in the upper vestry, where much coming and going would have caused great interference. The schoolrooms are too far from the vestry, and would have required a length of cable which we did not possess. Various places were considered without satisfaction, until the north porch, conveniently close to the vestry, was suggested and accepted.

PRACTICAL PROBLEMS

Advice was taken as to the best way to connect the microphones to the amplifier. Eventually it was decided to connect them to the deaf aid system and so to the amplifier. This was achieved by taking the cable through the keyhole of the porch door. This proved to be simple enough but has led to another difficulty. The length of cable through which the sound has now to travel tends to diminish the volume of the broadcast. Fortunately there has been no interference from the cable, although this was a point about which we were warned. Before this point had been reached it had been hoped that our troubles were at an end. Unfortunately this was not so. During one of the practices a clapper stay in the tenor of the light eight broke, and arrangements had to be made to have this repaired. Although this was quickly achieved yet another blow was to fall; a few days before Christmas a clapper stay on the eleventh also broke. Though we had only been ringing on six and eight bells, this was serious as the light eight were inclined to sound too fairy-like, even for our small turret. However, the light eight had to be used for our first broadcast on Christmas morning.

It has frequently been remarked how serious most ringers appear when ringing even the most simple method. But the concentration required by those ringing at St. Barnabas' has to be seen to be believed. The slightest noise from feet or chairs, from throat or voice, is instantly picked up by the microphone and relayed to those within hearing. Obviously some method has to be devised for calling changes and, eventually, bobs and singles. This has not yet been fully considered, but it is intended to experiment with two differently coloured lights worked by the conductor from switches from his feet. For our ringing on Christmas morning no such refinements were necessary though. It was agreed beforehand that we should ring three whole pulls followed by three whole pulls of queens alternately. Although most of us can count up to three, in order to avoid too many gaps between one change and the next the treble ringer gave his neighbour a very piercing look or even kick, which was returned with interest or with thanks. The striking left nothing to be desired, unless perhaps one felt that it was too perfect. Open hand stroke leads, almost mechanically equal to one stroke, were the order of the day. The first remark heard from a member of the congregation was certainly encouraging: 'What do you think of the ringing?' 'I suppose that is another of those awful new records?' 'No, that is live handbell ringing.' 'In that case it is very good, and is certainly an improvement on those records.'

WANT OWN BELLS

Does this mean that our experiment has proved a success? We would like to think so, but there is still some opposition to be overcome. Still some complain that the bells are not loud enough. This is true, but it is merely a technical matter which we hope to overcome. Others may complain that rounds and queens, with occasional excursions into plain hunting, make for monotonous ringing. This also is being remedied and it is hoped that the first touch of Bob Minor will be heard from St. Barnabas' in the near future. Another important matter to be settled is that of our own set of handbells. It was fortunate that we were able to borrow a set from Benhilton, but this can obviously only be a temporary measure. Perhaps this will prove to All Saints' to have been a case of 'casting your bread upon the waters' as already two of the St. Barnabas' band have started learning to handle tower bells. This in itself creates difficulties, especially when services are held at the same time in both churches. But not one of these difficulties is insurmountable. Given perseverance, keenness and support we consider that at St. Barnabas' we have found one answer to the problem of the church built without any provision for bells.

C. F. B.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

A number of members of the Mid-Devon Branch finished the year with a social gathering on December 29th when, despite adverse weather conditions, an enjoyable time was spent.

Ringing took place during the afternoon at Totnes Parish Church, where Grandsire and Plain Bob Triples and a course of Plain Bob Major was rung. From here the next call was at Dartington Parish Church, where some good touches of Stedman Doubles and Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor were rung, thus providing a good opportunity for the less experienced ringers.

After an excellent tea at a Buckfastleigh café hearty votes of thanks were accorded to Mr. A. L. Bennett, of Buckfastleigh, for organising the event and for acting as host. Some of the members then returned to their respective homes whilst the remainder spent the rest of the evening with handbells.

OLD HEADINGTON, OXON.—On Dec. 23rd 1,500 Doubles (480 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob 480 Bob and 540 Grandsire): Angela Mellor 1, D Simms 2, J. Cruickshank 3, T. H. Smith 4, R. J Trebilcock (cond.) 5, R. Brown 6. A birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

IMPORTANCE OF CHRISTMAS DAY BROADCAST

Dear Sir,—Following the comments of the anonymous Central Council member (perhaps a trifle harsh) on the Christmas Day ringing broadcast, I would like to make the following observations and comments:—

This annual programme of ringing on Christmas morning must be heard not only by the non-ringing public, but also by thousands of ringers. They are listening not only to the bells of the next village, where they have often rung themselves, but to bells they have most probably never heard before. It is also quite feasible that many are hearing 12 bells rung for the first time.

Surely it would do the Exercise as a whole far greater credit if, on these occasions, it could be arranged that such ringing could be above the type of criticism recently incurred.

I would like to suggest that a motion be placed before the Central Council to ask the Broadcast and Television Committee to approach the B.B.C. and ask them to consider a list of selected towers submitted by the committee from which to broadcast on this important occasion. Each Association in turn could be asked to nominate a tower to represent them, and in this way a good standard of ringing would be assured. The towers taking part in the broadcast could be published in 'The Ringing World' prior to Christmas, and listeners 'in the know' would then be better able to enjoy and appreciate the ringing.

What better start could such a programme have than Stedman Cinques from Birmingham Cathedral, with, of course, such competent ringers as Albert Walker and George Fearn, etc., performing?—Yours sincerely,

JOHN R. COOPER.

Ashford, Kent.

ANY SUGGESTIONS?

Dear Sir,—I write to you in the hope that you may be able to solve a knotty problem.

Recently, at the annual dinner of the Worcester Cathedral Guild of Ringers, and also at the dinner last year, I raised this question:—

Some years ago (I think about ten) I listened on the radio one night to a talk on ringing, during which the speaker demonstrated various peals with records. One demonstration I remember in particular, because the speaker emphasised that this particular peal could always be recognised from the fact that the last bell—I presume the tenor—was always a little after the others, or **late.** In my ignorance of ringing I can only put it to you this way, and hope you will see what I mean. There was certainly a name to this peal, but I cannot now remember what it was. Here is the demonstration:—

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 — 10
1 3 2 4 6 5 8 7 9 — 10

Always the last bell was just that trifle **late.**

Have you any knowledge of such a peal? All the ringers stoutly deny there is such a peal. The Master maintains that the only explanation is that the tenor ringer was late with his bell. But I cannot accept this, as I remember the demonstration very clearly, and the explanation of the speaker.

I should be very interested to hear an explanation.—Yours faithfully,

VICTOR DOWSE,
Registrar of Worcester Cathedral.

IN DEFENCE OF TOM INGRAM

Dear Sir,—I hope there aren't too many ringers who agree with Mr. Newman's tirade against the article by Tom Ingram in the Christmas 'Radio Times.' Not that the article was written for ringers, anyway. It was written for laymen by a layman who is interested enough in bells and ringing to have written a book about them—a book whose wit, vividness and whimsicality would probably give Mr. Newman apoplexy, so he'd better not read it. There are among us those who will overlook small inaccuracies (in the books we read) in the interests of qualities like those.

I cannot understand many of Mr. Newman's complaints. Mr. Ingram is describing what I am sure he witnessed, and I know him well enough to be certain that his description is as accurate as it is graphic. How dull it would have been if he had broken off his story halfway through to explain how bells are raised and rung! Of course, he finished his story first, and then, when the readers were interested, gave them the explanation which he had induced them to want and prepared them to receive. And don't the sallies disappear through holes in the ceiling? Ours do. And aren't the sallies checked in their upward movement, as the article says, 'by the ringers pulling on the tails of the ropes'? It isn't the accepted practice to bounce the bell off the stay.

The photography may not represent the well-appointed ringing room of a city church, nor the occupants of such a place, but then Mr. Ingram is describing a country tower and country ringers. In fact this 'old-fashioned cowshed' is the ground floor of a church, as you can see from the pews in the foreground. It appears to have a timber steeple, to judge by the scissor-beams. Many country ringers, more's the pity, ring in an unorthodox style, and as Mr. Ingram is describing what he saw and not what the College of Campanology would like it to be, the photograph, which is beautifully composed and lighted, accords well with his article—better anyway than a portrait of the College Youths in St. Paul's. As to the drawing, I can only say that Miss Barbara Jones, who drew it, has no claim to fame in engineering draughtsmanship but has been considered good enough to illustrate several excellent books.

When he came to 'The Whirligige' and 'Blunderbus' as good names for methods, Mr. Newman burst out with 'What rubbish!' That's his opinion. For myself, I regret the timidity which has paralysed the names of methods during the last hundred years and more, and which has given us lists of methods which read like random selections from the A.A. handbook, with only here and there an old method whose composer adorned it with a name like 'Morning Star' or 'Trinity Sunday.' Mr. Newman is welcome to the geographical tedium of 'Morpeth Surprise' and 'Bacup' Some of us would love to call 'Go Blunderbus.'

However much it may afflict Mr. Newman's conscience, the methods which we ring are based on permutations, and so are football pool perms. Most of the readers of this article would not understand what the writer means if he put in mathematical terms, but many of them, for good or ill, are familiar with the pools, and his simile, even if it might worry the opponents of games of chance, is accurate and informative. He might, perhaps, have inserted a footnote denying any other connection between ringing and gambling, but he probably thought it unnecessary. So do I.

As to the whole article's being an inducement to recruits, I can see no reason why it should not be. The fact that fatal accidents have happened in belfries might deter some, but I should be ashamed of the name of an Englishman if I thought a remote possibility of danger was going to make our young people frightened to go into a belfry. The article presented ringing as an ancient exercise, full of fascination and holding a challenge to body and brain; it showed it as it is followed by ordinary, simple people, in ordinary places. Such a presentation is more likely to attract youngsters to it than a spirit of unimaginative criticism.—Yours sincerely,

(Rev.) JOHN G. M. SCOTT.

Newton Abbot.

REDUNDANT BELLS WANTED

Dear Sir,—We are anxious to install in our parish church a ring of bells; yet, what a cost they are! At the most all we can hope to do is to provide a very light ring of six, unless some act of fortune enables us to find a redundant ring of bells (five, six or eight) which we could acquire and have rehung in our tower.

Up and down this country, as I know, there are many bells, now neglected and often despised by the churches which possess them, which could be put to good use here. I wonder if any of your readers could give me any information about the likelihood of finding a ring of bells, so that from being disused, they can be restored to their full purpose of the calling the people of God to worship?—Yours faithfully.

GEORGE RAYNER,
Vicar.

Holy Trinity Vicarage,
Taunton, Som.

A QUESTION FOR EXPERTS

Dear Sir,—With reference to Mr. H. Chant's letter in the edition of January 4th, may I be allowed to ask 'After all **what?**'

Mr. C. K. Lewis has been able to insert Belvedere Little Bob, Mendlesham and Wakefield Alliance in his original 22-method 720 in a different way from Mr. Chant, thus giving a 720 of 25 methods. It can be adapted in the same way as Mr. Chant's 720, to include 26 methods, with a plain lead of each method included.

It would be interesting to know the opinions of others about the validity in a record peal of a 720 which included only a bobbed or singled lead of any one of the methods. The problem seems to be confined to Minor, though the ringers of Spliced Doubles may correct me if I am wrong.

There was some discussion a few years ago as to whether, in a composition of Spliced Surprise Major, New Gloucester should be rung as Cray, because it was rung with a 4ths place bob, and the problem was cunningly solved or by-passed in Cheshire by reversing the composition. What would happen if both New Gloucester and Cray were included, one with a 6ths place, the other with a 4ths place bob?

Have Mr. G. Feirn and Mr. N. Golden come up against this problem in compositions of Spliced Plain Major methods? — Yours faithfully,

WILFRID F. MORETON.

Hereford.

Monken Hadley bells, which have been silent for over a year, have been recast and rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. They were rung for the first time last Sunday. The oldest of these bells was cast in 1702, and two more in 1706 and 1710

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Devizes Branch Has a New Secretary

Some 50 members, including visitors from Chippenham and Swindon, attended the annual meeting of the Devizes Branch held at Devizes on January 5th. The Guild service was held at St. John's Church, conducted by the Rector and assisted by Canon Blair, of Southbroom. The company were the guests of Mr. A. Weeks for tea served in St. John's Parish Room, and he was accorded a special vote of thanks.

At the business meeting Mr. Slatford tendered his resignation as hon. secretary owing to pressure of work. He was heartily thanked by the chairman on behalf of the Branch for his work.

Officers elected were: Chairman, Mr. A. Weeks; vice-chairman, Mr. S. Grant; hon. secretary, Mr. S. Cockell. The next three meetings will be held at Hilperton, Rowde and Trowbridge.

Mr. Weeks told the meeting that he had just completed 40 years' service as a ringer, and the Rector voiced the congratulations of the meeting.

After the meeting the towers of St. John's, St. Mary's and St. James' were open for ringing.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

The annual meeting of the Kington District was held at Presteigne on January 5th. The Guild form of service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. E. G. Benson, R.D.) and tea was kindly provided by the wives and friends of the local ringers.

At the business meeting, with the Rector presiding, members stood in silence in memory of two honorary members of the District—the Rev. C. Dencer, of Lyonshall, and the Rev. L. Perry, of Staunton-on-Arrow—who had died recently.

The secretary reported that three meetings and five practices had been held in the past year and fairly well attended. Four methods of Doubles and five of Minor had been rung. Four peals—two of Major, one of Triples and one of Doubles—had been rung during the year.

Mr. B. Ellsmore was elected Ringing Master, and Mr. J. Preece re-elected District secretary. The spring meeting was fixed for May at King's Pyon, and a combined practice at Lyonshall in April. The usual votes of thanks were passed to all who had helped to make the meeting so successful.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Higher Income for Districts

A well-attended meeting of the London County Association was held on January 5th at the historical and popular towers of St. Luke's, Chelsea, and St. Mary's, Battersea.

The business meeting at Battersea included the nomination of officers for election at the annual meeting at Southwark Cathedral on February 2nd. These were:— Master, Mr. T. H. Taffender; secretaries, Mr. H. W. Rogers, Mrs. O. L. Rogers and Miss Jean Scrutton; treasurer, Mr. W. G. Wilson; steards, Mr. C. Meyer and Miss Betty Nolder; trustees, Mr. J. A. Hales and Mr. C. W. Ottley.

Three of the items on the busy agenda were as follows:—

(1). The income from the Northern and Southern Districts to be raised from 1s. 6d. to 2s. 6d. in respect of each member elected by them. Money would only be paid from Districts to general body when the amount held by them exceeded £5.

Whose Subscription?

Will the reader who purchased 21/- and 7/- postal orders at High Road, Harrow, Middlesex, and sent them to Mr. J. E. Jeater for his subscription, please forward his name.

There are still a large number who have neglected to renew. Delay involves extra clerical work and expense.

(2). It was announced that the Northern District secretary, Mr. L. W. Bullock, had collected £6 5s. towards Bow Bells Appeal. A request was made to all Association members who had not yet subscribed to send a subscription to one of the secretaries, so that the total sum could be paid over.

(3). A good entry for the 'Dawe' handbell cup contest at the annual meeting on February 2nd was requested. This contest is open to all towers in the area of the Association and the requirement is for four members of the Association from any one company to ring at least a full course of not less than 70 changes of any method on eight bells. Full rules for the contest are contained in the 'History and Rules' 24-page publication, issued free to all new members, or otherwise available from the secretaries at a cost of 1s. 6d. H. W. R.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

A Reminder on Lent Ringing

At the Frome and Midsomer Norton Branch meeting held at Shepton Mallet on January 12th the chairman, Mr. J. T. Dyke, took the opportunity of reminding members of the 1954 report of the Association in which the Master wrote uncompromisingly: 'It is an unwritten rule of this Association that no peals shall be rung during Lent, and I do hope that all members of this Association abide by this unwritten rule, despite their personal feelings in the matter. Self-denial is never popular, but it is, none the less, a good discipline for all of us.' Mr. Dyke continued: 'These were the words of the Master of the Association at the time, and I, too, hope that they will never be forgotten by any of our members. Those who formed this unwritten rule took all circumstances into account, and it would become ill of us if we failed to appreciate their wisdom.

'Always should we see to it that the bells are rung for their proper purposes, and we should not cling to some custom which has no foundation in religion.'

Referring to the Branch being the first in the Association to inaugurate an annual corporate communion, he said: 'It was a bold thing to do in the first place, in view of the facts that some of our towers are 20 miles apart, and that few of us have any means of mechanical transport, and there is always the problem of getting back to our own towers to ring for morning service. In June we visited Kilmersdon, where the local ringers entertained us to breakfast before we dispersed to our own towers. This sort of thing demands sacrifice, and I trust that we shall never fail to make it.'

All were exhorted to take (not merely to read) 'The Ringing World,' and tower captains were reminded to make sure that the younger generation knows the literal meaning of the opening word of the Belfry Office, now restored to its original form as it was probably written by Archbishop Cranmer: 'Prevent, us, O Lord . . .' i.e., 'Go before us.'

Mr. E. J. Chivers, the secretary, reported a good year with healthy signs of activity among the young ringers. A number of peals have been conducted, including one each by D. Robertson and R. Abbott, of Frome, both at that time still at school.

A record number of new members were proposed, from Leigh-on-Mendip (five), Hinton Blewitt and Paulton (four each), Radstock, Shepton Mallet and Chewton Mendip (two each), Whatley, Kilmersdon and Binegar (one each), 22 in all. Twenty-one towers are affiliated to the Branch; Whatley and Beckington have joined during the year and Buckland Dinham (in need of a new frame) and Compton Dando have left.

The retiring officers were re-elected unanimously with the addition of Mr. D. Hoare, of Radstock, as Assistant Ringing Master.

It was arranged that the Corporate Communion should be held at Radstock on June 23rd, and that the quarterly meeting should be: May 4th, Nunney; July 13th, Beckington; October 12th, High Littleton; and the next annual meeting on January 11th, 1958, at Frome, all subject to permission.

Before the meeting members stood in silence in memory of Franklyn D. Rickards, who died recently. The meeting closed with votes of thanks to the Rector, the Rev E. W. Eyden, for conducting the service and for the use of the bells, also to the organist and choir, Mr. Lane (tower captain) and Mrs. Lane and helpers for the tea. Some 50 to 60 members were present, representing 25 towers. E. D. O.

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ALVASTON, DERBYS.—On Dec. 15th, 2,160 Bob Minor: Miss B. A. Manning 1, P. J. Skinner 2, E. Walklate 3, Miss J. G. Draper 4, B. R. Manning 5, D. K. Walklate (cond.) 6. Also on Dec. 16th, 1,260 Doubles (300 Reverse Canterbury and 960 Bob): Miss D. Mosedale 1, D. Walklate (cond.) 2, Miss B. A. Manning 3, Miss J. G. Draper 4, B. R. Manning 5, B. Bradley 6. For evening service. Also on Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (300 Grandsire, 480 Reverse Canterbury, 240 April Day and 240 Bob): Miss D. Mosedale 1, D. Walklate (cond.) 2, Miss B. A. Manning 3, E. Walklate 4, B. R. Manning 5, B. Bradley 6.

BARCOMBE, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Tomsett 1, S. Brook 2, H. Turner 3, A. Turner (cond.) 4, M. Abbott 5, F. Smith 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. N. Webb, Rector's wife.

BARROWBY, LINCS.—On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Bob): Margaret E. Bailey (first quarter) 1, W. R. Read 2, F. W. Pinchbeck 3, H. R. Woods 4, J. E. Cook (first as cond.) 5, A. Nicholls 6. For the institution and induction of the Rev. E. R. Gaymer-Harris.

BARSHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Bob Doubles (four callings and a 60): P. M. Adcock (15, first quarter) 1, M. J. Stokes (16) 2, R. W. Bickers (first of Doubles) 3, T. N. J. Bailey (15) 4, P. D. T. Cattermole (15, cond.) 5. A birthday compliment to Peter M. Adcock, and for the festival of Christmas.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On Dec. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Gwen Reeves 1, Dorothy Fletcher 2, H. Wingrove 3, J. Meads (first 'inside') 4, D. Lamb 5, J. Harrison (cond.) 6, A. Bridges 7, S. Hatfield 8. Also on Dec. 30th, 1,264 Bob Major: S. Hatfield (first in method) 1, H. Wingrove (cond.) 2, Kathleen Fletcher 3, Dorothy Fletcher 4, J. Harrison 5, D. Lamb 6, W. Edwards 7, D. Kay Adkins 8. Specially arranged for D. Kay Adkins, of Abbotts Langley.

BOSHAM, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. J. Benton (first quarter) 1, W. G. Challen 2, C. Sangwin (cond.) 3, E. Winifred Keys 4, H. J. Stoveld 5, H. Stacey 6.

BOTTESFORD, LEICS.—On Jan. 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. Jallands 1, F. Pinchbeck 2, S. Proctor (cond.) 3, T. Relf 4, A. Ward 5, L. Squires 6, R. Woods 7, B. Box 8.

BRISTOL.—At St. Michaels Church, on Dec. 16th, 1,260 Bob Minor: M. T. Sprackling 1, Mrs. I. H. Trueman 2, I. H. Trueman 3, D. Heighton (cond.) 4, F. D. Mack 5, T. P. Edwards 6. Rung by members of the University of Bristol Society prior to Confirmation service.

CHALFONT ST. PETER, BUCKS.—On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Bob Minor: Mrs. E. G. Swift 1, B. Edwards (first 'inside') 2, L. Badcock 3, M. G. Swift 4, E. G. Swift 5, P. G. Badcock (first as cond.) 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss E. Miles.

CHELTENHAM, GLOS.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Spliced Triples (756 Stedman, 504 Grandsire, with 17 changes of method): W. Newman 1, Mrs. S. Marshall 2, W. Dyer 3, D. W. Beard (cond.) 4, I. Goulter 5, D. J. Marshall 6, C. A. Wratten 7, T. Boreham 8. First in two methods for all except conductor. Also on Dec. 31st, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: D. W. Beard (first as cond.) 1, Mrs. S. Marshall (first of Caters) 2, Miss V. Willard 3, Miss S. Parsons 4, D. J. Marshall 5, I. Goulter 6, C. A. Wratten (first in method) 7, P. Baker 8, W. A. Farmer 9, W. Newman 10. Rung to greet 1957.

COTLEIGH, DEVON.—On Jan. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Parr 1, J. Real 2, W. Webb 3, H. Netherway 4, C. Webb (cond.) 5, W. Parr 6. A compliment to Miss M. Snell on her 21st birthday, and Miss M. Curtis on her engagement; both members of the Cotleigh band.

CROYLAND, LINCS.—On Dec. 24th, at the Abbey, 720 Kent Treble Bob, 540 Plain Bob: R. Strickland 1, M. Strickland 2, G. Pepper 3, A. Strickland 4, W. A. Smedley 5, M. Brown (cond.) 6. For Midnight Mass, and a 70th birthday compliment to Mr. R. Strickland (tower captain). His son rang 4 and his grandson 2.

DEPTFORD, KENT.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss Mead 1, F. W. Richardson 2, E. B. Crowder 3, J. Machell 4, E. Jones (cond.) 5, S. W. Ball 6, W. Mead 7, J. Dafters 8. For morning service.

QUARTER PEALS

DONCASTER, YORKS.—On Dec. 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. C. Stacey (cond.) 1, W. E. Critchley 2, E. Baldwin 3, F. A. Staveley 4, L. G. Webb 5, H. Wagstaffe 6, D. A. Chapman 7, J. McCluskey 8. Rung to mark the retirement from the local company of Mr. E. C. Stacey, ringing master since 1938.

EDWINSTOWE, NOTTS.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,440 St. Clement's Bob Minor: J. T. Rooke 1, Miss F. Robinson 2, R. Lucas (first in method) 3, G. Challans 4, H. T. Rooke 5, D. H. Rooke (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also on Dec. 24th, 1,440 Double Oxford Bob Minor: Miss N. Willcox 1, Miss F. Robinson 2, R. Lucas (first in method) 3, H. T. Rooke 4, F. Flint 5, D. H. Rooke (cond.) 6. For Midnight Eucharist.

GRANTHAM, LINCS.—On Dec. 27th, 1,956 Bob Minor: Mrs. F. Pinchbeck 1, F. Pinchbeck 2, D. Frith (cond.) 3, J. Cook 4, R. Read 5, W. Rose 6. A 'date' touch on the front six.

GREAT GLENN, LEICS.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Sue Moody 1, L. S. Allen 2, J. Ratnut 3, F. Wheat 4, L. W. Allen (cond.) 5, W. J. Allen 6. For Communion service.

HARROW, MIDDLX.—On Jan. 13th, 1,260 Doubles (780 Grandsire, 480 Bob): C. G. Pitcher (first in two methods) 1, Shirley H. Dorey 2, Sylvia J. Heasman 3, R. E. Waters 4, C. E. Slade (cond.) 5, C. W. Simpson 6. On the occasion of the family service and pageant attended by the Bishop of Willesden.

HUDDERSFIELD, YORKS.—On Dec. 24th, at St. Peter's Church, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob: F. Popplewell 1, Miss E. Westmoreland 2, H. Armitage 3, W. Dransfield 4, H. H. Smith 5, J. Pearson (cond.) 6, W. Sykes 7, J. Newton 8. For the Nativity.

OFFLEY, HERTS.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Cannon (captain, first quarter) 1, D. P. Jones (cond.) 2, S. Ivin 3, P. Mehew 4, A. J. Tuttle (16, first in method 'inside') 5, A. Woodfield (67, first quarter) 6. The ringers of 1 and 6 are the first members of the local company to ring a quarter peal. Rung to mark the close of the year.

PAKENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 25th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: L. Pierce 1, K. G. Brown (cond.) 2, H. King 3, E. Bishop 4, L. N. Melton 5.

RUARDEAN, GLOS.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Beard 1, Mrs. D. Stafford 2, Mrs. K. Smith 3, G. W. Hollis 4, L. H. Jones (cond.) 5, H. Meek 6. In memoriam Mrs. M. Scott.

SHILLINGSTONE, DORSET.—On Jan. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Crane 1, R. Ridout 2, B. Ridout (cond.) 3, F. Hilliar 4, B. Ridout 5, W. Savory 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards.

SHIPTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD, OXON.—On Jan. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Keyte 1, P. F. Coombes 2, J. J. Benfield 3, H. Pratley 4, L. G. Pittaway 5, I. Harris (cond.) 6, E. J. Townsend 7, W. Lewis 8. Rung as a compliment to W. Pittaway, a local ringer, and his wife on the gift of a son.

SHIRLEY, WARWICKS.—On Dec. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: V. A. Hemming (cond.) 1, Barbara Wilson 2, E. T. Lloyd 3, Kathleen Watts 4, T. Gwilt 5, G. Bailey 6, A. Morris 7, T. H. Bartlett 8. A farewell to the Rev. and Mrs. F. G. Adams, who are leaving for Sussex.

SOUTHGATE, N.—At Christ Church, on Jan. 6th, 1,260 Bob Minor (7, 8 covering): Miss M. Piper 1, Miss A. Aldridge 2, W. Bowden 3, A. J. Wallman (cond.) 4, S. G. Peck 5, C. Aldridge 6, M. Stanyon 7, J. Perrett 8. First of Minor by 1, 2, 6, 7 and 8. For Evensong, and in memory of Mark Fensom, for many years a member of the Southgate band, and Mrs. C. J. M. Foster (Mollie Miller), formerly a ringer at Christ Church.

SOUTH NORMANTON, DERBYS.—On Dec. 8th, 1,500 Grandsire Doubles: P. Sewry 1, P. B. Knights 2, K. Faulkner 3, R. J. Stretton (cond.) 4, J. Faulkner 5, J. Ryde 6.

STAMFORD HILL, N.—At St. Ann's Church, on Jan. 6th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: E. J. Rowe 1, M. Cubitt (first of Surprise) 2, Miss F. Secker 3, H. Howson 4, M. Rowe 5, W. Theobald (cond.) 6.

STAPLEGROVE, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Coles 1, H. Thorn 2, J. Brewer 3, A. H. Reed 4, F. Treble 5, B. Beasley 6.

STANTON HARCOURT, OXON.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (60 Stedman, 240 Grandsire, 360 Bob and 120 each of Reverse St. Bartholomew, Reverse Canterbury, Winchendon Place, St. Simon's and April Day): R. Jackson 1, Miss D. R. Castell 2, M. J. Hallett (cond.) 3, F. Barrett 4, H. Floyd 5, W. Godwin 6.

STAUNTON, GLOS.—On Jan. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Hemming 1, G. W. Hollis 2, Mrs. D. Stafford 3, N. Anderson 4, L. H. Jones (cond.) 5, H. Meek 6. Half-muffled in memory of A. Q. Barton, churchwarden and bellringer of this church.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 6th, 1,280 Bob Major: P. R. J. Lester 1, A. E. J. Lester 2, C. Snowden 3, O. G. Barnard (cond.) 4, W. S. Girling 5, R. E. Lester 6, L. N. Melton 7, K. G. Brown 8. For Evensong.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTS.—On Dec. 31st, 1,264 Bob Major: H. Austin 1, Dr. G. Roworth 2, T. Collins 3, W. B. Kynaston 4, F. G. Wilton 5, R. E. G. Luton 6, A. R. Peake 7, E. Sutton (first in method as cond.) 8. First of Major for 2 and 3.

STREATHAM, S.W.—At St. Leonard's Church, on Dec. 30th, 1,264 Bob Major: J. Chapman 1, Mrs. Sanders 2, M. Williamson 3, J. Euston (cond.) 4, J. Rea 5, J. Cook 6, C. Nicholls 7, R. Sanders 8. Also on Jan. 13th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Mrs. Sanders 1, J. Rea (first of Surprise) 2, A. Lewry 3, J. Chapman 4, G. Parsons 5, C. Nicholls 6, J. Euston (cond.) 7, R. Sanders 8. An 83rd birthday compliment to Reuben Sanders. Also on Jan. 6th, at Immanuel Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. Sanders 1, J. Chapman 2, M. Williamson 3, J. Rea 4, J. Euston 5, G. Peters (cond.) 6, R. Sanders 7, G. Miles 8.

THORNE, YORKS.—On Christmas Eve, 1,260 Bob Minor: John Thorley 1, D. Audas (first quarter) 2, James Thorley 3, T. D. Leask 4, D. Thorley 5, C. Thorley (cond.) 6, E. Thorley (covering) 7. Rung after meeting short for Double Norwich.

THORPE-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.—On Dec. 30th, 1,260 Bob Minor: Heather Stewart 1, Mrs. P. Mills 2, Marian Mills (first as cond.) 3, P. W. Mills 4, I. Cooper 5, W. Downs 6. For Evensong.

TODMORDEN, LANCS.—On Jan. 6th, 1,344 Bob Triples: P. Whitham (first quarter) 1, P. Scholfield 2, N. Barker 3, C. Ashworth 4, G. Cheetham 5, H. Sutcliffe (first 'inside' Bob Triples) 6, R. Cryer (first of Bob Triples as cond.) 7, W. Stansfield 8. First of Bob Triples 2, 3 and 4. Rung for Evensong.

TRURO, CORNWALL.—On Jan. 8th, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Langdon 1, C. W. Jose 2, B. A. Parkin 3, F. Roberts 4, A. Carveth (cond.) 5, H. Harper 6, A. Locke 7, D. Burnett 8. A birthday compliment to Miss M. Langdon, secretary to the Cathedral band.

TURRAMURRA, N.S.W., AUSTRALIA.—On Jan. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (420 Grandsire, 360 Bob, 240 Old, 240 Norfolk): J. S. Clark 1, W. G. Knight 2 J. Sheehy 3, G. K. P. Stacey (cond.) 4, W. Smith 5, P. Bawden (first quarter) 6. For Evensong.

WETHERDEN, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob, 540 Bob): P. Lester 1, Miss A. Lester 2, R. E. Lester 3, L. N. Melton 4, K. G. Brown (cond.) 5, D. Brand 6. For carol service.

WESTMINSTER, S.W.—On Dec. 16th, at St. Gabriel's Church, Warwick Square, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: C. W. Ottley 1, N. G. Hollingworth 2, D. R. Randall (first of Major 'inside') 3, J. A. Hales 4, F. Ransom 5, L. Batley 6, J. Hales 7, P. J. Hutchings (first of Major as cond.) 8. Rung for evening service and believed to be first quarter on the bells since 1939.

WINGFIELD, NORFOLK.—On Dec. 30th, 720 Oxford and 552 Kent Treble Bob: G. Pearl 1, A. Lawes 2, C. Brown 3, W. Cracknell (cond.) 4, G. J. Filby 5, G. Filby 6. For Evensong.

WINTERBOURNE, GLOS.—On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Bob Minor: T. Jefferies 1, D. Elliot 2, W. F. Scudamore (cond.) 3, E. Thomas 4, T. T. Walters 5, H. Taysom 6. First quarter of Minor for all the band except the conductor. Also on Dec. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss B. Pederick (first quarter) 1, M. Hendy 2, V. Cater (first 'inside') 3, H. Taysom 4, T. T. Walters (first as cond.) 5, M. Morgan and W. F. Scudamore 6. Both rung to mark the engagement of T. Jefferies to Miss B. Pederick.

OBITUARY

MR. ALFRED TALBOT

For many years a keen ringer, Mr. A. Talbot died at the Gardeners' Benevolent Home, Horton, Bucks, on January 8th, aged 79, and was buried in the churchyard at Thursley, Surrey, on the following Friday. He learned to ring at Waltham St. Lawrence, Berks, and rang his first peal there in 1898, in which the late Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn also rang his first peal. In 1902 he went to Benington, Herts, where he assisted in forming a new band after the departure of Squire Proctor. Later some of the old ringers returned to the belfry. While there he joined the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths when they met one short for a peal of Double Norwich on July 20th, 1912.

In 1919 he was at Staunton-on-Arrow, Herefordshire, and was elected secretary and Ringing Master of the Leominster and Presteigne Districts. In 1924 he went to Nottage, in the Bridgend area, where he rang several peals. He went to Thursley, Surrey, in 1927, but as there were no bells near he did very little ringing apart from occasional visits to Guildford and Farnham. He rang about 35 peals, some of which he conducted.

MR. E. SELLARS

The death took place at Kirton-in-Holland, Lincs, on January 11th, of Mr. E. Sellars, at the age of 75. He had been connected with Kirton Church over 60 years and for most of the time as a ringer. The funeral took place at Kirton Church on Monday, January 14th, the service being fully choral. W. E. C.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

A welcome visitor to the annual meeting of the Guildford District, held at Guildford on January 12th, was Mr. I. Slack, from Leeds. Other visitors came from Portsmouth, Leicester, Bedford and Oxford. Ringing took place at Holy Trinity, S. Nicolas' and St. Mary's Churches. The Rev. H. Puntis conducted the Guild's form of service at S. Nicolas' Church, which was followed by an excellent tea prepared by Mrs. Collins and helpers.

Mr. G. L. Grover presided at the business meeting, and Miss M. E. Collins, joint hon. secretary, reported an increased membership, which now stood at 99 full members and three junior members. She deplored the small number of towers which supported District meetings. Of the 14 towers in the District only four were represented at the nomination meeting. There was no ringing at Albury or Hascombe. Mr. Malcolm S. Cloke commented that the Rector of Albury stated that morning that there were people at Albury willing to learn but no one to teach them. A promise was given that the officers would see what could be arranged.

Officers elected were: Ringing Master, Mr. F. A. Munday; joint hon. secretaries, Misses M. E. Collins and Ann Cox; hon. auditor, Mr. J. Horsman; representative on the Guild Executive, Mr. T. Mark White.

The programme of meetings was left to the District officers, but the hope was expressed that towers visited would accept responsibility for local arrangements. Two new members were elected. Nominations were received for Guild appointments and votes of thanks were moved by Mr. T. Mark White to the officers, and by Mr. A. C. Hazelden to those responsible for the arrangements for the meeting.

Among the apologies was one from Mr. A. H. Pulling. The meeting instructed the secretaries to send him a letter expressing the hope of a speedy recovery. A social evening followed, with Mr. H. J. Collins as M.C.

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The B.B.C. state that now the Ministry of Works have sealed all the openings surrounding the tower of Big Ben with wire mesh to prevent birds nesting, this may account for some listeners' views that the sound of Big Ben has altered since its return to the air!

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MEETINGS

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Annual meeting at Stockport (St. Mary) Saturday, Jan. 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m.—C. K. Lewis. 9644

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Quarterly meeting at Alfreton on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements. Cafés nearby. All welcome.—V. M. Horton, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9643

DEVON GUILD. — South-West Branch. — Annual meeting, Jan. 26th, Plymouth, Emmanuel. Usual arrangements. All ringers welcome. 9596

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. —Annual meeting at Coggeshall (8), Saturday, Jan. 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. 9577

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Annual meeting, Hitchin, Saturday, Jan. 26th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in Church House, followed by business meeting.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 9625

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Folkestone (8) on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30.—C. T. H. 9576

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Annual meeting, Grantham (10), Saturday, Jan. 26th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Meeting, Vicarage basement, 4.30 p.m. Own tea arrangements—cafés nearby. Further ringing 6.15 to 8.30 p.m.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 9626

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 26th, St. George's, Barkingside (8) (two minutes Gants Hill, Central Line), 3 to 4.30 p.m., short service. Meeting and tea to follow service. St. Margaret's, Barking (8), 6.30 to 8 p.m. Everyone welcome. A good attendance requested.—Bullock, Sec. 9639

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Committee meeting, Boyne Hill, Saturday, Jan. 26th. Ringing 3.15 p.m. Meeting 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. 9621

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—South Oxon Branch.—Meeting at Wheatley on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 4 p.m.—H. Badger, The Blue Man, Thame, Oxon. 9635

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Annual meeting, Northampton (St. Peter's), Saturday, Jan. 26th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. F. Roome, 116, Derby Road, Northampton. 9614

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Annual meeting at St. Mary's, Nottingham, on Saturday, Jan. 26th, at 3 p.m. 9646

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Prittlewell, Saturday, Jan. 26th, at 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea, meeting and more ringing. Names for tea to B. C. S. Adler, 15, Priory Crescent, Prittlewell. Large attendance, please. 9631

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division. Practice meeting, Saturday, Jan. 26th, Burwash. Method for practice Oxford Bob Triples.—H. Reynolds, Sec., 10, Eastern Avenue, Polegate. 9615

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Annual District meeting at Basingstoke on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Bells from 2.45 p.m. Service in St. Michael's Church 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Church Cottage.—F. Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John, Basingstoke. 9640

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—The meeting will be at Cople on Saturday, Feb. 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names before Thursday, please, to Miss Phyllis Gray, 18, Durler Avenue, Kempston, Bedford. 9668

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chester Branch. — Annual general meeting, Chester Cathedral, Saturday, Feb. 2nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Usual arrangements for service, tea and business meeting. Reservations required by first post Jan. 30th.—Crewe, 24, Elmwood Avenue, Hoole. 9663

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Enthronement of Bishop of Ely. All ringers are welcome to ring at St. Mary's, Ely, on Saturday, Feb. 2nd, from 1 o'clock to 2.30 p.m. — W. J. Ridgman, Gen. Sec. 9667

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—Annual meeting at Gloucester, Saturday, Feb. 2nd. St. Mary-de-Lode, 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5. St. Mary-de-Crypt 6.30 p.m. Names for tea by Jan. 29th to G. Corby, County Surveyor's Dept., Quay Street, Gloucester. 9652

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Annual District meeting, Hersham, Saturday, Feb. 2nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to J. King, The Hut, Thrupps Lane. Please note times. 9651

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Bridgnorth District.—Annual meeting, Bridgnorth, Saturday, Feb. 2nd. Bells, St. Mary's (8), 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. St. Leonard's (8) after tea. Names for tea by Wednesday, Jan. 30th, to H. Edge, 10, The Crescent, Much Wenlock, Salop. 9654

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Annual District meeting at Watford (10) on Saturday, Feb. 2nd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Jan. 30th to K. R. Dunstan, 8, Bridge Road, Hunton Bridge, Kings Langley. 9675

LADIES' GUILD. — Midland District. — Annual meeting at All Saints', Leicester, on Saturday, Feb. 2nd. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Own arrangements for tea; nearest cafe, Town Forum Cafe. Meeting 6 p.m. in vestry.—Mrs. P. A. Corby, Hon. Sec. 9681

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Colne, Saturday, Feb. 2nd. Ringing at 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Cups of tea provided.—Charles W. Blakey. 9659

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Practice meeting at Bentham, Saturday, Feb. 2nd. Bells (6) 2.30–7.30. Tea at 4.30. Names for tea to R. Downham, 3, Bankhouses, Bentham, Yorks.—R. F. Eccles, Branch Sec. 9680

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Meeting, Thurnby, Saturday, Feb. 2nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Vicarage 5 p.m. Names by previous Wednesday to H. L. Wykes, 81, Main Street, Bushby. 9655

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, Feb. 2nd, Southwark Cathedral, 1.30 to 3 p.m. and possibly 4 to 5 p.m. St. Mary's R.C., Clapham Common, 3 to 4 p.m. St. John's, Waterloo Road, 3.30 to 4.30 p.m. St. George-the-Martyr, Borough High Street, 3.30 to 4.45 p.m. Service, Southwark Cathedral, 5 p.m. Tea, individually purchased, Lyons, opposite Cathedral. Business and handbell contest, 7 p.m., in Chapter House. Practice meeting, Monday, Feb. 4th, St. Mary's, Lambeth, 7.30 p.m. Dinner party, Saturday, March 2nd, The Victoria, 56, Buckingham Palace Road (opposite Victoria Station). Tickets 15s. 6d.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. Tel, HOU 3921. 9630

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Kingsley, Saturday, Feb. 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m Names for tea not later than Wednesday, Jan. 30th, to W. Carnwell, 33, Hazles Cross Road, Kingsley, Stoke-on-Trent.—E. H. Edge, Hon. Sec. 9662

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—A monthly meeting at Tyringham, Saturday, Feb. 2nd. Bells (5) at 5.30 p.m. All welcome.—R. H. Howson. 9672

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V. W. H. Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Uffington, Saturday, Feb. 2nd. Bells (5) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, Jan. 30th, to R. F. J. Gilling, Fernham, Faringdon. 9656

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Feb. 2nd, at Woodston, Peterborough. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea essential by Wednesday, Jan. 30th. St. John's and St. Mary's bells available in evening if required. Names for tea to G. S. Bush, 18, Princes Street, Peterborough. 9665

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Meeting, Hilperton (6), Saturday, Feb. 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service and tea. Names to S. Cockell. 19, Craybourne Road, Melksham.

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting at West Bridgford (8), Saturday, Feb. 2nd. Bells available from 3 to 4.30 p.m. and 6 to 7.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Tuesday to Rev. Canon R. F. Wilkinson, West Bridgford Rectory, Nottingham.—C. W. Towers.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Annual general meeting, Balcombe (8), Saturday, Feb. 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names by previous Wednesday, please, to I. Butcher, 14, Council Houses, Turner's Hill. (Kindly note change of address.) 9634

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—Practice meeting, Ringwood, Saturday, Feb. 2nd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Requiring tea? Please post-card secretary by Jan. 30th at 116, Almd Road, Bournemouth. 9664

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—Annual meeting, Carisbrooke and Newport, Saturday, Feb. 2nd. Carisbrooke bells from 2.30 p.m. Tea in Mission Hall, Newport, after service in St. Thomas's 4.30 p.m.—A. M. Guy, Hon. Sec. 9669

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—Annual meeting at Winchester, Saturday, Feb. 2nd. Business meeting 2.30 p.m. Tea 4 at St. Maurice's Hall. Service 5.15 at the Cathedral. Ringing at the Cathedral (12) 6 to 8 p.m. Names by previous Tuesday to R. F. Brewer, Dean, Sparsholt, Winchester. 9674

GUILDFORD GUILD. — Leatherhead District.—Annual meeting at Leatherhead, Saturday, Feb. 9th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Hall 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Numbers for tea by previous Wednesday to help the lady caterers, please, to G. Marriner, 7, Poplar Avenue, Leatherhead.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—By-meeting at St. Michael's, Maidstone, Saturday, Feb. 9th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names, please, to R. L. Sills, Glenavon, St. Vincent's Lane, Addington, West Malling, Kent. 9673

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Sileby (8) on Saturday, Feb. 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Good attendance requested as the Central Council delegates will be elected at this meeting. Names for tea by Wednesday, Feb. 6th, to Mr. W. Draper, 3, Highgate Road, Sileby, near Loughborough, Leics.—B. G. Warwick, Hon. Gen. Sec. 9660

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Annual meeting, Sibsey, Saturday, Feb. 9th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea in Institute 5 p.m. Names for tea by Feb. 4th to Mr. W. Wilkinson, Station Road, Sibsey, Lincs. 9671

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South Norfolk Branch.—Annual general meeting at Diss on Saturday, Feb. 9th. Bells from 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. at the Waveney Tea Rooms, Mere Street. Names for tea by Wednesday, Feb. 6th, to A. G. Harrison, 20, Chapel Street, Diss. 9670

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Annual meeting, Mildenhall (10), Saturday, Feb. 9th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m.—E. M. Peachey, Dis. Sec. 9678

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.—Annual dinner at the Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn, on Saturday, Feb. 23rd, at 7 p.m. Ringing details later. Tickets, 14s. 6d., from D. Priestley, 50, Rosemary Avenue, Finchley, N.3. 9666

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—At the invitation of the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, the Rt. Rev. Cuthbert Bardsley, a special meeting is to be held at St. Mary's Church, Warwick, on Saturday, March 2nd, at which the Bishop will give the address. It is hoped that all ringers in the Diocese will attend, including all who are not members of the Coventry Diocesan Guild, *and all who are*. Ringing arrangements will be published later. Any further information from J. L. Garner-Hayward, Hon. Gen. Sec., 8, Orchard Crescent, Coventry. 9649

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755). —The 69th annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, on Saturday, March 2nd, at 6 o'clock. Chairman: Sqdn.-Leader John S. Mason. Tickets, 15s. 6d. each, obtainable from G. E. Fearn, Hon. Sec., 92, Etwall Road, Hall Green, Birmingham, 28; 'phone SPR 1025. 9657

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Preliminary Notice.—60th anniversary celebrations, Whit Saturday, June 8th, 1957, St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate. Dinner in the celebrated Fan Makers Hall, with social entertainment, 6 p.m. Full details, and tickets, 15s. 6d. each, shortly available.—E. C. S. Turner, Hon. Sec., 73, Braithwaite Gardens, Stanmore. 9677

Norfolk and Suffolk Grammar Schools' Outing

On January 4th, which proved, luckily, to be exceptionally warm, a party of young ringers from Pakenham, Barking, Barsham, Mulbarton and Beccles assembled at Beccles Railway Station for a day's ringing in South Norfolk and North Suffolk. The journey was made by cycle, and the first tower to be visited was Aldeby (5, 7 cwt.). These bells hang in a central tower and are a pleasant minor five. We began with a good 120 of Bob Doubles and followed it with Spliced St. Simon's and St. Martin's, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, and call changes for the less experienced.

At Haddiscoe (5, 7 cwt.) we had a good rise in peal, which preceeded Spliced St. Osmund, St. Simon's and St. Martin's and call changes. A touch of 60 Bob Doubles was brought round in 90 seconds, followed by lowering the bells in peal.

After a picnic lunch we visited Norton Subcourse (6, 11 cwt.), where more call changes, Spliced Doubles and Bob Minor were successfully rung, although the bells are rather hard going. Inspired by this fact, a number of the party proceeded to diminish rapidly the local shop's supply of ginger beer.

The ride to Raveningham (5, 8 cwt.) involved crossing deep mud and a kale field through what is known as Sycamore Farm. When the tower was reached, after trekking through darkest Raveningham Park, the merry five were set going to call changes and Spliced Plain Bob, St. Simon's, St. Martin's and St. Osmund's.

A further five miles brought us to Barsham (5, 7 cwt.), where a quarter peal of Spliced Doubles failed and some good call changes were rung, after which the party went their ways. They wish to thank all the incumbents for the use of the bells. T. N. J. B.

5,019 STEDMAN CINQUES

JOHN CHILCOTT

2314567890E	5	6	14	19
41235678E90				'A'
416352		S		3
413265	—		S	3
315264		—		3
312456	—		S	2
216453		—		3
214365	—		S	2
215364		S		3
213456	—		S	2
316452		—		3
314265	—		S	2
412365		—		2
4132658790E				'B'
3124658709E	S1			2
213465		S		
314265		—		2
412365		—		2
214365		—		S

'A'=1, 3, 4, 8, 9, 12, 13, S16, 17, 21, 22.
'B'=9, 10, S13, S15, 18, 22.

First rung at Waltham Abbey, Essex, on October 27th, 1956.

LEICESTER.—At St. Margaret's Church, on Dec. 29th, 1,260 Bob Triples: Miss M. L. Morris 1, E. Morris 2, K. W. Graham (first of Triples) 3, Miss J. A. Kirkman 4, E. F. Payne 5, R. Wilmore 6, B. S. Payne 7, F. T. Bindley 8. For the marriage of Mr. Neville Smith, B.A., and Miss Anne Ward.

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POINTS FROM RECENT PEALS

MOST weeks, in filing the peals published in 'The Ringing World,' I notice points of interest which, I hope, will also interest those taking part in the peals and other readers also. Here are the results of the past few months' ringing.

Firstly. first peals on the bells. I confirm the claims made for several towers during this period and add to the list Stoke Canon and Fornham, All Saints', where the peals rung were not so claimed, but are the first as far as I am aware.

Then we come to 'milestones.' Ewell has reached its century, as will have been noticed, although my list seems to be one short. When the claim was made I had 99 peals and make the peal on December 1st the 100th. I should be pleased to compare notes with those concerned if they would kindly drop me a line. Lewes (Southover) would appear to have passed the 250 mark last year. Actually, the peal on December 8th was the 250th since 1881, but I have come across two earlier peals, in 1778 and 1869, and there may be others. We can more definitely say that the first peal on the restored North Stoneham bells was the 250th in the tower, as claimed, since the bells only date from about 60 years ago. I believe the next peal at Hughenden will be the 300th on the bells. I have 299 at the moment, and Mr. Ernest Morris states that the first of these (in 1883) was the first on the bells. That will make the 14th tower in the country with 300 or more peals. Claines is also approaching the century milestone — the next peal will see it reach three figures. It would have attained it at the last peal in November except that a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major in 1936 was found to be false. The first peal was only rung in 1927, so it has done well. Although over 50 peals have been rung on the ten, including Spliced Surprise Royal in two methods and Yorkshire Royal (2), the last two peals (October and November) were the first of Cambridge Royal. Whilst on that sort of subject, it was very surprising to find that previous to the peal in November at Fulham, only one peal of Surprise had been rung there out of the large total of 176! This was Cambridge Royal in 1920.

Now for 'first in methods,' etc. Wells Cathedral has had its first of Bob Royal. Here, out of the total of 23 peals. only four have been of Royal, three of them since the war. But perhaps that is not surprising considering the weight of the tenor! Eastbourne, All Saints', has had its first of Major (as claimed). It was only the sixth peal on the bells, the first being in 1901. Although there have been 14 peals since 1892 at Morpeth, the recent one was the first of Plain Bob Major (various Surprise methods have been rung). Ticehurst and Polstead have both had their first peals in seven Minor methods and the latter has also had its first of Surprise (as claimed). In the period, we have had the first of Surprise at Wimborne St. Giles', Sherburn-in-Elmet and Norton-le-Moors. Sedgley has had peals in several Surprise methods, commencing with Superlative in 1908, but the last peal was the first of Yorkshire on the bells.

Then we come to towers which rarely appeal in the peal columns. I think pride of place must go to Swanmore, Hants, which last appeared in 1893! The November peal was the fourth on the bells, for two had been rung before 1893, in 1889 and 1890. The only peal rung at Waddesdon, Bucks, previously was on August 9th, 1902, so here again we have a 'silence' of more than 50 years as far as peals are concerned. It was of Bob Doubles. Brixworth, Northants, last appeared over 40 years ago, in 1913 when both its previous peals were rung. Lichborough has had its first since 1919. There had been one before that year in 1913. The only previous peal at North Cerney, Gloucestershire, was on February 16th, 1922.

Rumburgh, Suffolk, has been 'silent' nearly as long, for 1923 heard its last peal. This five-bell tower must have been in the lead for a long time for a number of peals in that category, for it reached double figures in 1912, commencing in 1896. There are still only 17 five-bell towers with more than 10 peals. Marston is still going ahead amongst these, and its 19 peals makes it fifth on the list now. Gamlingay seems to go in for peals about 30 years apart! Its three peals were rung in 1897, 1929 and 1956. Staunton-in-the-Vale, Notts, has also had three peals now, the two previous ones in 1920 and 1928. Several towers last appeared in the middle 1930's. They include Walton-on-the-Hill (1935), Shorne (1935), Broadwindsor (1936) and Wrentham (1936). Fifteen peals were rung between 1891 and 1935 at Walton, whilst Shorne has logged 12 from 1901. Broadwindsor's was its 'one and only,' but Wrentham's was its 70th! There were 23 peals from the first in 1908 up to 1916 and then 46 from 1919 to 1936 — only one or two during the last few years of that period. It was certainly one of the most popular towers 30 years ago. Ulverston (Lancs) also had its last peal in 1935, and Rothbury in 1936.

Other towers which have registered their first since before the last war are Clyst St. George, King's Norton (Leics) and Whitchurch (Salop). Other 'rare' visitors to the peal lists are Oundle (seventh peal since 1901) and Stanton-by-Dale (fourth peal since 1913). Stansted's was only the second peal since 1936, but here there were 154 peals rung from 1889 to 1936! Here is a case of a tower with its glories in the past with a vengeance!

One or two final points. It is 51 years since Stedman was rung at Hampton (Middlesex) and there have only been 10 peals since then. At Sheffield, All Saints', we have just had the first peal on the eight since 1934, but there have been four of Minor from 1951 to 1955. The last peal of Bob Royal at Birmingham Cathedral was in 1897. The last peal of Superlative at Rock was on November 2nd, 1913. It was the second of two peals rung on that day — the day after the opening of the bells when Stedman was rung. Four peals were rung that week and then only four more up to 1939. A final titbit. The next peal at St. Giles', Lincoln, will be the 100th on the bells, but only the 47th in the tower! The other 53 were rung at St. Peter-at-Arches, where the bells were previously.

As a result of my last article, I would like to thank Mr. E. M. Atkins and others for their information about the 'set up' of the bells at Newton Abbot.

K. W. H. FELSTEAD.

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TEN BELL PEALS

LUTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 12, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 25¼ cwt.

F. E. Haynes (St. Cath.'s)	*Treble*	S. E. Darmon (St. John's)	6
Susan Jackson (Girton)	2	J. D. Painter (Caius)	7
*A. R. Heppenstall (Sel.)	3	W. T. Cook (Jesus)	8
P. K. Williamson (Trinity)	4	C. W. Woolley (Selwyn)	9
*G. C. Galley (Queens')	5	C. M. P. Johnson (Selwyn)	*Tenor*

Composed by W. Pye. Conducted by F. E. Haynes.
* First peal of Royal. First peal of Surprise Royal for the Guild. Rung with the best wishes of the band to Stephen Neville Goddard, son of the Rev. and Mrs. A. G. G. Thurlow, born on January 10th, 1957.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Jan. 19, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5091 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 25¼ cwt.

*Arthur W. Gravett	*Treble*	George Elphick	6
John Chilcott	2	W. Arthur Riddington	7
Albert W. Bond	3	John Hill	8
Raymond Wood	4	Frederick E. Collins	9
John V. Lonsbrough	5	Raymond Overy	*Tenor*

Composed by William T. Elson. Conducted by John Chilcott.
* 200th peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BICESTER, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 29, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Edburg,
A PEAL OF 5008 BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

*David C. Woodward	*Treble*	Edgar J. Smith	5
Daphne R. Castell	2	Frank A. Barrett	6
†Robin Trebilcock	3	Cyril H. Kinch	7
A. James Adams	4	Malcolm S. Cloke	*Tenor*

Composed by F. H. Dexter. Conducted by Malcolm S. Cloke.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Major.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 5, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 10 lb. in F sharp.

Mrs. Gladys Richardson	*Treble*	William A. Smith	5
*Bernard Groves	2	Eric Ellison	6
*Robert Smith	3	Brian J. Woodruffe	7
*Alan McFall	4	Alex Richardson	*Tenor*

Composed by J. Platt. Conducted by Alex. Richardson.
* First peal in the method.
Rung for the induction of the Vicar, the Rev. G. F. Craven, M.A.

FRINDSBURY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Jan. 9, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5056 BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

Jennifer M. Highley	*Treble*	Terence Barton	5
*Dorothy Borer	2	George Kenward	6
Cyril S. Jarrett	3	Peter F. Borer	7
Ronald C. Burns	4	Ralph Bird	*Tenor*

Composed by A. P. Cannon. Conducted by Ralph Bird.
* First peal.
A 21st birthday peal for Mr. T. Barton. Also a compliment to Mr. C. S. Jarrett upon his birthday.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Thurs., Jan. 10, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5056 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

*Alan Clarke	*Treble*	Clifford R. Lovett	5
*David H. Buxton	2	Fredk. J. Crapnell	6
Roderick W. Pipe	3	James Bennett	7
*George V. Buxton	4	Cecil W. Pipe	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. Sedgley (No. 3). Conducted by James Bennett.
* First attempt for a peal of Treble Bob Major. All are members of the local band. Composition rung for the first time.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(North Bucks Branch.)
On Sat., Jan. 12, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Sir A. P. Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans' Four-part.
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in F.

Roger Cadamy	*Treble*	Frederick J. Stonton	5
Frederick Vickers	2	Joseph Marks	6
Harry Sear	3	George W. Holland	7
*James R. Mossop	4	Donald J. Meager	*Tenor*

Conducted by George W. Holland.
* First peal of Stedman. Mr. H. Sear has now 'circled the tower' four times.

FORDINGBRIDGE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 12, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 14½ cwt.

Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay	*Treble*	†Barbara Hiscock	5
*Joan M. Gray	2	Frank L. Harris	6
William T. Godfrey	3	Ronald N. Marlow	7
Michael J. Best	4	Lewis F. Cobb	*Tenor*

Conducted by Ronald N. Marlow.
* First peal of Stedman. † First peal. First in method as conductor. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay on their 20th wedding anniversary.

HEMSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 12, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
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Milton C. Fowler	*Treble*	*David G. Jackson	5
W. Eric Critchley	2	J. Frederick Milner	6
Gibson Jackson	3	William H. Jackson	7
Howard Scott	4	Wilfrid F. Moreton	*Tenor*

Composed by James Topp. Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.
* First peal of Spliced.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 12, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

Leonard Stilwell	*Treble*	William T. Beeson	5
Edgar R. Rapley	2	C. Ernest Smith	6
John L. Morris	3	*A. Patrick Cannon	7
*Ralph Bird	4	George E. Fearn	*Tenor*

Composed by H. G. Cashmore. Conducted by Ralph Bird.
* 50th peal together in 50 different towers. First peal in method as conductor. First peal of Lincolnshire Surprise on the bells.

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NEW MILLS, DERBYSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 12, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7½ *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE-THE-MARTYR,
A PEAL OF 5040 ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. in G sharp.

*CHRISTINE C. MACNAIR	*Treble*	ALAN MCFALL	5
ELIZABETH M. BAGSHAW	2	ROBERT SMITH	6
MRS. GLADYS RICHARDSON	3	ALEX. RICHARDSON	7
BERNARD GROVES	4	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD.
Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.
* First peal of Major. First peal in the method by all the band.
A birthday compliment to Robert Smith.

RUNCORN, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 12, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 SOUTHWELL SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's variation. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb.

RBT. B. P. HULSE (Verger)	*Treble*	JOHN ORME (Sidesman)	5
*ANNE SLINGER	2	WM. E. ALLMAN (Sidesman)	6
A. DUGDALE (Chorister)	3	WLTR. ALLMAN (Sidesman)	7
CHARLES WARD	4	D. MADDOCK (Lay Reader)	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER ALLMAN.
* First peal of Surprise. First peal in the method by all. The conductor has now called a peal from each bell in the tower.
Rung by the Sunday service band to mark the acceptance to the Ministry of J. Orme, and the birth of Charles Edward Jenkin, a son to the conductor.

WATLINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 12, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 7 lb.

*ARTHUR FOXALL	*Treble*	†DAVID CORNWALL	5
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER	2	ANTHONY E. COX	6
DOROTHY R. FLETCHER	3	ROLAND BIGGS	7
†JOHN D. KAPE	4	WALTER LEE	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by WALTER LEE.
* First attempt for a Surprise peal. † First peal in method.
Rung for the 50th anniversary of the first peal of Major on the bells.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., Jan. 14, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

JOHN A. ANDERSON	*Treble*	PETER BORDER	5
DIANA J. PERRINS	2	FRANK E. HAYNES	6
H. DAVID HOLLAND	3	JEFFREY B. WEBB	7
JOHN PINFOLD	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

COLE-ORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Mon., Jan. 14, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
F. H. Dexter's No. 1 variation. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

*AUDREY S. NOBLE	*Treble*	ERNEST J. JELLEY	5
MRS. S. H. JONES	2	JOSEPH W. COTTON	6
PHYLLIS POOLE	3	PETER J. STANIFORTH	7
ERNEST W. RAWSON	4	GEORGE W. RIDGWAY	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.
* First peal in the method.
A birthday compliment to Mrs. S. H. Jones.

HINGHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Jan. 16, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 ST. STEPHEN'S BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

H. WILLIAM BARRETT	*Treble*	GEORGE SAYER	5
ARTHUR G. BASON	2	GEORGE P. ADAMS	6
JOHN S. BARNES	3	BERT GOGLE	7
NOLAN GOLDEN	4	ALLAN C. HAINES	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
The method, rung for the first time, is No. 3 in F. T. Blagrove's list in the 'R.W.' of August 17th, 1956.
Rung in honour of the birth of Stephen Thurlow.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Jan. 17, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 28 lb.

JOHN HALL	*Treble*	HARRY HALL	5
*C. AUBREY HARRISON	2	JACK BRAY	6
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	3	GEORGE W. MOODY	7
RONALD CHAFER	4	PHILIP BARNES	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by JACK BRAY.
* 100th peal.
In memoriam Rupert Richardson.

BOCKING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 19, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE DEANERY CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in E.

CECIL BARKER	*Treble*	TERRY EARLE	5
HILDA G. SNOWDEN	2	ALAN R. SYDER	6
EDWIN JENNINGS	3	ALBERT WIFFEN	7
LEWIS W. WIFFEN	4	WALTER ARNOLD	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by TERRY EARLE.
In memoriam Albert Catterwell, life member of the Association, and George Schlueter, ringing member.

CLIFFE-AT-HOO, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 19, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in E flat.

RONALD C. BURNS	*Treble*	EDWARD C. BARTON	5
HARRY SPRINGATE	2	*TERENCE BARTON	6
CYRIL S. JARRETT	3	GEORGE KENWARD	7
ALBERT J. DUNK	4	RALPH BIRD	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by RALPH BIRD.
* 25th peal.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 19, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,
A PEAL OF 5120 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

RAYMOND G. LOFTY	*Treble*	GEORGE SAYER	5
STANLEY W. COPLING	2	WILLIAM B. DUNCAN	6
NOLAN GOLDEN	3	ARTHUR G. BASON	7
ROBERT E. LESTER	4	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
In honour of the birth of Stephen Thurlow.

OLVESTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 19, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in E.

FRANK D. MACK	*Treble*	IVOR H. TRUEMAN	5
PATRICIA M. BOURN	2	JOHN H. GILBERT	6
DAVID HEIGHTON	3	ANTONY W. T. CLEAVER	7
JOAN GRAY	4	*PHILIP M. J. GRAY	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by PHILIP M. J. GRAY.
* 100th peal. First blow in the method by all.

STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 19, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENDAL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 19 lb. in G.

ALBERT C. WENBAN	*Treble*	JEAN A. DARMON	5
*WILLIAM WENBAN	2	STANLEY E. DARMON	6
D. KAY ADKINS	3	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN	7
JOAN M. WILCOCKSON	4	*JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Composed by RICHARD F. B. SPEED. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
* 50th peal together. First peal in the method on the bells, and by all the band.
A 70th birthday compliment to the ringer of the second.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

BLADON, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 29, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being four extents of Plain Bob and three extents of Kent Treble Bob, rung alternately. Tenor 6 cwt.

DERMOT T. ROAF	*Treble*	FRANK A. BARRETT	4
DAPHNE R. CASTELL	2	ROBIN TREBILCOCK	5
*RUTH S. HODGSON	3	MALCOLM S. CLOKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by MALCOLM S. CLOKE.

* First peal on tower bells.

HECKFIELD, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Dec. 30, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 16 extents of Plain Bob, 15 extents of Grandsire, three extents each of Reverse St. Bartholomew. Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and All Saints, and two extents of Stedman. Tenor 16 cwt.

DAPHNE R. CASTELL	*Treble*	GEOFFREY K. DODD	3
FRANK A. BARRETT	2	PETER G. DAVIES	4
MALCOLM S. CLOKE	*Tenor*		

Conducted by MALCOLM S. CLOKE.

The first peal on the bells.

GARSINGTON, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 31, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being extents in (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Oxford Treble Bob, (3) Kent Treble Bob, (4) Double Oxford, (5) Double Bob, (6) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

*RUTH S. HODGSON	*Treble*	DONALD H. NIBLETT	4
DAPHNE R. CASTELL	2	*PETER G. DAVIES	5
FRANK A. BARRETT	3	MALCOLM S. CLOKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by MALCOLM S. CLOKE.

* First peal in seven methods.

OLD MARSTON, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 31, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 21 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 16 extents of Plain Bob, 12 extents of Grandsire, three extents each of All Saints, Reverse St Bartholomew, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and St. Simon's, and two extents of Winchendon Place Bob. Tenor 5 cwt.

CHRISTINE M. WOODWARD	*Treble*	DAPHNE R. CASTELL	3
MICHAEL J. HALLETT	2	FRANK A. BARRETT	4
MALCOLM S. CLOKE	*Tenor*		

Conducted by MALCOLM S. CLOKE.

CUXTON, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Jan. 1, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 18 six-scores (four callings) Plain Bob and 24 six-scores (ten callings) Grandsire. Tenor 8 cwt.

JOHN C. S. BENSON	*Treble*	CYRIL S. JARRETT	3
GEORGE KENWARD	2	RONALD C. BURNS	4
TERENCE BARTON	*Tenor*		

Conducted by CYRIL S. JARRETT.

Rung as a farewell to John C. S. Benson, who was leaving for service in H.M. Forces.

WENDOVER, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Jan. 1, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten callings). Tenor 14 cwt. 2 lb.

LESLIE ANDREWS	*Treble*	WALTER LEE	4
MARY HOBBS	2	ROY WOODRUFF	5
*MONICA BARRETT	3	DENNIS HARDING	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROY WOODRUFF.

* First peal 'inside.' This peal started at 9.33 p.m. on December 31st and finished on January 1st.

SILSOE, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Jan. 3, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,
A PEAL OF 5040 COLLEGE EXERCISE (TREBLE BOB) MINOR

Being seven extents, with no 6-5s at backstroke.
Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in B.

*PETER J. LAWTON	*Treble*	STEPHEN IVIN	4
THOMAS P. HARRIS	2	PHILIP MEHEW	5
DESMOND R. BRAZIER	3	DEREK P. JONES	*Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

* First peal of Treble Bob. Believed to be the first peal of Minor rung entirely in this method (C.C.C. TB.8).

A 21st birthday compliment to Mr. John F. Olney, of the local band.

BURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Fri., Jan. 4, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 26 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Cambridge, Kent, Oxford, Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.

JAMES BENNETT, JUN.	*Treble*	ROBERT E. LESTER	4
ALICE LESTER	2	JAMES BENNETT	5
RODERICK W. PIPE	3	CECIL W. PIPE	*Tenor*

Conducted by CECIL W. PIPE.

MEYSEY HAMPTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Jan. 4, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten callings). Tenor 9½ cwt.

*JOHN LAWRENCE	*Treble*	†GILBERT BURGE	4
MRS. W. A. GODWIN	2	‡WILLIAM A. GODWIN	5
†DAVID HICKS	3	‡RALPH E. W. WENBAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. GODWIN.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' ‡ 25th peal together.

TRYSULL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Fri., Jan. 4, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being one 240 (Morris's arrangement) and 40 extents (ten callings). Tenor 11 cwt. 17 lb.

SAMELA R. P. THOMAS	*Treble*	ERNEST STITCH	4
*ROBERT J. WARRILOW	2	FREDERICK G. HANDLEY	5
†STELLA HUGHES	3	‡C. R. CHAD COUSSMAKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by STELLA HUGHES.

* First peal away from the treble. † First peal of Doubles. ‡ First peal. First peal in the method as conductor. The ringers of 1 and 3 are believed to be the first ladies to ring a peal on these bells.

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Jan. 4, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob, and 1,440 of St Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

DONALD L. MILLS	*Treble*	LESLIE D. MILLS	4
MRS. LESLIE MILLS	2	A. EDWARD LEGGETT	5
EVELYN R. M. CANSDALE	3	ALLEN W. CANSDALE	*Tenor*

Conducted by DONALD L. MILLS.

A birthday compliment to the ringer of the third.

BLUNHAM, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 5, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent each of London, Wells, York, Durham, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge. Tenor 20 cwt., approx.

*ANDREW C. SINFIELD	*Treble*	DEREK P. JONES	4
C. HENRY HARDING	2	ALAN S. SMITH	5
RONALD J. SHARP	3	BRYAN F. SIMS	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRYAN F. SIMS.

* 50th peal of Surprise Minor. First peal of Surprise Minor as conductor.

COUND, SHROPSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 5, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Kent Treble Bob and six extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

CHARLES E. EDWARDS ..	*Treble*	†PHILIP G. MORGAN ..	4
*LEO EVANS	2	*HARRY EDGE	5
CHARLES G. JONES	3	†‡REGINALD T. JONES ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by REGINALD T. JONES.

* First peal in two methods. † 50th peal together. ‡ 125th peal for the Guild.

CRICKLADE, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 5, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAMPSON.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being four extents each of Stedman, Reverse Canterbury, St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place Bob, eight extents each of Plain Bob and St. Simon's and ten extents of Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt. 27 lb.

ANTHONY R. PEAKE	*Treble*	RAYMOND C. WESTNEY ..	3
FRANCIS G. WILTON	2	ERIC SUTTON	4
		WILLIAM A. GODWIN ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.

The first peal in seven methods on the bells and by all the band except the conductor. First peal in seven methods as conductor.

HIGHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 5, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 12 methods, viz.: (1) Killamarsh Treble Bob; (2) Norwich Surprise; (3) Double Bob and Oxford Bob; (4) Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's and Childwall; (5) Cambridge Surprise; (6) Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob; (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. in B flat.

A. PATRICK CANNON	*Treble*	BRIAN BLADON	4
CYRIL S. JARRETT	2	RALPH BIRD	5
JOHN L. MORRIS..	3	PHILIP MEHEW	*Tenor*

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

First peal in 12 methods on the bells. Mr. A. P. Cannon's 450th tower for a peal.

HOO, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 5, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Double Court, Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Double Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

CYRIL S. JARRETT	*Treble*	JOHN L. MORRIS..	4
RALPH BIRD	2	PHILIP MEHEW	5
BRIAN BLADON	3	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

First peal in eight methods on the bells. Mr. B. Bladon's 100th tower for a peal.

A 44th birthday compliment to the conductor.

NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 5, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*WENDY ELLAM	*Treble*	*GEOFFREY LLOYD	4
A.C.2 K. EDWARDS.. ..	2	PETER A. MILLWARD ..	5
*DAVID BURGESS	3	*MALCOLM G. GOFF	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER A. MILLWARD.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. Average age of band 16 years.

PACKINGTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 5, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY ROOD,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 lb. in B flat.

J. CHRISTOPHER RIGG ..	*Treble*	PERCIVAL W. GRICE	4
W. GEOFFREY HAIR	2	JOSEPH W. COTTON	5
ERNEST J. JELLEY	3	JOHN M. JELLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

First peal of Minor as conductor.

PELSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Jan. 5, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 14 b. in A.

STELLA HUGHES	*Treble*	†JOHN B. DINENAGE	4
*ELIZABETH M. YARDLEY ..	2	PETER BERESFORD	5
CLIVE M. SMITH	3	DENNIS BERESFORD	*Tenor*

Conducted by DENNIS BERESFORD.

* First peal on six bells. † First peal of Surprise.

ST. ERME, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 5, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HERMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent, and Kent and Oxford, and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

*GEOFFREY HARPER	*Treble*	*V. MARY MATTHEWS ..	4
*HARRY HARPER	2	*DAVID N. PENROSE	5
ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD ..	3	ALAN CARVETH	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN CARVETH.

* First peal in more than one method.

SELWORTHY, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 5, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven extents each of different calling. Tenor 16 cwt.

*JOHN E. SPARKES	*Treble*	JAMES R. HUISH	4
HORACE W. ARSCOTT ..	2	LESLIE H. ARSCOTT	5
CHARLES H. ARSCOTT ..	3	RAYMOND F. ARSCOTT ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by HORACE W. ARSCOTT.

* First peal and first attempt.

TARRINGTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 5, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being five extents each of Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas', Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Stedman, two extents of Plain and ten of Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb.

*ROSEMARY JARRETT	*Treble*	AUSTIN T. WINGATE ..	4
LESLIE EVANS	2	WILFRID F. MORETON ..	5
*WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT	3	†THOMAS WOOD	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* First peal of Doubles in eight methods. † First attempt for a peal. The first peal in eight methods on the bells.

WALTHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 5, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

*JOSEPH J. WILLOWS ..	*Treble*	*†W. ARTHUR CROWDER ..	4
*MICHAEL W. CROWDER ..	2	FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD	5
GWEN I. RUSBY	3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ..	*Tenor*

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES.
Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor. † 50th peal.

WEEKLEY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Kettering Branch.)
On Sat., Jan. 5, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 10 lb.

*DAVID R. PERKINS	*Treble*	§PHILIP G. K. DAVIES ..	4
†ALAN J. FROST..	2	‡DAVID W. JAMES	5
‡FRANK CROSIER..	3	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by PATRICK I. CHAPMAN.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. ‡ First peal of Bob Minor. § First peal 'inside.'

Rung in honour of the appointment of Rev. H. G. L. Roberts, Rector of Kettering, as Canon of Peterborough Cathedral.

WESTON TURVILLE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 5, 1957, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Comprising four extents of Winchendon Place Bob, St. Nicholas', St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Reverse St. Bartholomew, eight of Plain Bob, ten extents of Grandsire and two of Morris's callings of 240.
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

DONALD G. WHEELER .. *Treble*	*DAVID CORNWALL 3
BERNARD C. COLLINS .. 2	ROY WOODRUFF 4
WALTER LEE .. .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by WALTER LEE.
* First peal in seven methods

WHEATHAMPSTEAD, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 5, 1957, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt. 22 lb.

DESMOND PAINTER .. .. *Treble*	HUGH NEILL 4
AMY COBURN 2	FRED C. JACKLIN 5
LESLIE COBURN 3	FRED W. ELLIS .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by DESMOND PAINTER.
Rung with the good wishes of the band to Miss Mary Ashby, a member of the local band, who was leaving for America, and to Mrs. M. C. Passmore, the grandmother of the conductor, who celebrated her 90th birthday the previous day.

WITCOMBE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 5, 1957, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being ten 120's and eight 240's each of Morris's and Pitman's arrangement. Tenor 6½ cwt.

FREDERICK BLOWEN .. .. *Treble*	LESLIE BARRY 4
G. LEONARD HEWITT 2	*SIDNEY MILTON 5
PETER CLARKSON 3	DORIS M. KILLINGLEY .. *Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.
* First peal of Doubles.

WOLVERCOTE, OXFORD.
THE OXFORD SOCIETY.
On Sat., Jan. 5, 1957, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 19 extents of Grandsire, 13 of Plain Bob and ten of April Day.
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb.

DERMOT J. ROAF .. .. *Treble*	MICHAEL J. HULLETT .. 4
ASHBY C. P. PUGH 2	FRANCIS BARRETT 5
*WILFRED GODWIN 3	*WILFRED C. GODWIN .. *Tenor*

Conducted by ringers of one, four and five (14 extents each).
* First peal. First peal on bells.

ETWALL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Jan. 7, 1957, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two extents of April Day, 20 extents of Grandsire, ten extents of Plain Bob and ten extents of Reverse Canterbury.
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. in B flat.

*DAVID K. WALKLATE .. *Treble*	BERNICE A. MANNING .. 3
EDWIN WALKLATE 2	JOHN F. MURFIN 4
PETER BELLAMY-KNIGHT .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by DAVID K. WALKLATE.
* 50th peal.

KIRBY MUXLOE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Jan. 7, 1957, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Comprising 42 extents in 11 methods, being four extents each of New Bob, Stedman, Reverse St. Bartholomew, April Day, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, St. Nicholas' Bob, Winchendon Place Bob, Plain Bob, St. Simon's Bob, St. Martin's Bob, and two extents of Grandsire.
Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in A flat.

ERNEST J. JELLEY .. .. *Treble*	JOHN A. ACRES 3
*BRIAN G. WARWICK 2	BRIAN S. CHAPMAN 4
JOHN M. JELLEY .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* 450th peal. First peal in 11 Doubles methods by all.

WANLIP, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(The Humphrey Perkins School Campanological Society.)
On Mon., Jan. 7, 1957, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in B flat.

*H. CHRISTINE SMITH .. *Treble*	‡MICHAEL WHITE 4
MARY C. PAYNE 2	‡J. C. SHIRLEY SCOTT .. 5
†DEREK M. SAWYER 3	B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.
* First peal. † First tower-bell peal. ‡ First peal of Bob Minor. First of Minor by the Society. First peal of Bob Minor on the bells.

WENHASTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Thurs., Jan. 10, 1957, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being ten extents each of St. Martin's, Grandsire and St. Simon's, and 12 extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 6 lb.

JAMES NAPTHINE .. .. *Treble*	C. JACK GIBSON 4
MRS. J. W. BLYTHE 2	JOHN W. BLYTHE 5
REGINALD J. DARCH 3	*DENNIS GIBSON .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.
* First peal. First peal of Doubles as conductor. First peal on the bells since being rehung by Messrs. John Taylor and Co.
Rung as a 25th wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. Kett, and as 21st birthday compliments to Miss J. Kett and Miss Jean Gibson.

THRYBERGH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield and District Society.)
On Fri., Jan. 11, 1957, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

*JOHN N. D. CHADDOCK .. *Treble*	FRANK BRUNT 4
*SUSAN CHADDOCK 2	†TERRY J. FOSTER 5
BETTY MARCHANT 3	NORMAN CHADDOCK .. *Tenor*

Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.
* First peal of Minor. † First peal.
A farewell peal to Terry Foster, on joining H.M. Forces.

HANDBELL PEALS

LONDON, S.E.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Jan. 4, 1957, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,
AT THE COUNTY HALL,
A PEAL OF 5056 BOB MAJOR

THOMAS J. LOCK .. .. 1—2	WILFRID G. WILSON .. .. 5—6
JAMES WALLMAN .. .. 3—4	DENNIS L. HALL .. .. 7—8

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by WILFRID G. WILSON.

BOURNEMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Jan. 6, 1957, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS

No. 10. Tenor size 15 in C.

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 1—2	DANIEL T. MATKIN .. .. 5—6
*ROBIN G. LEALE .. .. 3—4	*ROGER BALDWIN .. .. 7—8
*S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT 9—10	

Composed by M. J. MORRIS. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.
* First peal on ten handbells.

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Jan. 6, 1957, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT 128, LEICESTER ROAD, HINCKLEY,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor size 18 in G.

MRS. P. J. STANIFORTH .. 1—2	ALFRED BALLARD .. .. 7—8
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD .. 3—4	HARRY POYNER .. .. 9—10
PETER J. STANIFORTH .. .. 5—6	JOHN A ACRES .. .. 11—12

Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER. Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.
Rung with the best wishes of the band to Harry Poyner, who is leaving Leicester to take up a teaching post at Ormskirk Grammar School.

Ruddington, Notts

The fourth annual bellringers' supper took place in the Church House, Ruddington, on January 10th, when 27 ringers and their wives, including several visitors, sat down to an excellent meal.

When thanking the ringers for their services during the past year, the Vicar said that once again there was an unbroken record of ringing for every service throughout the year. Few churches could show such devotion.

Mr. Adams (tower captain) on behalf of the ringers thanked the Vicar for his kind remarks, and the Parochial Church Council for the excellent meal which was so much enjoyed. Ringing had been well maintained during the year and several apprentices were showing talent and making good ringers. The absence of Mr. and Mrs. Horspool, who so kindly inaugurated these happy occasions, was much regretted, and it was to be hoped that Mr. Horspool's health would improve.

In welcoming the visitors, Mr. Bartlam said they had much to thank their visitors for; their assistance and encouragement had materially advanced the quality and extent of their method ringing, and he sincerely hoped that the present practice of visiting between belfries would long continue.

Mr. W. Nicholls (captain, St. Mary's, Nottingham), in reply, related one or two amusing incidents concerning traditional New Year ringing, and said that Ruddington ringers would always be welcome at St. Mary's, and that he was confident that this was also the case in other beltries.

During the evening an amusing sketch was given by two of the younger ringers, and a social with games and competitions and some touches on the handbells. R. A. B.

RINGERS AT SUPPER

Mancroft Ringers' Guild

Members of Mancroft Ringers' Guild and their families were joined at dinner on Old Year's Night at White's Restaurant by the chairman, Canon J. H. Waddington, the Rev. G. Lillingston, president of the Norwich Diocesan Association, and other friends.

Mr. N. Golden said the dinner had been held at Norwich since 1740, but not unbrokenly.

The first feast cost £1 19s.; in 1762 40 guests sat down at a total cost of £7 8s. 2d., and in 1827 they drank 108 quarts of ale and porter costing £2 14s. An appeal was made by Mr. A. G. Bason, Master of Mancroft Ringers, for better support on practice nights.

The entertainment included tunes on handbells by Mr. C. Goodman and family and at 11.30 p.m. the ringers went to St. Peter Mancroft, St. George's and St. Giles' towers to ring the Old Year out and the New Year in.

Hoby, Leicestershire

After ringing on the ring of five at Hoby on January 7th, the local ringers and their guests adjourned to the Rectory, where, by kind permission of the Rev. T. Howell Evans and Mrs. Evans, the Hoby ringers' annual supper took place. The Rector presided at the table, supported by Mrs. Evans and Mr. J. Burnham (captain). The guests included Mr. P. L. Taylor (president of the Leicester Diocesan Guild), Mr. P. A. Corby (vice-president), Mr. H. Cook (chairman of the Melton District) and Mrs. P. A. Corby (District secretary) and ringers from Asfordby, Great Dalby, Gaddesby, Kirby Bellars, Loughborough and Melton Mowbray.

A sumptuous meal had been prepared by the ringers' ladies and, at great peril to their respective waistlines, was greatly enjoyed by the ringers.

The annual business meeting of the Hoby ringers followed and was quickly disposed of on jocular and informal lines by the Rector. A happy hour with the handbells followed, and if skill in the art was conspicuous by its absence there was no lack of jollity and good fellowship.

Brampton Bierlow, Yorks

The Christ Church Society of Ringers, Brampton Bierlow, held their third annual dinner on January 14th, when members were welcomed by the president (the Rev. W. Hudson).

Reports were presented on the highly successful handbell ringing tour at Christmas, and of performances in the wards of Montague Hospital, Mexborough, on December 30th. Provisional arrangements were made for the annual outing to York in August.

An excellent social evening followed, the entertainment consisting of old-time dancing (music by Miss A. Smith) and handbell ringing of both tunes and changes. The evening's entertainment was brought to a close with tape-recordings, taken by Mr. A. Smith, of the Society's recent handbell ringing.

Mr. J. M. Tesh (tower captain) thanked everyone who had helped in any way to make the dinner so successful. J. M. T.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

St. Clement Danes' bells, which have been recast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, were dedicated by Canon A. S. Giles, Chaplain-in-Chief of the R.A.F., on January 24th. Mr. E. A. Barnett has been asked to act as Belfry Master for the time being, and he had the privilege of naming one of the bells. The rebuilding of this church, which will be the official church of the R.A.F., is not yet complete, and it will be a long time before the bells are available for ringing.

The next Snowdon dinner will be held at Rotherham on October 26th.

It has taken Mr. Philip M. J. Gray just 12 years to complete his first 100 peals. Of these, 19 were rung in Australia. No less than 35 are of Plain Bob and 27 of these Major.

Now 74, Mr. S. G. Butt, of Raylcigh, Essex, enters our quarter peal column. Good luck! and also to Mr. D. Hockley, who is leaving for New Zealand.

We are pleased to note that Mr. W. A. J. Knight, of Gillingham, has recovered from his illness and has started peal ringing again. On January 12th he rang in a peal at Rochester Cathedral.

Before the bells of St. Peter's, Wolvercote, Oxford, were taken to Loughborough, a peal was rung on them on January 5th. This is believed to be the only peal on the bells. The conducting was shared by three members of the band.

Because of petrol rationing Mr. Paul L. Taylor had to make the journey to Avonmouth by train when he addressed members of the Imperial Smelting Corporation on 'Bellfounding and Hanging.' The lecture was most fascinating and witty, comments our correspondent.

Mr. J. S. Lewis Cockey, from 29, Inkster Avenue, Winnipeg, Canada, sends through 'The Ringing World' New Year greetings to all his friends. He writes: 'On Christmas Day we had a programme on the wireless of bells across Canada, which included the chiming rings at New Westminster and St. Luke's, Winnipeg, but Christ Church, Victoria, was not included. . . . . Everyone is very nice, but I miss the ringing as much as ever.'

To the list of one-arm ringers must be added the name of Mr. Paul Swarles, of Felmersham, Beds. He began to ring as recently as last summer and has now rung a very good quarter of Grandsire Doubles at Fletton.

The weight of the tenor at Hemel Hempstead is 19 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb., and not as printed on page 36. This peal was the first of London Major for the ringers of 3, 5 and 6 and the first of Surprise for the 7th.

Although his left arm was amputated less than two years ago, Mr. Reginald W. Rex, of Thatcham, has since rung 28 peals. While not scoring 25 peals last year, he has great hopes for 1957.

'Coming Events,' circulated by the British Travel and Holiday Association overseas for the months of November and December, record, under the heading 'Old Customs,' tolling the Devil's Knell at Dewsbury on December 24th.

The peal in the detached tower at Pembridge (illustrated in Morris' 'History and Art') and reported in our last issue, was the first there since 1938. The structure, completely of wood, and the bells have just been restored, but the noise in the 'ringing chamber' is probably louder than before. The bells can be seen from it, and so the conducting was, of necessity, shared.

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PEAL RINGERS OF 1956

Mr. George E. Fearn Again Leader

Mr. George E. Fearn, of Birmingham, secretary of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham, regains the honour he last held in 1952 of being the leading peal ringer of the year. In the last nine years he has rung 938 peals, giving an annual average of 104.2. In 1956, however, his total was 85.

Second place is held by Mr. Brian G. Warwick, secretary of the Leicester Diocesan Guild, with a total of 79 peals—his best year to date. In the last five years he has rung 335 peals.

This year the South of England has, for the first time since 1950, produced a ringer in the first three—Mr. A. Patrick Cannon, of Dorking. A feature of his 76 peals is that they were rung in 71 different towers.

Of our living peal ringers, Mr. Ernest Morris, of Leicester, holds the record with 1,650. He has had a very good year, with 72 peals, and while his activities are restricted to the light end he still enjoys a good peal.

The privilege of being the leading lady of 1956 is held by Miss Kathleen M. Knight, of Portsmouth. Of her total of 53, 28 were rung 'in hand.' She rang more handbell peals than any other ringer. Miss A. Muriel Reay, of Birmingham, however, rang most tower-bell peals with 42.

The leading conductor is Mr. Brian G. Warwick with 63 peals, followed by Mr. Nolan Golden 52 and Mr. Peter Border with 37.

The youngest ringer to be included in this year's list is Robert C. Kippin, of Southampton, who has not yet reached his 14th birthday. He rang 26 peals.

We thank those ringers who co-operated with us in producing this annual feature and regret that it is not complete. Peals conducted are in brackets.

	Tower	Hand	Total
George E. Fearn	85 (6)		85
Brian G. Warwick	56 (41)	23 (22)	79
A. Patrick Cannon	76 (35)		76
Ernest Morris	57 (5)	15	72
John A. Acres	44	26 (6)	70
John M. Jelly	62 (5)	7	69
H. Wm. Barrett	64 (10)	2	66
Peter Border	64 (37)		64
Malcolm S. Cloke	59 (22)		59
Derek P. Jones	56 (22)	1 (1)	57
Roger Baldwin	29 (28)	27 (7)	56
Nolan Golden	54 (52)		54
S. Kathleen M. Knight	25	28	53
Phillip Mehew	52 (2)	1	53
John Pinfold	53		53
Brian Bladon	50 (3)		50
Ernest J. Jelley	49		49
Thomas J. Lock	48 (1)	1	49
John R. Mayne	48 (26)	1 (1)	49
Wilfrid F. Moreton	47 (28)	2 (1)	49
Donald H. Niblett	42 (12)	7 (1)	49
Joseph W. Cotton	47 (1)		47
George Francis	42 (8)	3 (2)	45
J. Michael Lakin	41 (24)	3	44
Brian S. Chapman	43		43
A. Muriel Reay	42		42
Ronald J. Sharp	42		42
Leslie Boumphrey	33	8	41
John L. Morris	39 (7)	1	40
Stanley W. Copling	39		39
Leonard Stilwell	38	1	39
Arthur V. Pearson	38 (15)		38
J. Alan Ainsworth	36 (11)		36
Basil Jones	36		36
Adrian J. Tumber	36		36
W. Leslie Weller	33 (3)	3 (1)	36
Stella Hughes	35 (5)		35
J. Desmond Painter	31 (1)	4 (1)	35
J. Martin Thorley	33 (15)	2 (1)	35
Edward M. Bradley	25 (2)	9	34
John R. Cooper	34		34
J. Frederick Milner	34 (1)		34
Alan R. Pink	34 (29)		34
John Worth	34 (16)		34
Peter J. Staniforth	29 (14)	5 (2)	34
D. Margaret Hawley	25	8 (1)	33
Brian J. Woodruff	33 (17)		33
Geoffrey K. Dodd	32 (2)		32
Frank E. Haynes	31 (6)	1	32
Frank A. Barrett	31 (1)		31
Margaret E. L. Beamish	22	9	31
Daphne R. Castell	31		31
Norman J. Goodman	31		31
Ralph G. Edwards	30 (1)		30
George Kenward	30		30
Mrs. Phyllis Poole	30		30
R. Roger Savory	28 (3)	2 (1)	30
Trevor Taylor	21 (8)	9 (9)	30
Mrs. B. G. Warwick	7	23	30
Alfred J. House	29 (1)		29
William J. Ridgman	29 (15)		29
William A. Smith	29 (8)		29
E. Winifred Keys	28 (1)		28
Derek Taylor	20 (1)	8	28
John S. Barnes	27		27
Edwin J. Chapman	27		27
John W. Sinfield	27		27
Robin A. Hodgson	20	6	26
Robert C. Kippin	25 (1)	1	26
Mrs. T. J. Lock	26		26
James H. Musson	26 (20)		26
Leslie Evans	25 (2)		25
John W. Griffiths	25 (20)		25

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD

The annual meeting of the St. Martin's Guild was held at St. Martin's Hotel on January 5th under the chairmanship of the Master, Mr. Frank E. Haynes, who had the pleasure of welcoming an old member, Mr. J. Frank Smallwood.

The sad news of the passing of Mr. Ernest F. Allaway, a member for over 50 years, was received with great regret. Mr. Allaway, who was an excellent striker, had taken part in many peals, and had served the Guild as a trustee for more than 20 years. The members stood in silence for a moment as a token of respect to his memory.

The secretary reported a considerable loss on the last Henry Johnson Dinner, but several members expressed the view that the dinner should be held despite this, owing to the important position it held amongst ringing functions.

Mrs. B. M. W. Dobbie and Mr. D. H. Paine, both of Edgbaston, were elected members, and the tower elections of the following life members were duly ratified:—J. Alan Ainsworth and Eric N. Harrison (Newcastle-on-Tyne), John R. Joyner (Rugeley) and Edmund Malin (Penkridge). The officers were re-elected with the exception that Mr. E. C. Shepherd was elected trustee in place of Mr. E. T. Allaway. They are:—Master, Mr. Frank E. Haynes; Ringing Master, Mr. John Pinfold; trustees, Alderman A. Paddon Smith and Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd; auditors, Messrs. Henry H. Fearn and Sidney O'C. Holloway; Central Council representatives, Messrs. Frank E. Haynes and George E. Fearn; librarian, Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd: hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. George E. Fearn.

It was unanimously decided to invite Mr. John S. Mason, Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths, to take the chair at the Henry Johnson Dinner, which will be held on March 2nd. Handsworth was chosen for the next meeting.

The secretary regretted to have to inform the meeting that, owing to extensive repairs to the tower, the Cathedral bells would be silent for about two years. This is particularly unfortunate for ringing in the city centre, as Bishop Ryder's Church is now closed for Sunday services for a period of at least five years.

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD

The annual meeting of the Midland Counties Guild was held at the Church of St. Paul, Burton, on January 12th. This church was noted throughout the Exercise during the latter part of the last century for its pioneer band of Surprise ringers, who included the Rev. J. H. Fish (Vicar), Messrs. J. Jagger, J. Austin, J. Griffin, A. Wakeley and W. C. Wakeley. One of their many achievements was to ring a 'silent' peal of Stedman Triples on November 20th, 1880.

The fine ring of ten was available during the afternoon and evening with a break for Evensong, tea and the business meeting. The Rev. W. Willis-Price (Vicar), an honorary member of the Guild, conducted shortened Evensong, the lesson being read by Mr. B. G. Key.

Tea, kindly prepared by ladies from the church, was followed by the annual business meeting. In the unavoidable absence of the president (the Ven. H. E. Fitzherbert) and the chairman (Mr. W. H. Curson) Mr. B. G. Key was voted to the chair.

One resident and one non-resident member were elected members of the Guild. The Income and Expenditure Account of the General Fund, presented by Mr. J. H. Brittan, showed a credit balance for the year of £3 5s. 3d., and the Bell Repair Fund had a balance of £18 10s. 11d. after a grant of £5 5s. to Cole Orton.

The secretary (Mr. J. W. Cotton), in his report, said 25 ringers joined the Guild as non-resident members, four lapsed membership, leaving a total membership of 26 honorary and 99 ringing members. Eight meetings had been held with a slightly increased average attendance. During the year 26 peals had been rung in eleven towers in three counties with the following 14 conductors: Messrs. R. Beniston (five), B. G. Key (four), D. P. Jones (three), P. J. Staniforth (two), A. V. Pearson (two), W. Thornley (two), J. E. Cawser, J. R. Mayne, A. P. Cannon, A. E. Rowley, H. Poyner, T. E. Sone and J. W. Cotton (one each). The hon. secretary was the Guild's leading peal ringer with 22 peals.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Officers for 1957 were elected as follows:—President, Ven. H. E. FitzHerbert; chairman, Mr. W. H. Curson; treasurer, Mr. J. H. Brittan; secretary, Mr. J. W. Cotton; auditor, Mr. T. Pryce; committee, Messrs. B. G. Key, S. H. Jones, W. J. Leach, W. F. Woodward and W. G. Soar; Central Council representative, Mr. J. W. Cotton.

Meeting cards for 1957 were distributed and it is hoped arrangements will be made to carry out the list as follows:—Newhall, Ticknall, Hugglescote, joint meeting with Loughborough District, Rolleston-on-Dove, Melbourne or Repton, joint meeting with Derby District, All Saints' and St. Modwen's, Burton.

An omnibus vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. J. W. Cotton to the Vicar, the local ladies for preparing tea, and to Mr. B. G. Key.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

A very good attendance of ringers from a wide area was noted at the annual meeting of the Hunts District held on January 19th at Huntingdon. Ringing commenced at St. Mary's at 2.30 p.m., Godmanchester not being available at the last moment owing to a death. All Saints' were also available at 3.45 p.m., and ringing took place at both towers until the service at St. Mary s, conducted by the Vicar (Canon A. Morris). Tea followed at All Saints' Hall, being prepared by the ladies of All Saints'.

At the business meeting the Rector of All Saints' (the Rev. J. M. E. Bagley) presided. All the District officers were re-elected and it was dcided to explore Essex for the annual tour.

Ringing continued until 9 p.m. at both the Huntingdon towers. H. S. P.

S.W. ESSEX A VERY LIVE DISTRICT

Membership Increases

The annual meeting of the South-Western District was held at Leytonstone on January 12th. In spite of petrol rationing the meeting was well attended and about 70 members and visitors sat down to tea. Owing to a previous engagement the Rector was unable to take the chair at the business meeting which followed tea but, before leaving the hall, said how pleased he was to welcome the Association to Leytonstone.

Mr. John Crampion, who presided, after thanking the Rector and the organist, extended a welcome to Mr. John MacDougal, a veteran ringer of St. Andrew's, Hornchurch, and also to Mr. Housden, of the Middlesex Association. He suggested that the meeting should send a letter to Mr. Dick Stannard, of Barking, who had undergone an operation the previous Thursday, and to Mr. Reeve, who was recovering from the effects of his motor-cycle accident last year. Unfortunately, on the advice of his doctor, Mr. Stannard had had to give up active ringing.

Silent tribute was paid to the memory of Mr. F. J. Freestone, formerly steeple keeper of St. Andrew's, Hornchurch. He had long association with Dagenham and Hornchurch, and although no great peal ringer was always regular and punctual in his attendance for service ringing. The secretary, Mr. C. Willmington, in his annual report, commented on increased membership, the substantially increased attendance at meetings, and the fact that £12 11s. 10d. had been given to the Bell Restoration Fund. He was pleased to note the high proportion of young members at the District's meetings. Walthamstow were to be congratulated on ringing 23 quarter peals for services during the year, 19 of them conducted by Bob Chapman. Epping were back in union with the Association, and their bells were shortly to be overhauled. Mr. Harry King, of North Weald, had just completed 50 years as a ringer. There had been an increase in the number of peals rung, with many new names appearing. He paid tribute to the memory of Messrs. Goodwin, Theobald, Chinnery and Freestone, who had been 'called home' during 1956.

The statement of accounts showed that £61 had been handed to the Central Fund, and Mr. Gant thought that the District had done very well. Election of officers followed, and all those at present holding office were returned for another year. Among the new members elected a notable name was Dennis Blows, of Dagenham, who had at one time been an active and enthusiastic member and had now returned to the fold after a lapse of some years.

The programme for next year's meetings was adopted, and nominations were received for the officers of the Association to go forward for the annual general meeting at Whitsun. Mr. F. V. Gant proposed that Mrs. Osborne, of Romford, be nominated as a life member. She started her ringing career at Loughton and had since been a regular and devoted member of the Romford band. Mr. Chalk, of Wanstead, was also proposed by Mr. J. Crampion.

Three items of interest came up under the heading of 'Any Other Business.' Miss Chinnery reported that Mr. Hughes, of Mears and Stainbank, was very shortly coming down to Orsett with a view to putting the necessary repairs in hand there.

CANNING TOWN BELLS

Mr. Lionel Woods, a member of the General Committee, told a gruesome tale regarding the ring of six recently taken from the derelict church at Canning Town. The Church Authorities had turned down an estimate from the bell foundry of under £60 for removing the bells and fittings from the tower in favour of one of £10 from the demolition contractors. As a consequence of this cheeseparing, the bells, which have been promised to a new church at Harlow New Town, were almost dropped haphazardly from the tower. Fortunately the foreman in charge was himself a ringer (from Dagenham) and was in time to prevent this. He could not stop the frame and fittings being wantonly smashed beyond repair. The result of this saving of £50 by the diocesan authorities is that the recipients of the bells will have to pay over £800 for a new frame and headstocks, etc. The bells, instead of going to the founders, as had been promised, are now reposing in the demolition contractor's yard, but have fortunately been fully insured.

The third item concerned Saffron Walden Great Ringing Day. To help arouse interest in this annual institution the question of an organised party from the South-Western Division was raised. Sufficient members showed enthusiasm to make the question of a coach practicable, and this was left in the hands of Lionel Woods.

The collection for the Bell Restoration Fund amounted to £2 17s. 10d.

MISS MARY LAWRENCE'S WEDDING

Two well-known local personalities, Mr. John Burling Andrews and Miss Mary Lawrence, were married at North Mymms Church, Middlesex, on January 19th. Both are members of the Brookmans Park Tennis Club, and the bride has been a member of the North Mymms company of ringers for the past six years and is also secretary of the Central District of the Ladies' Guild.

Given away by her father, the bride wore a full-length gown of white rose-patterned lace over pink net, and a pink feathered headdress studded with pearls. Her bouquet was of pink carnations and freesias. There were no bridesmaids, and the duties of best man were carried out by the bridegroom's brother, Mr. Tony Andrews.

Members of the local band rang the bells both before and after the ceremony, which was conducted by the Vicar of North Mymms, the Rev. L. F. Hamel-Smith, assisted by the Rev. R. Birchnall, Vicar of St. Anne's, Chingford, a friend of the bride's family. Mr. H. Cobbe was the organist.

At the reception which followed at the Cranborne Rooms, Hatfield, handbells were rung while the bride cut the wedding cake, which was surmounted by an ornament depicting Cupid ringing a bell, loaned by Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Lock.

Subsequently Mr. and Mrs. Andrews left for Hitchin, where they will make their home.

During the evening a peal of Bob Major was rung at North Mymms, and on the following Tuesday a peal of Gainsborough Surprise Major was brought round at Willesden, where the bride has rung a number of Surprise peals.

DORSET RINGERS' GIFTS TO CANON A. W. MARKBY

The Dorchester Branch, at their annual meeting at St. Peter'st Church, Dorchester, on January 19th, showed their appreciation of the services of Canon A. Wilkinson Markby as Branch chairman for 21 years by two presentations.

Mr. F. B. Stedman, captain of Wyke Regis, a veteran member, presented him with a framed record of a quarter peal rung at St. Peter's when the Canon retired, and Mr. R. H. Duke, assistant hon. secretary, announced that the delivery had been arranged to him of a garden seat with a suitably carved inscription.

Thanking the members for their kind thought, Canon Markby said the garden at his new home would provide plenty of work, and the seat would be welcome.

The Rev. S. P. Rowcroft (Abbotsbury) was elected as the new chairman, with the Rev. P. J. Heaton vice-chairman, Mr. J. H. Hayne hon. secretary and treasurer, and Mr. R. H. Duke assistant hon. secretary. Mr. F. Precey, Ringing Master, having signified his intention of resigning because of ill-health, Mr. H. J. Ford, of Abbotsbury, was elected Ringing Master, Mr. J. W. Rose, Wyke Regis, was re-elected Deputy Ringing Master, and Mr. A. J. Slade, of Preston, was also elected a Deputy Ringing Master.

New members elected were the Misses D. Walbrin, W. Barnett, J. Damen, W. Harewood (Charminster), the Misses J. Runyeard, D. Gray, J. Davis and M. Flynn (Wool), Miss B. Jones (Abbotsbury), Miss W. Reed (Upwey) and Mr. B. Coleman (Milton Abbey), all ringing members, and the Rev. P. J. Heaton, honorary member.

Meetings for 1957 were provisionally suggested for Maiden Newton, Wool and Fordington.

It was decided that the Ringing Masters should prepare a rota of fortnightly practices which the secretary should then circulate to the towers.

The secretary was asked to write to certain towers whose membership had lapsed in order to ascertain if they would consider re-affiliation.

Ringing continued at St. Peter's and St. George's, Fordington, until 9 p.m., under the direction of the Ringing Master and his deputies, methods rung ranging from Grandsire and Stedman Doubles to Bob Triples and Kent Treble Bob Major.

In the afternoon the Guild service was held at St. Peter's Church, at which the Rev. P. J. Heaton (Rector) officiated and Canon Markby gave the address.

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DIVERS VIEWS ON CHRISTMAS BROADCAST

HONEST CRITICISM

Dear Sir,—Your anonymous critic of the Christmas Day broadcast seems to be very unpopular, judging by the letters in 'The Ringing World.' Maybe he should have added his name (even at the risk of being hung, drawn and quartered !).

However, he gave an honest opinion, and most ringers who heard the broadcast will no doubt agree that the ringing as a whole was **not** good.

In my opinion no broadcast should be made by any tower unless a good band is available; it would also be as well to bear in mind that good call changes or rounds sound very much better than rough change ringing.

The Editor points out in his note that there are good Sunday service bands in the country and they should be given their chance, and it's up to the B.B.C. to find out where these bands are to be located, and not just grab the first half-dozen they think of !

They wouldn't dream of putting a corny dance band on the air (at least, I don't think they would), and the same should apply to corny ringing.

I don't think the ringers concerned will take offence at their critics' remarks; most ringers know whether or not their ringing is bad and will usually admit that the touch was only fair or bad, as the case may be.

I hope Major Samson has calmed down enough by now to realise that it would be very silly to 'drop' 'The Ringing World' over a piece of honest criticism, even though it was anonymous.

In the long run an honest opinion is better than a complimentary remark which is passed just to keep the peace.—Yours sincerely,

W. W. RING.

Bethersden, Kent.

B.B.C. SHOULD BE GUIDED

Dear Sir, — How anyone could get any pleasure at all from listening to the ringing broadcast to us on Christmas Day is simply beyond me. I and many of my ringing friends fully shared 'Eminent Ringer's' concise criticisms of these performances, and it can only be hoped that, by pointing out to the various bands concerned, how lamentable their ringing sounded, can we ever anticipate an improvement in future broadcasts.

The television broadcast by the Banstead ringers was quite another story, for here we heard quite the finest striking that could be obtained and it was indeed an object lesson to us all, but from a ringer's point of view the actual change ringing heard was all too short.

I agree it is just bad luck if a band strikes a bad patch just at the time they go on the air, but all too often do we hear some very indifferent striking, even in rounds, as we had from Newport on Christmas Day.

No doubt 'Eminent Ringer' will reveal his identity and we will probably find that he belongs to a tower where bad striking is simply not tolerated.

It always seems to be a great pity that the **B.B.C.** can't be guided as to their choice of towers for this occasion, for all too often we have to listen to not only poor ringing but miserable bells, too.

Thank goodness we are still able to tune in to those excellent recordings from Evercreech each Sunday morning. To me they are more than a tonic.—Yours faithfully,

R. G. EDWARDS.

Erdington, Birmingham.

ONE WHO RANG

Dear Sir,—As one of the members of a broadcasting band on Christmas Day I suppose it is not up to me to comment on the remarks made by our 'Eminent Ringer,' and although I am in no way making excuses, I think that a few words from one of us may not come amiss.

(1) The conductor of the Lambeth band could undoubtedly have got together a first-class band for this special occasion, but he chose to call on the people who often ring with him at the tower for some Sunday services (this tower has no permanent band). I think the conductor's attitude was the right one.

(2) The tenor ringer (myself) purposely set a slow pace because it was (and is) his opinion that changes rung at speed would be confusing to the lay public, and that slower ringing well struck would make more easy listening to millions of listeners as opposed to the initiated few.

(3) I do not know the identity of the anonymous Central Council member, but would hazard a guess that he rings at a well-known London Cathedral. Surely he does not expect the same standard from bands of smaller calibre ! I trained and still ring with the band at St. George's, Camberwell, every Sunday, and although the ringing may be a little 'rough,' we do our best, and the band which rings in this way is doing as much in God's service as the 'crack' band with near to perfect striking. The teachings of the Church are surely based on charity, so let us all, even in ringing, exercise this blessing.

(4) If any bells have to be broadcast let them be taken from the country at random so that a true cross-section of ringing is gained by the listening public, and let us, the initiated, listen to them with charity in our hearts. If we are going to have the Central Council recommending 'suitable' bands, then many a worthy trier is going to be disappointed. — Yours faithfully,

F. R. L. BLEWER.

London, S.E.

CHRISTMAS DAY BROADCASTING

Dear Sir,—Well ! Well ! ! The comments of the 'prominent member of the Central Council' on the above broadcast have certainly raised interest ! This is exactly what it was intended to do and brings home what should be well known already—**good** ringing is not as easy as some people think.

The comments made were, I thought, quite fair ones. None of the ringing was good, though it was probably the best that these particular bands could produce.

The obvious solution is for the B.B.C. to consult the Central Council Broadcasting Committee and ask them to provide them with the names of towers which have a good local company. No doubt each Association and Guild could give this information to the Central Council. It would then be an honour for the local company if their tower was chosen for the Christmas Day broadcast.

One of the best broadcasts I ever heard was on Christmas Day, 1951, when the call change band at North Tawton, Devon, gave a wonderful performance of accurate bell-placing. I rang with them a fortnight afterwards and they were delighted that complimentary remarks had been published in 'The Ringing World' about them.—Yours faithfully,

A. PATRICK CANNON.

Dorking.

GOODWILL, THE KEYNOTE

Dear Sir,—I am concerned about the way in which the report by an 'eminent ringer and member of the Central Council' upon the Christmas broadcast has upset some of your correspondents, and also the way that their attack upon this report is tending to spread from the issue in question to other matters.

If any lesson is to be drawn from this it must surely be that the utmost discretion is necessary where any form of public criticism of a negative or destructive character is made.

I am particularly concerned about the letter from Major E. F. M. Samson, who seems to have been very much upset. I am sure he is right in his suggestion that in all matters connected with Christmas ringing there should be a spirit of 'goodwill to all men,' and I do hope that if he is ever a visitor to Bexhill he will come up to St. Peter's to join in our ringing, and bring his wife with him.—Yours faithfully,

COLIN E. VERDON.

Bexhill-on-Sea.

PEALS AT HOAR CROSS

Dear Sir,—I note with interest the correspondence concerning time-clipping at Hoar Cross, and am inclined to agree with the warning note struck by Mr. Edmund Malin, although I believe the faster peal he refers to in 1953 was one of Stedman Doubles with the tenor covering, when, of course, the lighter fifth bell dictated the pace of the ringing to a much greater degree.

Having rung this lovely 28½ cwt. bell to a peal in 1955, which I look back upon as one of my most memorable ringing experiences, I venture to express the opinion that it is out of the question to ring a really first-rate peal of Minor on these bells, as they are now, in a time less than 3½ hours. On the occasion of our peal, my own powers at grips with such a heavy six were an unknown quantity, so I felt it wise to nurse the ringing, taking 32 minutes for each of the first six 720's. Finding there was still plenty in reserve we got down to it with vigour in the last 720 (of a method similar to Cambridge) and it was rung in 30 minutes —only two minutes saved, despite the hurry. To achieve this I tried every device I knew to hold the bell down on the cut-dodges; not pulling the previous stroke, taking in two feet of tail on the up-dodges, and being carried off the floor in the process. I do not believe a heavier person could have made an appreciably greater cut-and-lift effect in view of the great weight of metal involved in comparison with the weight of the ringer.

I ought to qualify my phrase 'really first-rate peal.' A 720 could no doubt be rung at Hoar Cross in under 30 minutes that was 'good' by most standards, but it would sacrifice two things—attention to detail, particularly in the control of the dodges, and, secondly, the real enjoyment of the ringers and listeners. How can the former profess real pleasure when they are taking heavy and unnecessary punishment diverting them from the beauty of tone of the bells? Surely this pleasure is one of the main motives for attempting a peal on such a lovely ring as that at Hoar Cross.

As to attention to detail, I believe that a tenor ringer must regard himself as only one of a team, and must not be content with placing his bell only approximately in position, being accommodated by the other ringers, for the sake of achieving some fantastic time. Are we to believe that this may have happened when we see the footnote 'Quickest peal on the bells'? It certainly does happen sometimes, and it would be wiser to avoid using this footnote.—Yours faithfully,

D. P. JONES.

Hitchin.

OBITUARY

MR. E. T. ALLAWAY

As briefly recorded in 'The Ringing World' of January 11th, Mr. Ernest Thomas Allaway died at his home, Yardley Wood Road, Birmingham, on January 4th in his 78th year.

Mr. Allaway was an honoured member of St. Martin's Guild for very many years, he having rung his first peal, Grandsire Triples, at St. John's Church, Deritend, on March 1st, 1901, followed by his first on 10, Stedman Caters, at Aston on September 19th, 1901, and his first on 12, Stedman Cinques, at St. Martin's on January 7th, 1902.

Unfortunately, Ernest kept no record of his many peals, but the St. Martin's Guild peal books record peals in which he took part of Doubles, Minor in several methods, Triples, Major, Royal, Cinques and Maximus. He took part in the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus rung by the Guild at St. Martin's on May 17th, 1921, which was the first peal of Surprise Maximus on the bells and by all the band. He was also a member of St. Martin's Sunday service band for many years, subsequently joining the Edgbaston Old Church service band.

A member of several ringing societies, including the Ancient Society of College Youths, he had done very little ringing these last few years as the result of his experiences in the 1914-18 world war, in which he served in the Garrison Artillery. He had been confined to his home for some years, receiving the loving care of his wife and doctor son. John.

Mr. Allaway, a Freemason, rang in several Masonic peals on eight and ten bells. He was an excellent ringer, a perfect striker and one to whom it was a delight to be with.

The funeral took place at Quinton Cemetery on January 9th. The writer represented the St. Martin's Guild and the Ancient Society of College Youths. A. W.

MR. H. E. THOMPSON

By the passing of Mr. Harry Edward Thompson on January 13th, aged 68, ringing in general and the Newark District in particular have lost a devoted friend. His last early thought was of the bells he loved. He rose and went to the door to listen to Newark Parish Church bells ringing for Evensong and then expired.

A wheelwright by trade, Harry Thompson was a craftsman of the old school. Painstaking and methodical, there was nothing slipshod in his work or character.

In 1921 he joined the band of Newark Parish Church and was soon a proficient change ringer, becoming the regular conductor of the band until ill-health forced him to give up ringing a few years ago.

Judged by peal-ringing standards Harry was of no account—he never rang one. Judged by his standard of service at his own tower he was a peer among ringers. Punctual, regular, conscientious, patient, good-humoured and loyal, he was a shining example of integrity and sterling character.

Not a prolific method ringer he confined himself to Grandsire and Stedman. He delighted in experimenting with figures and spent hours composing touches and investigating the mysteries of Stedman.

The bells of Newark Parish Church were rung half-muffled in his memory on the day of the funeral and two of his favourite touches of Stedman were rung. J. W. R.

THE REV. N. E. HOPE

We regret to record the passing on January 26th of the Rev. Noel E. Hope, Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association from 1938 to 1947.

MR. G. W. PEVERELL

A very respected member of the Southern District of the Durham and Newcastle Association, Mr. G. W. Peverell, of Bishop Auckland, died on January 3rd, aged 78 years. He was one of the District's keenest supporters for many years and attended his last meeting at Heighington in November.

His membership of the Association dated back to 1897, and he was a lifelong ringer at St. Andrew's, South Church, Bishop Auckland, where his brother, H. Peverell, also rang until the 1914-18 war, when he lost his life in action.

Mr. Peverell rang in 52 peals, conducting 11, and this figure would, no doubt, have been much greater had there been better facilities in his locality. His favourite methods were Stedman and Kent Treble Bob.

The Association was represented at the funeral by the vice-president, Mr. T. Cooke.
F. W. C.

MR. JOHN FERRIS

With the death of Mr. John Ferris, at the age of 91, on December 27th last, another veteran of the Exercise and one of the oldest members of the Hertford County Association has passed to higher service.

A native of Devonshire, he was at one time a member of the Exeter Cathedral band, where he and Mr. C. Glass, of Heavitree, who survives him, regularly rang the tenor.

He moved to Knebworth about 38 years ago and had been a ringer there until quite recently, and remained captain of the band until his death.

The interment was on December 31st near the tower where he loved to be, and the bells were rung half-muffled before and after the service.

MR. WILLIAM WIGHTMAN

After some 12 months of failing health, the death occurred somewhat suddenly at his home at Cretingham, Suffolk, on January 19th, of Mr. William Wightman, at the age of 76.

The younger brother of Alfred, David, George, Edgar and Stephen, he rang his first peal at the age of 15, conducted by his brother George. His last, Yorkshire, also at Framsden, was on January 7th, 1951, conducted by Pat Cannon.

Throughout the years he took part—making the journeys mainly on foot—in 252 peals. A safe ringer, a perfect striker, and a composer of several peals, he never had any desire for conducting, only one going to his credit—Kent T.B. Major 'in hand,' ringing 5-6. Of extraordinary memory, he could recall any peal he took part in, the band and the bells they rang; likewise any ringing news since boyhood days.

Now, only a few are left to recall the kind hospitality that was always given at the shoemaker's shop. The Pye brothers, W. Keeble, the Rev. F. E. Robinson were among those who have shared this hospitality. For some 130-odd years this house was the home of a famous ringing family: now all are gone, and that door is closed for ever.

At the funeral at Cretingham on January 23rd the Suffolk Guild was represented by Messrs. C. W. Pipe, W. E. Maulden, G. Bennett, G. A. Fleming, C. W. Beecroft, W. and F. Ruffles and L. G. Brett. L. G. B.

MR. STAFFORD H. GREEN

With deep regret we announce the death of Mr. Stafford Hugh Green, of Crown Hill, Tiverton, on January 18th. Cremation took place at Torquay on January 22nd.

We are sure there are many friends who would like to contribute a memoir to this delightful personality, who did so much in helping forward our art.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

Melton District

The District annual meeting took place at Melton Mowbray on January 12th, and thanks to the splendid support of Guild members from other Districts was a most successful occasion.

Ringing to suit all tastes commenced at 3 p.m. and a satisfactory course of Cambridge Royal was a very suitable touch for the service. The hearty singing was accompanied by Mr. H. L. Barnes on the splendid new organ, which was opened last May, and was being heard by many of the visitors for the first time. The Vicar of Melton, Canon C. M. S. Clarke, spoke very movingly in his address of the vocation of laymen.

Tea followed in the Colles Hall, where Mr. H. E. Clark, the Vicar's warden, was waiting to welcome the visitors. An excellent meal had been prepared by the Mothers' Union, who were only prepared to make a nominal charge to cover their costs; accordingly a more realistic price was charged and a useful balance of £1 10s. was donated to Melton Organ Fund.

The District chairman, Mr. J. H. Cook, presided at the business meeting, and was supported by the District secretary, Mrs. P. A. Corby, the president of the Guild, Mr. P. L. Taylor, Canon C. M. S. Clarke and Mr. P. A. Corby (vice-president).

Mr. Taylor, in taking the chair for the election of officers, expressed his pleasure at being present and then conducted the unanimous re-election of the District chairman and secretary and the appointment of Mr. A. E. Hinman, of Kirby Bellars, and Mr. M. D. Staniforth, of Melton Mowbray, as the two members of the District Committee.

Mr. Cook was welcomed back to the chair, and arrangements for future meetings were discussed. It was decided that to assist the secretary in making arrangements, two meetings should be fixed provisionally—at Hoby on March 9th and Wymondham on May 11th. The present general officers of the Guild were all nominated for re-election at the annual general meeting of the Guild at Leicester on the Saturday after Easter, with the additional nomination of Mr. B. G. Warwick as a Central Council representative. (The Central Council representatives have to be elected at the quarterly general meeting at Sileby on February 9th, and not at the annual general meeting.)

Four new members of the Guild were elected —Rita Hazlewood, of Eaton, Mr. Cooper, the new verger at Melton Mowbray, and Mr. Raymond Smith and Miss Ruth Main, also of Melton.

Under 'Any Other Business,' Mr. P. A. Corby referred to the fact that Mr. Harry Clayton had resigned from the post of captain at Melton although he was still carrying out the duties of steeple keeper. The church and tower owed a great deal to him for his many years of loyal and faithful service. He also mentioned that Mr. Joseph Gilson, now 80, was still one of the most loyal members of the local band, both as regards ringing and attendance at church. He also thanked the Vicar for his help.

Mr. Clayton, Mr. Gilson and Canon Clarke all replied briefly, the Vicar saying he was only too pleased to do all he could provided it did not involve going any higher than the pulpit!

Part of the Leicester contingent returned by a late train and there is no doubt that the 'regulars' in the 'local' near the station are now well informed as to the merits and demerits of the College of Campanology and all its works, and should have more than a passing acquaintance with the great figures of the Exercise who stride like giants across the pages of 'The Ringing World,' many of whom were referred to with affection if not always with the respect that their greatness should command.

QUARTER PEALS

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 6th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: I. C. Forrest 1, Linda M. Forrest (first 'inside') 2, Valerie Mepham 3, C. D. Linington (first of Bob Doubles) 4, H. W. Brown (cond.) 5, R. D. Brown 6. With good wishes to Ann Harfield (Wivelsfield tower) and David Fagg (Keymer tower) on their recent engagement. Also on Jan. 13th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: Linda M. Forrest 1, Mary G. Carnochan (first of Bob Doubles) 2, I. C. Forrest 3, R. D. Brown 4, H. W. Brown (cond.) 5, D. A. Hibbitt 6. For Evensong.

ALLESLEY, WARWICKS.—On Jan. 13th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: C. Aylett 1, P. K. Williamson 2, D. A. Carpenter 3, W. Stote 4, F. W. Perrens (cond.) 5, G. Gardner 6, J. L. Garner-Hayward 7, J. W. T. Taylor 8. For Evensong, and as a farewell to the conductor, who departed for

ASPLEY GUISE, BEDS.—On Jan. 7th, 1,260 Bob Minor: B. Grainger 1, Angela Grainger 2, Anne E. Amor 3, A. Kershaw 4, K. G. Spavins 5, P. Newing (cond.) 6. For the birthday of the ringer of the treble.

BALDWIN, OXON.—On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Bob Minor: R. Baker (first of Minor) 1, F. Smith 2, F. Godden 3, J. Godman 4, R. Tuckwell 5, F. Absolom (cond.) 6.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Wingrove (cond.) 1, Ann Shiels 2, Kathleen Fletcher 3, Dorothy Fletcher 4, J. Harrison 5, D. Lamb 6, A. Bridges 7, S. Hatfield 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled for the passing of the old year.

BRIDGEND, GLAM.—On Jan. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (780 Grandsire, 480 Bob): E. C. Turner 1, J. Hale 2, D. W. Davies 3, T. E. Hiddins 4, W. T. Petty (cond.) 5, D. L. Hughes 6.

BRISTOL.—On Jan. 13th, at the Church of St. Ambrose, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Molly Smith (first quarter) 1, A. C. Baker 2, V. E. Lucas 3, G. M. Nichols 4, F. Skidmore 5, D. J. Hunt (cond.) 6, R. G. Hooper 7, F. Hussey 8. Rung in honour of the birth of a son (William Michael) to the Rev. and Mrs. R. Easton.

BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX.—On Jan. 20th, 1,440 Minor (720 Spliced Kent and Oxford, 720 Cambridge Surprise): S. W. Bigmore 1, K. Everett 2, E. Deacon 3, A. T. M. Perry 4, G. M. Rouse (cond.) 5, H. Stebbings 6. For morning service, also a birthday compliment to the ringer of 3.

CAM, GLOS.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Brain 1, R. McUng (aged 15) 2, C. Legg 3, R. Hadley (17) 4, R. Cox (cond.) 5, T. Trotman 6. First quarter by all except conductor. Rung half-muffled by the Sunday service band for the passing of the old year.

CLARE, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 6th, 1,260 Kent Treble Bob Major: Rosemary J. Seabrook 1, S. J. Twitchett (cond.) 2, O. C. Ballard 3, P. Mayle 4, W. Perry 5, S. G. Honeyball 6, F. Kemp 7, F. Bensley 8. For Matins on Epiphany Sunday. Also on Jan. 20th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: H. Honeyball (first quarter of Major) 1, O. C. Ballard 2, Rosemary J. Seabrook 3, S. J. Twitchett (cond.) 4, W. Perry 5, S. G. Honeyball 6, F. Kemp 7, F. Bensley 8. Rung as a last tribute of respect to Albert Catterwell, of Sible Hedingham, Essex.

CLIFTON-UPON-DUNSMORE, WARWICKS.—On Jan. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Eveleigh (first quarter) 1, D. C. Cook 2, Mrs. J. Butler 3, L. Whewall 4, S. G. Osborne (cond.) 5.

COLLINGBOURNE KINGSTON, WILTS.—On Jan. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: V. Gilbert (first away from tenor) 1, J. Fuller 2, R. Johnston (first as cond.) 3, A. Palmer 4, F. Cook 5, T. Taplin 6. Rung for dedication of new peal board.

EARLS BARTON, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. J. Hammons 1, Miss J. Packwood 2, Miss J. A. Downing 3, Miss D. M. Miller 4, W. R. Hammons 5, A. Jones 6, G. F. Roome (cond.) 7, F. Stuart 8. First on eight for 1, 2, 6 and 8.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYS.—On Dec. 31st, 1,956 Bob Minor: A. Richardson 1–2, B. J. Woodruffe 3–4, W. A. Smith (cond.) 5–6. First quarter on handbells by all.

FENHAM, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.—On Dec. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. A. Ainsworth (cond.) 1, Mrs. June Smith 2, Madeline Wright 3, P. M. Giles 4, T. Sewell 5, G. P. Cairns 6, E. N. Harrison 7, G. S. Deas 8. For the children's Christmas service.

GRANTHAM, LINCS.—On Jan. 2nd, 1,260 Bob Minor: Valerie J. Sharp (first quarter) 1, Pat A. Holmes 2, F. W. Pinchbeck 3, D. A. Frith 4, J. E. Cook 5, W. R. Read (cond.) 6.

HARDWICKE, GLOS.—On Jan. 12th, 1,152 Cambridge Surprise Minor: D. W. Beard 1, P. Hurcombe (first of Surprise) 2, Miss S. M. Parsons 3, D. J. Marshall 4, R. G. Corby 5, C. A. Wratten (cond.) 6.

HENLOW, BEDS.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Bob Minor: R. Earle 1, A. Gentle 2, Mrs. D. J. Mager 3, Mrs. J. M. Measures 4, R. Fuller 5, L. H. Bywaters (cond.) 6. First quarter for 1 and 2. Also for the passing of the old year, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Major 1, R. Fuller 2, P. Fuller (R.A.F.) 3, Mrs. D. J. Mager 4, L. H. Bywaters (cond.) 5, F. Mager 6. First quarter for 1, 3 and 6. Rung with bells half-muffled.

HOAR CROSS, STAFFS.—On Dec. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Bob, 780 Grandsire): J. Fox 1, G. L. Roobottom 2, J. Allen 3, E. Edgington 4, A. R. Wright (cond.) 5, A. Cliffe 6.

HUNTINGDON.—At All Saints' Church, on Dec. 31st, 1,260 Doubles (240 Grandsire, 240 St. Simon's, 780 Bob): S. E. Dyer 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, Miss D. Robinson 3, C. J. Young 4, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 5, A. T. Howes 6. Rung during the last hour of 1956 with half-muffled clappers. Also on Jan. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (240 All Saints', 240 St. Simon's, 240 April Day, 240 Bob and 300 Grandsire): S. E. Dyer 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, Miss D. Robinson 3, H. S. Peacock 4, S. Gilbert (cond.) 5, A. T. Howes 6. Rung before morning service.

KING'S SOMBORNE, HANTS.—On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss A. Knight 1, J. Page 2, G. Northway (first as cond.) 3, M. Northway 4, K. Jacobs 5, R. Allen 6. Rung by a Romsey Abbey band.

KINGSTONE, HEREFORDS.—On Jan. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Colcombe 1, T. J. Gundy (cond.) 2, R. G. Powell 3, L. H. Colcombe 4, I. G. Jones 5, R. A. Colcombe 6. For evening service, also for the christening this day of Linda Margaret, daughter of the conductor.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—On Dec. 29th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: A. H. Smith 1, A. H. Winch (cond.) 2, A. Smith 3, A. E. Cheesman 4, F. Oakshott 5, A. S. Harris (first of Caters 'inside') 6, B. Hawkins 7, G. T. Peters 8, J. Euston 9, G. Marriner 10.

LEWISHAM, S.E.—On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss J. Mead 1, W. J. Rawlings 2, E. Jones 3, F. W. Richardson 4, A. Peck 5, F. P. Mead 6, E. B. Crowder (cond.) 7, R. Boyce 8. Rung to conclude a Nativity play.

LONDON.—At St. Giles-in-the-Fields, on Jan. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: John Phillips 1, James Phillips 2, Miss A. Garnett 3, A. B. Peck 4, Mrs. P. Lewington (cond.) 5, G. Parsons 6, W. Hibbert 7, B. K. Lunn 8. For Evensong.

LONGNEY, GLOS.—On Jan. 12th, 1,440 Spliced Minor (720 St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Plain and Double Bob, 720 Kent and Oxford Treble Bob): D. W. Beard (cond.) 1, Miss S. M. Parsons 2, D. J. Marshall 3, P. Hurcombe 4, R. G. Corby 5, C. A. Wratten 6. Rung on the back six.

MILVERTON, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (1, 2, 8 covering): Mrs. E. S. Powell 1, G. Emery 2, A. Chilcott 3, Miss J. Taylor 4, Miss F. Hartley 5, H. Commins 6, C. Tarr (cond.) 7, H. Taylor 8. Also on Jan. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Chilcott 1, Miss J. Taylor 2, H. Commins 3, C. Tarr 4, J. Taylor (cond.) 5, H. Taylor 6. For Evensong.

NEWBURY, BERKS.—On Jan. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Williams 1, D. H. Dyment 2, G. S. Wiggins 3, H. P. Reed 4, H. Lawrenson 5, F. E. Turner 6, H. T. E. Curtis (cond.) 7, B. Brooks (first quarter) 8. First quarter by an all-local service band since 1939. For Evensong.

NORTHAMPTON.—At the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, on Dec. 16th, 1,344 Bob Major: Miss N. W. Williams 1, F. Burgess 2, W. R. Hammons 3, Miss J. A. Downing 4, Miss D. M. Miller 5, R. Finch 6, B. Linnell 7, G. F. Roome (first of Major as cond.) 8. First of Major for 1, 4, 5 and 7. For morning service. Also at the Church of St. Giles, on Jan. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. M. Packwood 1, Miss D. M. Miller 2, Miss J. A. Downing 3, R. A. Eldridge 4, T. J. Hammons (first 'inside') 5, A. C. Cozens 6, G. F. Roome (cond.) 7, K. D. Perkins 8.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.—On Jan. 6th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: A. Smith 1, D. Forder (first quarter) 2, C. Murphy 3, N. Hayes 4, R. A. Reed (cond.) 5, J. L. Dacombe 6. First in method by all the band, and first on the bells since being restored. For Evensong. Also on Jan. 20th, 1,260 Bob Minor: D. Forder (first of Minor) 1, I. Inman 2, P. M. W. Jones 3, C. Murphy 4, M. V. White 5, R. A. Reed (cond.) 6. A 21st birthday compliment to M. V. White.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Jan. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. G. Butt (first quarter, aged 74) 1, W. Ward 2, G. Blower 3, R. D. Tomlin (cond.) 4, E. J. Blower 5, G. Sandwell 6, A. House 7, D. Hockley 8. For Evensong and as a farewell to Mr. D. Hockley, who is leaving to go to New Zealand.

ROADE, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 26th, 2,520 Doubles (comprising 720 each of Place, St. Simon's, St. Martin's and 360 of St. Nicholas'): Miss P. A. Neesham (longest length) 1, H. E. Curtis 2, A. G. Osborne (cond.) 3, K. D. Perkins 4, I. J. Dickin 5, For the festival of Christmas.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On Jan. 20th, 1,080 Bob Royal: P. Walker 1, P. Dawes 2, H. Cooke 3, Susan Chaddock 4, Mrs. N. Chaddock 5, Miss E. A. Wardill 6, J. N. D. Chaddock 7, F. Fisher 8, G. S. Lee 9, N. Chaddock (cond.) 10. Longest length of Bob Royal by 1, 2, 3, 4 and 9. For Evensong.

RUARDEAN, GLOS.—On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 4, 6, 8 covering): W. Beard 1, Mrs. K. Smith 2, Mrs. D. Stafford 3, Howard Meek 4, G. W. Hollis 5, G. Hemming 6, L. H. Jones (cond.) 7, Harold Meek 8. A compliment to P.C. G. Hemming on his leaving for Cadbury Heath, Bristol.

RUDDINGTON NOTTS.—On Jan. 20th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Bob, 780 Grandsire): Barbara Dickens 1, J. Butler 2, H. Harrison 3, Miss M. Hill 4, S. Adams (cond.) 5, R. A. Bartlam 6. For Matins.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At the Cathedral, on Dec. 9th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: B. A. Cornell 1, L. T. Hansell 2, G. Penney 3, J. E. Ewer 4, R. F. Ewer 5, G. N. Blake 6, L. J. Cox 7, W. Little 8, W. J. Arnold (cond.) 9, M. D. Frost 10. A compliment to the conductor and Mrs. Arnold on the occasion of their silver wedding.

STOCKTON-ON-TEES, CO. DURHAM.—On Jan. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. P. Muller (first quarter) 1, F. R. Addison 2, P. Kaye 3, J. R. A. Muller 4, E. P. Rock (cond.) 5, Mrs. P. Kaye 6. For Epiphany.

SULGRAVE, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 8th, 1,440 Bob Minor (all Singles): R. Hinton 1, W. J. Chester 2, H. Huxley 3, M. Saunders 4, G. Shellard 5, W. A. Yates (cond.) 6.

TALGARTH, BRECON.—On Jan 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. James (first quarter) 1, D. H. Bennett (cond.) 2, S. V. Edwards 3, W. Chick (first 'inside') 4, W. G. Smith 5, J. Parry 6. A compliment to Mrs. M. Skyrme on her 92nd birthday.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBS.—On Jan. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (120 each Stedman and Bob, 1,020 Grandsire): D. M. Bullman 1, Miss C. E. Willers 2, Miss J. I. Martin (first in three methods) 3, A. L. M. Shepherd 4, E. W. Bullman (cond.) 5. For Evensong.

UPPER CLAPTON, E.—At the Church of St. Matthew, on Jan. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Cozens 1, Miss J. M. Highley 2, Mrs. D. Neal 3, J. A. Hales 4, R. K. C. Wilkins 5, D. Neal (cond.) 6, D. W. Gray 7, C. F. Neal 8.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Jan. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Sheila Douglas (first quarter) 1, J. Tomsett 2, Susan Jacobs 3, M. Sinden (cond.) 4, A. Bishop 5, A. Bagworth (first 'inside') 6, P. Devenish 7, E. Jacobs 8.

KENWYN RINGERS IN LONDON

Seven Kenwyn (Cornwall) ringers, joined by a friend at Exeter, spent four enjoyable days ringing in the suburbs of London. On route to London ringing took place at St. David's Church and St. Mark's Church, Exeter.

The next morning the party were met at Richmond by Dr. Neill-Smith and his daughter, Jill, who had provided two cars. The first stop was at Barnes, where the bells were tricky to handle, and then to the rumbling old eight at Chiswick and a ringing room surrounded by gruesome monuments to generations long dead. At Richmond the president discovered that one of the local ringers was 'one o' wee,' and he was invited to take part in some rounds and call changes.

After an excellent lunch of cold turkey and Christmas pudding we proceeded to what turned out to be the best ring of the day, at All Hallows', Twickenham. Later came St. Mary's, Twickenham, and the useful little eight at Feltham.

The next day the programme started on the eight at Hampton, followed by the seldom-heard bells of Hounslow, Cranford, the only six-bell tower of the tour, and the light eight at Harlington. After lunch came the best ringing of the tour at Hillingdon, where, after an initial two courses of Grandsire Caters, we succeeded in ringing (much to our surprise) courses in Stedman Caters and Bob Royal. Then came the lovely bells of Pinner and our ringing did not do any injustice to them. Finally we joined some of Dr. Neill-Smith's pupils at St. John's, Waterloo Road, and a certain well-known character from the Ealing district later directed us to one of London's interesting taverns, where we drank to a day well spent.

There was no definite programme for the Saturday, but in the morning we were able to 'grab' Dalston—the roughest eight visited—and on Sunday morning, at the invitation of Bill Cook, we visited St. Olave's, Hart Street, to ring for morning service. We took the afternoon train to Exeter and in the evening the party divided to ring at Alphington and St. Thomas'. A perfect tour had its ending on the road home to Truro with a quick ring on the lovely six at Bridestowe.

A sincere 'thank you' to Dr. Neill-Smith for arranging the towers, and to his good wife for entertaining us to tea on two occasions. Also to local ringers and clergy and last, but not least, our president, Mr. Alan Carveth.

COLLEGE OF CAMPANOLOGY

The New Year has opened encouragingly for the College of Campanology. Ringers successfully trained in the initial course are now proving helpful for service ringing, and a letter of thanks from the Provost of Portsmouth Cathedral has been received by the Principal. Those trained as tutors are taking on new courses, of which some six or seven are either planned or under way in different parts of the country. Letters of appreciation of the Manual indicate its practical use, and advice is being given by post. The president has commended the work and sent a generous donation to its funds, as a help towards meeting costs.

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McCRUM—HENRY.—The engagement is announced between Norman Gerard, of 2605, N. Franklin Street, Wilmington, Del., U.S.A. (formerly of Leicester), and Carolyn Palmer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James P. Henry, of Walden, Wallingford, Pennsylvania. 9709

PAGE—PIPE. — The engagement is announced between Alan, organist at Stonham Aspal Church, and Muriel R., of the Stonham, Helmingham and Framsden service ringers. 9724

IN MEMORIAM

COLES.—In loving memory of C. T. Coles, died February 2nd, 1946, and his beloved son Freddie, killed in Tunisia, April, 1943. 9704

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OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—Annual Tour, 1957, will be held in Hampshire, centre Winchester, from Monday, April 22nd, to Thursday, April 25th. To ensure accommodation non-resident members wishing to attend should contact P. R. Sanders (Worcester) without delay. 9690

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MEETINGS

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Enthronement of Bishop of Ely. All ringers are welcome to ring at St. Mary's, Ely, on Saturday, Feb. 2nd, from 1 o'clock to 2.30 p.m. — W. J. Ridgman, Gen. Sec. 9667

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Brislington (6). Saturday, February 2nd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting follows. Please attend.—A. Bennett. 9683

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Annual District meeting, Hersham, Saturday, Feb. 2nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30 p.m. Please note times. 9651

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Annual District meeting at Watford (10) on Saturday, Feb. 2nd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. 9675

LADIES' GUILD. — Midland District. — Annual meeting at All Saints', Leicester, on Saturday, Feb. 2nd. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Own arrangements for tea; nearest cafe, Town Forum Cafe. Meeting 6 p.m. in vestry.—Mrs. P. A. Corby, Hon. Sec. 9681

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, Feb. 2nd, Southwark Cathedral, 1.30 to 3 p.m. and possibly 4 to 5 p.m. St. Mary's R.C., Clapham Common, 3 to 4 p.m. St. John's, Waterloo Road, 3.30 to 4.30 p.m. St. George-the-Martyr, Borough High Street, 3.30 to 4.45 p.m. Service, Southwark Cathedral, 5 p.m. Tea, individually purchased, Lyons, opposite Cathedral. Business and handbell contest, 7 p.m., in Chapter House. Practice meeting, Monday, Feb. 4th, St. Mary's, Lambeth, 7.30 p.m. Dinner party, Saturday, March 2nd, The Victoria, 56, Buckingham Palace Road (opposite Victoria Station). Tickets 15s. 6d.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. Tel. HOU 3921. 9630

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V. W. H. Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Uffington, Saturday, Feb. 2nd. Bells (5) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. 9656

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WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—Annual meeting, Carisbrooke and Newport, Saturday, Feb. 2nd Carisbrooke bells from 2.30 p.m. Tea in Mission Hall, Newport, after service in St. Thomas's 4.30 p.m.—A. M. Guy, Hon. Sec. 9669

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—Annual meeting at Winchester, Saturday, Feb. 2nd. Business meeting 2.30 p.m. Tea 4 at St. Maurice's Hall. Service 5.15 at the Cathedral. Ringing at the Cathedral (12) 6 to 8 p.m. 9674

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station) on Monday, February 4th, at 7 p.m. —T. J. Lock. 9687

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Saturday, Feb. 9th, St. John-the-Baptist, Leytonstone, 3.30 p.m.; Ship, Talbot Court, E.C., 6 p.m.—A. B. Peck. 9701

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Hemsworth, Saturday, Feb. 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Those requiring teas must notify not later than Feb. 6th Charles Moxon, 13, Cemetery Road, Hemsworth, Pontefract.—J. W. Buxton, Temp. Sec. 9686

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Clifton on Saturday, Feb. 9th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All will be welcome.—L. H. Bywaters, Dis. Sec. 9692

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT RINGING SOCIETY.—Annual meeting at Beverley on Saturday, Feb. 9th. Minster bells (10) available 2 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30 p.m., price 2s. 6d. St. Mary's (10) available after tea. Names for tea by Thursday to Mr. A. E. Sellers, 3, Elwell Avenue, Champney Road, Beverley. 9714

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, Barlborough (6), Saturday, Feb. 9th. Names for tea by Feb. 6th to A. B. Cooper, Rectory Road, Duckmanton, Chesterfield. 9695

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fairfield (8), Buxton, Saturday, Feb. 9th, 3 p.m. Peak District annual meeting. Own tea arrangements. All welcome.—H. E. Taylor, Dis. Sec. 9700

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—Meeting, St. Mark's, Exeter, Saturday, Feb. 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing at Heavitree after meeting. Branch practices, St. David's, Exeter, second and fourth Mondays in month, 7.15 p.m. Service ringing first Sunday in month, 9 to 10 a.m. Members are requested to support ringing at St. David's to get this famous tower restarted.—F. Wreford, Hon. Sec. 9682

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Frant (6), Saturday, Feb. 9th. Names as soon as possible. —C. A. Bassett, 3, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst, Sussex. 9703

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge and Ely Districts.—A joint meeting at Willingham on Saturday, Feb. 9th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at the White Hart.—H. L. Martin, A. Carpenter, Dis. Secs. 9693

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Rodbourne Cheney (6), Saturday, Feb. 9th. Names for tea to Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Swindon. Tel. 3936. 9684

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GUILDFORD GUILD. — Leatherhead District.—Annual meeting at Leatherhead, Saturday, Feb. 9th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Hall 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Numbers for tea by previous Wednesday to help the lady caterers, please, to G. Marriner, 7, Poplar Avenue, Leatherhead. 9676

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—Annual meeting, Church Stretton, Saturday, Feb. 9th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Teas.—G. Randle, Ashford, Ludlow. 9685

HEREFORD GUILD. — Bromyard District. —Annual meeting at Bromyard, Feb. 9th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Names for tea to R. L. Price, 17, New Road, Bromyard, soon as possible, please. 9716

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—By-meeting at St. Michael's, Maidstone, Saturday, Feb. 9th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names, please, to R. L. Sills, Glenavon, St. Vincent's Lane, Addington, West Malling, Kent. 9673

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, Feb. 9th, at Emmanuel, Everton. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea to T. Radcliffe, 8, Radnor Place, Liverpool, 6.—G. Howlett. 9707

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—Meeting at Walton le Dale, Saturday, Feb. 9th. Bring own food—cups of tea provided. Everybody welcome. Frequent buses: Blackburn—Preston Old Road, A6 road; alight Chorley Road.—L. Walmsley. 9696

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at St. Mark's, Glodwick, Oldham, Saturday, Feb. 9th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Feb. 7th, to F. Pritchard, 13, Peveril Road, Oldham. 9694

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch.—Meeting, St. James', Poolstock, Wigan, Saturday, Feb. 9th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., for those notifying by Wednesday, Feb. 6th, Mr. A. Parker, 89, Barnsley Street, Wigan.—M. E. Ridyard. 9708

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—Practice meeting, Saturday, Feb. 9th. Beetham (6 bells) 2.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.; Heversham (6 bells) 5.15 p.m. onwards. Tea 4 p.m. Names by Wednesday, Feb. 6th, to N. M. Newby, 45, Oakwood Drive, Ulverston.—N. M. Newby, Branch Sec. 9720

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Sileby (8) on Saturday, Feb. 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Good attendance requested as the Central Council delegates will be elected at this meeting. Names for tea by Wednesday, Feb. 6th, to Mr. W. Draper, 3, Highgate Road, Sileby, near Loughborough, Leics.—B. G. Warwick, Hon. Gen. Sec. 9660

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Annual meeting, Sibsey, Saturday, Feb. 9th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea in Institute 5 p.m. Names for tea by Feb. 4th to Mr. W. Wilkinson, Station Road, Sibsey, Lincs. 9671

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—North and East District.—Annual meeting at St. James', Clerkenwell, on Saturday, Feb. 9th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business, which will include election of officers, to follow. Ringing at St. Mary Magdalene, Holloway, 7.30 to 9 p.m.—T. J. Lock. 9688

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South Norfolk Branch.—Annual general meeting at Diss on Saturday, Feb. 9th. Bells from 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. at the Waveney Tea Rooms, Mere Street. Names for tea by Wednesday, Feb. 6th, to A. G. Harrison, 20, Chapel Street, Diss. 9670

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Annual meeting at Reading on Saturday, Feb. 9th. Ringing: St. Giles', St. Mary's, 3 p.m.; St. Laurence's, Caversham, evening. Service, St. Mary's, 4 p.m. Tea, St. Mary's Church House, 5 p.m. For tea pease notify by Thursday, Feb. 7th, Mr. A. Diserens, 18, Manchester Road, Reading. 9705

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Newnham, Saturday, Feb. 9th. Names for tea to me not later than previous Monday.—F. W. Hancock, Willoughby, Rugby. 9710

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Worksop meeting cancelled. Meeting at Ecclesfield, Feb. 9th, 3.30 p.m., instead. Names for tea to Mr. R. Smith, 3, Park Crescent, Ecclesfield.—J. Seager, Sec. 9719

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Annual meeting, Mildenhall (10), Saturday, Feb. 9th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m.—E. M. Peachey, Dis. Sec. 9678

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Western Division. —Annual meeting at Arundel on Saturday, Feb. 9th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to G. Francis, Hook Cottage, Itchingfield, Horsham.—W. Leslie Weller. 9702

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District.—Annual meeting at Petersfield, Saturday, Feb. 9th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Numbers for tea by Feb. 6th.—Charles E. Bassett, Warsash, Southampton. 9712

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Annual District meeting at Farnham (8) on Saturday, Feb. 16th, from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Social evening. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mr. C. J. Beadle, 2, Crondall Lane, Farnham.—C. J. Beadle, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9706

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Hereford District. — Annual meeting at Hereford, Saturday, Feb. 16th. Cathedral (10), St. Nicholas' (6) available 3 p.m., All Saints' (8) 6.30 p.m. Service, All Saints', 4.30. Names for tea by Feb. 12th to A. Wingate, Huntington House, Hereford. 9717

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Annual dinner and social, Village Hall, Sapcote, Saturday, Feb. 16th. Bells (6) 5 p.m. Dinner 6.30 p.m. prompt. Tickets 7s. 6d. Please notify by Wednesday, Feb. 13th, Mr. F. Measures, 58, Lychgate Lane, Burbage, Hinckley. Phone: Burbage 516. 9711

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Annual meeting, Loddon, on Saturday, Feb. 16th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea (no names, no tea) by Wednesday, Feb. 13th, certain, please, to Mr. H. W. Barrett, Fernhill, Bungay Road, Loddon, Norfolk.—P. Newstead, Branch Sec. 9689

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Oxford City and South Oxon Branches.—A combined practice of the above Branches will be held at Great Milton on Saturday, Feb. 16th, at 3 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Names for tea by Feb. 12th to T. S. Bowles, The Lodge, Chilworth Farm, Milton Common, Oxford, by Feb. 12th.—J. Adams, H. Badger, Branch Secs. 9698

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Bury St. Edmunds District.—Annual District meeting at Ixworth (6) on Saturday, Feb. 16th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by the 12th to K. G. Brown, 21, Peascroft Road, Ixworth, Suffolk. 9697

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Practice meeting, Saturday, Feb. 16th, Betchworth (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Feb. 13th to A. Streeter, Dis. Sec., 4, Maple Road, Earlswood. 9713

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.—Annual dinner at the Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn, on Saturday, Feb. 23rd, at 7 p.m. Ringing details later. Tickets, 14s. 6d., from D. Priestley, 50, Rosemary Avenue, Finchley, N.3. 9666

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The fifth annual dinner will be held at The Corporation Hotel, Derby, at 6 p.m. on Saturday, March 2nd. Ringing, 3 p.m. at the Cathedral. Tickets, 11s. 6d., from G. Halls, 15, Brackens Avenue, Alvaston, Derby. 9549

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755). —The 69th annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, on Saturday, March 2nd, at 6 o'clock. Chairman: Sqdn.-Leader John S. Mason. Tickets, 15s. 6d. each, obtainable from G. E. Fearn, Hon. Sec., 92, Etwall Road, Hall Green, Birmingham, 28; 'phone SPR 1025. 9657

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BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Luton District

Over 50 ringers attended the annual meeting of the Luton District held at Woburn on January 19th. The bells were rung from 2.45 p.m., and Evensong, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. T. N. Gunner), was sung by a choir of ringers. The company then adjourned to the Town Hall, where an excellent tea was served by the ladies.

The Rev. T. N. Gunner presided at the business meeting. The secretary (Mr. K. G. Spavins) in his report said that ringing in the District continued to improve and that two more towers, Husborne Crawley and Flitton, now rang regularly for Sunday service.

Mr. Spavins was re-elected secretary and thanked for his work of last year. It was decided to elect four committee members for this year. Mr. H. B. Whitney and Mr. P. Newing were re-elected, and Miss June Gladman and Mr. E. J. Munday elected as the two new members. Mr. Munday was also elected chairman, in succession to Mr. J. Sinfield. After presenting the Belfry Repair Fund balance sheet, Mr. B. Grainger was re-elected treasurer of the fund.

All those present were very sorry to hear that Mr. H. D. Harris, a vice-president of the Association, of which he has been a member for over 60 years, and tower captain of the local tower had been involved in a road accident recently. He sustained a dislocated shoulder and facial injuries but has returned home after being detained in hospital. The meeting unanimously expressed the hope that Mr. Harris would make a complete and rapid recovery.

After the business meeting ringing continued and the bells were kept going to methods ranging from rounds to Superlative and Bristol Surprise Major.

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CENTRAL COUNCIL HANDBOOK

IS the new Handbook, issued under the authority of the Central Council, value for money? If you are interested in the work of the Central Council; or in the technicalities of method construction, composition, etc.; or take an active part in the affairs of your own Association; or are merely interested in the vital statistics (not the pin-up ones) of past and present leaders of the Exercise, then I can recommend the book as wonderful value, for 2s. 6d. post free.

Most of our Associations and Guilds have in the past few years adopted a rule to abide loyally by the rules and decisions of the Central Council. But what were those rules and decisions? Not even the most knowledgeable members of the Council could have answered that question with confidence.

The last edition of 'Rules and Decisions' was issued in 1927 — I never remember seeing a copy. The present handbook, the detailed work of the Council's secretary, Mr. E. A. Barnett, and of Mr. C. K. Lewis, takes the place of and goes much farther than the 1927 publication. Before reaching its present stage, much of the material was circulated to and considered by each member of the Council and then discussed at a full Council meeting. I believe that those members will readily agree that their time has not been wasted.

After a preface by a former secretary of the Council, Mr. E. Alex. Young — it must have been almost the last thing he wrote before his lamented death last summer — a short history is given of the Council from its conception by Sir Arthur Heywood in 1890, with a note of the procedure at its meetings. This is followed by the rules of the Council — essential for all members and for Association secretaries. Then perhaps the most important section, certainly the most difficult to prepare, containing an up-to-date list of the Council's decisions as they now stand, taking into account all the various rescissions and amendments.

Now that this book is in existence ringers need have no doubt whether or not the peal they ring will be 'accepted' by the Council for inclusion in its records. Many hours of discussion and argument have gone into the vexed question of what is or is not a peal, and there will doubtless be many more. But a code is now available in quite surprisingly simple language setting out what is accepted at present. Conditions are defined for 'regular methods' and definitions given of the various classes of methods. I cannot find any definite statement that 'Plain Bob Minor, Major,' etc., shall henceforth be called 'Bob Minor, Major,' etc., though no doubt it follows from a section headed 'Plain methods,' which we are told consist of (a) Bob methods and (b), (c) and (d) other named types. After '(a) Bob methods' come the words, 'These methods have the Plain Bob place.' This shakes me a little I must confess, but I am content that the word 'Plain' shall be omitted from my peal reports, so long as I may continue to use it in the tower when ringing spliced, as does at least one of the compilers.

Next come brief accounts of the work of the various Committees of the Council — work which, of course, goes on continually throughout the year and without which the Council meeting could easily become just the glorified outing which some people still think it is. Details are given of the Council's publications, largely the work of the Committees referred to and in themselves a justification if such were needed of the existence of the Council. The out of print pamphlet setting out the law as it affects church bells has been brought up to date by Mr. W. B. Cartwright and printed in full. A most useful part this to show to incumbents who may be doubtful of their position *vis-à-vis* their ringers, their church officers or complainants of nuisance caused by the bells. The desirability of the church authorities taking out an insurance policy for their ringers is wisely stressed.

Lists are printed of the existing members of the Council and — fascinating to those interested in people — a biographical list of all members of the Council from 1891. Dates of membership and names of the Association represented are given and, when known, the dates of birth and death. A disappointing feature is the number of blanks under the date of birth, which shows how many members have failed to supply the Biographies Committee with the easiest but most important date of all. We all hope one day to merit an obituary notice, and who better than ourselves can ensure its accuracy! I would hope that those blanks will be filled in before the next edition and I must repress the desire I have for hearing the details obtained by means of direct questions from the 'Chair.'

The Handbook completes its 70 pages with lists of the various meeting places and numbers in attendance (from which it will be seen that the 1956 attendance was a record) and of the affiliated societies.

In return for his trouble a reviewer is entitled to criticise — that is often the easiest part of his task. We are told on page 35 that one of the collections of peal compositions contained a Bob Maximus composition of 479,100,600 by the late J. A. Trollope. That is precisely 99,000 changes longer than any *true* composition of Maximus could possibly be and I don't believe the composer did it. This is, I think, the only actual misprint in the book. A paragraph about muffled ringing on occasions of public mourning appears twice, once under 'Recommendations to Associations' and later under 'Peal ringing — general.' Perhaps deliberate, but hardly necessary. A feeling of nostalgia was engendered by the reference in the historical section to the Committee set up in 1893 to deal with the question of 'Reduced Rail Fares for Ringers.' One can imagine London Transport's way of dealing with that question in 1957!

I think that the example set by the Ringers' Diary in printing the addresses of the secretaries of the affiliated bodies would have been worth following. Council members ought not to have to rely on a private publication for useful information of that nature. The publisher's name, on an otherwise completely blank page, might have been followed by the words, 'Printers of "The Ringing World"' — not every one who should yet takes the paper. But these last matters are details which merely serve, by their triviality, to emphasise the merits of the Handbook. May it sell out as speedily as it and its compilers deserve.

W. G. WILSON.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 26, 1957, in 3 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5081 GRANDSIRE CINQUES
Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in D.

SELWYN H. DEARDEN	*Treble*	†BRIAN WOODRUFFE	7
*TREVOR TAYLOR	2	*PETER WATSON	8
*CAROL EUSTACE	3	DEREK OGDEN	9
*NEIL BENNETT	4	*GEOFFREY D. FEARNEHOUGH	10
BRIAN A. TOMLINSON	5	ALAN WARD	11
*ALBERT W. STONE	6	*DEREK TAYLOR	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by DEREK OGDEN.
* First 12-bell peal. † 50th peal. First peal of Grandsire Cinques for all the band.

TEN BELL PEALS

ROCHESTER, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 12, 1957, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST AND THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB ROYAL
Tenor 30 cwt.

*RONALD E. NORRIS	*Treble*	†WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT	6
*THOMAS BEAUMONT	2	PETER BORER	7
ARTHUR G. MASON	3	WILFRID G. WILSON	8
EDWIN A. BARNETT	4	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS	9
FREDERICK J. CULLUM	5	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWIN A. BARNETT.
* First peal of Royal. † First of Bob Royal.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 19, 1957, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5000 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

JAMES FEARNLEY	*Treble*	*JOHN WORTH	6
FRED DUNKERLEY	2	†JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER	7
BASIL JONES	3	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	8
PETER LAFLIN	4	BRIAN HARRIS	9
ALAN A. POTTS	5	†EDWARD JENKINS	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN A. BERRISFORD. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
* 800th peal. † 100th peal together.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Jan. 19, 1957, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALPHEGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in E flat.

*ELIZABETH M. YARDLEY	*Treble*	GEORGE E. FEARN	6
RUTH JACKSON	2	RODNEY B. MEADOWS	7
MURIEL REAY	3	RALPH G. EDWARDS	8
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	4	PETER BORDER	9
ARTHUR D. COOK	5	FRANK E. HAYNES	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.
* First peal on ten bells.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.
LONDON COUNTY ASSOC. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 26, 1957, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 16¼ cwt. in E.

*PAULINE M. WOODLAND	*Treble*	WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT	6
WILFRID G. WILSON	2	§CHARLES E. J. NORRIS	7
†NEVIL G. HOLLINGWORTH	3	†PETER G. DAVIES	8
MRS. OLIVE L. ROGERS	4	HAROLD W. ROGERS	9
‡GEORGE E. RUCK	5	‡REGINALD T. GOODMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by WILFRID G. WILSON.
* First peal. † First of Grandsire Caters. ‡ First peal on ten. § 150th peal.
A wedding compliment to Miss Patricia Howell and Mr. Raymond Chamberlain, of the local band.

LONDON, S.E.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 26, 1957, in 4 Hours and 5 Minutes.
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB ROYAL
Tenor 48 cwt. 9 lb. in B flat.

SIDNEY J. WOODCOCK	*Treble*	G. WILLIAM MORRIS	6
FREDERICK R. SCOTT	2	ALFRED J. HOUSE	7
PETER A. LAWRENCE	3	THOMAS J. LOCK	8
*W. NORMAN GENNA	4	RICHARD E. PRICE	9
WILLIAM T. COOK	5	TONY PRICE	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS J. LOCK.
* First peal of Bob Royal.

YEOVIL, SOMERSET.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Jan. 26, 1957, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5184 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 40 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

HERBERT W. PEARCE	*Treble*	ROGER J. FOX	6
HENRY G. KEELEY	2	HARRY J. GAYLARD	7
GORDON GAYLARD	3	WILLIAM E. TURNER	8
TREVOR E. MARKS	4	THOMAS J. SETTER	9
G. STEDMAN MORRIS	5	ROBERT G. FIELD	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by G. STEDMAN MORRIS.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

NORTON-LE-MOORS, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 12, 1957, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5024 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

JOHN NIXON	*Treble*	JAMES WALLEY	5
LESLIE SHENTON	2	DAVID JACK	6
CHARLES S. RYLES	3	OWEN WILLIAMS	7
ANNETTE M. GRATTON	4	ALBAN J. JACK	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHT. Conducted by CHARLES S. RYLES.
First peal in the method by all except the conductor.
Rung as a farewell to the Rev. R. B. McKenzie, leaving to take the living of Lower Gornal.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 19, 1957, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. in D flat.

*HAROLD E. PRYKE	*Treble*	PATRICK W. SALTMARSH	5
STEDMAN H. SYMONDS	2	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE	6
PETER J. CAME	3	PETER J. EVES	7
ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON	4	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by PETER J. EVES.
* First peal.
A birthday compliment to the tenor ringer and the daughter of the treble ringer.

NEWCHURCH, WARRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 19, 1957, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH.
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

ROGER LEIGH	*Treble*	BRIAN A. TOMLINSON	5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	2	ALBERT GREENHALGH	6
NORMAN SMITH	3	LAWRENCE J. WILLIAMS	7
PHILIP DUNDERDALE	4	SYDNEY LEATHERBARROW	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK Conducted by S. LEATHERBARROW.
First in the method as conductor.
Rung at the request of the Rector, Rev. E. A. Lee, in appreciation of the services of Mr. Joseph Leatherbarrow as tower captain and tower keeper for the past 48 years.

NORTH MYMMS, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 19, 1957, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5056 BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt.

MRS. T. J. LOCK	*Treble*	*J. REECE LOFTY	5
DENNIS C. BOWEN	2	ALICK CUTLER	6
*P. LOUIS BAYCOCK	3	JAMES WALLMAN	7
*ADRIAN R SHERLOCK	4	THOMAS J. LOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by THOMAS J. LOCK.
* First peal.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Mary Lawrence, a member of the local band, and John B. Andrews.

PENKRIDGE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Jan. 19, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Consisting of 1,472 Lincolnshire, 1,792 Cambridge and 1,792 Yorkshire, with 110 changes of method. Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

*JOHN H. ALLEN	*Treble*	†J. DENNIS HOLDEN	5
FREDK. E. WILSHAW	2	†ERIC E. SPEAKE	6
†RICHARD J. WARRILOW	3	†EDMUND A. MALIN	7
‡P. GEORGE GOLDER	4	§ARTHUR PRITCHARD	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Arranged by E. A. BARNETT.
Conducted by E. E. SPEAKE.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of 'three spliced.' ‡ First of Surprise Major and first of Surprise 'inside.' § First of Spliced Surprise. First of 'three spliced' Surprise Major for the Society.
A birthday peal for the ringer of the third.

ROLLESTON-ON-DOVE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 19, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES
Parker's Six-part (No. 13). Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in F sharp.

MRS. S. H. JONES	*Treble*	ROLAND BENISTON	5
WILLIAM J. LEACH	2	BARNABAS G. KEY	6
GEORGE L. ROOBOTTOM	3	JOSEPH W. COTTON	7
*JACK BENISTON	4	EDWARD J. WHITE	*Tenor*

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.
* First peal in the method.

WEST HARTLEPOOL, COUNTY DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 19, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb.

THOMAS TEMPLEMAN	*Treble*	HARRY SHORT	5
ROBERT WEBSTER	2	*JOHN CLOUSTON	6
MRS. K. LAWSON	3	KENNETH LAWSON	7
WILLIAM MAUGHAN	4	GEORGE WRIGHT	*Tenor*

Conducted by KENNETH LAWSON.
* First peal of Triples.
In memoriam Frederick Robson, for 50 years a ringer at this church.

WORCESTER.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 19, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 23 cwt.

IVOR GOULTER	*Treble*	REGINALD WOODYATT	5
*JOHN C. SLATER	2	†GEORGE E. EVENDEN	6
SYDNEY T. HOLT	3	DAVID BEACHAM	7
R. GEORGE MORRIS	4	THOMAS W. LEWIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by SYDNEY T. HOLT.
* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Surprise Major.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 21, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5152 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

CLIFFORD R. LOVETT	*Treble*	JAMES BENNETT	5
HARRY D. LISTER	2	CHARLES J. SEDGLEY	6
GEORGE A. FLEMING	3	ERNEST V. BLAKE	7
PATRICIA M. CLARKE	4	CECIL W. PIPE	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by CECIL W. PIPE.

PAKEFIELD, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Jan. 21, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS AND ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Vicar's Six-part. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb.

HORACE W. EASEY	*Treble*	A. WILLIAM BIRD	5
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	2	PETER KINDRED	6
JOHN W. G. KINDRED	3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	7
*DOUGLAS MITCHELL	4	JOHN ALLEN	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER KINDRED.
* First peal of Grandsire.
Rung to celebrate the birth of a son to the Rev. and Mrs. A. G. G. Thurlow, of Great Yarmouth.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Jan. 22, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 GAINSBOROUGH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

C. EDWARD LANKESTER	*Treble*	ERNEST H. KILBY	5
MRS. T. J. LOCK	2	DENNIS KNOX	6
ALICK CUTLER	3	ALFRED J. HOUSE	7
THOMAS J. LOCK	4	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
First peal in the method by all the band, in the county, and for the Association.
Rung in honour of the wedding of Mary Lawrence to John B. Andrews at North Mymms on January 19th. Also to celebrate the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Francis

SHIRLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Wed., Jan. 23, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MAJOR
Tenor 6½ cwt. in B flat.

LEONARD TUFFEY	*Treble*	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	5
*DIANA J. PERRINS	2	VIVIENNE M. HORTON	6
GEORGE E. FEARN	3	*JOHN R. JOYNER	7
H. DAVID HOLLAND	4	VINCENT A. HEMMING	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by VINCENT A. HEMMING.
* First peal of Bob Major.
Rung to mark the birth of a grandson to the ringer of the treble.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Jan. 24, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE.
A PEAL OF 5056 SOUTHWELL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

CYRIL H. KINCH	*Treble*	ROBIN A. HODGSON	5
J. HOWARD R. FREEBORN	2	CHARLES COLES	6
FRANK A. BARRETT	3	DONALD H. NIBLETT	7
EDGAR J. SMITH	4	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
The first peal in the method on the bells, and by all the band except the conductor.
Rung on the eve of the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Jan. 25, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5180 HUNCOAT ALLIANCE BOB MAJOR
Adapted from a composition by N. J. Pitstow. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

LEONARD WALSH	*Treble*	NORMAN SMITH	5
CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE	2	DEREK TAYLOR	6
BRIAN A. TOMLINSON	3	ROGER LEIGH	7
GEOFFREY F. GARNETT	4	SYDNEY LEATHERBARROW	*Tenor*

Conducted by CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE.
The first peal in the method.

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ASTON CLINTON, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 12, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
A PEAL OF 5040 HEXHAM SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout.
Tenor 14¼ cwt. in F sharp.

Phyllis M. Mayne	*Treble*	Kenneth R. Dunstan	4
Joan M. Wilcockson	2	William Wenban	5
Jean A. Darmon	3	John R. Mayne	*Tenor*

Conducted by John R. Mayne.
The first peal in the method.

CHELSFIELD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 12, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Martin-of-Tours,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being an extent each of Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb.

*Brenda M. Foster	*Treble*	Arthur S. Richards	4
†Mary R. Andrews	2	Ralph Bird	5
Brian Bladon	3	John L. Morris	*Tenor*

Conducted by John L. Morris.
* First peal. † First peal in seven methods. First peal in seven methods as conductor.

GREAT COMBERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 12, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being three extents of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob.
Tenor 9¼ cwt.

Colin B. Longmore	*Treble*	Wilfred J. Newman	4
John Moule	2	Anthony J. Brazier	5
Arthur A. Jopp	3	Eric T. Lee	*Tenor*

Conducted by Eric T. Lee.
First peal on the bells since being rehung.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 12, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
A PEAL OF 5760 BOB MINOR
Being eight different extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

Peter Bellamy-Knight	*Treble*	John E. Collins	4
David K. Walklate	2	Stuart Knighton	5
Bernice A. Manning	3	Brian R. Manning	*Tenor*

Conducted by David K. Walklate.

PEBMARSH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 12, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one 720 each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and St. Clement's, and four 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

Stuart T. Hume	*Treble*	Bernard W. Fairhead	4
Evelyn R. M. Cansdale	2	Frank Pike	5
Allen W. Cansdale	3	Donald L. Mills	*Tenor*

Conducted by Donald L. Mills.

SHELFANGER, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 12, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 20 extents of St. Simon's and 22 extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt.

Frederick C. Roper	*Treble*	C. Frank W. Phillippo	3
*Betty Syrett	2	Frank C. J. Arnold	4
Wilfred G. Saunders	*Tenor*		

Conducted by C. Frank W. Phillippo.
* First peal of Doubles.

STISTED, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 12, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURFLEET SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. in A.

Edwin Jennings	*Treble*	Alan R. Syder	4
Hilda G. Snowden	2	Walter Arnold	5
Frank B. Lufkin	3	Terry Earle	*Tenor*

Conducted by Terry Earle.
First peal in the method on the bells, and by all the band, except the conductor.

STANTON LACY, SHROPSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Jan. 13, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 40 six-scores (ten callings) and one 240 Morris's. Tenor 12 cwt.

Harvey Sherry	*Treble*	Jean Hutton	4
Desmond Ferguson	2	*David Tolley	5
Albert E. Jones	3	†George Cotterill	*Tenor*

Conducted by Albert E. Jones.
* First peal 'inside.' † First peal.

UPHILL, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Jan. 16, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being four six-scores of Stedman, 18 of Plain Bob and 20 of Grandsire.
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb.

Terry K. Price	*Treble*	†David H. White	4
*Marion Macfarlane	2	George Prescott	5
Marjorie Legg	3	Cecil Mogford	*Tenor*

Conducted by George Prescott.
* First peal in three methods. † First peal.
Rung as a birthday compliment to David H. White.

MAULDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Jan. 17, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Comprising seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

C. Edward Jeffries	*Treble*	Ronald J. Sharp	4
Ernest J. Munday	2	Eric Sharp	5
Stephen Ivin	3	Philip Mehew	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. Edward Jeffries.
Rung on the back six, after meeting short for Bristol, Mark Wooding kindly standing out.

HATHEROP, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Jan. 18, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being two extents of Old (two callings) and ten extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure (four callings), Plain Bob (four callings) April Day (three callings) and Grandsire (ten callings). Tenor 7 cwt.

John Dowdeswell	*Treble*	Patrick A. Bartlett	4
A. C. Mervyn Day	2	Ralph E. W. Wenban	5
William A. Godwin	3	*Arthur W. Bartlett	*Tenor*

Conducted by Ralph E. W. Wenban.
* First peal attempt.
Rung as a 70th birthday compliment to William Wenban, of Harrow Weald, Middlesex, father of the conductor.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 19, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being two 2,160's and one 720, with all 5-6's right way. Tenor 6¼ cwt.

Frederick Watson	*Treble*	*J. Harry Cook	4
Ernest Morris	2	Joseph Taylor	5
*†Roland H. Cook	3	Michael Vernon	*Tenor*

Conducted by Ernest Morris.
* First of all Kent T.B. Minor. † 25th peal.
A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Margaret Cooper, daughter of the churchwarden.

GLOUCESTER.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 19, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-de-Lode,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR
Being six different extents (one repeated).
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in F sharp.

*Roger Price	*Treble*	†Michael D. Ling	4
Ronald K. Russ	2	Geoffrey Green	5
Donald E. Cobb	3	Peter T. Hurcombe	*Tenor*

Conducted by Geoffrey Green.
* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor.

GOXHILL, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 19, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 14 lb.

W. Arthur Crowder	*Treble*	Michael W. Crowder	4
Gwen I. Rusby	2	Septimus Neave	5
Stephen Bromfield	3	Frank G. Bloomfield	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frank G. Bloomfield.
A 71st birthday compliment to Mr. Martin Walker, of Ulceby.

OFFLEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 19, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,
A PEAL OF 5040 CHILTERN TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being two 2,160's and an extent (C.C.C. Nos. 95-101).
Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

June Gladman	*Treble*	John W. Sinfield	4
Ronald J. Sharp	2	Brian Bladon	5
Derek P. Jones	3	Philip Mehew	*Tenor*

Conducted by Derek P. Jones.
The first peal in the method (C.C.C. T.B. 21).

POYNTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 19, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. George,
A PEAL OF 5040 DELIGHT MINOR
In 15 methods: (1) Castleton; (2) Peveril and Beeston; (3) Leasowe and Melandra; (4) Skipton, Chepstow, Balmoral and Fotheringay; (5) Dover; (6) Knutsford, Rostherne, Wilmslow and Bogedone; (7) Ely.
Tenor 13¼ cwt.

Mrs. A. Richardson	*Treble*	Sidney Hough, jun.	4
Ivor Jenkins	2	Neil D. Lomas	5
Alexander Richardson	3	Denis Mottershead	*Tenor*

Conducted by Denis Mottershead.

PRESTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 19, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Michael Edwards	*Treble*	Ivan J. M. Saunders	4
*Edward W. Roast	2	David Hodgson	5
Mary Dowsett	3	Joe E. G. Roast	*Tenor*

Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.
* First peal in seven methods.

WHITTINGTON, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(The St. Oswald, Oswestry, Society.)
On Sat., Jan. 19, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

Stephen F. L. Lowe	*Treble*	John R. Thomas	4
Gail Hawkins	2	Michael S. Hart	5
C. Guy Pickavance	3	William A. Smith	*Tenor*

Conducted by Michael S. Hart.
First peal by all the band. First peal in the method on the bells.
Rung for the Feast of St. Wulfstan.

KEYSOE, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Jan. 20, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5280 DOUBLES
Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 32 of Grandsire. Tenor 17 cwt.

*Fred Stapleton	*Treble*	†Brian Bladon	3
George Seth	2	Philip Mehew	4
Derek P. Jones	*Tenor*		

Conducted by Derek P. Jones.
* First attempt at a peal. † 150th peal.
Rung for Evensong.

LLANGYNWYD, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Jan. 23, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Gynwyd,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being two 240's and 38 six-scores. Tenor 9½ cwt.

Ellis C. Turner	*Treble*	Thomas E. Hiddins	4
John Hale	2	William T. Petty	5
D. Walford Davies	3	David L. Hughes	*Tenor*

Conducted by William T. Petty.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. J. Bishop, wife of a ringer at this church.

TENDRING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Jan. 23, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Edmund, King and Martyr,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and three extents of Bob Minor. Tenor 7½ cwt.

Violet A. Hales	*Treble*	*Frederick A. Harvey	4
Ivan Cooper	2	Albert C. Hales	5
Rose A. Rouse	3	Edward E. Davey	*Tenor*

Conducted by Edward E. Davey.
* First peal in three methods.

DEENE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 26, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

Percy D. Baldock	*Treble*	Ronald Russell	4
Roy Spencer	2	*Richard A. Webster	5
*Frederick Ginns	3	John H. Bluff	*Tenor*

Conducted by John H. Bluff.
* First peal. The treble ringer has now 'circled the tower.'

HANDBELL PEALS

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Dec. 23, 1956, *in* 1 *Hour and* 47 *Minutes,*
At 24, Doyle Avenue, Hilsea,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents in ten methods, viz.: (1) Cambridge, Primrose, Norfolk, Ipswich; (2) Bourne; (3) Hull; (4) Norwich; (5) Westminster; (6) Netherseale; (7) Annable's London. Tenor size 7 in D.

S. Kathleen M. Knight	1—2	Robin G. Leale	3—4
		Roger Baldwin	5—6

Conducted by Roger Baldwin.
The first peal of ten Surprise Minor to be rung 'in hand.' The ringers taking part in this peal have now rung 25 peals as a band.

WIGSTON MAGNA, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Jan. 6, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
At 24, Manor Street,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

Brian G. Warwick	1—2	John M. Jelley	5—6
Ernest Morris	3—4	*Brian S. Chapman	7—8

Composed by E. Maurice Atkins. Conducted by Brian G. Warwick.
* First handbell peal.

NORTHWOOD, MIDDLESEX.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Jan. 11, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
At 39, St. Mary's Avenue,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor size 15 in C.

Christopher W. Woolley	1—2	*Jean A. Darmon	5—6
*John R. Mayne	3—4	*Stanley E. Darmon	7—8

Conducted by Christopher W. Woolley.
* First peal of Surprise on handbells.

NORTHREPPS, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Jan. 22, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
In the Belfry of the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR
Being seven 720's. Tenor size 16 in B.

Raymond W. Balls	1—2	John R. Smith	3—4
		Cyril Pooley	5—6

Conducted by John R. Smith.
A 66th birthday compliment to Cyril Pooley.

ALDERSHOT, HANTS.—At St. Michael's Church, on Jan. 27th, 1,280 Bob Major: J. Sims 1, B. Batt 2, Mrs. M. Brown 3, E. J. Bragg 4, W. Viggers 5, Miss S. Corke 6, K. Williamson 7, R. J. Corke (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCS.—At the Parish Church, on Jan. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Harrison (first quarter) 1, Joan Carter (cond.) 2, W. Harrison 3, D. Malloch (first 'inside') 4, D. Yates 5. In memoriam Mr. James Carter, late ringing master.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 20th, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent, 540 Bob): W. Girling 1, P. R. J. Lester 2, L. N. Melton 3, A. E. J. Lester 4, G. R. Goodship 5, R. E. Lester (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At St. Nicholas' Church, on Jan. 26th, 1,260 Bob Royal: Diana M. Gough (first in method) 1, A. W. Bond 2, M. O. Slaney 3, J. V. Lonsbrough 4, A. W. Gravett 5, F. H. Dallaway 6, F. G. Page 7, A. W. Riddington 8, H. C. Stalham 9, F. H. Hicks (cond.) 10. An 84th birthday compliment to Frank Bennett.

BROOKFIELD, N.—On Jan. 26th, at St. Anne's Church, 1,260 Bob Minor (tenor covering): Doreen Deverell 1, T. Bevan 2, R. T. Newman 3, A. W. J. Butler (cond.) 4, J. T. O'Dell 5, E. V. Williams 6, J. A. Dennis 7. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. J. Payton, mother of a member of the local band.

BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX.—On Jan. 27th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: S. W. Bigmore 1, E. Deacon 2, K. Everett (cond.) 3, A. T. M. Perry 4, G. M. Rouse 5, H. Stebbings 6. For morning service.

BURWASH, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 29th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: B. V. Collison 1, F. J. Lambert 2, S. G. Ponting 3, R. E. Lambert 4, C. A. Tester 5, T. E. Sone (cond.) 6, E. J. Ladd 7, R. T. Lambert 8. A farewell to the Rev. T. Wingfield Heale.

CHELFORD, CHESHIRE.—On Nov. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Briscall 1, R. Barratt 2, A. Campbell 3, E. Pimlott (cond.) 4, G. Forrester 5. Also on Jan. 8th, 1,320 Reverse St. Bartholomew: G. Forrester 1, A. Campbell 2, R. Barratt 3, H. Callwood 4, E. Pimlott (cond.) 5, D. Briscall 6. First in the method by all.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKS.—On Jan. 27th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: A. Wood (first on 10) 1, Miss D. J. Clarke 2, J. E. S. Moreton 3, J. Draycott 4, A. H. Beamish (cond.) 5, Mrs. D. E. Beamish 6, J. A. L. Thompson 7, G. A. Bell (first on 10) 8, J. F. Clarke 9, J. E. Lloyd 10. For Matins, and as a welcome to Mr. G. A. Bell and his family on taking up residence in Nuneaton. Mr. Bell was ringing master at Prestwich, Manchester.

COUNTESTHORPE, LEICS.—On Jan. 13th, 1,260 Bob Minor: G. Dudley 1, K. Wright 2, D. Bray 3, Margaret A. Elsey 4, P. Immins 5, R. T. E. Hubbard (cond.) 6. A welcome home to the ringer of the 2nd on his return from H.M. Forces, and a farewell to the ringer of the 5th upon joining H.M. Forces.

COWLEY, OXON.—On Jan. 27th, 1,260 Bob Minor: Mrs. W. Holloway 1, C. Bennett 2, Mrs. L. Busby 3, W. Fern 4, L. Busby 5, W. Holloway (cond.) 6. A compliment to the Rev. A. G. Whye on his appointment as Rural Dean of the newly-formed Cowley Deanery. Also 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss B. Newbold (first quarter) 1, W. Holloway (cond.) 2, Mrs. L. Busby 3, M. Harding 4, D. Norris 5, A. Bennett 6. Rung for the week of prayer for Christian unity.

EALING, MIDDLX.—At Christ Church, on Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. G. Wilson 1, W. E. Eveleigh 2, Miss J. Scrutton 3, Miss B. Nolder 4, Miss D. Luke 5, F. Ranson 6, Squire Croft (cond.) 7, S. H. Price 8. Rung as a first birthday compliment to the conductor's grandson.

ELMORE, GLOS.—On Jan 12th, 1,260 Bob Minor: F. Blowen 1, P. Clarkson 2, L. Hewitt 3, T. Boreham 4, G. Green (first as cond.) 5, L. Barry 6.

HARROW, MIDDLX.—On Jan. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (10 callings): Shirley H. Dorey 1, Sylvia J. Heasman 2, C. W. Simpson 3, R. E. Waters 4, C. E. Slade (cond.) 5, C. G. Pitcher 6. For Evensong.

FLITTON, BEDS.—On Jan. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Paul Swarles (first quarter) 1, R. J. Sharp 2, E. J. Munday 3, A. C. Sinfield 4, S. J. Ivin 5, C. E. Jeffries 6.

FRINDSBURY, KENT.—On Jan. 6th, 1,260 Bob Minor: Miss R. Highley 1, Miss D. Borer 2, S. T. Jarrett 3, Miss J. Highley 4, R. C. Burns 5, P. F. Borer (cond.) 6. Rung on the Feast of Epiphany.

QUARTER PEALS

FULHAM, S.W.—On Jan. 20th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. C. Watts 1, Miss A. Garnett 2, H. Belcher 3, J. Allsop 4, James Phillips 5, M. V. Moreton 6, John Phillips 7, H. Page 8.

GREAT HOLLAND, ESSEX.—On Jan. 8th, 1,264 Bob Major: Miss S. Faithcloth 1, Miss H. Stewart (first on eight bells) 2, Mrs. P. W. Mills 3, L. Sharp 4, J. Butler 5, M. Mills 6, D. Welham 7, U. W. Wildney (cond.) 6.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Jan. 6th, 1,260 Bob Minor: S. E. Dyer 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, C. J. Young 3, Miss D. Robinson 4, F. R. Nicholls 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For morning service.

HESTON, MIDDLX.—On Jan. 20th, 1,240 Grandsire Triples: P. A. Rayner (first quarter) 1, W. W. Webb 2, B. A. Rose 3, P. A. Ruch (cond.) 4, J. Barbrook 5, W. A. Lewis 6, M. Hawkins 7, K. Gristwood 8.

HOLMES CHAPEL, CHESHIRE.—On Oct. 27th, 1,320 Doubles (480 Bob, 840 Grandsire): S. Sage 1, A. Worth 2, B. J. Ongley 3, L. Copnall 4, E. Pimlott (cond.) 5, N. Lomas 6. Also on Jan. 16th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: Mrs. B. J. Ongley 1, G. Forrester 2, E. Pimlott 3, B. J. Ongley (cond.) 4, L. Copnall 5, R. Barratt 6.

HONITON CLYST, DEVON.—On Jan. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (from Holt's Original): Wilf Seldon 1, Wm. Seldon 2, A. Tapley 3, W. D. Ashdown 4, E. E. Retter 5, G. E. Retter (cond.) 6, A. Holway 7, E. Morgan 8. A birthday compliment to Miss Janet Ashdown, daughter of the 4th ringer.

HUNTINGDON.—At All Saints' Church, on Jan. 14th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: S. E. Dyer 1, Miss B. Spicer 2, Miss D. Robinson 3, J. R. G. Spicer 4, H. S. Peacock 5, S. Gilbert 6. Rung to welcome the Judge of Assize.

IXWORTH, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Bishop 1, M. King 2, L. Sharpe 3, K. G. Brown (cond.) 4, L. Melton 5, H. Ivings 6. For the induction of the Rev. Mr. Baker. Also on Jan. 20th, 1,260 Bob Minor: H. Ivings 1, K. Brown 2, L. Melton 3, L. Sharpe 4, H. King 5, E. Bishop (cond.) 6. For morning service.

KEELE, STAFFS.—On Jan. 9th, 1,320 Doubles (480 Grandsire, 240 Stedman, 240 Bob, 120 St. Martin's, 120 St. Simon's, 120 Reverse St. Bartholomew): R. Williams 1, Miss A. Gratton 2, O. M. Slaney 3, J. Nixon 4, E. H. Edge (cond.) 5, P. Scriven (first quarter) 6.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.—On Jan. 8th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: K. Waples 1, Miss G. Graney 2, D. J. Goodman 3, R. J. Picton 4, B. M. Barker (cond.) 5, R. J. Scaplehorn 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. J. W. Lane, for many years a ringer at this church.

KIRTON-IN-HOLLAND, LINCS.—On Jan. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Bishop 1, F. P. Harwood 2, J. R. Kemp 3, A. E. Flatters 4, F. Leggott 5, D. Flatters 6, W. E. Clarke (cond.) 7, J. R. Young 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. E. Scilars.

LLANTRISANT, GLAM.—On Jan. 26th, 2,520 Grandsire Triples: J. Goodman (first of Triples) 1, G. Marchant (first inside') 2, T. Yeoman 3, F. Rowsell (cond.) 4, W. Dare 5, W. Davies 6, T. Petty 7, N. James (first of Triples) 8. For the induction of the new Vicar.

MINCHINHAMPTON, GLOS.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Newman 1, Miss S. Coombs (first quarter) 2, E. Bailey 3, F. Pouting (cond.) 4, T. Pritchard 5, E. Cribley 6. An 84th birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

OTTERY ST. MARY, DEVON.—On Jan. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Price 1, J. Manley 2, F. Sage 3, R. Netherway 4, C. Webb (cond.) 5, J. Ayres 6. All pupils of the King's School, Ottery St. Mary. A birthday compliment to Mr. E. H. Marks.

OXFORD.—On Jan. 20th, at St. Ebbe's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: N. Chamberlain 1, W. Wilkins 2, F. Wilkins 3, C. Coles 4, F. Barrett 5, M. Thomas (first in method) 6, H. Gearing (first in method as cond.) 7, J. Wilkes 8.

PENN, STAFFS.—On Jan. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Ford 1, C. Eyre 2, C. Griffiths 3, J. Roden 4, E. Stitch 5, Miss A. Frost (first quarter) 6, E. Bowyer (cond.) 7, J. Bloore 8.

PERRANZABULOE, CORNWALL.—On Jan. 26th, 1,260 Bob Minor: Miss P. R. Hosken 1, Miss M. A. Birch (first of Minor 'inside') 2, D. Burnett 3, Miss V. M. Matthews 4, D. N. Penrose 5, R. A. Southwood (cond.) 6.

PERSHORE, WORCS.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Jan. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (10 callings): E. T. Lee (cond.) 1, F. Barber 2, A. Haines 3, Mrs. A. A. Jopp 4, A. A. Jopp 5, A. Grinnall 6. For Evensong. Ringers of 1, 2, 3 and 6 are members of the local band.

RANMORE COMMON, SURREY.—On Jan. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mary Munt 1, F. Oakshott 2, Rev. C. Munt 3, D. Ashtridge 4, E. G. N. Coward 5, A. Harman (cond.) 6, A. P. Cannon 7, B. Read 8.

SAWLEY, DERBYS.—On Jan. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Newsum 1, Miss L. Turner 2, Mrs. I. Simpson 3, W. Simpson 4, P. Parry (cond.) 5, M. Marshall 6. Rung on the occasion of the christening of the niece and nephew of the conductor.

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKS.—On Jan. 13th, 1,260 Doubles (120 each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas', St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Bob, Old Bob, April Day, and Reverse St. Bartholomew, 180 Grandsire): H. Paul 1, D. Margaret Hawley 2, E. M. Bradley 3, J. Potts 4, A. Sheppard (cond.) 5, A. Thornton 6.

SOUTHGATE N.—At Christ Church, on Jan. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Stanyon (first away from tenor) 1, Miss A. Aldridge (first of Doubles 'inside') 2, A. J. Wallman 3, C. Aldridge 4, S. G. Peck (first as cond.) 5, J. Perrett 6. For the Parish Communion.

STAFFORD.—At the Church of St. Mary, on Jan. 27th, 1,232 Little Bob Major: R. Warrilow 1, F. R. Wiggin 2, F. Eley 3, C. Hone 4, R. K. Mowforth 5, A. E. Garbett 6, R. J. Warrilow (cond.) 7, E. Malin 8. First in method for all and first of the bells. Rung for morning service, and as a farewell compliment to C. Hone, who leaves for National Service, with the best of good wishes from his friends at St. Mary's.

STAMFORD HILL, N.—At St. Ann's Church, on Jan. 13th, 1,440 Wells Surprise Minor: H. Howson 1, Miss F. Secker 2, Miss J. Secker 3, B. Bladon (cond.) 4, M. Rowe 5, E. J. Rowe 6. First quarter in method by all

TOTTERNHOE, BEDS.—On Jan. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Broyd 1, June Gladman 2, J. R. Jordan (first in method) 3, R. J. Scott 4, F. Cook 5, J. W. Sinfield 6, J. G. Newman (cond.) 7, W. Sear 8.

TWYNING, GLOS.—On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Hawkes (first quarter) 1, G. Boulton 2, D. Beacham 3, M. Hawkes 4, W. Williams 5, D. Williams 6. Conducted by F. Hawkes. Rung on the occasion of Mr. G. Boulton's 80th birthday. He has been a ringer at this church for over 50 years.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—On Jan. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Witcher (first quarter) 1, Mrs. C. W. Roberts 2, M. C. Austin 3, R. D. Pearson (first 'inside') 4, D. Riley (cond.) 5, T. Pearson 6.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—On Jan. 27th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: B. Patmore (first of Caters) 1, A. J. N. Boyack 2, D. Hewitt 3, H. Rumens 4, F. C. Maynard 5, M. J. Hayes (first of Caters 'inside') 6, C. T. W. Coles 7, E. E. Holman 8, R. J. Chapman (cond.) 9, F. C. Taylor 10. For Evensong. All are members of the local band.

WANDSWORTH, S.W.—At All Saints' Church, on Jan. 20th, 1,264 Bob Major: Mrs. Sanders 1, Mrs. W. Hughes 2, J. Chapman 3, M. Williamson 4, J. Rea 5, A. Leary 6, R. Sanders 7, J. Euston (cond.) 8. For Evensong, and an 83rd birthday compliment to Reuben Sanders.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Jan. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Jacobs 1, Anne Garnett 2, J. Tomsett 3, Susan Jacobs 4, A. Bishop 5, P. Devenish 6, F. Corfield (cond.) 7, M. Sinden 8.

WOBURN, BUCKS.—On Jan. 27th, 1,344 Bob Major: Frances Spavins 1, M. Hooton 2, Anne Spavins (first of Major 'inside') 3, Angela Grainger 4, P. Newing (first of Major as cond.) 5, B. Grainger 6, A. Butcher 7, K. G. Spavins 8. First of Major for 1, 4, 6 and 7. For Evensong.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Bicester Deanery Branch

The first meeting of the Branch to be held at Islip since two new trebles were added to make a ring of eight took place on January 19th and attracted 33 members. Ringing included Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major.

In his address at the service, the Rector (the Rev. A. W. Blanchett) gave a talk on St. Nicholas' Church, Islip, and mentioned that the Dean of Westminster was patron of the living, and there had been a relationship between Westminster Abbey and Islip since the days of Edward the Confessor.

Mr. F. Sharpe presided at the business meeting, supported by the hon. secretary (Mr. C. H. Kinch). Seven new members were elected and it was decided to hold an outing, provided the fuel situation permitted. All who contributed to the success of the meeting were thanked.

South Oxon Branch

A meeting of the South Oxon Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was held at Wheatley on January 26th. The Vicar conducted the service and also gave a helpful and inspiring address. Mr. H. Badger was the organist

Mr. F. Sharpe, Deputy Master of the Guild, presided over the business meeting in the absence of the Branch chairman, when it was decided to hold a combined meeting with the Oxford City Branch on February 16th, and the annual Branch meeting at Warborough on May 21st.

About 30 members and visitors were present, including the secretary of the Oxford City Branch and secretary of the Bicester Branch.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

Crewe District Annual Meeting

With one exception there were now enough ringers to man every church in the Crewe area, reported Mr. W. Kerr, secretary, at the annual meeting of the Crewe Branch on January 19th. The black spot was Church Lawton, where, since the death of Mr. Walter Longman, there were no ringers. 'A very poor way in which Walter's memory should be honoured,' commented Mr. Kerr.

The Branch had a membership of 125 against 121 a year ago, but one tower had been transferred to the Macclesfield Branch.

The officers were re-elected with the exception of the Master of six-bell towers, who is succeeded by Mr. Derek Smith, of Wistaston.

The chairman, the Rev. F. G. Gentry (Vicar of Christ Church, Crewe) presided, and also conducted the short service in the church, which preceded the tea and meeting. In his address he said that during his first year at Crewe he had had striking proof that the bells really did call people to church. The bells were ringing in a New Year, and after attending a party in the Parish Hall, he went into the church for something. To his surprise he found that, although no service had been arranged, people were sitting in the church. They told him that because they heard the bells ringing they thought there must be a service.

Thanking the Vicar and Parochial Church Council for the use of the Parish Hall and the church bells, Mr. R. D. Langford, captain of the Christ Church tower, said it was very encouraging to see so many young members. It was just 50 years ago that he started bell ringing, and even in those days the ringers' meeting was held in the same Parish Hall.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD DINNER

The annual dinner of the Guild, held at the Culverden Arms at Tunbridge Wells on January 12th, was preceded by ringing at St. Peter's. During the meal the company was entertained by tape recordings of Barming, East Farleigh and Mereworth bells, and a touch of Double Court on the back six at Frittenden was particularly well struck and musical.

Afterwards, while waiting for the entertainer to arrive, several members rang Grandsire Triples, Bob Major and tunes on the handbells, and then had the pleasure of having it all played back to them.

An enjoyable hour then passed while Mr. Clarkson mystified and amused everyone with his tricks and patter.

The evening closed with votes of thanks to Mr. Wellington and Mr. Ladd for making the arrangements, and to Mr. W. Manser for the use of his tape recorder.

BARNSLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

Ringing to suit all tastes took place at the annual meeting of the Barnsley District Society at St. Mary's, Barnsley, on January 12th. The hon. president, Canon Morley, conducted the service and gave an interesting address, and Mr. N. F. Moxon was the organist.

Canon Morley presided at the business meeting, when the officers were elected, viz: President, Mr. N. F. Moxon; hon. secretary, Mr. Dan Smith; hon. treasurer, Mr. Harold Chant. Mr. J. W. Buxton was appointed acting secretary during the illness of Mr. Smith.

The vote of thanks included appreciation of the services of the ladies for serving such an excellent tea in the Rectory Rooms. Further ringing followed.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The Ancient Society of College Youths have elected the following as their Central Council representatives: Squadron Leader J. S. Mason (Master), Messrs. A. B. Peck (secretary), J. F. Smallwood (trustee) and W. Williams (junior steward).

Leading peal ringers.—The figures for Mr. Roger Baldwin should read tower bells 27 (7), handbells 29 (8).

Mr. R. D. Langford, captain of Christ Church, Crewe, has completed 50 years as a ringer.

Local ringers rang a quarter peal at Pershore, Worcs, on January 20th—the first time in living memory, states our correspondent.

Mr. W. A. Theobald, who unfortunately is in Hampshire Ward, Odstock Hospital, Salisbury, would be pleased to hear from ringing friends.

The peal rung at Bromfield, Salop, on Sunday, November 4th, 1956 ('R.W.', December 7th), was rung for the Hereford Diocesan Guild. The conductor omitted to state this in his report.

To our list of ringing schools must be added the King's School, Ottery St. Mary, Devon, which figures in our quarter peal column in this issue.

Owing to clash of dates on May 11th with Chester Diocesan Guild and the Yorkshire Association, the annual meeting of the Railwaymen's Guild has been provisionally fixed for June 22nd at Crewe.

Mr. Charles Hone, who came from Thakeham, Sussex, to Stafford in 1951, has developed into an enthusiastic and regular ringer at St. Mary's Church. A farewell quarter with the best wishes of the company was rung at St. Mary's on January 27th. Charles is leaving to do his National Service with the R.A.F.

There is encouraging news for Birmingham ringers. The old bells from Deritend are to be recast and hung in Bishop Latimer's tower shortly.

The bells of St. Lawrence, Pudsey, are now at the foundry and are being recast at a cost of about £1,000.

Mr. A. J. Adams, of Cheam, Surrey, is ill in hospital. Good wishes for his speedy recovery were forthcoming from the Northern District meeting of the Surrey Association at Wimbledon on January 26th.

The first peal of Chiltern Treble Bob Minor (C.C.C. TB21) was rung at Offley, Herts. The name was selected because the village of Offley crowns the escarpment of the easternmost Chiltern Hills.

After a lapse of 30 years, the brothers W. and F. Ruffles have scored another peal of Superlative at Framsden. 'Is this, once called "Queen of all methods," losing its popularity in Suffolk?', enquires L. G. Brett.

Mr. George Seth, who rang a peal at Keysoe, Beds, on January 20th, last rang a peal over 18 years ago. Mr. Fred Stapleton, churchwarden, who was ringing his first peal, afterwards entertained the band to supper after evening service.

With the quarter on January 13th the ringers of All Saints', Sherburn-in-Elmet, have rung quarters for Evensong on nine of the last 11 Sundays, varying from Doubles in three to ten methods to Minor in one to four methods, with different conductors.

The Rev. G. W. Ruming ('Gone With Rope') has been given a permanent reminder of his early attempts to ring in the shape of a table lamp made from one of the broken stays. He is now making good progress with the Prestbury, Glos, band, and is determined to master the job.

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ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

Mr. F. J. Cullum the New Master

THE annual meeting of the Society was held on January 26th at the Society's headquarters church, St. Martin-in-the Fields. During the afternoon ringing took place at St. Martin's and St. Giles-in-the-Fields. Members and friends numbering about 60 enjoyed an excellent tea in St. Martin's canteen, and the business meeting was held in the Fellowship Hall, with the Master, Mr. H. E. Audsley, in the chair.

The Master welcomed those present to the meeting, and arising from the minutes, Mr. G. H. Cross apologised for the fact that the peal book was not quite up to date, but he hoped to complete the work shortly. Mr. F. E. Hawthorne undertook to try to make arrangements for the new bookcase for St. Martin's belfry.

The secretary, Mr. P. N. Bond, in his report, stated that 36 new members had been elected during the past year, and particularly thanked members in the Chichester-Portsmouth area who had done so much to further the progress of the Society in their area. During the year 10 peals had been rung, in methods ranging from Bob Doubles to Bristol Major and Erin and Stedman Cinques Quarterly meetings had been held in Westerham, a joint meeting with the Tonbridge District of the Kent County Association, Great Waltham and Chelmsford and Harrow-on-the-Hill. In addition a very successful joint meeting with the Middlesex County Association had been held at Shoreditch and Bishopsgate. The dinner was a great success and members were asked to make early application for tickets next year. Members were also asked to give all possible support to the Sunday ringing and practices at St. Martin's.

ACCOUNTS HEALTHY

The accounts were presented by the treasurer, Mr. F. E. Hawthorne. He said that the past year had been very successful and the balance in hand at the end of the year was £122 14s. 4d. The deficit on the dinner had been settled by a generous anonymous gift from a member.

The following new members were elected:—Messrs. E. V. Williams (Truro) and G. Pearson (Chatham). Ratifications of belfry elections prior to peal attempts: Messrs. D. J. F. James (Newport), B. Cornell (St. Albans) and G. Cartwright (Croydon), the Misses V. K. Hester (Leytonstone) P. Doorn (St. Albans), M. Skinner (Pinner), A. Weller, H. Talbot (Croydon) and Mrs. O. L. Rogers (Isleworth).

Before vacating the chair, the Master thanked all those who had supported him loyally during his year of office, and intimated that he did not wish to stand for re-election. On the proposition of Mr. B. Baker, Mr. F. J. Cullum was unanimously elected Master for the ensuing year, and the new Master took the chair amid applause. He thanked members for electing him, promised to do his best for the Society during the coming year and asked for members' support.

Other officers elected were as follows: Hon. secretary, Mr. P. N. Bond; assistant secretary (to deal with dinner arrangements), Mr. J. L. Morris; hon. treasurer, Mr. F. E. Hawthorne; senior steward, Mr. A. R. Ling; junior steward, Mr. D. Beresford; trustees, Messrs. A. Butler and T. H. Francis; auditors, Mrs. Deal and Mrs. Francis; Central Council representatives, Messrs. G. H. Cross, F. E. Hawthorne, J. L. Morris and P. N. Bond.

COLLEGE OF CAMPANOLOGY

A considerable amount of discussion over the College of Campanology ensued. Members were asked to advise their representatives how they should vote if this matter is discussed at the forthcoming Council meeting. It was finally decided by a very large majority that representatives should not only oppose Council recognition of the organisation, but should place a motion to that effect on the Council's agenda, the reason being that members felt that the College was most unlikely to prove of general benefit to the Exercise as a whole. It was also suggested that members might support any proposal to restrict the space made available in 'The Ringing World' for the publications of the College.

On the proposition of Mr. T. H. Francis the meeting decided to send a contribution of £5 5s. to the Bow Bells Fund.

An alteration in the date of the annual dinner was proposed by the secretary, and it was finally decided that the dinner secretary be asked to make arrangements for the function to be held on the first or second Saturday in 1958.

Under the heading of 'Any Other Business,' Mr. H. Rogers thanked the members for the cordial reception afforded to the visitors, and brought fraternal greetings from the London County Association. Mr. E. V. Williams thanked members for welcoming him to the Society, and said a hearty welcome awaited all ringers in his home county, Cornwall.

A very hearty comprehensive vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. G. H. Cross to the following: the Vicars of St. Giles' and St. Martin's for the use of their bells; the Vicar and churchwardens of St. Martin's for the use of the canteen for tea and the hall for the meeting; the ladies who prepared the tea, and all who helped to make the meeting a success. Finally Mr. A. G. Mason proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the retiring Master for all his work during the past year.

DEDICATION OF THE BELLS OF ST. CLEMENT DANES'

As most readers will be aware, the recast bells of the historic Church of St. Clement Danes, Strand, were dedicated by the Chaplain-in-Chief of the Royal Air Force, Canon A. S. Giles, on January 24th. The church, after rebuilding, will be the official church of the R.A.F., and much of the money needed for its restoration is being subscribed by past and present members of that Service in memory of more than 125,000 men and women who gave their lives in two world wars as members of the R.A.F. or one of its forerunners, the R.F.C. and the R.N.A.S. and associated women's Services.

The bells were named by representatives of various bodies, and Mr. E. A. Barnett, who, as a member of the staff of the Air Ministry, has been asked by the Chaplain-in-Chief to be responsible for ringing arrangements at the church, had the privilege of participating in this ceremony, as did Mr. A. A. Hughes on behalf of the Whitechapel Foundry. A new bell has been added to the ring so that 'Oranges and Lemons' can be played on them more accurately than was previously possible, and after the dedication and naming this tune was played on the bells, which were arranged in a circle, mouths uppermost, in the forecourt outside the west door, by Mr. Douglas Hughes, who gave what 'The Times' quite rightly described as 'a most finished performance,' ending in 'a triumphant burst of two-part harmony' produced by Mr. Hughes and 'an assistant,' who was, in fact, his brother, Mr. W. A. Hughes.

The restoration of the church is still far from complete and the dedication is not expected to take place until mid-1958.

E. A. B.

ACTIVITIES OF GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

Good Support at Plymouth

The annual meeting of the S.W. Branch was held at Emmanuel Church, Plymouth, on January 26th and was well supported. Branch members, who came from as far away as Launceston, extended a warm welcome to a large contingent from the N.W. Branch, which included their chairman (Mr. F. C. Smale, of Okehampton) and Ringing Master (Mr. Charles Sangwin, of Bude), whilst members of the Mid-Devon Branch had with them their chairman and Ringing Master (Mr. J. E. Lilley, of Newton Abbot).

Ringing commenced at 2.30 and went on until 8.30, after the service, tea and meeting. Touches of Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples, Kent Treble Bob Major, Bob Major, and rounds for the less advanced, were rung under the direction of the Ringing Master, Mr. T. G. Myers.

The Guild service was conducted by the Rev. R. K. Ledge, with Mr. Grant Arnold as organist.

The meeting followed an excellent tea provided by the Emmanuel ringers' wives led by Mrs. Jack Sims, the captain's wife. The hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. T. G. Myers, gave his report for the past year, and the financial statement showed a most satisfactory position.

Election of officers resulted in Mr. H. H. Thomas being re-elected chairman, Mr. T. G. Myers re-elected hon. secretary and treasurer and Ringing Master, Mr. H. H. Thomas Press correspondent, Mr. O. Thomas re-elected auditor, and Messrs. F. Day, H. Milford and K. Farnham representatives on the General Committee. Mr. J. Sims, a previous member, withdrew his nomination in favour of a representative from the young and enthusiastic band at Plympton. Mr. W. Townsend (Emmanuel) was presented with his certificate. New members elected were: Lifton (two), Plympton (one) and Emmanuel (one). Emmanuel ringers were complimented on their ringing at the broadcast service on January 6th.

Dates for meetings selected were: May 4th, June 15th (joint meeting with Mid-Devon Branch), October 5th and January 25th (annual).

Votes of thanks were moved by Mr. D. Wheeler to the clergy, and ladies for the tea, and also Mr. J. Sims (captain, Emmanuel) for making the arrangements. A special welcome was extended to Mr. Philip Westwood, who commenced his ringing at Emmanuel and made the journey from Dover to be present. He is now a member of Canterbury Cathedral band.

A MID-DEVON PEAL ATTEMPT

Peal attempts at St. Michael's Church, East Teignmouth, are very few and far between as the church is situated on the sea front and right amongst hotels and boarding houses. The bells were installed during the late Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee and as far as it is known, only two peals have been rung on the bells, one of Superlative Major in 1912 by the Cambridge University Guild, and one of Yorkshire Surprise Major in 1934 by a band of tourists under the auspices of the Devon Guild.

On January 12th a Mid-Devon band met there and attempted Parker's Twelve-part peal of Grandsire Triples, but 'Stand' was called after 1 hour and 31 minutes' ringing owing to a shift course. The ringers were: A. L. Bennett 1, Mrs. D. E. Hood 2, E. M. Atkins (conductor) 3, A. Newman 4, M. Hood 5, A. S. Watt 6, W. Simmonds 7, D. J. Cross tenor. A. L. B.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Snowdon Dinner at Rotherham

THE winter general meeting of the Association was held at Wakefield on January 19th, and was well supported by members and friends from each of the four Districts. Good use was made of the well-known ring of six at St. Helen's, Sandal Magna, during the afternoon, and following the meeting, the fine 12 bells at the Cathedral were at the disposal of members.

An excellent tea was served in the Cathedral School, and at the business meeting the chair was taken by the president, Archdeacon C. O. Ellison, supported by the Provost of Wakefield, the Very Rev. Noel T. Hopkins, the Suffragan Bishop of Pontefract, the general secretary and the hon. treasurer. Apologies for absence were received from Messrs. A. E. Sellers, F. W. Dale, P. J. Johnson, J. Ambler and D. Smith.

A vote of thanks to the Provost of Wakefield and Cathedral authorities, also the Vicar and churchwardens of Sandal for the use of the bells, was moved by Mr. N. Chaddock, seconded by Mr. V. Bottomley and carried with applause. The Provost of Wakefield, in reply, said it gave him very great pleasure to welcome the Association and he regretted he had not given earlier thought to being their host and entertaining the members to tea. A similar vote of thanks to the local companies of Sandal and Wakefield Cathedral was moved by Mr. E. Hudson, seconded by Mr. W. Barton and also carried with applause. Mr. J. E. Kirby responded on behalf of the Cathedral ringers, and Mr. J. W. Moxon on behalf of the Sandal company.

It was agreed to hold the annual general meeting on Saturday, May 11th, but as no specific invitation had so far been received the venue was left in abeyance for the time being. Mr. H. Walker gave a brief report on the Snowdon Dinner, which took place at York on October 20th, patronised by the Lord Archbishop of York. The dinner had proved an outstanding social success, and financially had just about balanced. One of the highlights had been the Archbishop's outspoken criticism of mechanical devices installed in some of their towers as a substitute for bells, and which he had described as the most bogus fraud in Christendom. That speech had been widely quoted by the Press, and in one instance an editor had devoted a leading article to it. This was excellent propaganda which would be widely appreciated by ringers everywhere.

The secretary announced that he had received an invitation from Rotherham in respect of the dinner for this year. Mr. Chaddock said that Rotherham was a good accessible centre well served by main line trains. He had made inquiries and found suitable accommodation where a dinner up to the usual standard could be put on at a reasonable price. Several rings of bells, including the ten at Rotherham Parish Church, would be available, and arrangements could be made for peal attempts at towers in the vicinity. It was unanimously agreed to accept the invitation, and that the dinner be arranged on October 26th.

The general secretary announced that the committee had unanimously agreed that Archdeacon Ellison, who retires this year by rota, be their nominee for re-election as president at the annual meeting, and he had very great pleasure in moving this resolution on behalf of the committee. Mr. J. E. Kirby seconded, and this was carried with acclamation. Archdeacon Ellison, in acknowledgment, said how much he valued the confidence reposed in him, but asked the members seriously to consider looking round for a successor, as he found himself unable to attend as many District meetings as he would wish. He would, however, do all in his power to further their interests and justify the confidence so freely manifested and the support so readily given.

The president next reported that the committee had that afternoon considered the report of a sub-committee appointed to examine the finances of the Association with particular regard to the cost of printing the annual report. This had revealed a most disturbing state of affairs, and in view of the continuing upward trend in the cost of printing, the committee were unanimously agreed that an increase in the subscription rate was inevitable. In accordance with rule, he therefore gave formal notice that this matter would come up for debate and settlement at the annual general meeting on May 11th next.

Philip Walker, of Rotherham, Rodney Stephenson, of Ossett, and Gerald Dale, of Wakefield, were elected members on the motion of Mr. J. E. Kirby, seconded by Mr. W. E. Critchley. This concluded the business and an adjournment was then made to the Cathedral, where the Ringing Master, Mr. H. Chant, very ably accommodated the needs of all.

L. W. C. M.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL

Chippenham Peal Board Dedicated

A peal board commemorating a peal of Stedman Triples rung two years ago, the first peal on the bells of St. Andrew's, Chippenham, since they were rehung in 1950, was dedicated by the Rev. W. Windsor Grace at the annual meeting of the Chippenham Branch on January 19th. The bells at St. Andrew's were cast in 1734 by Abraham Rudhall and are one of his few remaining eights in the country.

About 60 members were present, including Mr. C. R. Harding (Master of the Association) and Mr. W. F. Scudamore (Association secretary). In his remarks from the chair, Mr. Harding wished the Branch success during the coming year and hoped members would continue to support the secretary in order that bell ringing could be kept alive.

Branch officers appointed were: Chairman, Mr. C. Lovelock; secretary-treasurer, Mr. H. Heath; Ringing Master, Mr. P. Weeks; management committee representative, Mr. R. Tigwell. Sutton Benger will be the venue for the February meeting, followed by Lacock in March.

Cheltenham Branch

A successful monthly meeting of the Cheltenham Branch was held at St. Mark's, Cheltenham. The total attendance, though higher than usual for a five-bell tower, could have been better, but those who did attend were able to enjoy an excellent tea, hear an inspiring address by the Vicar in the service, and to ring no less than 11 methods, besides rounds for the local band learners. There were visitors from Reading and Gloucester.

SALISBURY DISTRICT HAS INCREASED MEMBERSHIP

The annual meeting on January 19th was held at Sarum St. Martin, the ancient church with its graceful spire, which is thought to have been a prototype for the famous Cathedral spire. Some 50 or 60 attended, including visitors from Devizes, Gillingham, Southampton and Bridgwater, and many had a ring on the eight at St. Martin's before the service. The Rev. F. Smith (assistant curate) officiated, assisted by the Rev. A. Phillips, Vicar of Damerham. The Rector (Canon McKenzie) preached, and the blind organist of St. Martin's, Mr. Chapman, kindly came to play, and also was our guest at tea. Tea in the Parish Hall was prepared by some of the lady ringers and others.

At the meeting the company stood in silent remembrance of Mr. Sidney Macey (hon. life member) and the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards (former general secretary of the Guild). The chairman mentioned that Sarum St. Francis hoped to be able to install their bells when they had built their parish hall. He reported a membership of 143 from 18 towers, with six unattached, the increase being mainly due to the bands at Enford and Woodford having joined, and, later in the meeting, the band at Great Durnford were also elected. This is a tower with five bells (tenor 15 cwt.), where call changes are rung by a keen and regular Sunday service band.

A cordial welcome was extended to the Rev. M. Hurst-Bannister, formerly Master of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, who is now Rector of Bemerton, where unfortunately he only has an octave of tubular bells, and the Rev. W. Uphill, formerly secretary of the North Dorset Branch, who lives in retirement at Harnham.

Most of the officers were re-elected: Chairman, Mr. H. A. Roles; vice-chairman, Mr. W. Chalk; Ringing Masters, Messrs. H. H. Abrahams, A. Haines and J. Maidment; additional members of committee, Mr. J. Lewis and Miss A. Bacon; secretary and treasurer, Miss Y. L. Eloie; auditor, Miss M. Page; 28 new ringing members were elected.

The provisional dates and towers for 1957 meetings proposed by the committee were adopted, as follows:—March 9th, practice, Martin and Coombe Bissett; April 27th, quarterly, Hindon (and Tisbury in evening); June 1st, practice, Codford St. Peter (and Boyton); July 20th, quarterly, Shrewton (and Durrington); September 14th, practice, Britford (and Sarum St. Thomas); October 19th, quarterly, Wilton (and Dinton); November 30th, East Knoyle; January 18th, 1958, annual, at Salisbury, St. Thomas'. The suggestion was also approved that the incumbent should be asked if convenient to take the Guild service at practice meetings as well as at the quarterly business meetings.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

DERELICT RINGS OF BELLS

Dear Sir,—When reading the Rev. George Rayner's letter appealing for redundant bells for his church, I was immediately struck by the name and address at the foot of the preceding letter. For there, at Newton Abbot, almost outside the doors of the Rev. G. M. Scott's church, stands a tower, its church long ago demolished, containing a ring of eight bells (tenor 8 cwt.) and **derelict.**

While not in a position to help with any concrete information, the following all come to my mind and could be followed up with the aid of 'Crockford's' for the addresses of clergy concerned:—

Newton Abbot, as above; St. Peter-in-the-East, Oxford (8, 9¼ cwt.); Lundy Island (8, 15½ cwt.); Droitwich, Worcs (back 6 of 8, 18 cwt.); Temple Church, Bristol (8, 21 cwt.); St. Michael's, Gloucester (10, 20 cwt.). Mr. Rowe, of London, I believe, recently published a list of all derelict rings. Dove's 'Church Bells of Britain' lists dozens more as derelict, unringable, etc.

Good luck to you, Mr. Rayner. I sincerely hope you find your bells; their tongues, like ours, were never intended to hang silent.—Yours, etc.,

W. SIMMONDS.

Torquay.

SERVICE RINGING AT WILLESBOROUGH

Dear Sir,—In the current number of 'The Ringing World' you published some very worthy service ringing efforts during 1956. May the band of St. Mary's, Willesborough, put forward its claim? The bells have been rung for every service, and a total of 129,092 changes has been rung for services during 1956 in touches of 720 and over. Five Doubles and 12 Minor methods have been used and two different pairs of Minor methods have been spliced. Sixty quarter peals have been scored, during which 21 'firsts' have been registered by individuals. All the band are resident within the parish.

Two first peals have been scored, one by a septuagenarian. Eighty-nine-year-old Mr. E. S. Luck still rings each Sunday with us, of course, although he has not taken part in any peals.

Previous to 1956 the band had scored peals in one, two, three, four, five, six, seven and eight methods. With the aid of Mr. John R. Cooper, the band has now extended this to nine, ten, eleven and twelve methods. A total of six peals has been rung.—Yours faithfully,

R. J. CARLTON,
Secretary.

Willesborough, Kent.

THE NEW ARCHDEACON OF OXFORD

Dear Sir,—We at Buckley were very pleased to note the appointment of the Very Rev. C. Witton Davies as Archdeacon of Oxford and Canon of Christ Church and to know that his interest in ringing is still maintained.

Early in his ministry he came to us as a young curate with, I believe, a little experience of ringing. When asked if he would like to learn Stedman Triples he said, 'I'll have a pot at it.' The study of the plain course at home soon brought good results.

Just before he left us he stood in a quarter peal attempt which was, to our regret, unsuccessful.

If the Archdeacon can spare the time, Oxford ringers will find him very willing to learn.

All our best wishes to him and Oxford. Carry on, Oxford!—Yours fraternally,

DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD.

Buckley, near Chester.

TWO FEN CHURCHES

Dear Sir,—As I was reading your very interesting collection of letters in 'The Ringing World' which have been sent in by young ringers, it occurred to me that it would be an excellent idea to write jointly about the two beautiful churches of Whittlesey—St Andrew's and St. Mary's.

Both have a ring of eight bells (very unusual for such a small town), which send joyous sounds over the neighbouring Fenland country. The ringers of both churches are very young. Their ages range from 12 to 18 years (male and female). Each church has the good fortune of being taught by experienced Ringing Masters—at St. Mary's Mr. Harry Naylor, and at St. Andrew's Mr. Frank Newman.

The attendances at services and practices are very good, and although St. Andrew's ringers are just beginning to conquer method ringing, St. Mary's have already done so.

I think that campanology is steadily declining and feel it is up to the ringing captains to uphold the good tradition of ringing which has been established in the English Church.

The following is a list of the young ringers at the churches:—

St. Mary's.—H. Naylor (captain), W. Smith (vice-captain), M. Springett, J. Palmer, M. Coles, G. Gilbey, K. Ingram, T. Robinson, M. Mills, A. Sewell, J. Edwards, P. Fuller and F. Fidler.

St. Andrew's.—F. Newman (captain), C. Allsebrook, R. Barker, E. Garner, B. Harding, A. Woodcock, A. Wheatley, P. Wheatley, and R. Brown.—Yours sincerely,

M. J. MOSSENDEW.

Whittlesey, Cambs.

CHRISTMAS DAY BROADCASTS

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. Cooper's letter on Christmas Day broadcasting, I should like to make my observations and comments.

It is clear that Mr. Cooper, of Ashford, is one of those town church ringers who thinks only in terms of heavy 12-bell peals and perfect striking. May I suggest that he has overlooked the real meaning of Christmas, and that the small country tower wants to ring out the glad tidings just as much as the big city cathedrals and churches. It is a time of 'good will to all men,' not just to cathedral ringers who are good strikers!

To suggest that each Association should nominate a representative tower only shows complete lack of thought or taste on his part, for every Association would, not unnaturally, choose their finest ring of bells (usually found in the county town) and would not even think of giving a country village band a chance.

Admittedly, I like to hear a glorious ring of heavy bells being well struck, just as much as Mr. Cooper, but if I thought that in the imperfect striking of a country band there was whole-hearted sincerity, I would much rather hear this than a first-class cathedral band who were ringing for the sake of ringing with no thought of what the act symbolised.

No! Let the B.B.C. choose whichever towers they wish and give the Central Council a rest for a change; then all sorts and conditions of men would be given a chance to proclaim the joyful message.

CONRAD SUMSION.

Leicester.

Note.—Mr. Cooper rarely rings on 12 bells. His idea was that towers selected should be representative of good Sunday ringing on all numbers of bells.—Ed.

A STEDMAN REQUEST

Dear Sir,—In our part of the world Stedman is enjoying quite a wave of popularity, and with the idea of getting a band accustomed to the Thurstans peal-calling I have tried to get out a touch of one-twentieth part of this peal.

I found that by substituting a single for a bob in the third course of a part, that is, by calling the part SL, SHQ, H (with a final single) they would come home after 250 changes, excepting for 4 and 5.

I mentioned my attempt to a friend, and he replied, quite brilliantly I thought, 'Well, swap these two at the start and then they **will** come home.'

At a meeting recently the opportunity came to try it out, and 5 and 4 were accordingly warned to lie still at a change at the start, after which 5 would go in slow and 4 go up behind a bit 'quick' when getting down to the front afterwards. I found I was wrong in not warning the others, as there were protests as soon as it was discovered that 5 and 4 were crossed.

Well, we proceeded with the touch and got all the calls in, but it was lost about 24 changes from satisfaction; something went wrong.

Now then, all Stedman lovers and devotees generally throughout the ringing universe, what about it? Will you search your repertoires for similar touches? Touches that give practice for the larger effort. Have you any on these lines that you could give for publication (always providing, of course, that our Editor is agreeable)?

It is well known, at least it is often said, that one can do almost anything with Stedman, in which any six can be bobbed or plained at will.

I commend this question to any of our Stedman conductors whose names appear in the peal columns of 'The Ringing World' and also to men like Mr. Goodenough, of St. Albans, and others.—Yours faithfully,

JAMES E. BURLES.

Barrow-in-Furness.

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1,260 STEDMAN TRIPLES

S	H	L	Q	2 3 1 4 5 6
x		x		2 4 6 3 5 1
x	x		x	4 3 2 5 6 1
	x	x		1 5 2 4 3 6
x				3 5 6 4 1 2
x	x		x	5 4 3 1 6 2
	x			4 5 3 1 2 6
x		x		4 1 6 5 2 3
x	x		x	1 5 4 2 6 3
	x	x		3 2 4 1 5 6
x				5 2 6 1 3 4
x	x		x	2 1 5 3 6 4
	x			1 2 5 3 4 6
x		x		1 3 6 2 4 5
x	x		x	3 2 1 4 6 5
	x			2 3 1 4 5 6

The five sections (or parts) are as follows:—

1. Extras.
2. Omits.
3. Extras.
4. Omits.
5. Ordinary part.

Excellent practice for a young conductor.

The above, based on Hudson's 60 course ends, is submitted by Mr. H. Miles, of Carbis Bay.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Northern District Annual Meeting

As has been the custom for some years past, the North Herts District held their annual meeting at Hitchin, on January 26th. After photographs had been taken the service was conducted by the curate (the Rev. M. Clarke), with Mr. P. Wells at the organ.

More than 40 members attended the business meeting, at which the president of the Association (Mr. W. Holmes) was chairman. The secretary's report was not as encouraging as that of the previous year, little progress having been made. Only six peals were rung, the fewest since 1947, and there was a big drop in the number of quarter peals, 37 as against 55. However, membership now exceeds 100.

Mr. E. Buck was re-elected hon. secretary and treasurer. The General Committee representatives are Messrs. B. Marks and J. Dear; the District Committee consists of Messrs. M. Chalkley, W. Critchley, H. Werrett, K. Timbury and A. Harris. Two new members were elected, Mr. W. Smith and Miss A. Muirhead (both of Hitchin).

Baldock is the place of the next meeting, on February 23rd. The April meeting is cancelled in view of the annual general meeting. In spite of the fuel shortage it is hoped that the annual general meeting will be held in this District as originally planned, and that our nomination for the presidency will be accepted.

St. Albans Report Progress

The annual meeting of the St. Albans District was held at Hatfield on January 19th. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m. and continued until 5.30, when tea was served in St. Audrey's Home for the Blind by kind permission of the matron. Afterwards the business meeting was held, with the president (Mr. W. Holmes) in the chair.

The secretary presented his report for 1956 in which he said satisfactory progress had been made in the District during the year, and Sunday service ringing maintained.

Mr. S. Huckle (Hatfield) was re-elected secretary, and Mr. G. Dodds (St. Albans) Ringing Master. Other matters were discussed at length and the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells.

Ringing continued during the evening, methods rung including Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Kent Royal. M. A. C.

THE LADIES' GUILD

The annual meeting of the North-Western District was held at Manchester Town Hall on January 19th jointly with the annual meeting of the Manchester Branch of the Lancashire Association. Twenty-five members attended and helped to keep the bells ringing in different methods from 3 p.m. until just after 9 p.m., with intervals for the business meeting and tea. Rounds on the 12 bells (tenor 42 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb.) were rung by an all-ladies' band, as well as Grandsire Triples on the light eight.

At the business meeting the following District officers for 1957 were elected:—Vice-president, Mrs. E. M. Boumphrey; secretary, Miss S. P. Wain: Central Committee representatives, Miss D. Edwards and Mrs. M. Lewis: District Committee representatives, Mrs. M. Lawton and Miss M. Llewellyn. Two new members were also elected.

Votes of thanks were accorded to all responsible for arrangements in connection with the meeting, mentioning particularly the secretary of the Manchester Branch. Lancashire Association, for allowing the ladies to hold a joint meeting on this occasion.

It was agreed to hold the next meeting of the District at Southport on April 6th jointly with the Wigan Branch of the Lancashire Association. S. P. W.

ON THE NINTH DAY OF CHRISTMAS

Though the second day of 1957 was dismal and overcast the eight ringers from Coleshill, Great Barr, Handsworth, Little Aston, Pelsall, Trysull and Walsall, who collected at Castle Bromwich, made the most of it. After a quick look at Castle Bromwich Church a start was made for the country east of Birmingham, which the writer always imagined to be permanently half-flooded, with mist hanging low over the fields. Her imaginations turned out to be similar to actual fact. Consequently villages in this area tend to be situated on higher ground and the churches are usually rather imposing.

The first ringing of the day was at St. Cuthbert's, Shustoke, where the minor six (tenor 12 cwt.) was rung to rounds and touches of Grandsire Doubles. The ringing room here is reached from a ladder which leads from the vestry. Two female members of the company were dismayed on seeing the ladder and were quite sure that even if they got up they would never reach 'terra firma' again.

However, all was well, and after a round of brandy snaps we went on to St. Wilfrid's, Arley. Here we found a light six (tenor 7 cwt. 12 lb. in A flat) minus one stay. The stayless bell was pulled into a ringable position and the usual doubles and rounds rung. The organ at Arley is almost inside the ground floor ringing room, making ringing at weddings rather difficult.

On leaving Arley, Stella and Andrew found that their maps bore little similarity, but we managed to find the road to Kingsbury. Here we had lunch, which consisted of tomato and vegetable soup cooked on a spirit stove.

The ringing room of SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Kingsbury, must be one of the most pleasant in the county. We found the five bells (tenor 16 cwt. 16 lb. in E) rather difficult to handle, mainly because we were becoming rather tired. Having restrained our destructive powers until now, we broke one rope in the most 'unspliceable' place possible before leaving.

With Kingsbury behind us, we crossed the swollen River Tame and one by one ringers began to leave the main party. Even though two ringers did not reach home without minor accidents and A. E. P. rode all day with a flat front tyre, no brakes and a disintegrating wheel, the eight people who took part can look back on a very happy day. S. H.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN

The annual meeting of the Wellingborough Branch was held at Finedon on January 19th, when representatives were present from Irthlingborough, Wellingborough, Higham Ferrers, Rushden, Bozeat, Ecton, Easton Maudit, Yardley-Hastings, Earls Barton, Stanwick, Weston Favell, Northampton, Brafield, Raunds, together with the local band.

The Vicar (Bishop Gerald Vernon) gave an inspiring address at the Guild service; the organist was Mr. Hurst Cuttell, and the collection for the Guild Bell Restoration Fund amounted to £1 13s. 9d.

The tea and business proceedings were held in the Town Hall, where 75 were present. A short silence was observed in memory of Mr. J. J. Partridge, of Bozeat, who died on November 1st. The annual report and balance sheet for 1956 were presented, and revealed a very satisfactory financial position.

Officers for 1957 were elected as follows:—President, Rev. W. C Knight; secretary-treasurer, Mr. A. Bigley; Central Committee, Messrs. J. Skerritt and L. Priestley; Branch Committee, Miss C. Wood, Mr. A. Wilson and Mr. E. Chapman; Branch Ringing Master, Mr. A. Wilson; auditor, Mr. W. E. Hargreaves. A. B.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Northern Branch at Wymondham

By kind invitation of the Vicar (the Rev. J. G. Tansley Thomas) the annual meeting of the Northern Branch was held at the Abbey Church of SS. Mary and Thomas a Becket, Wymondham, on Jan. 12th. The Vicar, in his address, welcomed the ringers to his church on the occasion of its 850th anniversary. The Branch chairman (Mr. A. G. Bason) read the lesson.

Despite the petrol situation 52 sat down to tea, and at the business meeting all officers were re-elected with the exception of Mr. C. Curson, member of the Branch Committee, who, through business commitments, resigned. Mr. C. Goodman was elected in his place. Thanks were expressed by the meeting to all officers for the past year.

The election of Messrs. R. Suckling, B. J. Howard and T. Earl, previous to a peal at St. Peter Mancroft, was ratified. Miss M. Lambert (Dereham) and Mr. E. Stevenson (Wroxham) were re-elected ringing members. New ringing members elected were the Misses E. Leonard (Norwich), S. Hill, J. Pooley, B. Jones and M. Grix (Marsham), A. Mosby, J. Annison and Juliet Annison (Mulbarton), Messrs. M. Brothers, J. Moore and G. Sayer (Norwich), P. Adcock and R. Tungate (Mulbarton).

The next meeting will be at Marsham on May 11th. Thanks were expressed to the Vicar and organist, and Mr. H. Tooke for arranging the meeting. Ringing was enjoyed from rounds to Bristol Surprise Major. C. B.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Canterbury District

The younger element was very much in evidence at the first meeting of the year held by the Canterbury District at Faversham on January 19th. Some 50 members attended, representing 14 towers in the District. The service was conducted by the Rev. A. K. Batt, who gave an address on the family of the church. Tea followed in the district schools, where an excellent meal had been prepared and was served by local ringers.

Mr. J. A. Russell presided at the meeting, when ten junior and eight senior members were elected. Some of these were from St. Peter's, Thanet, and they made the long journey from there to be present at the meeting. The chairman congratulated Mrs. Bridges, of St. Peter's, on her efforts at that tower, where a strong band was being taught on the right lines.

A full report of the Association's committee meeting was given by Mr. D. Chatfield, who was thanked by the members.

The next quarterly meeting will be at Dover on May 4th, and a by-meeting at Littlebourne on March 30th. Those concerned with the meeting were appropriately thanked. B. J. L.

Mr. J. Leatherbarrow Retires After 48 Years

Owing to ill-health Mr. J. Leatherbarrow, of Newchurch, Warrington, a past vice-president of the Lancashire Association, has had to give up his ringing career, and on January 19th, at the request of the Rector of Newchurch, a peal was rung in appreciation of his services as tower keeper and tower captain for 48 years.

After the peal, the Rector and church officials invited the ringers to tea in the Parish Hall, during which Mr. Leatherbarrow was officially thanked for his services to the church, and a cheque for £40, a gift from the parishioners, was handed to him by the Rector.

Included in Mr. Leatherbarrow's list of just over 100 peals is the record length of 17,824 Oxford Treble Bob at Heptonstall, April 18th, 1927.

OBITUARY

MR. FRANCIS C. HART

Mr. Francis C. Hart, of the Wimborne Minster Society, passed peacefully away on January 19th at the age of 76 years.

He had been a ringer in Wimborne Minster for 52 years, having been elected to the Society in 1902 and resigning as an active ringer in 1954. He was appointed captain of the ringers in 1922, a position he held until his resignation. He was verger at the Minster from 1912 to 1954.

Half-muffled touches were rung before and after the funeral service, and four of the ringers acted as bearers.

During the late afternoon a half-muffled quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung as a token of respect by W. C. Shute 1, R. Groves 2, C. E. Bishop 3, A. G. Rose 4, E. C. Burt 5, E. A. Bishop 6, P. N. Tubbs (conductor) 7, A. Waterman 8.

THE REV. NOEL E. HOPE

An example of a life's keenness in ringing and a love of ringers had the Rev. Noel E. Hope, M.A. (Oxon), whose death on January 26th at March Baldon, Oxford, at the age of 76, was reported in our last issue.

His keenness as a ringer was first manifest at East Grinstead, Sussex. Before World War II. he became Vicar of Chadworth, Glos, and from 1938 until 1947 he was Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association. For three years, from 1945 to 1947, he was a member of the Central Council.

In 1948 he accepted the living of March Baldon, Oxford, and in about three years raised enough money to add another bell in the small tower, making five. He formed and trained a keen band of ringers, who happily still continue regular practice. He retired in 1954. Mr. Hope was a member of long standing of the Clerical Guild.

MR. G. F. JAMES

The death occurred on January 23rd of Mr. George Frederick (Fred) James, of Blewbury, Berks, at the age of 73. Suddenly laid on one side just before Christmas, 1955, he partially recovered but was never again able to assist in the ringing of the bells he loved.

He had been a Guild member and Sunday service ringer at Blewbury for 53 years and very rarely was he missing from the belfry on Sundays, and for many years it was recognised that the ringing of the fifth bell was his prerogative.

A full list of his peals is not available but it is known that he rang 34, of which the first recorded was Grandsire Doubles in 1904. The remainder were: Grandsire Triples 28 (some of which he conducted), Stedman Triples 3, Bob Triples 1 and Bob Major 1 (his only peal of Major, at the age of 72). He took part in three peals of Grandsire Triples in one day in 1921 and tried to equal this achievement on Easter Monday, 1955, but only one of the three came home.

He was laid to rest on January 26th. After the service, conducted by the Rev. R. J. Siderfin (Vicar) a quarter peal (half-muffled) attempt unfortunately failed, but a well-struck half-muffled peal of Grandsire Triples was brought home in the evening.

MR. J. SMITH

St. Andrew's belfry, of South Church, Bishop Auckland, has suffered its second loss by death within a month. Mr. J. Smith, aged 79 years, passed away on January 20th.

He was a regular Sunday service ringer and his membership of the Durham and Newcastle Association dates back to 1902. F. W. C.

MR. WILLIAM MANSER

William Manser migrated from Yalding, the village of his birth, to Barming, some four miles off, when he was a lad of eight. In this Kentish spot he spent the remaining 72 years of his long life, all of them singing in the choir of the little Church of St. Margaret. Here he learned his blacksmith's trade; here he became a bellringer. By 1904 he was vice-captain of the tower, and subsequently he was to see his four sons and his grandson acquire the ringer's art as he practised in a simple village form.

I did not know Mr. Manser until after the second world war, when he was already full three score years and ten. This was a time of quite a vigorous revival in ringing in the Maidstone District with a number of youngsters in their teens displaying talents of quite high order; before very long peals were quite frequent events. One of the regular participants was young Bill Manser, a sprightly 40-year-old, and the enthusiasm spread to his father, who at 75 rang his first peal, Grandsire Doubles. This feat he repeated several times, always with his son.

Since their inception in 1949, the senior Manser had been a familiar figure on the summer coach tours of the Maidstone District. Perhaps by some standards his achievements as a ringer would not be highly rated. But how are we, who did not know him in his earlier years, to judge, unless it is by the fruits of his labours: the business now so ably managed by young Bill; his blacksmith's trade in which his grandson is proving so successful an exponent; in particular the ringing progress of young Bill once the opportunity came, who is now one of the District representatives on the committee of the Kent County Association, and whose Friday practices at Barming earned such a name for themselves.

During the final weeks a new Rector of Barming came daily to see the old stalwart. As he said, it was the very least he could do for one who had done so much for church and village for so long. Two days before Christmas the old man slipped silently away, doubtless happy that his work will go on. And so it will. E. S. J. H.

MR. A. J. GREEN

Wicken, Northants, has lost an esteemed churchman by the death on January 21st of Mr. Albert John Green, captain of the local ringers, at the age of 66 years.

Jack, as he was known, started ringing under the late Joseph Read and became one of the foremost ringers in the Peterborough Guild, and, previously, the old Towcester Association. He rang 108 peals.

His help to towers around was always gladly given. A Maids Moreton ringer said: 'As far back as 1908 he taught me to ring my first peal of Minor.'

His great joy was in 1931, when the new steel frame was put in Wicken tower and three bells recast. This made Wicken one of the finest eights in the district. Under his leadership method ringing reached a very high standard, and many fine peals were rung. He had hoped to ring a peal of London Surprise Major with his service band, but failing health prevented this. Jack gave his best to his bells and his church, and was a fine captain.

The funeral took place on January 24th, and at his special request the bells of Wicken were rung open to Stedman Triples by his fellow ringers. W. A. Y.

MR. GEORGE E. SYMONDS' PEALS

Mr. George E. Symonds, of Ipswich, recently conducted his 250th peal. In all he has rung in 426 peals and his list includes no fewer than 15 different methods of Maximus, most of which have been rung at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich. His list of peals conducted is appended:—

TOWER BELLS

Maximus.—Cambridge Surprise 10, Superlative 5, New Cambridge 2, Yorkshire 2, Pudsey 2, Rochester 1, York 1, Double Norwich Court Bob 1, Little Albion 1, Kent Treble Bob 5, Oxford Treble Bob 3, Forward 2, Little Bob 1, Plain Bob 1, Duffield 1.

Cinques.—Stedman 18, Grandsire 3, Plain Bob 1.

Royal.—Cambridge Surprise 3, New Cambridge 1, Rochester 1, Double Norwich Court Bob 3, Kent Treble Bob 4, Oxford Treble Bob 3, Plain Bob 1.

Caters. — Stedman 6, Grandsire 4, Plain Bob 2.

Major.—Cambridge Surprise 10, Superlative 2, New Cambridge 1, Yorkshire 1, Double Norwich Court Bob 23, Kent Treble Bob 18, Oxford Treble Bob 11, Plain Bob 23, Little Bob 1.

Triples.—Grandsire (all Holt's Original and one silent) 22, Stedman 9, Plain Bob 1.

Minor.—Cambridge Surprise 1, Oxford Treble Bob 1, Kent Treble Bob 1, one or more methods 9.

Doubles.—Plain Bob 1.

Total.—223.

HANDBELLS

Maximus. — Kent Treble Bob 2, Oxford Treble Bob 2, Plain Bob 1.

Cinques.—Grandsire 1.

Royal.—Kent Treble Bob 3, Oxford Treble Bob 1, Plain Bob 1.

Caters.—Stedman 2, Grandsire 4.

Major.—Kent Treble Bob 1, Oxford Treble Bob 1, Plain Bob 6.

Triples.—Grandsire 2.

Total.—27.

Congregationalists Have Pancake Bell

From 11 a.m. until noon on Shrove Tuesday the pancake bell at St. Mary's-in-the-Wood Congregational Church, Morley, Yorks, is rung. The bell is said to have been brought from Kirkstall Abbey after the Dissolution of the Monasteries. It bears the date 1689, which is suggested is the date it was recast.—From 'The Dalesman.'

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YOUR PARISH CHURCH

Under the above heading the 12th report of the Central Council for the Care of Churches has just been published (Church Information Board; 4s. 6d. or by post 5s.). This covers the last five years of the Council's work, and though it contains too few references to bells, it is right that we should, as church workers, take a wider interest in the affairs of our parish churches than is afforded by a sole speciality such as change ringing.

The aim of the Central Council and, through it, the Diocesan Advisory Committees, is to make our churches and cathedrals a worthy, visible and direct witness to God, and in doing so to ensure that they are places of beauty. The report contains some 19 photographs of transformations made to 19th century fabrics to convert them to 20th century needs, and these all illustrate most effectively the aims of the Central Council.

Another article deals with the technical problem of dampness in churches; a trouble which has caused untold damage to wooden fittings inside the buildings and one which is also connected with trying to keep the church warm in winter.

The work of the Central Council for the last five years is reviewed. The vexed problem of the preservation or otherwise of churches no longer required for ecclesiastical purposes is explained, and the Inspection of Churches Measure is commented upon. It is this Act of Parliament which requires each church to be inspected by a qualified architect every five years, and is one which in the writer's opinion should have been introduced years ago.

From the ringing point of view this Measure will bring to the attention of the church authorities unsafe bell frames, but the bells themselves, being fittings, are excluded. It is unfortunate from our point of view that bells can be unringable in a full circle for ages before they are unsafe to swing chime or clock. Still we can but hope that the written report submitted to the Parochial Church Council will draw attention to unsatisfactory bell frames and awaken an interest in the bells themselves.

In this connection is it not highly desirable that with a church with a ring of bells and a band of ringers there should be at least one ringer on the Parochial Church Council? So often the writer has met difficulties between the ringers and the church authorities because the former had no spokesman present to put their case when discussions were taking place on church and bell restoration work. As a result bell work often appears to be shelved and other schemes take preference.

At the end of the report is a review of recent books, and the section on bells notes two by Ernest Morris, and surveys of Oxfordshire by Frederick Sharpe, and the first three parts of Cheshire by J. W. Clarke. Mr. Clarke appears to be the only chairman of a Diocesan Advisory Committee who rings, and there seem to be only seven other ringing members. This total for 42 committees seems to be rather on the low side.

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CLAIM WITHDRAWN

Dear Sir,—It has been pointed out that a peal of Minor in 22 methods was rung for the Oxford Diocesan Guild at Sunningwell on June 19th, 1956, conducted by Alan R. Pink. I therefore, withdraw the claim made in the footnote to the 22-method peal rung at Chalfont St. Giles on December 15th, 1956, namely, for the greatest number of methods rung to a peal of Minor for the Guild.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN R. MAYNE.

Harrow.

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MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Saturday, Feb. 9th, St. John-the-Baptist, Leytonstone, 3.30 p.m.; Ship, Talbot Court, E.C., 6 p.m.—A. B. Peck. 9701

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, Barlborough (6), Saturday, Feb. 9th. 9695

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fairfield (8), Buxton, Saturday, Feb. 9th, 3 p.m. Peak District annual meeting. Own tea arrangements. All welcome.—H. E. Taylor, Dis. Sec. 9700

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—Meeting, St. Mark's, Exeter, Saturday, Feb. 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing at Heavitree after meeting. Branch practices, St. David's, Exeter, second and fourth Mondays in month, 7.15 p.m. Service ringing first Sunday in month, 9 to 10 a.m. Members are requested to support ringing at St. David's to get this famous tower restarted.—F. Wreford, Hon. Sec. 9682

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Frant (6), Saturday, Feb. 9th.—C. A. Bassett, 3, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst, Sussex. 9703

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge and Ely Districts,—A joint meeting at Willingham on Saturday, Feb. 9th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at the White Hart.—H. L. Martin, A. Carpenter, Dis. Secs. 9693

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MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—North and East District.—Annual meeting at St. James', Clerkenwell, on Saturday, Feb. 9th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business, which will include election of officers, to follow. Ringing at St. Mary Magdalene, Holloway, 7.30 to 9 p.m.—T. J. Lock. 9688

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Annual meeting at Reading on Saturday, Feb. 9th. Ringing: St. Giles', St. Mary's, 3 p.m.; St. Laurence's, Caversham, evening. Service, St. Mary's, 4 p.m. Tea, St. Mary's Church House 5 p.m. 9705

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Worksop meeting cancelled. Meeting at Ecclesfield, Feb. 9th, 3.30 p.m., instead.—J. Seager, Sec. 9719

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—North Notts District.—Meeting at East Markham (8), Saturday, Feb. 9th. Brumptons Bus from Anchor Inn, Retford, 2.30 and 4 p.m., Lincolnshire from East Retford Church at 1.30. It is hoped to arrange tea.—H. Denman. 9728

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BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Houghton Regis, Saturday, Feb. 16th. Bells (6) 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names, please, to Mr. P. J. Pratt, Hollydene, Cumberland Street, Houghton Regis, Dunstable, Beds.—K. G. Spavins, Dis. Sec. 9743

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—A meeting will be held at Runcorn on Saturday, Feb. 16th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—C. Raddon. 9747

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch.—Wistaston, Saturday, Feb. 16th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea must be received by Feb. 13th.—W. Kerr, 102, Moreton Road, Crewe. 9754

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Hilary's, Wallasey, Saturday, Feb. 16th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea provided for those notifying by Wednesday previous.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 9755

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COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Combined meeting of the Northern and Southern Districts at Kenilworth (6) on Saturday, Feb. 16th, at 3 p.m. Tea 5. Service 6 p.m. Social afterwards at 7 p.m. Good 'bus service from Coventry and Leamington. All ringers welcome. —H. M. Windsor and D. A. Carpenter, Secs. 9679

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting, Saturday, Feb. 16th, 2.30 p.m., at Winlaton St. Paul's. Names essential by Feb. 14th, to W. C. Bennett, 35, Gibside View, Winlaton. 9726

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Monthly meeting, Saturday, Feb. 16th, Morton. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Thursday to Mr. S. Gough, 13, New Street, Morton, Derbyshire.—B. A. Sollis, Hon. Sec. 9733

EAST HARLING (Norwich Diocese) BELLRINGERS.—'Mardle' will be held on Saturday, Feb. 16th, 7.30 p.m. at the Crown Inn, Kenninghall. Dinner, 9s. inclusive. Names, please, as soon as possible to Paul Jonason, East Harling, Norwich. 9725

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Eynesbury (6), Saturday, Feb. 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 9745

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GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch.—Meeting, Sutton Benger, Saturday, Feb. 16th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Feb. 14th to H. Heath, 89, London Road, Chippenham. 9737

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Annual District meeting at Farnham (8) on Saturday, Feb. 16th, from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Social evening. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mr. C. J. Beadle, 2, Crondall Lane, Farnham.—C. J. Beadle, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9706

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Saturday, Feb. 16th, Rolvenden. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Names for tea by Feb. 13th to G. Billenness, 3, Grasmere, Hawkhurst. 9732

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Hereford District. — Annual meeting at Hereford, Saturday, Feb. 16th. Cathedral (10), St. Nicholas' (6) available 3 p.m., All Saints' (8) 6.30 p.m. Service, All Saints', 4.30. Names for tea by Feb. 12th to A. Wingate, Huntington House, Hereford. 9717

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ledbury District.—Annual meeting, Bosbury, Saturday, Feb. 16th. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to J. Ward, Woofields, Coddington, Ledbury. 9718

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leominster District.—Annual meeting at Leominster on Saturday, Feb. 16th. Bells (10) from 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Feb. 13th.—J. F. Fox, Stockton, Kimbolton, Leominster. 9735

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting, Saturday, Feb. 16th, Braughing, 3 p.m. Names for tea, please, to E. C. Glazebrook, 7, New Road, Braughing, Ware.—T. J. Southam, Dis. Sec. 9721

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting at Barnet, Saturday, Feb. 16th. Bells: Barnet (8) 3 to 5 p.m., Hadley (8) 6 to 8 p.m. Business meeting in tower 5 p.m. Please make own tea arrangements.—S. Huckle, Dis. Sec. 9744

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Ringing meeting at St. Matthew's, Stretford, 3 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 16th. Cups of tea. All welcome.—R. Benson. 9756

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—Meeting at Ramsbottom on Saturday, Feb. 16th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Members and non-members cordially invited.—J. Porter, Branch Sec. 9750

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Annual dinner and social, Village Hall, Sapcote, Saturday, Feb. 16th. Bells (6) 5 p.m. Dinner 6.30 p.m. prompt. Tickets 7s. 6d. Please notify by Wednesday, Feb. 13th, Mr. F. Measures, 58, Lychgate Lane, Burbage, Hinckley. Phone: Burbage 516. 9711

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District. — Meeting, Lubenham, Saturday, Feb. 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., Coach and Horses. Names for outing on June 22nd.—L. W. Allen. 9741

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Gainsborough District.—The next meeting will be at Brigg on Saturday, Feb. 16th. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., for those who notify me by previous Tuesday.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec., Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 9742

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Saturday, Feb. 16th, St. Margaret's, Uxbridge. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Further ringing. Names for tea by Wednesday, Feb. 13th, to Mr. H. Impey, 73, Parkfield Avenue, Hillingdon, Middlesex.—F. Finch. 9749

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Annual meeting, Loddon, on Saturday, Feb. 16th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea (no names, no tea) by Wednesday, Feb. 13th, certain, please, to Mr. H. W. Barrett, Fernhill, Bungay Road, Loddon, Norfolk.—P. Newstead, Branch Sec. 9689

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Annual meeting at Fakenham on Saturday, Feb. 23rd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday, Feb. 21st, to Mr. G. Cooke, 24, Back Street, Hempton, Fakenham.—C. Tovell, Branch Sec. 9757

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Oxford City and South Oxon Branches.—A combined practice of the above Branches will be held at Great Milton on Saturday, Feb. 16th, at 3 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Names for tea by Feb. 12th to T. S. Bowles, The Lodge, Chilworth Farm, Milton Common, Oxford, by Feb. 12th.—J. Adams, H. Badger, Branch Secs. 9698

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Wokingham on Saturday, Feb. 16th. Service in All Saints' Church 4 p.m. Tea and meeting in Church House 5 p.m. Notify for tea by Feb. 12th. Ringing, All Saints', 3 p.m. and after meeting; St. Paul's, after meeting only.—B. C. Castle, The Briars, Westfield Road, Winnersh, Wokingham. 9730

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, Feb. 16th, Ogbourne St. Andrew. Bells (5) available 2.30 p.m. Ogbourne St. George bells available 6 p.m.—T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Wilts. 9738

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Bury St. Edmunds District.—Annual District meeting at Ixworth (6) on Saturday, Feb. 16th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by the 12th to K. G. Brown, 21, Peascroft Road, Ixworth, Suffolk. 9697

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Practice meeting, Saturday, Feb. 16th, Betchworth (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Feb. 13th to A. Streeter, Dis. Sec., 4, Maple Road, Earlswood. 9713

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Annual Divisional meeting, Burgess Hill (8), Saturday, Feb. 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m., only for those who notify by Wednesday, Feb. 13th, to K. C. Knight, Hon. Dis. Sec., 17, The Gattons, Burgess Hill, Sussex. 9731

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch.—Annual meeting at Newton-Porthcawl, on Saturday, Feb. 23rd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business follows.—R. E. Coles, Branch Sec. 9739

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Witney and Woodstock Branch. — Annual meeting, Coombe, Saturday, Feb. 23rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, Feb. 20th, to Lottie Pimm, Eynsham, Oxford. Phone: Eynsham 222. 9751

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Southern District) and DONCASTER DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Joint meeting, Arksey, Saturday, Feb. 23rd. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Tea in Church Hall 5 p.m. Names by Feb. 21st to Mr. E. Cooper, 6, Grosvenor Crescent, Arksey, Doncaster. Good bus service from Doncaster. All welcome.—J. J. L. Gilbert. 9734

LADIES' GUILD. — Southern District. — Meeting, Godalming, Saturday, March 2nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (at cafe by church) 5.15. Names for tea to Miss B. Mayers, 5, Church Street, Godalming, by Wednesday. Feb. 27th. Ringing after evensong.—W. Oliver, Hon. Sec. 9759

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755). —The 69th annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, on Saturday, March 2nd, at 6 o'clock. Chairman: Sqdn.-Leader John S. Mason. Tickets, 15s. 6d. each, obtainable from G. E. Fearn, Hon. Sec., 92, Etwall Road, Hall Green, Birmingham, 28; 'phone SPR 1025. 9657

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Committee meeting, Lytham St. Anne's, Saturday, March 9th, at 4 p.m. in St. Anne's Parish Church Hall. St. Anne's Parish Church bells available from 2.30 p.m and after tea until 7.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. in the Church Hall at 2s. 6d. per head. Names, not later than Wednesday, March 6th, to Mr. W. H. Ratcliffe, 40, Hope Street, St. Anne's-on-Sea. 9723

BECKINGTON, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Bray 1, E. Bray (cond.) 2, Ann Lewis (first of Triples 'inside') 3, J. Phippen 4, D. Robertson 5, J. Massey 6, K. Moon 7, A. Fear 8.

YATESBURY, WILTS.—On Jan. 16th, 1,260 Doubles (360 April Day, 480 Bob, 420 Grandsire): J. Scarth (first quarter) 1, J. G. Webb 2, M. B. Kemp 3, D. Darby 4, J. C. Taylor (cond.) 5. Rung by an R.A.F. band from R.A.F. Yatesbury, and R.A.F., Compton Bassett.

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On New Year's Eve the Dorking (St. Martin's) ringers held their annual supper. Ringing took place from 8 to 9 p.m. while the ladies prepared the meal—soup, cold ham and beef, with potato and green salads and hot mashed potato, followed by a choice of sweet, cheese and biscuits and coffee. About 40 members, wives and Church officers sat down to supper, which was followed by a short business meeting, at which five probationers were elected to full membership and six recruits as probationers, bringing the strength of the band up to 20 members and six probationers.

The rest of the evening was filled with games, and a little before midnight ringers and friends crowded up into the belfry and every member of the band, including the newest recruit, had a hand in ringing in the New Year.

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'FAIR ENOUGH?'

DURING recent weeks front page articles and letters, and indeed some speeches, have raised questions and offered speculative comment on the work of the College of Campanology. The general impression created by all this seems to be so far removed from actuality that 'fair enough' can only be said of the discussion if factual response be given, and offered in the Christian-like hope that better understanding may ensue.

In October last it was said to be (a) 'nonsense'; yet at the same time (b) 'comprising what Snowdon had said already'; and yet again (c) 'requiring the prior consideration of the Central Council.' A moment's consideration shows the absurdity of this three-cornered contradiction, since no two, even, of the three are compatible.

In early December 'R. S. A.' referred to the College in two succeeding front page articles. He queried the connection of the identifying name given to the system of training in bell-handling and control (with elements of method ringing), i.e., the name 'Cathedral'; and on Jan. 11th 'J. P. F.' said, 'Cut out the Cathedral System — because it means absolutely nothing. . . .' Clearly, the latter writer had not studied it. The system, though introducing only what has been proved in practice at various times and places over the years, is so named for two reasons — first, because of two distinctive features: the use of principles of teaching (Sections I. and II.), adapted also with the modern 'synthetic practice' or drill action to reduce fault-proneness; and second, because the first courses employing the system, as such, were rung in a Cathedral tower — Portsmouth. (Their success has received both spoken and written commendation of the Provost.)

'R. S. A.' also says, apropos the Central Council Committee for revision of the booklet, 'Hints, etc.,' that the College 'conflicts' with it. How? Not only is the policy of the College one of entire co-operation in and loyal adherence to the Council's Rules and Decisions; but also the terms of reference of that Committee cover only part of only one of the seven main phases of College activity. Moreover, as a letter from that Committee ('The Ringing World,' No. 2,388, page 11) indicates, some are members of the College. Indeed the booklet itself (and its revised version when out) is 'adopted' for use by the College, among other publications.

'R. S. A.' also queries the relationship of training and testing under one authority. He is under a misapprehension. Most colleges and schools set the tests for their own examinations; but not the 'externals,' of course. Most training work of this College is without any examination, and some even without certificates of course-completion, which are also provided for. 'R. S. A.'s' ensuing remark, about producing a diploma before being allowed to vote at meetings, should illustrate the futility of sarcasm, as applied to the serious work that College personnel are doing and being commended for. Finally, he implies that the College will remove informality from ringing. A visit to a training course will show what a degree of friendliness is maintained, with keenness. What he should have said is not 'informality' but 'non-conformity.' 'Over 90 per cent. successes' would be unattainable otherwise. But while ringing remains voluntary, so also must be any tests in it.

Of things said in public, two examples may be considered. In a speech by a guest at the Universities' Association recent reunion dinner ('The Ringing World,' Jan. 4th, page 9) reference was made to one of its members and the College as 'much ado about nothing.' The speaker could hardly have been aware of the affront thus offered to all those who have been and are engaged in the work; for example, in putting in countless hours in collating, sifting and setting out tested ways and means of training and applying such means; in organising courses; in putting aside personal affairs for days at a time to deal with correspondence in helping others; in getting down night after night to training in the towers. In the light of expressed gratitude is it — 'nothing'? Again, in reference to 'The Ringing World' and the support it needs, the speaker said, 'If learners are not satisfied with what (has been published) in the last three or four months, well, they have had it.' But is it not well to remember that the majority of ringers in the land are the not-so-advanced and the learners? And that 'The Ringing World' can look for INCREASED support, mainly, only to them? The serialisation of Part I. of what is designed as a standard of reference for instructors, to be used selectively, can hardly be set up as a sort of 'take-it-or-leave-it' criterion of satisfaction for those much-needed supporters. They should be 'wooed,' not rebuffed.

In the front page article for Jan. 4th 'C. C. C.' sketches the links in ringing between Past, Present and Future, and rightly refers to the debt owed to the Past. But, to him, Part I. of the Manual appears to be involved and unnecessary. Well, ringers, like other human beings, must move with the times. Admitted that for 300 years the art of ringing has been handed down without any manual of training, and that the standard of advanced ringing has never been higher. BUT — this standard is reached by a comparative minority, in favourable circumstances; AND — the rate of trainee-wastage has never been so great as now. WHY?

The causes may be found in the increasingly sophisticated outlook of youth; in their greater preoccupation with study and training for a living; in the increasing distractions of present-day leisure, and in the faster tempo of everything undertaken. Remedy? One, at any rate, lies in a planned system of training, based on proved principles, adaptable, interesting and thorough. On this basis was the Cathedral system designed, and, hitherto, it has not been found wanting.

But this is not all. On front page 17 (Jan. 11th) 'J. P. F.' implies that the College lacks what is, in fact, one of its main objectives, namely, the training of instructors; and offers what may be described as 'partial' advice. His opening critical sentences are unfounded, for experts in several fields have contributed, directly or indirectly, in shaping the work; and with contacts in those types of tower where help is most needed.

Nothing is perfect, or universally acceptable. To some the text of Part I. is 'long-winded' and 'too elaborate.' To others — people actually working from it — it needs further amplification. In its compilation the aim was a compromise. In the last analysis, it works. But already it is under improvement. Its publication in 'The Ringing World' was an invitation to constructive criticism; and this, coming by post, has been invaluable in its contribution. The present indications are that, given a fair chance, this labour of love will achieve something worth while. And all those engaged are grateful. A. Y–B.

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TWELVE BELL PEALS

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Jan. 28, 1957, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes,
At the Cathedral Church of St. Martin,
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

*E. Charles Turner	*Treble*	John A. Acres	7
*Richard F. Prime	2	†John A. Smith	8
Redvers F. Elkington	3	‡William A. Lacey	9
Phyllis Poole	4	Peter J. Staniforth	10
Herrick B. Bowley	5	William J. Root	11
†Vernon Green	6	S. Anthony Jesson	*Tenor*

Conducted by Redvers F. Elkington.
* First peal of Maximus. † First of Cambridge Maximus. ‡ First of Cambridge Maximus away from treble. First 12-bell peal as conductor.

LONDON, W.C.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Sat., Feb. 2, 1957, in 3 Hours and 43 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Martin-in-the-Fields,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 30 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in D flat.

Miss M. Procksom	*Treble*	*Peter P. Brown	7
Thomas H. Francis	2	Frederick E. Cullum	8
Arthur G. Mason	3	George J. Butcher	9
Herbert E. Audsley	4	†Benjamin F. Baker	10
Arthur W. J. Butler	5	Alfred J. House	11
Frank E. Hawthorne	6	A. Ronald Ling	*Tenor*

Composed by John Chilcott. Conducted by Thomas H. Francis.
* First peal on 12 bells. † First peal of Stedman Cinques.

TEN BELL PEALS

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Jan. 29, 1957, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter, Mancroft.
A PEAL OF 5077 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 37 cwt. 99 lb. in C.

Doris E. Lidbetter	*Treble*	*John S. Barnes	6
George P. Adams	2	*Joe E. G. Roast	7
Stanley W. Copling	3	H. William Barrett	8
Arthur G. Bason	4	Nolan Golden	9
George Sayer	5	Bert Gogle	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Nolan Golden.
* First peal of Stedman Caters.

CARDIFF.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Jan. 31, 1957, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 26 cwt. 4 lb.

*D. Walford Davies	*Treble*	Trevor M. Roderick	6
*Harold Cassels	2	Albert J. Pitman	7
Norman Leech	3	William Dare	8
James E. Daniels	4	Thomas Yeomans	9
Trevor Lewis	5	*William T. Petty	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Albert J. Pitman.
* First peal of Caters.
A birthday compliment to John Davies, who has been a ringer in this tower for 44 years.

LEYLAND, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Preston Branch.)
On Sat., Feb. 2, 1957, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB ROYAL
Tenor 23¼ cwt.

Jack Higham	*Treble*	Philip Dunderdale	6
Thomas Barker	2	Alan Meadows	7
John Jackson	3	George Meadows	8
Jack Gartside	4	Cyril Crossthwaite	9
Arthur Rigby	5	Frank Stead	*Tenor*

Composed by G. W. Debenham. Conducted by Cyril Crossthwaite.
The first peal of Bob Royal for all the band.
Rung to welcome the new Vicar, the Rev. F. W. Sawle, B.D.

OSSETT, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 2, 1957, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,
At the Church of The Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 27½ cwt.

Peter Woodward	*Treble*	J. Frederick Milner	6
W. Eric Critchley	2	Leslie W. G. Morris	7
Milton C. Fowler	3	Vernon Bottomley	8
Howard Scott	4	Gordon Benfield	9
Alexander E. Marsh	5	Wilfrid F. Moreton	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

TUNSTALL, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Jan. 23, 1957, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation). Tenor 9½ cwt.

*David J. Bryden	*Treble*	Albert J. Dunk	5
Joseph E. Grensted	2	Ronald C. Burns	6
Cyril S. Jarrett	3	Terence Barton	7
Edward C. Barton	4	George Kenward	*Tenor*

Conducted by Cyril S. Jarrett.
* First peal.
Rung as a welcome to the new Rector of Tunstall, Rev. Philip Vernon Moor Allen, B.A., who was inducted on January 22nd.

BOURN, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Jan. 25, 1957, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.
At the Church of SS. Helen and Mary,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's variation. Tenor 14½ cwt.

Roger B. Morris	*Treble*	Giles C. Galley	5
Peter F. Windley	2	Anthony J. Howard	6
John G. Gipson	3	A. Robin Heppenstall	7
M. Susan Jackson	4	William J. Ridgman	*Tenor*

Conducted by William J. Ridgman.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION
AND
THE ANTIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF ENGLAND.
On Sat., Jan. 26, 1957, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Giles,
A PEAL OF 5008 BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 8 lb. in F.

Wor. Bro. William G. Newberry, Astede Lodge, No. 4693	*Treble*
Wor. Bro. George F. Oakshott, Ebbisham Lodge, No. 2422	2
Bro. Frank E. Hawthorne, Teddington Lodge, No. 4528	3
Bro. Arthur G. Mason, Rectitude Lodge, No. 4727	4
Bro. Peter N. Bond, Amherst Lodge, No. 1223	5
Bro. Frank R. L. Blewer, Old Wilsonians Lodge, No. 6602	6
Bro. Bernard Hawkins, Mole Lodge, No. 4627	7
Wor. Bro. George W. Debenham, P.P.G.D., Old Albanian Lodge, No. 4999	*Tenor*

Composed by Bro. Bernard H. Swinson, Old Albanian Lodge, 4999.
Conducted by Wor. Bro. George W. Debenham.

BLEWBURY, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 26, 1957, in 3 Hours,
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Carter's Twelve-part. Tenor 19½ cwt.

Harold Aldridge	*Treble*	Henry Bishop	5
James Blond	2	Claude Corderoy	6
Robert Blond	3	William Corderoy	7
Alfred Greenough	4	Cecil Corderoy	*Tenor*

Conducted by Robert Blond.
Rung half-muffled in memory of George Frederick James, for over 50 years a member of this tower and Guild.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 26, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED TRIPLES

Being 2,520 of Grandsire and 1,260 each of Oxford and Court Bob. with 96 changes of method. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in F.

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

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by CLIFFORD SKIDMORE.
* First peal of Spliced Triples.
Rung to the glory of God and to commemorate the second anniversary of the dedication of St. Paul's Church, Hawbush.

BROUGHTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 26, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's One-part. Tenor 15 cwt.

*MRS. A. ROBERTS	*Treble*	GEORGE W. BIDDULPH ..	5
PHILLIP S. WHALLEY ..	2	*WILLIAM TALBOT	6
*HAROLD ROBERTS	3	DOUGLAS R. WHALLEY ..	7
RONALD BARLOW	4	ALBERT H. LAWTON ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by DOUGLAS R. WHALLEY.
* First peal.
To the glory of God, and the pleasure of comradeship of ringers.

CLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 26, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation). Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

JOHN J. STANIER	*Treble*	ALLEN MORGAN	5
*ROWENA HARRIS	2	THOMAS W. LEWIS	6
R. GEORGE MORRIS	3	REGINALD WOODYATT ..	7
DAVID BEACHAM	4	FREDERICK G. YATES ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by REGINALD WOODYATT.
* First peal and first attempt.

DODDERHILL, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 26, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb.

GEOFFREY J. HEMMING ..	*Treble*	CYRIL A. WRATTEN	5
*SHIRLEY M. PARSONS ..	2	E. TREVOR NEWBURY	6
DAVID W. BEARD	3	SIDNEY T. HOLT	7
ERIC T. LEE	4	GERALD C. HEMMING ..	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by DAVID W. BEARD.
* First peal in the method.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 26, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS.
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in F.

*ROGER L. NUTT	*Treble*	*J. WILLIAM HOVEY ..	5
WILLIAM J. V. CONDUCT ..	2	*D. KEITH LANE	6
*LESLIE L. WILLIS	3	JEFFREY B. WEBB	7
GEORGE PEERS, SEN. ..	4	†GORDON H. LANE	*Tenor*

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by GORDON H. LANE.
* First peal of Major. † First peal of Bob Major. First peal of Major as conductor. 125th peal on the bells.
Rung as a welcome home to D. K. Lane from National Service.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 26, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5152 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

RUSSELL G. PARKER ..	*Treble*	GEORGE A. FLEMING ..	5
FRANK RUFFLES	2	*CHARLES W. BEECROFT ..	6
*MURIEL R. PIPE	3	WALTER RUFFLES	7
LESLIE G. BRETT	4	WALTER W. MILLER ..	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM WIGHTMAN. Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.
* First peal of Superlative.
Rung half-muffled as a last tribute to William Wightman.

HANDSWORTH, BIRMINGHAM.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Jan. 26, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in F.

PAUL J. RIGBY	*Treble*	FREDERICK E. WILSHAW ..	5
ANN BARR	2	S. ANTHONY JESSON	6
J. EDWARD CAWSER	3	EDMUND MALIN	7
*RICHARD J. WARRILOW ..	4	RALPH G. EDWARDS ..	*Tenor*

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSER.
* First peal in the method.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 26, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5024 BOB MAJOR
C.C.C. 34. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in A flat.

EDWARD B. SMITH	*Treble*	LEONARD E. SHARP	5
*HELEN M. SHARP	2	DAVID F. J. WELHAM ..	6
MARIAN H. MILLS	3	PERCY W. MILLS	7
MICHAEL A. MILLS	4	URBAN W. WILDNEY ..	*Tenor*

Composed by F. E. W. MEADOWS. Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.
* First peal.

LONG SUTTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 26, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5056 BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

SIDNEY J. HAW	*Treble*	WALTER STOREY	5
FRED C. WIGMORE	2	THOMAS BUSH	6
GEORGE BUTLER	3	ROLAND M. REED	7
*GRAHAM MANN	4	WILLIAM ROSE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. BURTON (C.C.C. 116). Conducted by F. C. WIGMORE.
* First peal.

MARTOCK, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 26, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (fourth observation). Tenor 25 cwt.

*ANTHONY A. A. LOCOCK ..	*Treble*	ALBERT W. DYER	5
WALTER H. POOLE	2	JOSEPH T. BARRETT	6
JAMES E. LOOKER	3	†WILLIAM G. TURK	7
RAYMOND P. SELWAY ..	4	*RONALD E. PIPE	*Tenor*

Conducted by RAYMOND P. SELWAY.
* First peal. † First peal of Triples 'inside.' First peal of Triples as conductor.
Rung as a farewell peal to the Vicar, Rev. L. E. Walsh. Also an 84th birthday compliment to Mrs. F. Farrant, wife of the tower captain.

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SUTTON COLDFIELD, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Jan. 26, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
At the Church of The Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's variation. Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.

Muriel Reay	*Treble*	Robin G. Leale	5
Elizabeth M. Yardley	2	Arthur D. Cook	6
John Pinfold	3	John S. Mason	7
Arthur V. Pearson	4	George E. Fearn	*Tenor*

Conducted by Arthur V. Pearson.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 26, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Pitstow's variation. Tenor 14 cwt.

Ernest J. Ladd	*Treble*	Cyril S. Jarrett	5
*Maxwell F. Oakshett	2	‡Ralph Bird	6
†Stanley G. Ponting	3	George S. Butcher	7
Thomas E. Sone	4	Bernard V. Collison	*Tenor*

Conducted by George J. Butcher.
* 50th peal. † First peal in the method. ‡ 200th peal for the Association. The tenor ringer has now twice 'circled the tower.'
In memoriam Stafford H. Green.

WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Jan. 27, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 9 lb. in E.

Bernard V. Collison	*Treble*	Frederick J. Lambert	5
Edward J. Jenner	2	*Stanley Jenner	6
Henry N. Vaughan	3	*Colin A. Tester	7
Stanley G. Ponting	4	Ernest J. Ladd	*Tenor*

Composed by W. Harrison. Conducted by Ernest J. Ladd.
* First peal of Major in the method.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., Jan. 28, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
At the R.C. Abbey Church of SS. Thomas and Edmund,
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.

Peter J. Morton	*Treble*	Frank E. Haynes	5
Elizabeth M. Yardley	2	H. David Holland	6
Diana J. Perrins	3	John R. Joyner	7
George E. Fearn	4	Peter Border	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. Parker. Conducted by Peter Border.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Jan. 29, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5024 BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18¼ cwt.

*Derick E. Tupper	*Treble*	Reginald Rippingale	5
†Aubrey W. Brown	2	Alan R. Syder	6
Thomas Bird	3	Frank B. Lufkin	7
Edwin Jennings	4	Walter Arnold	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. Barker. Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' The conductor's 250th peal for the Association.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Jan. 30, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
At the Church of The Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
S. Biddleston's Twelve-part. Tenor 17¼ cwt. in E.

Stanley Wood	*Treble*	William Tyson	5
Jack Kay	2	Peter Crook, sen.	6
James Fielding	3	James Wm. Kay	7
Albert Ed. Sandiford	4	Arthur Sewart	*Tenor*

Conducted by Peter Crook, sen.
All service ringers at this church. The ringer of the 7th has now 'circled the tower.
Rung to celebrate the birth of Judith to Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Wm. Kay; also a birthday compliment to Marylyn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kay.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Jan. 30, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Remigius,
A PEAL OF 5184 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Being 2,880 changes of Superlative and 2,304 of Cambridge, 126 changes of method. Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

Charles H. Moore	*Treble*	H. William Barrett	5
George Sayer	2	Arthur G. Bason	6
*William Clover	3	*Rev. Gilbert Thurlow	7
Nolan Golden	4	Bert Gogle	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Nolan Golden.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Jan. 30, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
At the Bell Foundry Campanile,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

Joan M. Brown	*Treble*	John A. Acres	5
*Ernest Morris	2	G. Ronald Edwards	6
John M. Jelley	3	Brian G. Warwick	7
Brian S. Chapman	4	Ernest J. Jelley	*Tenor*

Composed by Ernest W. Tipler (No. 3).
Conducted by Brian G. Warwick.
* 400th peal of Surprise.

THURCASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Jan. 30, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's variation. Tenor 10 cwt.

Ernest W. Rawson	*Treble*	Joseph W. Cotton	5
Phyllis Poole	2	J. Frederick Milner	6
*Vernon Green	3	Peter J. Staniforth	7
E. Alan Jacques	4	Frederick T. Bindley	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. Frederick Milner.
* First peal of Stedman Triples.

ANSTEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Feb. 1, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

Redvers F. Elkington	*Treble*	*David S. Harris	5
*Ralph Elkington	2	*Gordon H. Arguile	6
*Vernon Green	3	*William A. Lacey	7
Doreen D. Dutton	4	Herrick B. Bowley	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. Hattersley.
Conducted by Redvers F. Elkington.
* First peal in the method.

HANDSWORTH, SHEFFIELD.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(The Sheffield and District Society.)
On Sat., Feb. 2, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5000 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 lb. in F sharp.

*Marion Archer	*Treble*	*Cyril Rusby	5
John E. Turley	2	Frederick J. Jackson	6
Elizabeth Bate	3	*Ian M. Holland	7
*H. David Holland	4	Dennis A. Chapman	*Tenor*

Composed by George Lewis. Conducted by Dennis A. Chapman.
* First peal in the method. First peal as conductor.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

KINGSWINFORD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 2, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED TRIPLES
Being 2,520 each of Grandsire and Oxford Bob, with 84 changes of method. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*Charles Peakman	*Treble*	*Frederick Jukes, jun.	5
Clifford Skidmore	2	Frederick Jukes, sen.	6
John Lloyd	3	Arthur Peakman	7
Bert Morgan	4	*David Griffiths	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Clifford Skidmore.
* First peal of Spliced Triples.
A welcome to the Rev. T. F. Woolley, who was inducted to the living of Kingswinford on the previous day by the Bishop of Lichfield.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

EAST PECKHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Jan. 16, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 16½ cwt.

OLIVE D. COUCHMAN	*Treble*	WILLIAM R. MANSER	4
JOHN T. MEDHURST	2	COLIN A. TESTER	5
LUTHER J. HONESS	3	*LESLIE EVEREST	*Tenor*

Conducted by COLIN A. TESTER.
* First peal of Minor.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 19, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of St. Clement's, Double Court, Single Court, Single Oxford, Plain Bob, Kent T.B. nd Oxford T.B.
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in A.

*LYNNE HOLMES	*Treble*	JAMES H. MUSSON	4
†W. RUSSELL READ	2	HENRY P. COLLIN	5
†JOHN E. COOK, JUN.	3	DENIS A. FRITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by DENIS A. FRITH.
* First peal. † First peal in seven methods. First peal in seven Minor methods as conductor.

STISTED, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Jan. 21, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In 19 methods: (1) Balmoral Delight; (2) Wilmslow Delight; (3) St. Albans, Wragby, Neasden, Charlwood Delight; (4) College Bob IV, Willesden, Old Oxford, Newdigate Delight; (5) College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk, Ockley Treble Bob; (6) London Scholars, Kingston, Sandal, Capel Treble Bob; (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

EDWIN JENNINGS	*Treble*	HILDA G. SNOWDEN	4
ALAN R. SYDER	2	FRANK B. LUFKIN	5
WALTER ARNOLD	3	TERRY EARLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.
Rung as a 79th birthday compliment to Mrs. A. Snowden, mother of the fourth ringer.

WINTERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Jan. 24, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of York, Beverley, Surfleet, London, Wells, Bourne and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

RONALD CHAFER	*Treble*	JOHN HALL	4
JACK BRAY	2	*HARRY HALL	5
C. AUBREY HARRISON	3	GEORGE W. MOODY	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK BRAY.
* First in seven Surprise methods 'inside.'

CHELFORD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Jan. 25, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (four callings). Tenor 8½ cwt.

*DEREK BRISCALL	*Treble*	LEONARD COPNALL	4
GEORGE FORRESTER	2	†ERNEST PIMLOTT	5
ROBERT BARRATT	3	BRIAN SCHOFIELD	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST PIMLOTT.
* First peal away from tenor. † 25th peal. First peal in the method by all the band.

WHETSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Jan. 25, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in three methods: (1) and (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) and (4) Kent Treble Bob, (5), (6) and (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in A.

*BRIAN HEBBORN	*Treble*	JOHN A. ACRES	4
†GEORGE HEBBORN	2	ERNEST J. JELLEY	5
PHYLLIS POOLE	3	JOHN M. JELLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.
* First peal. † First peal of Minor.
Rung for the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul.

BOBBING, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 26, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

GEORGE A. NAYLOR	*Treble*	ALBERT J. DUNK	4
GEORGE KENWARD	2	STANLEY V. RAYFIELD	5
*HAZEL V. DADSON	3	†EDWARD C. BARTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.
* First peal. † 50th peal. Rung as a welcome home from Cyprus to Peter, son of Stanley V. Rayfield.

BURBAGE, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 26, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

In seven methods, being an extent each of Kingston, Sandal, London Scholars, Capel, Ockley, Duke of Norfolk and Norbury Treble Bob.
Tenor 9½ cwt.

JACK BAGSHAW	*Treble*	HENRY KIRK	4
MRS. MARGARET FINLOW	2	RONALD DAWSON	5
ELIZABETH M. BAGSHAW	3	JACK T. MARRIOTT	*Tenor*

Conducted by HENRY KIRK.
Rung by the local ringers to welcome the Rev. P. Lyne as curate.

FRYERNING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 26, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent each of Alnwick, Chester, London, Lightfoot, Beverley, York and Cambridge. Tenor 9 cwt.

MARY DOWSETT	*Treble*	PETER J. CAME	4
PETER J. EVES	2	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS	5
PATRICK W. SALTMARSH	3	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE	*Tenor*

Conducted by HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE.

GAMSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 26, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, Duke of Norfolk, Norbury, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston and Sandal.
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

KATHERINE BURCHNALL	*Treble*	*HAROLD DENMAN	4
GRACE BURCHNALL	2	ERNEST PRESTON	5
GEORGE CHALLANS	3	HERBERT T. ROOKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.
* 200th peal, 60 of them being on these bells.

GOODWORTH CLATFORD, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 26, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's, each called differently, all 5-6's at backstroke.
Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

*JANE GOODYEAR	*Treble*	†REV. FREDK. A. SANDERS	4
TERRY A. TARRANT	2	‡GEOFFREY K. DODD	5
†PETER R. DOLLERY	3	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor 'inside.' ‡ 100th peal.

LECKFORD, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Jan. 27, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of 2,520 Plain Bob and 2,520 Grandsire (14 callings).
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in A.

*JANE GOODYEAR	*Treble*	*TERRY A. TARRANT	3
*PETER R. DOLLERY	2	GEOFFREY K. DODD	4
A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*		

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
* First peal in two methods. The first peal on the bells, rehung by Mears and Stainbank in 1934.

HANBOROUGH, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 26, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising seven extents in ten methods, viz.: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, (3) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (4) Plain and Double Bob, (5) Fulbeck, (6) Single Oxford, (7) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure. Tenor 15½ cwt.

HARRY P. FLOYD	*Treble*	DONALD H. NIBLETT	4
DOUGLAS O. WILKS	2	FRANK A. BARRETT	5
CHARLES COLES	3	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

The first peal of Minor on the bells.
Rung for the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul.

LANGLEYBURY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 26, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in nine methods, as follows: (1) 360 Cunecastre, 288 London and 72 Wells, with 12 changes of method; (2) Alnwick; (3) Carlisle; (4) Beverley; (5) Surfleet; (6) Norwich; (7) Cambridge. Tenor 8 cwt. 13 lb. in A.

JOHN R. MAYNE	*Treble*	WILLIAM WENBAN	4
JOAN M. WILCOCKSON	2	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN	5
JEAN A. DARMON	3	STANLEY E. DARMON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

Rung for the Patronal Festival.

ALLENSMORE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 2, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 11 cwt.

DERRICK G. CLARKE	*Treble*	JOHN E. LLOYD	4
LESLIE D. YOUNG	2	TRACEY H. YOUNG	5
REGINALD G. POWELL	3	ARTHUR W. PREECE	*Tenor*

Conducted by TRACEY H. YOUNG.

Rung as a welcome to Rev. S. W. E. Jones, M.A., on his institution to the parish.

FYFIELD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 2, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob and five of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 11 lb.

DEREK RILEY	*Treble*	*ROBERT J. CHAPMAN	4
*JOAN PEACOCK	2	*MICHAEL AUSTIN	5
ANDREW J. SALISBURY	3	LIONEL S. WOODS	*Tenor*

Conducted by LIONEL S. WOODS.

* First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor as conductor.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Michael Austin.

HARSTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 2, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

GEORGE E. CRISP*	*Treble*	GEOFFREY A. LUCAS	4
*DOROTHY A. M. ROBINSON	2	DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS	5
EUSTACE W. BULLMAN	3	STANLEY SHIPP	*Tenor*

Conducted by DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS.

* First peal of Surprise.
Rung in honour of the enthronement in Ely Cathedral of Dr. Noel Baring Hudson, 64th Bishop of Ely. Also a birthday compliment to the mother of the ringer of the second.

HENLOW, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 2, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

*SHEILA PERCIVAL	*Treble*	†STANLEY W. BROWN	4
†HARRY W. BROWN	2	GEOFFREY MAYES	5
ARTHUR W. DILLEY	3	LEWIS BYWATERS	*Tenor*

Conducted by LEWIS BYWATERS.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor.
Arranged for ringers of 2nd and 4th, who were visitors from Aldrington, Sussex.

LEADENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 2, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven extents: C.C.C. Nos. 28, 29, 49, 50, 51, 54, 55. Tenor 13 cwt. 9 lb. in F.

AMOS INGALL	*Treble*	*G. LEONARD THOMPSON	4
GEORGE SCOTT	2	JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM	5
WILLIAM NORTH	3	LOUIS WILLDERS	*Tenor*

Conducted by LOUIS WILLDERS.

* First peal in the method 'inside.'
Rung on the 50th anniversary of Mr. Joseph North's first peal (Saturday, Febuary 2nd, 1907), which was rung in the above tower, in the same method, and was conducted by Mr. G. Scott, the second ringer in the above peal. Also a 79th birthday compliment to Mr. G. Scott, who has now 'circled the tower.'

MARSHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Sat., Feb. 2, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in A flat.

*GILLIAN POOLEY	*Treble*	WILLIAM R. CATCHPOLE	4
MRS. H. F. CARTER	2	HANBURY F. CARTER	5
JOHN R. SMITH	3	REV. H. G. LILLINGSTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by HANBURY F. CARTER.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.
Rung in honour of the Feast of the Purification.

PURLEIGH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 2, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 ORIGINAL DOUBLES

Being 42 extents: C.C.C. Doubles Nos. 9, 10, 11 and 12. Tenor 12 cwt.

JOE E. G. ROAST	*Treble*	*PATRICK W. SALTMARSH	4
HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE	2	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS	5
PETER J. EVES	3	PETER J. CAME	*Tenor*

Non-conducted.

* First peal of Doubles.
Believed to be the first peal of Doubles to be rung in the method. Rung one day late for the 201st anniversary of the death of the composer, Benjamin Annable.
Rung for the Feast of Candlemas.

WALSOKEN, NORFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 2, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of St. Clement's and two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

THOMAS BUSH	*Treble*	JOHN E. FOX	4
FREDK. C. WIGMORE	2	ROLAND M. REED	5
WALLACE COUSINS	3	CLAUDE COUSINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDK. C. WIGMORE.

Rung for the enthronement of the Bishop of Ely (Dr. N. B. Hudson).

HANDBELL PEALS

NORWICH, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Jan. 24, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes.*
AT 27, CHALK HILL ROAD, NORWICH,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

*EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	1—2	KENNETH L. BROWN	3—4
		ARTHUR G. BASON	5—6

Conducted by ARTHUR G. BASON.

* First peal 'in hand.'
Rung to celebrate the engagement of K. L. Brown to Miss M. E. H. Spark, younger daughter of the Rev. A. and Mrs. Spark, of Glasgow.

LONDON, S.E.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Feb. 1, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
AT THE COUNTY HALL.
A PEAL OF 5056 BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

THOMAS J. LOCK	1—2	DENNIS L. HALL	5—6
JAMES WALLMAN	3—4	WILFRID G. WILSON	7—8

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by JAMES WALLMAN.

QUARTER PEALS

ARBORFIELD, BERKS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss E. Allen 1, S. G. Day (cond.) 2, Miss M. Hibberd 3, Miss J. Hibberd 4, L. Hall 5, W. Bolton 6. For the dedication festival.

ASH, SURREY.—On Jan. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Harwood (first quarter) 1, Brenda Davidge (first 'inside') 2, A. E. Goodchild 3, S. Sherwood 4, P. Sherwood (cond.) 5, S. Russell 6. For Evensong.

BEDWORTH, WARWICKS.—On Jan. 28th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. Stote 1, H. Ashley 2, J. Bell 3, Mrs. D. E. Beamish 4, A. Beamish 5, A. J. Hinde 6, E. Sibley (cond.) 7, J. L. Garner-Hayward 8. Rung half-muffled after the interment of Mr. Raymond Lydster, captain of the local ringers.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.—At St. Mary's Church, on Jan. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. E. Lester 1, R. Rose 2, E. Nice 3, C. Stannard 4, L. N. Melton 5, L. S. Sharpe 6, K. G. Brown (cond.) 7, F. Buckle 2. Rung after an unsuccessful peal attempt as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Melton, parents of the 5th ringer.

CHESHUNT, HERTS.—On Jan. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Larbalestier 1, B. McKie 2, E. Newnham 3, A. Bull 4, L. Ladley 5, W. Newnham 6, W. Foote (cond.) 7, R. Durrant 8. A farewell to the Vicar (the Rev. P. Pare) on leaving the parish.

CLIFTON, BEDS.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,260 Bob Major: J. Hulme 1, Mrs. A. Craven 2, Jill Mayes 3, S. H. Brown (first of Major 'inside') 4, H. W. Brown 5, G. Mayes 6, J. Church 7, P. Tompkins (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

DANBURY, ESSEX.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Minor (720 Ipswich and Cambridge Surprise Spliced, 540 Bob): Yvonne West 1, T. R. Roast 2, Mary Dowsett 3, P. J. Came 4, J. West 5, I. J. M. Saunders (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to Mrs. Barlow, P.C.C. secretary.

DORCHESTER, DORSET.—At the Church of St. Peter, on Jan. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. A. Banks 1, J. Tuffin 2, A. Kemp 3, K. M. Chambers 5, P. J. Kemp 5, B. J. Dyke 6, R. H. Duke (cond.) 7, J. Chambers 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, for 37 years general secretary of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

EPSOM, SURREY.—At Christ Church, on Jan. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: I. Waterman 1, Jean E. Howells 2, F. Oakshott (cond.) 3, W. Parrott 4, W. Robinson 5, Ann Howells 6, N. D. J. Webb 7, D. J. F. Oakshott 8.

HATFIELD, HERTS.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: M. Pettitt (first on 10) 1, E. Edmonson 2, L. Shepherd 3, S. Huckle 4, D. Wellington (first on 10) 5, B. Boon (first on 10) 6, R. H. Cochrane 7, J. M. Page 8, A. F. Cull (cond.) 9, L. F. Cull 10. A farewell to the Rev. Paul Goddard and his family on leaving the parish to take up an appointment as chaplain of Christchurch University, New Zealand.

HINTON BLEWETT, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. R. E. G. Smith 1, A. F. Lee 2, T. J. Milsom 3, H. L. Parfrey (cond.) 4, R. E. G. Smith 5.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Jan. 27th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: F. V. Gant (cond.) 1, S. Penfold 2, J. Carrott 3, Miss J. Peacock 4, J. Fowler 5, M. Bland 6, D. M. Salisbury 7, A. J. Salisbury 8. A welcome back to the district to M. Bland (Sedburgh) after National Service in Cyprus.

MARHAMCHURCH, CORNWALL.—On Jan. 27th, Grandsire Doubles: E. Ford 1, L. C. Dare 2, C. Sangwin 3, R. J. Hicks 4, C. E. Taylor (cond.) 5, A. J. Hambly 6. A farewell to the Rector (the Rev. A. T. M. Jasper) on leaving for Swansea to become chaplain to the Missions to Seamen.

MARKET HARBOROUGH, LEICS.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Barrow 1, W. Hector 2, W. Tyler 3, F. Wallington 4, J. C. Chester 5, G. Hollick 6, R. E. March 7, P. Garret (first quarter) 8. A compliment to Mr. W. Hector, 50 years a ringer at this church.

QUEEN CHARLTON, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 2nd, 2,160 Grandsire Doubles: T. J. Milsom 1, H. L. Parfrey 2, R. E. G. Smith 3, A. F. Lee 4, R. O. Fry 5. Jointly conducted by ringers of 4 and 5.

RUISHTON, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 28th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Miss J. Stevens 1, A. H. Reed 2, D. Miller 3, C. Stevens 4, R. Short 5, C. Clarke 6. Longest touch in method by 3, 5 and 6.

SOUTHGATE, N.—At Christ Church, on Jan. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Aldridge (first of Triples) 1, Miss A. Rodwell 2, W. Bowden 3, Miss M. Prockson 4, S. G. Peck 5, A. J. Wallman (cond.) 6, C. Aldridge 7, W. Wainwright 8.

STANFORD-ON-AVON, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 13th, 1,260 Doubles (240 St. Simon's, 240 Reverse Canterbury, 240 Bob, 240 April Day, 300 Grandsire): P. Westerman 1, Miss R. Pebody 2, Miss D. Elson 3, J. Kinchin 4, R. Wilson (cond.) 5. Rung at Matins in honour of the wedding of Mr. J. V. Tucker and Miss W. M. Stuart.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—At St. Thomas' Church, on Jan. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. R. Smith 1, J. N. Lindon 2, F. V. Nicholls 3, Elizabeth Yeld 4, R. Smith (cond.) 5, A. L. Dunn 6, D. H. Watson 7, Jill Tombs 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam John William Smith, a member of the local band for many years.

THORPE-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.—On Jan. 27th, 1,260 Bob Minor: Marian Mills 1, Heather Stewart 2, M. Mills (cond.) 3, I. Cooper 4, P. W. Mills 5, W. Downs 6. For morning service, and also as a birthday compliment to Miss Heather Stewart.

WALKDEN, LANCS.—On Jan. 15th, 2,520 Grandsire Triples: G. Rushton 1, Mrs. A. McDermott 2, Mrs. M. A. Tonge 3, P. Lomax 4, N. Tompkins 5, P. Crook, sen. (cond.) 6, J. F. Wood 7, A. Burton 8. In memoriam Ben Welsby, a member of the local band, who was cremated on January 11th.

WEARE, SOMERSET.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. R. Cox 1, A. Peters 2, W. Wiseman 3, F. S. Paramore (cond.) 4, G. Burdge 5, H. Emery 6.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

At the University of Bristol Society's annual dinner, the Master, Miss P. M. Bourn, remarked that during the previous term one of their members had gone a long way to becoming the best one-armed ringer in the district (having fractured an arm while playing rugby). Accordingly she presented Mr. Alan Smith with a suitably inscribed plaster-of-Paris arm casting and congratulated him on his return to a full peal-ringing state.

Mr. A. Patrick Cannon rang his 550th peal on February 2nd. These have been rung in 453 different towers.

The peal of Stedman Triples at Gilmorton on January 2nd was the 100th peal by Brian S. Chapman, of South Wigston, Leics.

By the peal at Leicester Cathedral on January 28th, R. F. Elkington has now conducted peals of Cambridge on 6, 8, 10 and 12 bells.

Mr. G. L. A. Lunn suggests that the illustration with Tom Ingram's article in the Christmas issue of 'The Radio Times' was of the ground-floor ringing room of Newdigate, Surrey. If this is correct, it has a timber steeple.

Until 1930 Mr. Arthur Stewart was a regular ringer at Holy Trinity, Bolton, and, because of his acceptance of the position of organist in another church, resigned. He has now relinquished his duties as organist and is back in the belfry and in our peal columns, too!

On a recent visit to Melton Mowbray the Lord Bishop of Leicester was handed a peal card recording a peal of Stedman Caters rung at Melton on November 6th, 1956, to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the restoration of the Diocese of Leicester. The Bishop said he was delighted to have the card and insisted that the conductor of the peal, Mr. P. A. Corby, should sign it for him.

The peal at Sutton Coldfield was rung as a compliment to Mr. Frank B. Yates upon his 80th birthday. Mr. Yates was the donor of the trebles at King's Norton and Birmingham Cathedral. It was also rung to celebrate the jubilee as a ringer of Mr. William G. Anker, tower keeper at Sutton Coldfield.

Mr. D. Wright wishes to thank the ringers of the Wirral district for their warm welcome to him during his stay at West Kirby R.A.F camp.

Mr. Walter Perry, of Clare, Suffolk, wishes to thank the ringers of Ipswich and district for their help and kind hospitality given to him during his stay in the district with the R.A.F.

Miss Maisie Vantom qualified for a diploma in salesmanship at the Ashford District meeting at Folkestone. She sold 19 Guild badges to an attendance of 40.

Prior to conducting the peal of Stedman Cinques at Lincoln Cathedral on December 29th last, Mr. Walter Tomlinson had called only one peal—in five Minor methods at Wellingore, Lincs, on December 31st, 1938.

The band who rang the peal of Stedman Triples at Thurcaston wish to thank the local captain, Mr. Fred Bindley, for kindly standing in at the last minute. The method should have been London, but one of the band failed to arrive in time.

Mr. Arthur W. Rolfe writes refuting that the peal at Fornham All Saints, near Bury St. Edmunds, was the first known peal on the bells (see 'Ringing World,' February 1st). Mr. Rolfe conducted a peal of Grandsire Doubles in this church in 1927 or 1928, in which the ringers were G. Lilley 1, A. W. Rolfe 2, W. Head 3, G. Petch 4, W. Stannard 5. He is looking forward to November 7th, which will be the 50th anniversary of his first peal (at Chevington).

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PEAL RINGING IN 1956

An increase of 128

The drop in peal ringing, which has been continuous each year since 1951, has been arrested. The total for 1956 shows an increase of 128 over 1955 figures. Subject to revision and the final check, the figures are:—

Tower bells ..	2,192
Handbells ..	173
Total	2,365

This represents an increase of 66 tower bell peals and 62 handbell peals. Comparative figures of recent years are: 1955, 2,237 (111 handbells); 1954, 2,412 (123); 1953, 2,567 (154); 1952, 2,915; 1951, 2,925; 1950, 2,723; 1949, 2,906.

MONTHLY TOTALS

	Tower	Hand
January ..	160	14
February ..	148	12
March ..	143	17
April ..	236	19
May ..	165	12
June ..	170	14
July ..	152	8
August ..	182	13
September ..	188	15
October ..	193	12
November ..	203	14
December ..	252	23
	2,192	173

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Maximus ..	18	—
Cinques ..	37	3
Royal ..	116	8
Caters ..	70	9
Major ..	858	58
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	2,192	173

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HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Watford District Have Same Team of Officers

Watford was again the venue for the annual District meeting held on February 2nd. Ringing on the ten bells of St. Mary's continued until 4.30, when the Vicar (Canon St. John Thorpe) conducted a short service. Tea followed in a nearby church hall and was most acceptable, thanks being extended to Mrs. Bell and her helpers.

At the business meeting which followed, all the officers were re-elected. These were:—secretary and treasurer, Mr. K. R. Dunstan; Ringing Master, Mr. S. H. Hoare; representatives on General Committee Messrs. G. W. Seaman and S. H. Hoare; 'Ringing World' representative, Mr. K. R. Dunstan.

The secretary's annual report showed satisfactory progress and that peal ringing was being well maintained. The accounts showed a balance of £18 7s. 6d. Further ringing continued in the tower until 8 p.m. K. R. D.

QUIZ ON CAMPANOLOGY

No competitor succeeded in answering all the 20 questions correctly. The greatest stumbling block was the Artichoke Inn. Only one of the many entries had the correct answer—the Whitechapel Bell Foundry. There were various guesses, such as where the Birmingham ringers of the last century congregated after ringing and where the first Guild was formed.

The Editor has awarded the prize of a book token to Peter N. Bond, Gaywood, Stock's Green Road, Hildenborough, Kent, who had one error.

THE QUESTIONS

1.—Where, and by whom, was Big Ben originally cast?

2.—What is 'The Fragrant Memory,' and where would you hear it spoken of?

3.—The Artichoke Inn has a strong connection with campanology; what is it?

4.—Which bell should all loyal ringers never wish to hear?

5.—A famous author was a ringer; who was he, and where did he ring?

6.—What had the incumbent of Fittleworth to do with modern bellfounding?

7.—In which city have two rings of 12 been installed since the war?

8.—Probably all of us have, in our early years, rung crotals; what are they?

9.—Who learned to ring at Duke's Denver?

10.—What has 'Saxifrage Umbrosa' to do with Bow Bells?

11.—The so-called 'Westminster Chimes' were first installed, where?

12.—For which famous bell was £400 paid for unsuccessful attempts to recast it, but only £190 for successfully doing so?

13.—Where are ringers asked to ring a muffled peal on a wedding anniversary?

14.—A ring of eight hangs beneath a golden ball, where?

15.—Upon which famous bells appears the inscription: '(Founder's Name) made me 1625'?

16.—A royal ring of bells is hung 'widdershins,' where?

17.—In which ring of 12 is the tenor twice as heavy as the 11th?

18.—A famous campanologist gave his name to a chiming hammer; who was he?

19.—The 1951 Festival bell is now the tenor of a ring; where?

20.—Which bell has, cast upon it, a tune in musical notation?

The following competitors are commended for their entries:—C. M. Meyer, 33, Norfolk House, London, S.W.1; Henry Allen, 3, Russell Terrace, Leamington Spa; A. P. Cannon, 20, Deepdene Vale, Dorking; Cpl. J. B. M. Pattison, R.A.F., West Kirby, Laxton, Cheshire; Miss Anne Wooller, 31, Reigate Way, Wallington.

A very good effort was made by Daphne Lester, Woodlands School, Deganwy, North Wales.

THE ANSWERS

1.—At Stockton-on-Tees, by John Warner and Co.

2.—It is the toast, proposed at the College Youths' annual dinner, to the memory of the Masters of 100, 200 and 300 years before.

3.—It is now the Whitechapel Bell Foundry.

4.—The Sevastapol Bell in the Round Tower of Windsor Castle, rung only at the funeral of a Sovereign.

5.—John Bunyan, author of 'Pilgrim's Progress,' who rang at SS. Mary and Helena's, Elstow, Beds.

6.—Canon Simpson, of Fittleworth, Sussex, did much to introduce full harmonic 'Simpson tuning.'

7.—Liverpool, at the Cathedral and at Our Lady and St. Nicholas', Pier Head.

8.—Spherical bells, much used on babies' harness, etc.

9.—Lord Peter Wimsey, in Dorothy L. Sayers' 'The Nine Tailors.'

10.—It is the Latin name for London Pride, used to ornament the new Bow Bells.

11.—At Great St. Mary's, Cambridge, composed by Dr. Crotch (1793), properly called the 'Cambridge Chimes.'

12.—For Great Tom of Oxford; Richard Keene, of Woodstock, received the £400, Christopher Hodson, of London, the £190.

13.—At Bath Abbey, by the terms of an 18th century bequest.

14.—At St. Lawrence-on-the-Hill, West Wycombe, Bucks.

15.—Lavenham tenor. 'Miles Graye made mee 1625.'

16.—In the Curfew Tower, Windsor Castle, hung anti-clockwise.

17.—At St. Mary-the-Virgin, Redcliffe, Bristol.

18.—The Rev. H. T. Ellacombe.

19.—At St. Mary-the-Virgin, Kelvedon, Essex.

20.—The fourth at St. Mary-the-Virgin's, Oxford.

A JOINT MEETING AT STOCKTON-ON-TEES

Ringing ranged from rounds to Cambridge Royal at a joint meeting at the Parish Church of Stockton-on-Tees arranged by the Southern District of the Durham and Newcastle Association and the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association. Thirty-five ringers from Tees-side attended. The service was conducted by the curate (the Rev. E. V. Davey) and Canon Heselton preached the sermon. Mr. Gordon Mackie, A.R.C.O., accompanied on the organ.

Tea and meeting followed in the vestry, where the members stood in silence as a mark of respect to Mr. G. W. Peverell and Mr. H. Smith, both of Bishop Auckland.

Mr. N. W. Park thanked the Vicar for the use of the bells and the brilliant young organist for his part in the service, and Mr. G. Robinson, of Skelton, proposed a vote of thanks to the ladies for an excellent tea. F. W. C.

OTHER NEWS

We thank the readers who have replied to our query as to the Ringers' Ten Commandments. They appear in the ringing chamber of SS. Peter and Paul's, Checkendon, near Reading.

The Homewood Secondary Modern School at Tenterden, Kent, have formed their own Ringing Society. Kent ringers will be interested to learn that the grandson of Robert Edwards, of Tenterden, has joined the Society and is learning to ring at Biddenden.

February 1st was the 79th birthday of Mr. George H. Simpson, for many years ringer, chorister and verger at Anstey, Leics. Peal honours were done to him that day, and the peal was also a welcome home, on demobilisation from the R.A.F., to David S. Harris, and engagement congratulations to N. G. (Gerry) McCrum, a former ringer, now in the U.S.A.

University of Bristol Society's Annual Ringing Day

THE University of Bristol Society's annual ringing day opened at 9.15 a.m. on January 26th at St. John-on-the-Wall, where a large gathering of visitors, guests and members met to enjoy various Doubles and Minor methods. Meanwhile, 200 yards away at Christ Church, an attempt for a peal of Grandsire Caters by a band of resident and non-resident members of the Society had commenced. By the time the bells of St. John's had been lowered the attempt had been going some three-quarters of an hour and the company was told by a competent listener that the striking was quite good.

The party then trekked up the hill to St. Matthew's, Kingsdown, where the eight were raised and go going to Stedman and Grandsire Triples and Bob Major. The arrival of two of the band indicated that the peal attempt at Christ Church had come to grief. It was later discovered that these two were the culprits in a change of course and that the rest of the band had disappeared to drown their sorrows!

A rapidly increasing party arrived at the Lord Mayor's Chapel, where the six were rung to Plain and Surprise Minor methods and various Doubles methods, including Chase. At one period ringers queued down the spiral stairs in their efforts to get at least one touch on the bells.

During the afternoon ringing continued in the more spacious ringing chambers of St. James' (10) and St. Mary Redcliffe (12). Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Cinques were amongst methods rung here. Finally an hour's ringing took place on the six at St. Michael's before the service, which was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. Vyvyan Jones), the lesson being read by Mr. Brian J. Wylde.

THE DINNER

The dinner was held in the senior common room of the University Refectory, by kind invitation of the president of the Society, Prof. R. J. Brocklehurst. The president proposed toasts to 'The Queen' and 'The Church' before expressing his pleasure at seeing so many old faces. He then called the secretary (Mr. David Heighton) to propose the toast of 'The Visitors.'

The secretary first read apologies for absence from the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, Mr. Paul Taylor, Mr. Cyril Harding, Dr. Hudson and Mr. Jack Worrall. He also regretted the absence of Prof. Piper, a vice-president, due to indisposition. Turning to the guests, Mr. Heighton welcomed the Rector of St. Michael's, Mr. John Chilcott, the well-known composer and conductor from London, Mr. Roger Fry, secretary of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, a great friend of the Society, the Masters of the University of London Society (Mr. J. M. Armstrong), the Oxford University Society (Mr. P. Sanders) and the Cambridge University Guild (Mr. J. D. Painter) and also many City ringers and visitors from Northampton and Surrey.

Mr. John Chilcott, replying on behalf of the visitors, said the atmosphere of Bristol was always so friendly, especially in that certain hostelry where the City ringers always took him! On the more serious side, he said he had read of a plea to technologist ringers to invent a self-lubricating bell. In these days of ball bearings, however, he considered this plea to be out of date, especially when the cost of bells was prohibitive. It was far better, he said, that ringers should employ their energies in the field of public relations. It was their duty to go out and meet, especially, the younger generation, and generally to smooth things over with the public. In this case the Exercise would receive more favourable publicity than that in an article by 'Cassandra' in the 'Daily Mirror,' concerning the record length attempt at Loughborough.

In proposing the health of the Society, Mr. J. D. Painter (Master of the Cambridge University Guild) opened with the quotation 'All men are born equal.' He felt however, that men had inequalities and that although these inequalities provided incentive to competition, they should be viewed in their proper perspective. To say that a person had rung more and bigger bells and peals did not make that person better than someone who had done his best in ringing, perhaps one good peal. Hence he asked the guests and visitors to drink to the Society, not because it was a better Society, but because it was a good Society.

Replying on behalf of the Society, the Master (Miss Patricia M. Bourn) first congratulated certain members on their engagement, and also Mr. Frank Mack on his appointment to the Ringing Mastership of the City Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association.

FAILURES PHENOMENAL

Summing up the activities of the Society over the past year, she said in numbers the Society increased and ringing had been held regularly at St. Michael's during term time. Ringers were also sent to certain City towers, and their 'help' was received with tolerance. The termly quarter peal attempts at St. Thomas' had literally 'fallen through' because of unsafe floors, but regular eight-bell practices were initiated and had been a great success.

Sad was the tale in the field of ringing; there had been a phenomenal number of failures. Three peals had been rung, one of Grandsire Triples by an all-resident band, and two of Minor, one being Plain Bob and the other Bob Minor (laughter). The Plain Bob had been rung for the Rector's 21 years at St. Michael's, and the Master hoped he would be at the church for many more years. In all, 45 towers in three different counties had been visited by the Society, on bus, cycle and foot, on which occasions the standard of map reading was shown to be extremely poor! The summer ringing tour, however, had been the highlight of the year. An annual Society Corporate Communion had been inaugurated at St. Michael's, thus binding the Society even closer to the Church. Finally the Master thanked the Rector for having the Society at St. Michael's, and also friends in and around Bristol for helping to acquire towers.

Flowers were presented to the Master on behalf of the Society by Mr. Michael Sprackling. He said that they had a good Master in all respects, which made for a good Society. It was due to Miss Bourn's hard work during her two years of office as Master that the Society had remained among the leading University Societies.

P. J. B.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION

The Bristol Rural Branch held a most successful annual meeting at the Church of St. Ambrose, Bristol. Visitors from the City Branch, Malmesbury, Clutton and elsewhere helped to make the numbers up to well over the 60 mark. The service was conducted by the Rev. H. W. Hocking, assisted by the Rev. R. H. Easton and Mr. H. Pentreath, and afterwards came an excellent tea prepared by the ladies of the parish.

Mr. T. T. Walters presided at the business meeting, and the company stood in silence to note the passing of three members. The secretary (Mr. W. F. Scudamore) presented his report, together with the balance sheet. Commenting on the healthy state of the Branch's finances, the secretary said that the year had been one of steady progress, almost all the towers in the Branch being affiliated to the Association. In view of the work involved in his new post as hon. secretary to the Association he would not seek re-election as Branch secretary.

The chairman also made his report, in which he thanked the members for their loyal support during the past year. He invited the Master (Mr C. R. Harding) to take the chair for the election of new officers. Mr. Scudamore was thanked for his five years of service as Branch secretary, and was persuaded to take the office of chairman. The former chairman, Mr. T. T. Walters, was elected secretary, Mr. R. G. Hooper was unanimously re-elected Ringing Master, and Mr. H. Taysom was elected representative on the Management Committee.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

On January 26th ringers of the Truro Diocesan Guild were invited to spend the afternoon and evening at Perranzabuloe, when a bazaar was also held to raise funds towards expenses incurred in connection with recent work on the tower, which has included a new roof and the partial blocking of the louvres.

Ringing started at 2 p.m. The bazaar was opened at 3 p.m. by Mrs. Treve Holman. At 4 p.m. the Vicar (the Rev. J. W. Harvey) conducted a short service at which he was able to welcome about 50 ringers, including Mr. A. Carveth (president), Mr. D. Burnett (Master), the Rev. A. S. Roberts, R.D. (secretary, Penzance Branch) and the Rev. J. Vincent, who has just returned to his native Cornwall from Shrewsbury to be curate of Camborne.

During the service the Vicar processed with the choir to the west end ringing chamber to dedicate an electric clock in memory of the late William Jervis Hodge, who, in 1928, gave the tenor bell in memory of his parents. Mr. Hodge died last year and for a long period had been captain of the tower.

A splendid tea was served in the Church Hall nearby where the bazaar was in progress, and this was patronised by many present.

Ringing on the pleasant six (tenor 9¼ cwt.) was of a particularly high standard and included rounds and call changes and methods up to Cambridge Minor. This happy afternoon, at the invitation of the Perranzabuloe ringers, was much appreciated.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

HUDSON'S NEW LIGHT

Dear Sir,—I feel I must disagree with the convener of the Analysis Committee regarding this peal of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob (see 'Ringing World,' page 821) and point out that the decision of the Council at Bristol in 1955 was 'This Council resolves to recognise all true peals rung in conformity with the conditions required for peals.' The conditions for peals incorporate no restrictions as to method or composition except in regard to record peals. (See Handbook, pages 19 and 20.)

Therefore the peal must be incorporated in the Analysis as there is apparently no objection to the standard of ringing, etc.

I have inquired what was actually rung and find that it is what is usually termed the 'Ilkeston Variation,' but that no indication of change of method was given. The bobs were normal fourth's place bobs.

I have searched through the ringing books which I possess but cannot trace 'Hudson's New Light,' although I well remember looking at it many years ago, and from memory I feel sure it was only a variation of Treble Bob, similar to Ilkeston. The conductor of the peal tells me he found it in the 'Bell News' many years ago.—Yours faithfully,

C. KENNETH LEWIS.

Altrincham, Cheshire.

FAST RINGING

Dear Sir,—How heartily I agree with Derek Jones in his letter re Hoar Cross and that vile footnote 'Quickest peal on the bells.' Should they not add in 90 per cent. of the peals 'and the worst'?

I, like D. P. J., remember ringing Bray, Berks, tenor (26¼ cwt.) to four Treble Bobs and three plain extents exactly 30 minutes per 720, and many good things were said about that peal on August 3rd, 1929. No one can dodge on the lead at a faster pace.

On another occasion, with A. H. P., we took 3 hours and 25 minutes for half-muffled Stedman (tenor 8¼ cwt.). Could our fast peal ringers strike out to that time? How we all enjoyed the solemn measured beat in that peal. On these same bells with our local band, Charlie Denyer (then Aldershot) rang his first peal, New Year's Eve, 1924, half-muffled, in 3 hours and 13 minutes (age 13), sister Nancy (14) on 2nd. Again, at Sonning (tenor 20¼ cwt.), Bob Major, 3 hours and 32 minutes, and I was proud to put a footnote 'Believed to be the slowest peal on the bells.'

During the middle 1920's nothing could be better than the wonderful musical effect of ringing steady peals with old Alf Pulling and his band. I have always tried to train mine likewise.—Yours, etc.,

GEORGE GILBERT.

Burnham, Bucks.

FALSE BUT MUSICAL

Dear Sir,—An interesting fact was brought to my notice recently concerning the calling round of Stedman Triples, which may be of use to some of your readers.

The general plan used is that recommended by Mr. J. T. Dyke in J. A. Trollope's 'Stedman.' but whereas Mr. Dyke suggests avoid having 2-1 dodging behind at the bobs at 7, 8, I advise instead keeping that pair behind. The reason is that, although the touch will be false, if 2-1 are dodging behind at 7, 8, when the seventh comes in a quick bell a few sixes later, Queens will come up at backstroke. What is lost in falseness (and the touch may have been false, anyway, if it had to be called round) is amply regained in the improved music.—Yours sincerely,

BRIAN BUSWELL.

Woodthorpe, Nottingham.

HOW THEY DO THINGS IN IRELAND

Dear Sir,—I have read with interest some of the recent letters in your paper on the subject of the Christmas Bells Broadcast. A suggestion has been put forward that the Associations should nominate various bands to the B.B.C. for ringing in these programmes, but I feel that I should point out that such an arrangement is already in force between the Northern District of the Irish Association and the Northern Region of the B.B.C. since 1945.

Before selecting a tower to ring, the B.B.C. agreed to consult the District secretary and ask for his recommendations. Sometimes, due to calls on the services of the B.B.C. technical staff, it has not been practicable to broadcast the most suitable ring but the second choice has always been taken as the alternative. This arrangement has worked well with mutual co-operation on both sides and to their advantage.

The only complaint I have about the criticisms of the broadcast on Christmas Day is that I feel that 'the eminent ringer' should have had the courage to sign his name.

Some years ago the Central Council discussed this vexed question of anonymous letters being published and I understood that it was agreed that anonymity was not to be allowed to be used when criticism was published. The reason given for its retention was that it was claimed that some of our leading exponents would not be prepared to publish articles, etc., under their own names for private reasons.

I must say, however, that to be fair to our 'eminent member of the Central Council,' his criticism was realistic and agreed with the notes I made myself while listening to the broadcast. —Yours sincerely,

JOHN T. DUNWOODY.

Holywood, N. Ireland.

CHRISTMAS BROADCAST

Dear Sir,—I am sorry to see the letters of Mr. R. G. Edwards and Pat Cannon on the above subject. I agree wth W. W. Ring—the ringing was not good. But the criticism of my old friend Pat was not good and cannot do the Exercise any good, either.

I fully agree with Mr. F. R. L. Blewer that if any bells are broadcast they should be taken from the country at random. Bells are in the church to be rung for services, not for the likes and whims of brass hats! The ringers who man them Sunday by Sunday are the ones to ring them for broadcasts, and it's up to the B.B.C. to pick where they like. That is their concern and no one else's.

I and a couple of others are struggling to teach a band at Twineham. They all read 'The Ringing World' and are not pleased to read such comments. And if any ringer is in the neighbourhood of Twineham Church any Friday evening about 7.30 he or she will receive a hearty welcome from

C. H. WICKENS.

Twineham, Sussex.

LIST OF FOUR-BELL TOWERS

Dear Sir,—Would it be possible for Mr. R. Dove to add a supplement, one day, to his excellent 'Guide,' giving a list of churches with four bells, if hung for ringing? The number of towers may not be great, and the interest to change ringing slight, but there is often much antiquarian interest among the smaller numbers. Once placed 'on the map' in this manner, who knows what local enthusiasm towards augmentation or the study of method ringing in its simplest form may follow from the increased interest shown by visiting parties made thus aware of the existence of these towers.—Yours faithfully,

D. P. JONES.

Hitchin.

MANUAL AS TEXT BOOK

Dear Sir,—May I add a few lines to what has been written to you in answer to the critics of the Manual of the College of Campanology?

First, What is a 'Manual'? Surely a text book of instruction, and in all types of education and teaching it is necessary to have a book of authentic instruction. Does everyone carry out their job in the textbook manner? Of course, it is not always practicable, but the letter of the law must be laid down somewhere, even if everyone does not keep strictly to it.

The compilers of the 'Ringing Manual' have done something that ought to have been done many years ago. By that I am not suggesting that the old 'stalwarts' of the Exercise did not know how to teach ringers. All who begin to learn ringing should aspire to be good ringers, and by this I mean those who ring what they can ring, and not those who try to ring something beyond them (for the time being) before they have realised that a good ringer is one who does not earn a reputation as a bad or indifferent striker. Theoretical knowledge allied to a bad standard of striking is no use to anyone, and a good instructor is one who teaches good striking and handling, and insists on these before technical progress.

The Manual was surely compiled as an explanation of the correct technique, and I should like to see any attempts made by some of its critics to put down on paper the correct way to learn and teach ringing. It is often easier to show how anything is done than give written directions on the method of teaching.

Anyone who considers that Snowdon's 'Ropesight' went far enough is entitled to their opinion, but 'Ropesight' is not so meticulous as the Manual, but this does not detract from the important place in ringing literature that the Manual and 'Ropesight' occupy.—Yours faithfully,

NORMAN S. BAGWORTH.

Wimbledon, S.W.19.

THE RAVEN PEAL AT EYE, 1906, AND GEORGE E. DAY

Dear Sir,—May I please refer to the issues of October 19th and December 21st, 1956, pages 667 and 810 respectively, concerning George E. Day in particular.

I am obliged to Mr. George H. Cross for putting me right. I had been under a misapprehension and had got the two George Days mixed up.

I have had a talk with Miss Ella K. Day, who, appropriately, lives at Bell Cottage, Eye, and is a grand-daughter of George Day, sen., and I now confirm that in the Day bell-hanging firm there was:—First, Joseph Day. His son, George William, died May 1st, 1905, and George William's son, Fred, carried on the business. He died in (I think) 1922. Fred had two sons, George E. and Hubert J. George E. never returned from the 1914-18 war, and Hubert J. died at Eye August 9th, 1952, aged 63. Fred was a College Youth.—Yours truly,

CLAUDE RUSH.

Eye, Suffolk.

Leading Peal Ringers

Among those near the head of the list for 1956, four founder members of the College of Campanology figure prominently. They include the president, who is also the record living peal-ringer; the registrar, who is fourth among the conductors; and the bursar, who is the leading lady peal-ringer and the highest in peals 'in hand.' The two latter—Mr. Roger Baldwin and Miss Kathleen Knight— recently trained and qualified as Tutors 1:, and are now giving valuable service in training others.

A. Y.-B.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

Bowdon, Stockport and Mottram Branch

The annual meeting of the Bowdon, Stockport and Mottram Branch was held at Stockport St. Mary on January 26th, when some 50 members and friends were present at the service conducted by the Rector (Canon R. Simpson). Before the service the bells were in full use from early in the afternoon, to the great consternation of the market people, whose stalls are under the shadow of the tower.

After the service an excellent tea was served in the Day Schools by the wives of local ringers, and proceedings were delayed because several members had been inspecting some of the church's treasures, among them the register which contains the record of the christening of John Bradshaw, of Marple Hall, who signed King Charles' death warrant. Against this some Royalist supporter at some time wrote 'Traitor.' Some old Communion vessels were examined, also the latest find — a pair of beautiful oak doors, which for years had been hidden beneath a thick coating of brown paint and varnish.

The secretary reported that the meetings for 1957 had been confirmed with the exception of the June meeting at Chapel-en-le-Frith, where some alteration of date might be necessary. It was decided that a Branch social be held, if possible on March 2nd, and the arrangements left to a small committee.

The statement of accounts and report for 1956 showed a healthy state of affairs; 37 peals had been rung in which 44 Branch members and 25 from outside took part. There were 15 conductors. The report contained an appeal for constant vigilance with regard to striking, and expressed satisfaction at the continued presence of young ringers, who are making good progress. Appreciation of the work of the officers was shown by their re-election. It was also unanimously decided to appoint Mr. James Milner, of Disley, a valued member who had done much for the Branch, a vice-president. The following new members were elected:—Sheila Norris and Derek Lawton (Stockport St. Mary), Dorothy Stafford, Valerie Pennington, Margaret Mackay, Merita V. Braddock (Marple), Ian Hodgson, John Beaumont (Staley), Derek Ogden, N. Bennett (Ashton) and Kenneth Hall (Cheadle).

Mention was made of the note in 'The Ringing World' regarding the peal of Treble Bob (Hudson's New Light variation) to which exception had been taken by the Analysis Committee of the Central Council, and the secretary undertook to write, putting the matter in order. C. K. L.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

North District Annual Meeting

Seventy members met at the Church of St. Peter-ad-Vincula, Coggeshall, for the annual meeting of the Northern District. This church was recently rehallowed after being rebuilt due to being bombed in 1943. As there is still a lot of money to be raised to complete the rebuilding, the collection taken at the service and proceeds from the tea, which was nearly £15, was for the Church Restoration Fund.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. F. N. Brown), and Mrs. E. M. Everett played the organ. Tea was served in the Lecture Hall by members of St. Peter's Guild.

The Vicar presided at the business meeting, and the Master and secretary presented their reports, which stated that more peals were rung last year than the year before, and some were the first in the method for the Association. Restoration work on Halstead bells was going ahead and they will be rededicated in April. The secretary stressed that subscriptions must be paid more regularly, and that last year there was a considerable number of members in arrears. Tributes were paid to George Schlueter and Albert Catterwell, who had recently died.

Miss H. G. Snowden was re-elected Master, Mr. H. A. Pratt secretary, and Messrs. J. Elliott and J. Warner committee representatives. Ten new members were elected, four being from Coggeshall. The next meeting will be at Stebbing on March 16th. Votes of thanks were accorded to all who had made the meeting most successful. J. F. H.

LEEDS & DISTRICT SOCIETY

The Society's first meeting of 1957 was held at Bradford Cathedral on January 26th. Throughout the afternoon the large tower was well filled, and good use was made of the bells until five o'clock, when a break was made for tea.

Afterwards the Provost (the Very Rev. John G. Tiarks) welcomed the Society to Bradford and looked forward to further meetings being held there. He lightheartedly suggested that Bradford rather than Leeds should appear in the title of the Society, as it was hardly likely that Bradfordians would consider themselves included by 'and District' as far as Leeds was concerned!

The chair at the business meeting was taken by Mr. I. Slack in the absence of the president (Mr. H. Lofthouse), who considered it inadvisable to make the climb up to the Cathedral. Mr. J. Gibson proposed the vote of thanks to all concerned with the arrangements.

The next meeting will be held at Birstall on February 23rd.

PUDSEY BELLS RECAST

The bells of St. Lawrence's Church, Pudsey, which have been recast and rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, were dedicated at morning service on February 3rd by the Vicar of Pudsey (the Rev. John Vipond) assisted by Mr. F. A. Bird (headmaster of Pudsey Grammar School). The bellfounders were represented at the dedication by Mr. A. A. Hughes.

The bells, a ring of eight with a tenor 16 cwt., were cast by Mears in 1824, and were quarter-turned in 1907. It was on these bells, in November, 1884, that Jasper Snowdon rang his last peal, a 5,024 of Kent Treble Bob Major.

For some time it has been felt that a thorough overhaul was both desirable and necessary, that recasting would improve the tone and rehanging make ringing much easier, so the bells went back to the foundry from whence they came, where they have been recast and tuned on the five-tone principle. New steel headstocks have been provided, and now that the bells have been rehung the result is a sonorous, tuneful ring, which is a pleasure to the ringers and a delight to hear. The tenor now turns the scale at 17 cwt. W. B.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

Newark District

Despite wintry weather and petrol rationing 40 ringers attended the Newark District annual meeting at St. Giles' Church, Balderton, on January 19th.

At the business meeting the following officers were elected for 1957:—Chairman, Mr. F. W. Midwinter; secretary, Mr. W. L. Exton; Ringing Master, Mr. J. D. Clarke; committee, Mr. G. E. Foster and Mr. C. J. Copp.

The next meeting, in March, was confirmed as Bingham, and Elston was chosen for May. The sum of 23s. was raised for the Belfry Repair Fund. Two new ringing members, Mrs. P. France and Mr. D. Drury, of Newark, and three non-resident life members, Messrs. J. E. Brown, F. Derry and C. Jackson, of Brant Broughton, were elected.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, to Mr. Hutchinson for taking the service, to Mr. Ball (the organist), and to the local ladies for preparing and serving tea, was proposed by Mr. F. W. Vernon.

W. L. E.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

Preb. E. V. Cox, president of the Guild, had the pleasure of presenting proficiency certificates to eight members of the Babbacombe band when the Mid-Devon Branch held their annual meeting at All Saints', Babbacombe, on January 19th. The election of two members from Babbacombe was also confirmed.

Mr. J. E. Lilley presided, and the secretary's report and the treasurer's statement (showing an increased balance) were adopted. Officers unanimously elected were: Chairman and Ringing Master, Mr. J. E. Lilley; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. A. L. Bennett; General Committee, the Rev. N. F. D. Coleridge, Messrs. W. J. Harvey and W. Simmonds.

A discussion took place on a suggestion by Mr. W. Simmonds that the County Education Committee should be asked whether campanology should be included in education, but no action was taken. Subject to permission, the next Branch meeting will be held at Moreton-Hampstead on April 27th.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar (the Rev. R. A. H. Bate) for conducting the service, the Rev. T. P. Vokes-Dudgeon for his address, the organist, and the ladies for the tea arrangements.

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OBITUARY

MR. STAFFORD H. GREEN

Mr. Stafford Green was an Essex man who came to Tunbridge Wells from Woodford some time about 1920. He was a member of the banking profession, and in company with the late Frederick White (also a banker), who came there from Hertfordshire at the same time, raised ringing to Surprise standard in the Tonbridge district.

He quickly became an officer of the Kent County Association and remained so until he left the county. During almost the whole of this period he acted (anonymously) as peal secretary.

As a Freemason he took part in the first Masonic peals of Stedman Cinques at Chelmsford in 1926, Cambridge Major at Crayford in 1927, Kent Maximus at Shoreditch in 1931, and Grandsire Cinques at St. Mary-le-Bow in 1939. This was one of the last—if not actually the last—peal on Bow Bells. He also took part in a bankers peal, which was organised by the late Mr. F. S. Wilson, of Wincanton, Somerset.

During the war he evacuated with his office to the Guildford district and rendered valuable assistance in that area when the ban on ringing was removed.

Retiring a few years ago, first to Lyme Regis and afterwards to Sampford Peverell, Devon, he continued as a Sunday service ringer and taking part in occasional peals. One of these, Grandsire Triples, at Exeter Cathedral, did not conform to the Central Council rules and was never published. When, some time later, the peal was rung, Mr. Green again took part, ringing the treble.

He had a son and a daughter. His son met a tragic end at Tunbridge Wells, being killed by a car while on his way to school. His daughter married a clergyman and some years later they emigrated to Australia. About three years ago Mr. and Mrs. Green visited them for six months, and Mr. Green's account of his visits to various Australian towers made interestng reading in 'The Ringing World.'

I could not agree more with the Editor's description of Stafford Green as a 'delightful personality.' I personally have the happiest memories of him. E. B.

MR. RAYMOND LYDSTER

With the death of Mr. Raymond Lydster on January 24th, in his 52nd year, Bedworth has lost one of its staunchest workers at the Parish Church of All Saints. He served in the choir until he was 16, and from then on his interest was mainly centred on having the bells rung for Sunday services. He gave his time freely to this and eventually became captain of the ringers in 1935.

For the last five years he was verger of All Saints', a duty which he performed unselfishly.

Ray was not a prolific peal ringer and rang about nine in all, one of which was the only peal to be rung by a Sunday service band.

On January 28th, at his interment, the bells were rung half-muffled before the service by members of the Coventry Diocsan Guild. The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. Will Maggs), and was fully choral. In his address he spoke very highly of Ray's service to the church he loved, and said he would be missed by all.

In the evening a quarter peal was rung by Guild members.

MR. ALBERT CATTERWELL

We regret to record the passing on January 14th of Mr. Albert Catterwell, captain of Sible Hedingham, Essex, ringers, aged 70 years. A memoir will appear in our next issue.

BISHOP B. C. ROBERTS

Bishop Basil C. Roberts, secretary of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, whose death was recently announced, was, during his undergraduate days at Pembroke College, an enthusiastic ringer. The records of the Cambridge University Guild show that he took part in two handbell peals of Bob Major. The band on each occasion was Basil C. Roberts 1-2, Rev. A. H. F. Boughey 3-4, E. Maurice Atkins 5-6, Reginald O. Street (now living at Bournemouth) 7-8. Both peals were compositions of Mr. Atkins, of Teignmouth, whose name still appears in our peal columns.

Before becoming secretary to the S.P.G. Bishop Roberts was Bishop of Singapore and previous to that a Suffragan Bishop in the diocese of Canterbury.

MR. WILLIAM SHIMMANS

The death occurred recently at Sidcup, Kent, of Mr. William Shimmans at a very advanced age.

A native of Bedford, where he learned to ring, he came to London as a steam crane driver at the Surrey Commercial Docks at the beginning of the present century and joined the band at Greenwich, which at that time enjoyed the distinction of being one of the very few towers capable of ringing London Surprise with their own band..

A lifelong Cumberland Youth, he did much to keep the Society together during those lean years in the Cumberlands' history which followed the death of George Newson in 1895. He remained on the active list, particularly with the Cumberlands, until between the wars, when he retired to Sidcup, since when little had been heard of him. E. B.

MR. W. WIGHTMAN

An Appreciation

It was with sorrow that I read of the death of Will Wightman, of Cretingham. I can fully endorse all that L. G. B. says of his hospitality, and that of his brothers, to any ringers who happened to visit the locality and took the trouble to call at the shoe shop, and one must not omit their sister, who was the power behind the scene at meal times.

I knew them all and rang with them from 1903 onwards, when I started to learn to handle a bell. They often came to Debenham—tall, pale-faced men, kindly with learners, rough with erring 'experts,' seldom at fault themselves. The father, Stephen Wightman, senior, had just given up tower bell ringing in those days.

Will was exactly the same age to the day as the late Alfred W. Grimes, and these two had a special liking for each other and were often together. Only last August, when I paid a visit to the shoe shop to see Will, he mentioned Alf and his feat of ringing 250 peals in two years. 'As many,' said Will, 'as I have rung in my life.' Will himself was still repairing boots in the shop, and produced for my inspection photographs of many famous ringers as published in the 'Bell News' of 60 years ago, still lying handy in the shop. As L. G. B. says, his memory of things past was almost uncanny, reminding one of things one had forgotten.

However, one must look upon the bright side of things, and remember William Wightman and his brothers, and not to forget the nephews, Leslie and George A., as a family of ringers who did an enormous amount of good work in their part of Suffolk in their day, leaving many ringers still about somewhere who can say that they owe a lot to the ringing skill of this remarkable family, and that includes

PETER LAFLIN.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Chertsey District's Progress

In a welcome to Hersham at the annual meeting of Chertsey District on February 2nd the Vicar (the Rev. L. St. C. Gower Williams) at the service expressed his pleasure and surprise at the large number of young members present. Ringing preceded the service under the direction of Mr. J. King.

After a bumper tea, provided by local ladies, Mr. W. Shepherd presided for the business meeting. The secretary, in his report, stated that the membership, at 87, was the highest ever, most notable increases being at Chobham and Weybridge. Most of the other towers were holding their own.

The six District meetings had been well supported, an average of 34 being at each. Of 204 attendances, 130 were by District members. With the large number of learners, lower methods had been the rule, and it had been encouraging to see some famous ringers lending a hand. It was hoped the more experienced would continue to turn up and assist the learners.

The secretary reminded members of the need to pull together and to build up a strong District. They owed this to the memory of their late Ringing Master, Mr. J. F. Dodson.

The balance sheet, presented by Mr. W. Shepherd, showed an increase at the bank of £1 11s. 5d.

After a ballot, Mr. R. Collins was elected District Ringing Master, and Mr. J. King assistant, Miss Hazel Hancock District secretary, and Mr. G. Talbot representative on the Executive Committee.

The question of junior members being allowed to vote was raised by Mr. W. Goldstone. After Mr. W. Shepherd and Mr. and Mrs. Lathbury had all spoken in favour it was decided to raise this matter again at the Guild Executive and at the annual general meeting. The secretary reminded members that the rule would not have been altered if those who supported the junior members' vote turned up at the annual general meeting.

New members were proposed from Walton (1), Weybridge (3), Send (3), Chobham (3) and Horsell (2). Ringing in methods up to Cambridge took place till 9 p.m. under the new Ringing Master. R. C.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH

Christchurch District

A practice meeting was held at Ringwood on February 2nd, when 25 ringers attended from all parts of the Christchurch District.

It was a successful afternoon and evening with striking of a variable quality but, on the whole, quite good. Beginners were encouraged to take part in many touches, whilst the more advanced members interspersed courses of Surprise Major and some Spliced Surprise in three methods. At a short business meeting it was decided to postpone the quarterly meeting arranged to take place at Brockenhurst from March 2nd to March 9th.

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SURREY ASSOCIATION

Northern District Want a Competition

The committee of the Northern District at their annual meeting at St. Mary's, Wimbledon, on January 26th, advocated a competition based on four main points to advance Rule 1 (b), the cultivation of the art of change ringing. The points were : Attendance for Sunday service ringing, quarter peals scored, full peals scored, and a striking competition for Sunday service bands. There could be a leading tower for each section and a combined best tower. There would, of course, be no question of ringing for prizes.

The committee's report recorded a membership decrease from 277 to 245. There were 12 resignations and the majority were from towers in the Chertsey District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild. It seemed that unless rapid progress was made with repairs there would be lapses from Mortlake and Mitcham Parish Church.

During the year 63 quarters were rung in 17 towers, and 12 ringers rang their first quarter and 45 their first in the method. The peal total, at 17, was well up, entirely due to the demobilisation of John Hill and David Parsons. Opportunities for Surprise practice were offered any Tuesday at Leatherhead, and Wednesday at Banstead and any Thursday at Beddington.

With regard to the competition the secretary was willing to do all the necessary work associated with organising.

The treasurer reported that there is a balance of £27 10s. 6d., an increase from last year.

The officers and committee for 1957 were elected as follows:—Master, Mr. G. Peters; hon. secretary, Mr. W. Parrott; hon. treasurer, Mr. H. N. Pitstow; auditor, Mr. R. F. Layton; committee members, Messrs. N. Bagworth, J. Hill and H. V. Young; 'Ringing World' representative, Mr. A. J. Weise.

Mr. Roy Davis thanked the retiring Ringing Master, Mr. F. T. Collins, who has held the position for 11 years.

It was passed that the programme for 1957 shall be:—April 27th, Epsom; July 13th, Thames Ditton and Esher; August 5th, Leatherhead, with Guildford Guild; September 28th, Guildford; October 12th, Banstead, with Kent County Association; November 16th, Streatham and Clapham Park; and the annual District meeting on January 25th at St. Peter's, Croydon, and Old Addington. The collection amounted to £2 for the Bell Fund.

The meeting, attended by 53 members and three visitors, was preceded by a short service with an address by the Rev. D. Rogers. Ringing was under the guidance of Mr. F. E. Collins.

Southern District

The annual District meeting was held at Bletchingley on January 19th. There was an attendance of 35 ringers, of whom 25 were District members. Shortened Evensong was conducted by the Rev. L. S. Hawkes, and tea served at the King Charles Tea Rooms.

The ringers then adjourned to the Church Room for the business meeting, presided over by the Rev. K. G. Hoare, a member. The secretary presented the committee's report, which stated that the ringing and attendance at meetings during 1956 had slightly improved.

Ten new members were elected, eight of whom came from Betchworth, where ringing has recently been resumed. Mr. A. P. Cannon was re-elected as District Master, Mr. A. Streeter secretary, Mr A. Gear treasurer, Mr. M. A. Northover auditor, and Messrs. T. H. Bird, G. Olliver and B. A. Cracknell committee. Votes of thanks included one to Mr. F. W. Bird for arranging the tea. After the meeting ringing continued until 9 p.m. with methods ranging from rounds to Cambridge Surprise Major. A. S.

As It Should Be

The ringers of St. Mary's, Kingswinford, write expressing their appreciation of the help which has been given to them by their ringing friends of St. Michael's, Brierley Hill. Their helpful criticism, and patience on practice nights, is having most fruitful results.

The quarter peal rung on February 1st, also the peal on the following Saturday afternoon, in which six of St. Mary's band took part, only proves what a little help can do. All are most grateful to Clifford Skidmore and his band, and would like to say 'Thank you!'.

Death of Mr. W. W. Wolstencroft

We regret to report the death of Mr. Walter W. Wolstencroft, of Stoke Poges, on Saturday, aged 82. He had a fall while changing buses on the homeward journey after attending a meeting at Leatherhead and was dead on arrival at hospital. The funeral is to-day (Friday) at Stoke Poges at 2 p.m.

QUARTER PEALS

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On Jan. 30th, 1,344 Bob Major: H. Cooke 1, P. Dawes 2, Miss M. Mills 3, Mrs. N. Chaddock 4, J. N. D. Chaddock 5, F. Fisher 6, G. Lee 7, N. Chaddock (cond.) 8. A birthday compliment to Mr. T. C. Ryder.

STAMFORD HILL, N.—At St. Ann's Church, on Jan. 27th, 1,440 Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob: Miss P. Rowe 1, Miss L. Hawes (first of Treble Bob) 2, Miss F. Secker 3, M. Rowe 4, B. Bladon 5, W. Theobald (cond.) 6.

WRINGTON, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 21st, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: Mrs. R. Gilling 1, Mrs. W. H. Kingcott 2, T. Ferris 3, L. W. Pullin 4, H. H. Yeates 5, W. H. Kingcott 6, R. Brice 7, H. Vowles 8, H. W. Knight (cond.) 9, M. Board 10. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. G. H. Collins, over 50 years a member of Wrington tower.

LATE NOTICES

MISCELLANEOUS

JOHN CARTER RINGING MACHINE.—There will be a demonstration at the Science Museum, South Kensington, during the afternoon of Saturday, March 2nd. As it is difficult for more than about twenty people to view the machine at any one time, admission will be by ticket only (free), and the times will be arranged according to the number of applications, starting at 2.30 p.m. Please apply with stamped and addressed envelope to Mr. Douglas Hughes, 12, Orpin Road, Merstham, Surrey. 9757

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Snaith, Saturday, Feb. 16th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please provide own food. Cups of tea only available. —L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 9757

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District. — Meeting, Shepshed, Feb. 23rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. G. Butler, 21, Bridge Street, Shepshed, by Wednesday previous. 9755

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—A practice meeting will be held at Thatcham on Saturday, Feb. 23rd. Bells available at 6 p.m. All welcome. 9756

WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. — Southern Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Pershore, Saturday, Feb. 23rd. Bells (8 and 6) at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea by Wednesday, 20th, to W. J. Newman, 7, New Road, Hampton, Evesham. 9754

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DEATH

APPS.—Annie, dearly beloved wife of George Apps, of Cuckfield, passed peacefully away after a long illness, on February 4th, 1957. 9742

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ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Eynesbury (6), Saturday, Feb. 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 9745

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Tilney All Saints', Saturday, Feb. 16th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. —J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 9748

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Annual District meeting at Farnham (8) on Saturday, Feb. 16th, from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Social evening. —C. J. Beadle, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9706

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Saturday, Feb. 16th, Rolvenden. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. 9732

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting, Saturday, Feb. 16th, Braughing, 3 p.m. Names for tea, please, to E. C. Glazebrook, 7, New Road, Braughing, Ware.—T. J. Southam, Dis. Sec. 9721

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting at Barnet, Saturday, Feb. 16th. Bells: Barnet (8) 3 to 5 p.m., Hadley (8) 6 to 8 p.m. Business meeting in tower 5 p.m. Please make own tea arrangements.—S. Huckle, Dis. Sec. 9744

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Saturday, Feb. 16th, St. Margaret's, Uxbridge. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Further ringing.—F. Finch. 9749

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Annual Divisional meeting, Burgess Hill (8), Saturday, Feb. 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m.—K. C. Knight, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9731

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Axbridge Branch.—Practice meeting, Burrington, Saturday, Feb. 23rd. Bells (6) 5 p.m.—E. C. Wickham. 9733

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Derby District. — Monthly meeting, St. Andrew's, Derby, on Saturday, Feb. 23rd. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome. — V. R. Horton. Hon. Dis. Sec. 9752

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting, Saturday, Feb. 23rd, at Darlington, Holy Trinity. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Names for tea, please, by Feb. 21st, to Mrs. W. N. Park, 10a, Woodlands Terrace, Darlington 9750

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—An additional meeting will be held at Histon on Saturday, Feb. 23rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—A. Carpenter, Dis. Sec. 9749

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Monthly meeting, Stapleton, Saturday, Feb. 23rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5.15 p.m. Names for tea, by Tuesday, Feb. 19th, to Mr. T. T. Walters, 17, Newlands Avenue, Coalpit Heath, Bristol. 9745

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. — Baldock, Feb. 23rd, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at British Legion Hut. Special method: Hitchin Surprise.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 9762

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Higham (6) on Saturday, Feb. 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to me as early as possible. —Cyril S. Jarrett, 38, Balmoral Road, Gillingham, Kent. 9738

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LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Birstall, Feb. 23rd. Bells available 3-7.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock. No names necessary. —J. F. Hodson, Hon. Sec. 9751

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch.—Annual meeting at Newton-Porthcawl, on Saturday, Feb. 23rd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business follows.—R. E. Coles, Branch Sec. 9739

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD. — Next meeting at Newhall, Saturday, Feb. 23rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. All welcome.—J. W. Cotton. 9735

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Annual meeting at Fakenham on Saturday, Feb. 23rd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday, Feb. 21st, to Mr. G. Cooke, 24, Back Street, Hempton, Fakenham.—C. Tovell, Branch Sec. 9757

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Witney and Woodstock Branch. — Annual meeting, Coombe, Saturday, Feb. 23rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, Feb. 20th, to Lottie Pimm, Eynsham, Oxford. Phone: Eynsham 222. 9751

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Iver (8), Feb. 23rd, 3.15 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. for those who notify me by 19th.—W. Butler, 17, Forest Road, Windsor. 9746

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Meeting at Bradpole, Saturday, Feb. 23rd. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea. Names for tea by Feb. 18th.—Mrs. Pannell, 35, Clay Lane, Beaminster. 9732

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Monthly meeting, Nuthall (6) on Saturday, Feb. 23rd, at 3 p.m. Names for tea, previous Tuesday, to Mr. K. Wagstaff, 64, Westleigh Road, Stelley Estate, Nottingham. 9761

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Eastern Division.—Annual meeting, Feb. 23rd, St. Mary's, Eastbourne. Bells 2.30. Usual tea and meeting. (We have only 327 teaspoons, so please notify, early, R. W. Pankhurst, 11, Salehurst Road, Eastbourne.)—H. Reynolds, Sec. 9767

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Southern District) and DONCASTER DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Joint meeting, Arksey, Saturday, Feb. 23rd. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Tea in Church Hall 5 p.m. Names by Feb. 21st to Mr. E. Cooper, 6, Grosvenor Crescent, Arksey, Doncaster. Good bus service from Doncaster. All welcome.—J. J. L. Gilbert. 9734

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Aylesbury Deanery Branch.—Meeting, Littleham, Saturday, March 2nd. Names for tea, by Feb. 27th, to Mr. O. Gatter, 4, New Cottages, Littleham, Exmouth. 9743

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting at Harlow Common (8) on Saturday, March 2nd, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea in Church Hall. Names, please, to G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 9741

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western District. — Meeting at Redbourn, Saturday, March 2nd. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, by Tuesday, Feb. 26th, to Mr. J. Hobbs, 84, High Street, Redbourn. — J. Good, Dis. Sec. 9739

LADIES' GUILD. — Southern District. — Meeting, Godalming, Saturday, March 2nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (at cafe by church) 5.15. Names for tea to Miss B. Mayers, 5, Church Street, Godalming, by Wednesday, Feb. 27th. Ringing after evensong.—W. Oliver, Hon. Sec. 9759

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Annual meeting, Spalding, March 2nd. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea, Greyhound, 5 p.m. Names, by Feb. 25th, to M. Bennett, 171, Bourne Road, Spalding. 9737

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.— Monmouth Branch.— Annual Branch meeting, Monmouth, Saturday, March 2nd. Bells 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business. Names for tea, please, to Mr. L. Jones, 75, Monnow Street, Monmouth.—J. S. Evans. 9764

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Great Linford, Saturday, March 2nd. Bells 2.30. Service 3.30. Please notify for tea by Feb. 25th.—R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bucks. 9740

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — Nottingham District.—Meeting, March 2nd, Bulwell (8), 3.15 p.m. Names for tea, by previous Tuesday, to Mr. A. Simpson, 2, Ellen Terrace, Welton Road, Radford, Nottingham.—C. W. Towers. 9731

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD. — Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Neath, Saturday, March 2nd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea by Feb. 23rd.—J. A. Hoare, 6, Gendros Crescent, Swansea. 9729

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PROGRESS BY THE LADIES

'I SHOULD be very ungallant were I not to compliment Mrs. Williams on the accomplishment of her first 720 of Bob Minor with a pair of handbells. That lady is undoubtedly making good progress in the art, and really I begin to have a lurking suspicion that one of these days we shall find a report of tower ringing by some of our energetic lady friends in the columns of this paper. That would make some of our "old stagers" rub their eyes and wonder! The gentler sex are now appearing as municipal voters, as members of Boards of Guardians, School Boards, the medical profession and various other roles in which the sterner sex were hitherto supposed to have a monopoly; and if they come out as ringers in the tower — well, we shall have to look out; that's all.'

These words were written by a well-known ringing scribe 69 years ago, and the lurking suspicion he had soon resolved itself into actual fact, not only for touches and quarter peals, but for peals on handbells and in the tower. The earliest lady ringers I can think of were Miss Sharland and the Misses Kelly, who rang handbells in Devonshire, followed by Mrs. George Williams, of Midhurst, who startled the Exercise by being the first lady to score a peal on handbells. George Williams was a fine ringer and a splendid teacher, so was his friend, Henry White, of Basingstoke, who taught his two daughters, Alice and Dora, to ring tower bells at St. Michael's, Basingstoke, and it was here that these two ladies proved to the Exercise that they were capable of striking their bells well, not only in touches but in peals, the first ever performed by ladies.

The Rev. F. E. Robinson mentions this well-known family in his book, 'Among the Bells,' and the two sisters certainly broke down many strange notions that tower-bell ringing was not the right kind of church work for the fair sex to take up. It was uphill work for these two young pioneers and slowly but surely their perseverance was rewarded when they found a few others taking up ringing in various towers up and down the country. In 1911 it was found that sufficient ladies could be formed to attempt a peal of Grandsire Triples and the meeting place was Cubitt Town, London. Although unsuccessful, the attempt proved that good striking could be obtained, and a year later the writer again visited Cubitt Town, this time to hear the peal successfully brought round.

In the meantime much instruction work took place at Portishead, Somerset, and a band of eight local ladies rang a peal there. These two peals and the formation of the Ladies' Guild were helpful factors in gaining recruits for tower and handbell ringing, and during the 1914–1918 war a large number undertook the work of maintaining service ringing when ropes became vacant in most of the towers throughout the country. Since those days we have seen wonderful progress by the ladies not only in numbers, not only in quality of peals and methods performed, but also in quarter peals, regular ringing for services, and the part they play in helping to make meetings, etc., a success.

It would take many pages to record the names and performances of those ladies who have given loyal and faithful service to ringing for many years and I sometimes wonder what the two sisters, who set the great example, think of the growth in numbers. Recently I had a surprise from Kitchener in Canada which expressed in writing appreciation of 'The Ringing World' front page articles, and it was pleasing to hear from the first president of the Ladies' Guild, then Miss Alice White, now Mrs. Sullivan. Many ladies who now ring in our towers may be interested in what she tells me, which is as follows: 'From one old timer to another. I see your articles in "The Ringing World" by using a magnifying glass, and I do manage to read some. The B.B.C. broadcasts always interest me and occasionally I hear bells ringing, not enough to distinguish what method; nevertheless, I still like to hear them. Three years ago I had a fall which resulted in a double fracture of the pelvis near the hip joint and, being an autumn bird, did not get over it as well as a spring chicken.'

The younger sister, Miss Dora White, became Mrs. Mack and still resides in Basingstoke, the town where two sisters, apt pupils of a painstaking father, certainly did make some of the old stagers rub their eyes and wonder.

Mr. and Mrs. Williams are not forgotten for their pioneer work in connection with the art of ringing, and the Winchester Diocesan Guild certainly found in Henry White and his two daughters a trio of ringers who set a shining example by extending to the fairer sex the many advantages of our art.

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL

CANTERBURY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 9, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL AND METROPOLITICAL CHURCH OF CHRIST,
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 32 cwt.

DONALD G. CLIFT	*Treble*	THOMAS W. SHEPPARD	7
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	2	MICHAEL P. MORETON	8
RICHARD E. PRICE	3	CECIL W. PIPE	9
ALAN F. THIRST	4	ROGER O. FRY	10
GEORGE W. MASSEY	5	JOHN H. CRAMPION	11
EDWARD P. DUFFIELD	6	WILFRED WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.
Rung to celebrate the fifth anniversary of H.M. the Queen's accession.

TEN BELL PEALS

EVERCREECH, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 2, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 21 cwt. 17 lb.

DAVID HOARE	*Treble*	*S. ARTHUR READ	6
FREDERICK H. SLATFORD	2	RONALD G. BECK	7
ANTHONY J. SANGER	3	‡LAURENCE E. HITCHINS	8
HENRY J. SANGER	4	*ERIC NAYLOR	9
*†GWILYM SALMON	5	ARTHUR J. WHITE	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES TOPP. Conducted by ERIC NAYLOR.
* First peal of Stedman Caters. † 25th peal. ‡ 75th peal.

CHRISTCHURCH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Feb. 9, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
No. 37. Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	*Treble*	ARTHUR V. DAVIS	6
DANIEL T. MATKIN	2	JOHN HARTLESS	7
FRANK L. HARRIS	3	*LEWIS F. COBB	8
*PHILIP N. TUBBS	4	MICHAEL J. BEST	9
LEONARD G. STONE	5	RONALD N. MARLOW	*Tenor*

Composed by M. J. MORRIS. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.
* First peal on ten bells.
Rung in memoriam George Preston, for nearly 70 years a ringer and captain at the Priory Church.

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 9, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL AND ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. ALBAN,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

BERTIE A. CORNELL	*Treble*	*JOHN E. EWER	6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	2	*J. LESLIE COX	7
*GERALD PENNEY	3	FREDERICK J. SPICER	8
*PATRICIA DOORN	4	WILLIAM J. ARNOLD	9
LESLIE T. HANSELL	5	*MICHAEL D. FROST	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY W. HALEY. Conducted by WILLIAM J. ARNOLD.
* First peal on ten bells.
A birthday compliment to Mr. H. Goodenough.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

LONGSTANTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 26, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5056 BOB MAJOR
Tenor 7½ cwt.

STANLEY SHIPP	*Treble*	JOHN G. GIPSON	5
*HAROLD J. F. MUNCEY	2	‡DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS	6
†GEORGE E. CRISP	3	‡GEOFFREY A. LUCAS	7
HAROLD S. PEACOCK	4	†WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN.
* First peal of Major 'inside.' † 25th peal together. ‡ 25th peal together.
Rung to welcome the Vicar, Rev. D. A. Youngman, who was inducted on January 23rd.

NORTHFIELD, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Tues., Jan. 29, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

JOHN R. JOYNER	*Treble*	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	5
*DIANA J. PERRINS	2	GEORGE E. FEARN	6
EVELYN M. FLETCHER	3	H. JAMES TURNER	7
MURIEL REAY	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
* First peal of Double Norwich.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 2, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND LAURENCE,
A PEAL OF 5056 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14½ cwt.

*MARGARET JOHNSON	*Treble*	HERBERT T. ROOKE	5
*FREDA ROBINSON	2	ARTHUR B. COOPER	6
MRS. B. HOLMES	3	DOUGLAS H. ROOKE	7
GEORGE CHALLANS	4	JOSEPH SAXTON	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.
* First peal in the method and of Major.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 2, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN S. MASON	*Treble*	THOMAS W. SHEPPARD	5
EDWIN A. BARNETT	2	ROBIN G. LEALE	6
*ROGER KEELEY	3	†MICHAEL P. MORETON	7
WILFRED WILLIAMS	4	FRANK E. DARBY	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.
* First peal in the method. † 200th peal.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 2, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
T. Day's Six-part. Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in F.

*W. J. HAYES	*Treble*	L. J. BALDOCK	5
J. W. ROLLISON	2	W. A. KITCHENSIDE	6
†KATHLEEN M. YEO	3	H. G. F. REYNOLDS	7
MRS. B. PERCY	4	R. W. PANKHURST	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. A. KITCHENSIDE.
* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Triples. The tenor ringer has now 'circled the tower.'
To mark the consecration of Canon L. E. Meredith, Vicar of Eastbourne, as Bishop of Dover, and on the occasion of the Patronal Festival of the church.

ELY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 2, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's variation. Tenor 18½ cwt.

RICHARD J. W. HOUSDEN	*Treble*	T. REGINALD DENNIS	5
*R. FRANK BAKER	2	JOHN G. GIPSON	6
HAROLD S. PEACOCK	3	HARRY L. MARTIN	7
GILES C. GALLEY	4	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN.
* First peal of Surprise Major.
Rung immediately after the enthronement of the Rt. Rev. Noel B. Hudson as Lord Bishop of Ely.

GORING, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Feb. 2, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's transposition. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

FRANK REED	*Treble*	FRANK GODDEN	5
JACK BERRY	2	ERNEST GARRARD	6
HENRY BISHOP	3	ROBERT BLOND	7
JAMES BLOND	4	EDWARD SAWYER	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT BLOND.

GREAT DUNMOW, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 2, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5056 BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E flat.

H. Walter Smith	*Treble*	Dr. Lewis Castleden	5
Robert C. Heazel	2	John Warner	6
Cecil Barker	3	Alan R. Syder	7
George Saunders	4	Terry Earle	*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. Burton. Conducted by Terry Earle.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 2, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Vicar's Six-part. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

*Arthur Foxall	*Treble*	†David Cornwall	5
†John D. Kape	2	‡Arthur Newton	6
Anthony E. Cox	3	Percy Newton	7
Roland Biggs	4	Victor Evans	*Tenor*

Non-conducted and silent.
* First peal in the method. † First non-conducted peal in the method.
‡ 50th peal.
The 300th peal on the bells.
Rung by members of the Sunday service band.

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 2, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Giles,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

Geoffrey R. Parker	*Treble*	Walter Tomlinson	5
*Michael W. Crowder	2	John Freeman	6
Norah M. Bibby	3	George H. Randles	7
Gwen I. Rusby	4	Jack L. Millhouse	*Tenor*

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
* First peal of London Surprise. 100th peal on these bells.

MEOPHAM, KENT
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 2, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in F sharp.

George Kenward	*Treble*	Ralph Bird	5
*Terence Barton	2	Thomas E. Sone	6
Brian Bladon	3	Philip Mehew	7
Cyril S. Jarrett	4	A. Patrick Cannon	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.
* First attempt to ring a course of Surprise Major. The first peal of Surprise on the bells.

NEWTON ST. CYRES, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., Feb. 2, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Cyr and Julietta,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 13½ cwt.

Judith Williams	*Treble*	*Frederick Wreford	5
Norman Mallett	2	George Skinner	6
E. Maurice Atkins	3	†George E. Retter	7
L. Kenneth Dawe	4	George S. Luxton	*Tenor*

Composed by H. H. Hubbard. Conducted by E. Maurice Atkins.
* 100th peal (all for the Devon Guild). † 25th peal. First of Bob Triples for all and for the Guild.
In memoriam J. T. Blakeman Ball, priest, one time vicar of this parish, and Stafford Hugh Green, honoured member of the Guild of Devonshire ringers. Rung on the Feast of the Purification.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 2, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Thomas,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In 16 methods, being 320 each of Bristol, Cambridge, Claybrooke, Cray, Eastcote, Lincolnshire, Lindum, London, New Gloucester, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative, Uxbridge, Wembley, Wordsworth and Yorkshire, with 144 changes of method. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

Peter Laflin	*Treble*	C. Kenneth Lewis	5
John Worth	2	Leslie Boumphrey	6
Edward Jenkins	3	*Brian Harris	7
Basil Jones	4	Joseph W. Whittaker	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. Pitman (Rev.). Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.
* 150th peal.

RADCLIFFE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 2, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Blessed-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5056 BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

James Fielding	*Treble*	Alan Pendlebury	5
Alan Smith	2	Philip J. Hudson	6
Norman Tompkins	3	Harold Hamer	7
Geoffrey S. Mills	4	Joseph Thornley	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Harold Hamer.
Rung with the bells half-muffled to the honoured memory of Thomas Backhouse, priest, Rector of Radcliffe and Canon of Manchester Cathedral, who was interred on Saturday, January 26th, in this churchyard.

ST. COLUMB MINOR, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 2, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Columba,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 10 cwt. in A flat.

Alan Carveth	*Treble*	V. Mary Matthews	5
Rev. Arthur S. Roberts	2	Arthur F. Burley	6
*P. Ruth Hosken	3	Harry Harper	7
Margery A. Birch	4	David N. Penrose	*Tenor*

Conducted by Rev. Arthur S. Roberts.
* First peal of Triples 'inside.'
Rung on the Feast of the Purification.

SAFFRON WALDEN, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 2, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24½ cwt.

Ernest W. Pye	*Treble*	Frederick W. Housden	5
Frank V. Gant	2	Charles E. Willmington	6
Hilda G. Snowden	3	Edward P. Duffield	7
Harold N. Pitstow	4	John H. Crampion	*Tenor*

Composed by Fredk. Dench. Conducted by John H. Crampion.
First peal of Bristol on the bells.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 2, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Thomas,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in F.

Brian G. Warwick	*Treble*	Ernest Morris	5
*Roger K. Stretton	2	Ernest J. Jelley	6
†J. Harry Cook	3	Brian S. Chapman	7
†Roland H. Cook	4	John M. Jelley	*Tenor*

Composed by F. Nolan Golden. Conducted by Brian G. Warwick.
* First peal of Kent Major 'inside.' † First peal of Kent Major.
Rung for the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary, being the 64th anniversary of the dedication of the church.

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STONE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Feb. 2, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

Peter J. Morton	*Treble*	Frederick E. Wilshaw	5
Richard J. Warrilow	2	Arthur Pritchard	6
Joan Beresford	3	Edmund Malin	7
J. Edward Cawser	4	Peter Beresford	*Tenor*

Composed by Arthur Knights Conducted by J. Edward Cawser.
First peal in the method on the bells.

WADHURST, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 2, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in F sharp.

*John Bishop	*Treble*	‡Christopher Pilbeam	5
†Charles A. Bassett	2	Leonard W. Giles	6
Frederick J. Lambert	3	Ernest J. Ladd	7
†Stanley G. Ponting	4	*John Wilcox	*Tenor*

Conducted by Ernest J. Ladd.
* First peal. † 25th peal together and first peal of Bob Triples. ‡ First on eight bells. First peal of Triples on the bells.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Feb. 4, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

Ernest Morris	*Treble*	Joseph W. Cotton	5
Horace Over	2	Ernest J. Jelley	6
*Jack Beniston	3	Roland Beniston	7
John W. Rawson	4	John M. Jelley	*Tenor*

Composed by F. Dench. Conducted by Roland Beniston.
* First peal in the method.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Feb. 6, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*Jane E. Langton	*Treble*	‡Peter H. Langton	5
†David Brand	2	Raymond P. Wood	6
Edgar E. Rapley	3	George Francis	7
June M. Clements	4	Leonard Stilwell	*Tenor*

Conducted by Raymond P. Wood.
* First peal. † First of Triples. ‡ First peal 'inside.' The tenor man has now 'circled the tower.'

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Feb. 7, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5184 LINDUM SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in A.

Freda Clayton	*Treble*	H. George Hart	5
Joan M. Wilcockson	2	William Wenban	6
Elsie K. Hart	3	John R. Mayne	7
David J. Taylor	4	Alick Cutler	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by John R. Mayne.
First peal in the method on the bells, and by all the band except the tenor ringer.

BATH, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 9, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, Bathwick,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's Eight-part variation of Thurstans'.
Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in E flat.

Mrs. Dora Evans	*Treble*	*Robin S. M. Stubbs	5
*Terrence T. Jones	2	David Hoare	6
William J. Prescott	3	Eric Naylor	7
George J. Hawkins	4	†Raymond Stubbs	*Tenor*

Conducted by Eric Naylor.
* First peal of Stedman. † First peal.
Rung for the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and also to commemorate the 137th anniversary of the consecration of the church.

BATLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 9, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

*Gerald Dale	*Treble*	David Atkins	5
Wilfrid F. Moreton	2	Geoffrey Townend	6
David Cubitt	3	John E. Kirby	7
Peter Woodward	4	Gordon Benfield	*Tenor*

Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.
* First peal.

CAYTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 9, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Vincent,
A PEAL OF 5088 BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10¼ cwt.

Charles E. Brown	*Treble*	Louis Willders	5
Mary C. Payne	2	Denis A. Frith	6
John F. Pearson	3	Geoffrey R. Parker	7
Walter Tomlinson	4	John R. Ketteringham	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by John R. Ketteringham.

BUSHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 9, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. James and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 13 cwt.

John E. Rootes	*Treble*	*Reginald Rowley	5
Margaret B. Mesley	2	†Neville Jenkins	6
Harry G. Timms	3	Stanley E. Darmon	7
Jean A. Darmon	4	Christopher W. Woolley	*Tenor*

Conducted by Christopher W. Woolley.
* First peal in the method. † First peal of Surprise.

CAMBORNE, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 9, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Martin,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB TRIPLES
Hubbard's Five-part. Tenor 17½ cwt.

Alan Carveth	*Treble*	Geoffrey W. Taysom	5
Margery A. Birch	2	Rev. A. S. Roberts	6
V. Mary Matthews	3	David N. Penrose	7
Harry Harper	4	Arthur F. Burley	*Tenor*

Conducted by Alan Carveth.
Rung as a compliment to the Rev. James Vincent, a native of Camborne, who has returned to the parish to work as assistant curate.

HEATHFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 9, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 8 lb. in F sharp.

Leonard Stilwell	*Treble*	Doris E. Colgate	5
*Arthur J. Hart	2	†Raymond Overy	6
*Kathleen M. Yeo	3	W. Arthur Riddington	7
Frank H. Hicks	4	William Rogers	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by William Rogers.
* First peal in the method. † 100th Surprise peal. First peal in the method on the bells.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 9, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter.
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb. in A flat.

Robert E. Lester	*Treble*	Jim Bennett, jun.	5
*Peter Lester	2	Ronald Steward	6
Leonard S. Sharpe	3	†Leslie N. Melton	7
Gilbert R. Goodship	4	Kenneth G. Brown	*Tenor*

Composed by H. Hubbard. Conducted by Kenneth G. Brown.
* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

ECCLESTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 26, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt.

*Albert Greenhalgh	*Treble*	†Frank Wadsworth	4
†Colin McKernan	2	*Sydney Leatherbarrow	5
*James Cunliffe	3	Roger Leigh	*Tenor*

Conducted by Roger Leigh.

* First peal of Bob Minor. † First peal, first attempt.

NAVENBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 26, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Oxford Bob, Oxford Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Court and Plain Bob.
Tenor 13 cwt. 12 lb. in F. sharp.

Geoffrey R. Parker	*Treble*	John F. Pearson	4
John R. Ketteringham	2	Herbert Lowman	5
Ronald Applewhite	3	Louis Willders	*Tenor*

Conducted by Louis Willders.

Rung on the birthday of Ronald Applewhite.

RIPLEY, DERBYSHIRE.
NON-ASSOCIATION PEAL.
On Sat., Jan. 26, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being ten extents of Plain Bob, 20 extents of Grandsire and six 240's each of Morris's and Pitman's arrangement.
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in F.

*Alan Marshall	*Treble*	Peter G. Bellamy-Knights	4
Patrick W. Sewry	2	Reginald J. Stretton	5
†John E. Ryde	3	Ted Willows	*Tenor*

Conducted by Reginald J. Stretton.

* First peal. † First 'inside.'

Rung as a farewell peal to the ringer of the second.

BLADON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 2, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Martin.
A PEAL OF 5040 IPSWICH SURPRISE MINOR

Seven different extents, all 5-6's at backstroke. Tenor 6 cwt.

*Donald H. Niblett	*Treble*	*Colin J. B. Taylor	4
†Christine M. Woodward	2	Ann M. Cox	5
*Frank A. Barrett	3	Stephen Ivin	*Tenor*

Conducted by Stephen Ivin.

* First peal of Surprise Minor. † First Surprise peal. The first touch in the method by all except the tenor man.

EDLESBOROUGH, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 2, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being an extent each of London, York, Surfleet, Beverley, Norwich, Bourne and Cambridge. Tenor 13 cwt.

June Gladman	*Treble*	James G. Newman	4
R. John Scott	2	Dennis Knox	5
Ronald J. Sharp	3	John W. Sinfield	*Tenor*

Conducted by John W. Sinfield.

First peal as conductor.

Rung as a thanksgiving for the restoration of this church and as a compliment to the Vicar, the Rev. D. H. Jones.

GREAT GADDESDEN, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 2, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being two extents each of Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Oxford Bob, and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

*D. Joseph Goodman	*Treble*	Walter Ayre	4
Joe Hobbs	2	Edwin J. Upton	5
Augustin V. Good	3	Brian M. Barker	*Tenor*

Conducted by Walter Ayre.

* First peal in more than one method.

Rung as a welcome to the Vicar, Rev. A. B. Speed, who was inducted on January 26th. Also a birthday compliment to Mr. A. V. Good.

HITCHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 2, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 Kent Treble Bob and two 720's each of Single Oxford, Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob (rung alternately).
Tenor 6 cwt. 11 lb.

Peter R. Aslett	*Treble*	Walter Lee	4
*Howard Oglesby	2	Gordon W. Limmer	5
†Ronald K. Russ	3	George Gilbert	*Tenor*

Conducted by George Gilbert

* First peal. † First peal in more than one method.

Rung for the Feast of the Purification of B.V. Mary.

LEIGHTON BROMSWOLD, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 2, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores in seven methods: 720 changes each of Stedman, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Winchendon Place, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and Grandsire, called differently where possible.
Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

William J. Whitmore	*Treble*	David W. James	3
C. Henry Harding	2	Derek P. Jones	4
		Bryan S. Cope	*Tenor*

Conducted by Derek P. Jones.

The first peal on the bells, by repute the fifth heaviest five in Britain; they have been a ring since 1720.

Rung for the enthronement of the Rt. Rev. Noel B. Hudson as Bishop of Ely.

NETHER ALDERLEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 2, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 14 extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure (four callings), Plain Bob (four callings), ten extents of Grandsire (ten callings) and two 240's. Tenor 13 cwt.

Neil D. Lomas	*Treble*	Leonard Copnall	4
Brian Schofield	2	Ernest Pimlott	5
Robert Barratt	3	Derek Briscall	*Tenor*

Conducted by Ernest Pimlott.

SELLINDGE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 2, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob and five extents of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

*Violet Relf	*Treble*	Thomas Cullingworth	4
Crawford T. Hillis	2	†Geoffrey Pearson	5
Peter Jarvis	3	†John R. Cooper	*Tenor*

Conducted by John R. Cooper.

* First peal of Minor. † 50th peal together. First peal as conductor.

WHETSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Hinckley District.)
On Sat., Feb. 2, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being four extents of Kent Treble Bob and three different extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in A.

Frederick Watson	*Treble*	A Maxwell Lindsey	4
John Vernon	2	John H. Bailess	5
Graham T. Ball	3	Michael Vernon	*Tenor*

Conducted by Michael Vernon.

Rung for the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

WOOTTEN WAWEN, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 2, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of St. Peter.
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 14 cwt.

Frederick Kinchin	*Treble*	William H. Male	4
A. Charles Morris	2	Clarence R. Steed	5
Harold Huxley	3	Fred C. Lyne	*Tenor*

Conducted by William H. Male.

APSLEY END, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Feb. 4, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being 720 each of London, Stamford, Rossendale, Netherseale, York, Cambridge and Norwich. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

*WALTER AYRE	*Treble*	KENNETH DUNSTAN	4
JOAN WILCOCKSON	2	WILLIAM J. PUDDIFOOT ..	5
AUGUSTIN V. GOOD.. ..	3	WILLIAM C. HUGHES.. ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM C. HUGHES.

* 75th peal on the bells.

EAST FARLEIGH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Feb. 6, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Single Oxford and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 7¼ cwt. in A.

OLIVE D. COUCHMAN.. ..	*Treble*	*WILLIAM HARRIS	4
WILLIAM R. MANSER.. ..	2	†COLIN A. TESTER	5
STANLEY A. HAZLEDEN ..	3	†REGINALD E. LAMBERT ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by COLIN A. TESTER.

* First peal of Minor. † 25th peal together.

A birthday compiment to Miss Betty A. Tester.

IXWORTH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Thurs., Feb. 7, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In ten methods, viz.: Two extents each of Place Bob and New Grandsire, four extents each of Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas', Reverse Canterbury, Grandsire, Reverse St. Bartholomew, St. Simon's and St. Martin's, and ten extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

HARRY KING	*Treble*	ERNEST BISHOP	4
KENNETH G. BROWN	2	DOUGLAS H. ROOKE	5
LEONARD S. SHARPE	3	HENRY IVINGS	*Tenor*

Conducted by KENNETH G. BROWN.

First peal in ten methods by all. Believed to be the most Doubles methods rung to a peal for the Guild.

WENHASTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Thurs., Feb. 7, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 each of Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 6 lb.

L. EDWARD ETHERIDGE ..	*Treble*	C. JACK GIBSON	4
MRS. J. W. BLYTHE	2	*JOHN W. BLYTHE	5
STANLEY W. COPLING.. ..	3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

* 50th peal as conductor.

Rung as a wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Gibson.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Fri., Feb. 8, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in G.

RAYMOND F. TAYLOR ..	*Treble*	GILBERT R. GOODSHIP ..	4
*JOHN J. PRENTICE	2	LESLIE N. MELTON	5
KENNETH G. BROWN ..	3	ROBERT E. LESTER	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT E. LESTER.

* First peal 'inside.'

A birthday peal for the Rector, Canon S. H. De la Bere, also for Joseph Prentice, father of the second ringer, a former ringer and sexton (1920–1953) at this church.

SWAFFHAM PRIOR, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Fri., Feb. 8, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CYRIAC.
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt.

*CHARLES F. SARGEANT ..	*Treble*	‡ANTHONY R. MANN ..	4
*†W. JOHN COUPERTHWAITE	2	RICHARD J. W. HOUSDEN	5
*A. GEORGE ORBELL ..	3	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN. ..

* First peal of Minor. † First peal 'inside.' ‡ First peal on tower bells.

Rung for the enthronement of the Rt. Rev. Noel B. Hudson as Lord Bishop of Ely, which took place on Saturday, February 2nd.

ATCHAM, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 9, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EATA.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two six-scores of Plain Bob and 40 of Grandsire. Tenor 11 cwt.

SYLVIA J. BEDDOW	*Treble*	ALFRED E. G. OWEN	4
FREDERICK G. BEDDOW ..	2	ERNEST F. WILLCOX	5
FREDERICK A. H. CATTELL	3	FREDERICK R. MASON.. ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST F. WILLCOX.

First peal of Doubles on the bells. The treble ringer is the first lady ringer to ring a peal on the bells.

BLYTHBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 9, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being six different extents (one repeated). Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

JACK PILGRIM	*Treble*	EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	4
*TREVOR BAILEY	2	A. WILLIAM BIRD	5
JOHN W. G. KINDRED ..	3	PETER KINDRED	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER KINDRED.

* First peal 'inside.'

LITTLE WALTHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 9, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In ten methods, being 4 extents each of Stedman, St. Remigius, Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas', St. Osmond, St. Martin's, St. Simon's, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Grandsire, and six extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

MARY DOWSETT	*Treble*	ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON ..	4
JOE E. G. ROAST	2	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE..	5
DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS ..	3	MICHAEL EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

First peal in ten Doubles methods by all the band.

QUENIBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 9, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 12 120's Reverse Canterbury, 12 Plain Bob, ten ordinary Grandsire and four 240's (Morris's). Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in G sharp.

MICHAEL WHITE..	*Treble*	ERNEST MORRIS	3
JEAN A. BROOKS..	2	B STEDMAN PAYNE	4
ERNEST F. PAYNE..	*Tenor*		

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

With this peal the conductor has rung a peal in every tower in the Leicester Diocese (134).

HANDBELL PEALS

RADLEY, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Jan. 20, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,
A PEAL OF 5056 BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 14 in D.

DONALD H. NIBLETT	1—2	MARIE R. CROSS	5—6
ROBIN A. HODGSON	3—4	WILLIAM H. JACKSON.. ..	7—8

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by WILLIAM H. JACKSON.

UPPER NORWOOD, S.E.
THE UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 26, 1957, *in* 1 *Hour and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT 36, BEULAH HILL,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Seven different extents Tenor size 12 in F sharp.

DAVID G. JACKSON	1—2	R. JAMES COOK	3—4
		WILLIAM T. COOK	5—6

Conducted by WILLIAM T. COOK.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Tues., Jan. 29, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
IN THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5056 BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

ROBIN A. HODGSON	1—2	WILLIAM H. JACKSON.. ..	5—6
DONALD H. NIBLETT	3—4	DEREK G. GOODMAN.. ..	7—8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WILLIAM H. JACKSON.

BEVERLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

The annual meeting of the Beverley and District Ringing Society was held at Beverley Minster, the home of the Society, on February 9th. There was a record attendance of 70 members.

During the afternoon the bells at the Minster were rung to various methods, under the supervision of Mr. L. Rodmell, the Ringing Master. The service was held in the Minster Choir, conducted by the Vicar, Rev. Collwyn Hargreaves, who welcomed the Society to Beverley. He was assisted by Rev. George Storer, of Hutton Cranswick, Chaplain to the Society.

Tea was served by the Minster Ladies' Guild in the Parish Room, and afterwards the company were entertained by the Driffield Parish Church Ringers, who gave another excellent display of handbell tune ringing.

The annual business meeting followed, at which the following officers were re-elected: Mr. A. E. Sellers (Beverley), president; Mr. G. Braithwaite (Beverley), vice-president; Mr. L. Rodmell (Patrington), Ringing Master; Mr. C. Barker (Beverley), assistant Ringing Master; Mr. H. Parker (Bridlington), hon. secretary and treasurer. Messrs. F. W. Dale (Hessle), F. Wilkinson (Pocklington), A. Taylor (Beverley), R. Ducker (Sutton on Hull) were re-elected to the committee, and new members were Mr. J. A. Parker (Bridlington) and Miss A. M. Huddleston (Driffield). Miss Huddleston is also to act as assistant secretary.

At the invitation of Canon Vesey and ringers of St. Mary's Church, members afterwards adjourned to the tower of St. Mary's to conclude a very successful meeting by further ringing.

MANCROFT RINGERS' GUILD

On February 5th the Mancroft Ringers' Guild held their annual general meeting, the chairman, Canon J. A. Waddington, presiding. The existing officers were re-elected, viz.: Mr. A. G. Bason, Ringing Master; Mr. N. Golden, deputy Ringing Master; Mr. C. Bird, hon. secretary and treasurer. Mrs. D. Moore and Alan Ellis were elected members.

The Guild is indebted to the late Mr. Chas. E. Borrett for the gift of two ringers' mugs (pewter), dated 1821, books and records compiled by himself and other ringers dating to the 18th century, of bells of Norwich and Norfolk, peal performances and items of interest concerning ringing in the past.

The chairman expressed his thanks to members for their services during the past year, and hoped to see more recruits.

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UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY OUTING

Sixteen members of the Society left Bristol by bus on February 9th for the first 'grab' of the spring term. After having successfully confused the conductor as to our destination, we eventually arrived at Wells.

St. Cuthbert's Church impressed us with its solid tower, and although the eight bells were raised by ten of the party, the tenor still went up wrong The Master having previously announced that the emphasis would be on good striking, rather than the number of methods rung, we proceeded to do our best with Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major, but never really settled down.

After admiring the architecture of the Cathedral, we raised the heavy ten bells, on which Grandsire and Stedman Caters were rung. A fairly good touch of Grandsire Caters was successfully brought round as a service touch for Evensong; most of the party attended the service and were greatly impressed by the singing of the choir.

Everyone having obtained various forms of 'tea,' we caught the bus to Chewton Mendip, where this beautifully-toned eight were got going to Grandsire and Stedman Triples. A well-struck touch of 448 Bob Major, with the tenors parted, was successfully brought round after 17 minutes. An enjoyable day was rounded off in the 'local,' playing shove ha'penny and table skittles, which ended hilariously when a well-aimed (?) shot by the Master found its way into the pint pot of our Welsh member!

Finally, the Society would like to thank all those concerned with the arrangements for the outing, and the clergy, for allowing us to ring.

P. J. B.

John Taylor & Co.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Southampton University Society have an attractively printed card which they send to incumbents, thanking them for the use of the bells. Little things like this make such a difference to life. Would that other tourists adopted the same attitude.

Mr. Len Stilwell, of Horsham, has now 'circled' 20 towers.

We hear there has been some 'stay bending' at the Bull Ring, Birmingham—surely not A. W.! Who was it?

Miss Freda Robinson, of Warsop, is shortly joining the W.R.N.S. She was able to ring her first peal of Major at Bolsover.

Kenneth Ballington, aged 12, of Spondon, Derby, has rung his first quarter three months after his first lesson.

We regret to record the death in the Herts and Essex General Hospital, Bishop's Stortford, on February 9th, of Mr. Walter Prior, of Stansted, Essex. He was 88 years of age. A memoir will appear in our next issue.

Will any ringers being posted to R.A.F., Henlow, Beds, please contact one of the following ringers so that a band can be formed: Phillip Whalley, Hut 266, Brian Makeham, Hut 272, or Bevan Willgress, Hut 491.

A peal of Cambridge Major was rung at All Saints', Worcester, after meeting short for Grandsire Caters. There has been a ring of ten in this tower since 1752, and this is believed to be first eight-bell peal on the bells for many years.

After ringing at Westminster Abbey, Imperial Institute and St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, on the anniversary of Her Majesty's accession, four College Youths got out the handbells and rang touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples. Average age of the band, 75. They were A. B. Peck 73½, H. Langdon 76, J. F. Smallwood 72½, W. S. Langdon 80½. Not bad for youngsters!

Mr. Frederick Ginns, who rang the third bell at Deene on January 26th, has been a ringer for 40 years, and that was his first attempt to ring a peal. He and Richard Webster, who rang the fifth bell, come from Weldon, two miles away, and are the first two ringers from that village who have ever rung a peal.

Hughenden Sunday service band have rung a silent and non-conducted peal of Grandsire Triples. Vicar's Six-part was selected.

A record gathering of 160 ringers and friends attended the ninth annual dinner and dance of the Wirral Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild at Moreton.

Mr. A. G. Harrison has retired from the hon. secretaryship of the South Norfolk Branch, a position he has held for 20 years. His successor is Mr. C. F. W. Phillippo.

Miss Vera Powell has the distinction of being the first lady ringer to ring a quarter peal on Talgarth bells. She was congratulated afterwards on the way she handled her bell, also the way she rang.

A peal in 18 Spliced Surprise Major methods was rung at Norbury (Hazel Grove), Cheshire, last Saturday to the memory of Mr. W. W. Wolstencroft, who took part in the first peal of Spliced Surprise Major in four methods for the Guild on these bells on April 13th, 1935.

Congratulations were extended to Mr. F. J. Cullum at the meeting of the Lewisham Branch of the Kent County Association on his appointment as Master of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths. He is the second successive Master from the Kent County Association.

Mr. Albert Gadsden, who was instrumental in re-forming a band at Houghton Regis, Beds. after the second world war, retired at the end of the year. He had been a ringer for 53 years, although not a method ringer. As a tribute to his services a quarter peal was rung on Feb. 2nd.

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NEWS FROM CANADA

Christ Church Cathedral, Victoria, B.C.

On January 6th Canon Ralph Stanley Dean was consecrated Bishop of Cariboo. There were nine bishops present, including the Most Rev. Archbishop Harold Sexton, of British Columbia.

The two towers at the west end of the Cathedral are now completed. The ring of eight bells (tenor 29¼ cwt.) in the scale of D flat, which is hung in the north-west tower, now sounds much louder and very clear, and can be heard a distance of five miles from the Cathedral.

The consecration service was a very impressive one, and was witnessed by a congregation of approximately 1,000. Prior to the commencement of the service, touches of Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung by the Christ Church Cathedral ringers, and immediately after the finish of the recessional hymn Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung and broadcast into the Cathedral.

The Right Rev. Stanley Dean is only 43 years of age and is the youngest bishop in Canada. His is an arduous appointment, as the diocese covers a very large area, is sparsely populated, and in wintertime much of the travel is by sled and dog team.

On Christmas Day the Cathedral bellringing was on television on CBUT, and again on New Year's Day. Both broadcasts were well done and showed the bells in motion and the ringers in action in the ringing chamber.

The ringers of Christ Church Cathedral wish to thank those of your readers who so kindly sent Christmas greetings, and to say how much they hope to have the pleasure of further visits from them in the near future. E. W. I.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Northern Division

Forty-five members gathered together at Balcombe on February 2nd for the annual general meeting of the Northern Division of the Association.

Ringing during the afternoon preceded a service, conducted by the Rector of Balcombe, of which a noteworthy feature was a robed choir, composed entirely of ringers, and representative of the Northern, Southern and Eastern Divisions. This was indeed something all too seldom seen at our meetings.

The business meeting, which followed tea, was presided over by the Master, Mr. S. Armstrong, supported by the general secretary, Mr. R. Percy.

The report, presented by the divisional secretary, was noted as being favourable, as was the balance sheet for the past year's working. Particularly encouraging was the number of new members elected during the year, and the affiliation of another tower—Ardingly.

Divisional officers elected for 1957 were: Ringing Master, Mr. E. Knapp; secretary, Mr. I. Butcher; committee—Mr. R. Johnson and Mr. E. Knapp, with Mr. B. Cracknell co-opted; auditor, Mr. G. Apps; Central Council delegate, Mr. R. Overy.

Towers for forthcoming meetings were chosen as follows: Ardingly (April 6th), Cowfold (May 11th), Withyham (June 1st), West Hoathly (July 6th). It was also agreed to recommence practices in advanced methods, starting at Crawley on June 15th.

The meeting closed with votes of thanks to all concerned for their efforts during the past year, and to the Rector for the use of the bells and for conducting the service.

Members returned to the tower, where the pleasant ring of eight was put to good use in a variety of methods, under the leadership of the new Ringing Master. I. B.

RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD



Guild crest of the Guild of Railwaymen Church Bell Ringers, which incorporates Mr. W. Frank Stenson's former job of locomotive inspector. A pair of engine tender wheels replaces the wooden wheel of the bell.

Because of clash of dates, the annual meeting of the Guild will be held at Christ Church, Crewe, on June 22nd.

A draft constitution will be submitted to the meeting.

Any active railwayman ringer of British Railways, British Transport Commission and Northern Ireland Railways, and also retired railwaymen, are suggested for membership.

It is also proposed to have associate members, consisting of railway ringers' wives and any railwaymen ringers of continental and overseas railways.

The proposed subscription is 2/6 (Juniors 1/-).

A SUSSEX STALWART

64 Years a Ringer

Particulars have reached us of the interesting and varied career of Mr. Albert E. Edwards, of Robertsbridge, Sussex—a career which extends over a period of 64 years. At one time he was instructor at Salehurst, and he rang many peals in various methods up to Double Norwich Major.

He was a member of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, and rang peals under the conductorship of several famous 'Cumberlands,' including Keith Hart, Thomas Card, W. H. Card and George A. Card. He also conducted 150 peals himself out of a total of 225 rung in 82 towers. In those days there was no motor transport and to get to the various places it was necessary to walk.

Mr. Edwards was one of a company of 16 or 17 very eager ringers, and on more than one occasion they worked on the land all day ploughing, walked five or six miles to ring a peal, then walked home, and were up again at 5 a.m. the next day to do another day's hard work on the land.

The advice given to Mr. Edwards by his teacher is well worth quoting. It was 'Let's strike the bells or go home; handstrokes open, backstrokes in; eyes and ears open and mouth closed.'

He is now in his 83rd year and has been partially disabled since 1940, but is still fully interested in all that is happening in the Exercise.

ST. MARY'S, HENDON

The St. Mary's Guild of Ringers, Hendon, have issued an appeal to augment the six bells in this church to the complete octave.

The Ringing Master and Treasurer, Miss Ruth Foreman, of 2, Temple Fortune Mansions, Bridge Lane, N.W.11, informs us that so far they have collected just over £100 from various sources, such as carols on handbells before Christmas, fees from weddings and gifts following an appeal in the parish and to towers in the Middlesex Association.

St. Mary's Guild consists mainly of new young ringers, and they are making slow but steady progress. The clergy and churchwardens take an immense interest in the ringers.

A feature article with illustrations appeared recently in 'The Hendon Times and Guardian.' concerning the Guild, and from this we learn that the Guild consists of 11 ringers and five learners, including the curate, the Rev. Alan J. Tanner.

The steeplekeeper is Mr. H. Arnold, who began ringing in 1904, and only gave up recently on doctor's orders. Miss Ruth Foreman has been ringing since the age of 13, and was formerly a member of the Reigate band.

LONDON AND SOUTHAMPTON UNIVERSITY GUILDS

Ringers from London and Southampton Universities held a successful joint meeting at Guildford on February 9th.

The party from Southampton rang at Old Woking (8. 17¾ cwt.) before meeting the London University Guild members for ringing at Shalford. The pleasant eight (13½ cwt.) were kept going to the standard methods up to London Surprise, with rounds being rung for the less experienced. An hour and a half was spent at Holy Trinity Cathedral Church, during which the heavy eight (24 cwt.) were rung in rounds and methods up to Bristol Surprise. After a well-deserved tea, we proceeded to the last tower of the day—St. Nicolas', with a ring of ten (22 cwt.). Methods rung here were Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Bob, Little Bob, Kent and Cambridge Surprise Royal.

The meeting was the first joint meeting between the two Guilds, and it was voted an enjoyable and successful one. It is hoped to arrange a further meeting later in the year.

We must thank all those who made it possible, all authorities for the use of their bells, the local ringers who met us, and the secretary of the Southampton University Guild, for arranging the ringing. R. E. F.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

Gainsborough District

About 50 ringers attended the annual meeting of the Gainsborough District and enjoyed ringing on the very fine eight of All Saints', Gainsborough. The service was conducted by the Rev. Michael Freeman, senior curate, and he also deputised for the president, Canon J. E. Roberts (Vicar), who was unavoidably absent, by taking the chair for the business meeting.

The president was re-elected, as was also the Master (Mr. G. E. Feirn) and the secretary (Mr. George L. A. Lunn). The representative on the Branch Committee was Mr. J. M. Blackie in place of Mr. C. H. Baker, who wished to be relieved. Nine performing members were elected.

The following places and dates were decided on for the year's meetings, subject to arrangements being possible:—Brigg, February 16th; Lea, May 18th; Owston, July 20th; Saxilby, September 21st; Kirton, November 16th.

SOCIETY OF ROVING RINGERS' 10th REUNION

FORTY-SIX members and friends travelled to London on February 2nd for the tenth annual reunion of the Society, and enjoyed a very happy weekend together.

At Shoreditch, our first tower, we enjoyed both meeting old friends and ringing several touches of Cinques and Caters. One member vowed he could see the spire of the church shaking from Old Street, but perhaps he had started his celebrations rather early!

A scramble on and off buses and a walk down Stepney High Street brought us within sight of the Parish Church, where we were greeted by the sound of Stedman Triples, rung by the latecomers. We were very pleased to meet Mr. Fox here, and were sorry to have to leave these excellent bells after concluding with a half-course of Cambridge Royal.

Out in the gloom of a London evening, we made our way to the station. To the great amusement of the ticket collector at Tower Hill, who seemed to think all Stepney had come to his station, we all filed out of the underground on our way to St. Olave's, Hart Street.

A well-struck course of London set St. Olave's bells ringing, and we enjoyed a number of touches here before making our way to the Bedford Hotel for dinner.

Mark White, president, took the chair at the meeting which followed, and apologies for absence were read, including nine from honorary members, one of whom had very kindly presented us with a cheque for £1 1s. A telegram had also been received from a member now in Canada, Miss Audrey Bailey, and we would like to send our thanks to her, through 'The Ringing World,' for her best wishes for a happy reunion.

FOUR PEALS

It was reported by the secretaries that during the year four peals had been rung by the Society: Stedman Cinques at Lincoln, Cambridge Maximus at Southwark, Cambridge Royal at Wrington and Cambridge Major at Ewell, leaving only Cambridge Minor to enable the Society to join the 'élite.'

The 1956 tour, held in Yorkshire, had been very successful, except for the excessive quantities of rain. Twenty-three members had enjoyed the week, and 38, representing 12 counties, attended the weekend held in Lincoln, where we were very pleased to have as our guests Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Freeman and John Freeman.

There had been three more weddings in the Society during the past year (quite a marriage bureau!): Norman and Mariella Mallett, David and Joyce Parsons, Terry and Sheila Thornber, who received a mirror, Lloyd Loom chair and tea trolley respectively, as gifts from the members. There was also one engagement to announce between Michael Horseman and Monica Fray, and two forthcoming weddings between Cyril Deem and Daphne, and John Hill and Marjorie Hunter. One member wished to ask the meeting what chances members thought he had of remaining a bachelor!

A short report from the treasurer re the expense account followed, in which was stated, to everyone's delight, that, as we had a balance in hand of approximately £8, no collection towards expenses would be made on this occasion.

The recorder thanked all his helpers and said the record book was now almost up-to-date, due to all their help, and was available for anyone who wished to look at it during the evening.

Mr. Ivor Goulter, of Cheltenham, was then proposed and elected as an honorary member, and Mr. Malcolm Hammond, of Richmond, Yorkshire, was ratified as an ordinary member.

THE NEW MASTER

The election of officers for 1957 then took place, and Mr. David Parsons was elected Master for this year, Mr. Michael V. Chilcott and Miss Kathleen E. Weller as secretaries, Mr. John Sansom as recorder, and Mr. Raymond I. Parsons retained his post of treasurer by popular vote.

Proposals for the 1957 tour were made, and after discussion, South East England received the most votes.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the retiring officers for all their hard work during the year, particularly the Master, Mr. George Evenden, and retiring joint secretary, Miss Jeanette M. Winchester.

The party divided for Sunday morning ringing, some to St. Michael's, Cornhill, and the rest to St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, where we were given a very warm welcome by Mr. T. Francis. After lunch, those who did not start their journey homeward walked to the city to umpire the ringing at St. Paul's Cathedral, and a few were energetic enough to climb up to see the bells. Then tea in 'Joe's,' and over the bridge to Southwark, where we rang Cinques and Caters for evening service. After concluding the ringing with a course of Cambridge Royal, we said 'Goodbye' until July, and went our various ways home.

We would like to express our thanks to all the people who helped to make the weekend so enjoyable, especially Mr. T. Francis and Mr. John Chilcott, who helped so much with the ringing arrangements, and Mr. T. Mark White, for being such an excellent chairman at our meeting. K. E. W.

THE LADIES' GUILD

South Wales District

With an attendance of over 40, the annual meeting of the South Wales District at Penarth on January 26th proved most enjoyable.

The Rector of Penarth, the Rev. G. Stephens, took the service and welcomed the Guild. Thanks were extended to the ladies who prepared the excellent tea, to the Rector for his warm welcome and to Mr. John Garvett, who did so much to ensure the success of the meeting.

The secretary reported another successful year with maintained interest in the Guild. The following officers were elected:—Vice-president, Mrs. D. James; secretary, Miss Jacqueline Evans; committee, Mrs. P. E. Coles, Miss Dilys Hulbert, Miss Audrey Stephens and Miss Ann Scorrer. Two new members, Miss Hazel Way and Miss Mary Keen, both of Sketty, Swansea, were elected.

The Ladies' Guild dinner was discussed and members felt that London was the best venue. All Saints', Newport, was chosen as the place of the next meeting.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the Shropshire Association was held at Shrewsbury on January 26th, when altogether about 80 people attended the meeting, amongst whom were Mr. W. A. Farmer, of Cheltenham, Mr. G. L. Hewitt, of Gloucester, and Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Barron, of Birmingham, being old friends and former officers of the Association.

As usual, the bells of the Churches of St. Chad and St. Mary were available, and throughout the afternoon and after the business meeting, until 8.30 p.m., touches in many methods were ringing out over Shrewsbury.

At 4.30 p.m. the Rev. W. Johnston, M.A. (Vicar), conducted a bellringers' service at St. Chad's, and the address was given by the Association's president, the Ven. H. J. Carpenter, M.A., Archdeacon of Salop, who reminded the ringers that although they were hidden away in their belfries, they were important people still, who could, like a famous surgeon, dedicate their hands and their skill to the glory of God.

The service was followed by a tea, provided by members of the local band and their wives, and afterwards came the business meeting, during which, in the course of his report, the Ringing Master stated that seven meetings had been held in the previous year, with an average attendance of 36, and the ringing itself was of quite a good standard. He also reported that 13 peals had been rung for the Association, but regretted that this total was not larger.

The hon. treasurer presented the accounts for the year, which were considered very satisfactory and passed unanimously.

The officers were re-elected, and Mr. H. Douglas, of Dawley, appointed to the office of deputy Ringing Master. A provisional programme for 1957 was drawn up as follows: March 9th, Malins Lee; May 11th, Hodnet; June 15th, Chetwynd; July 13th, Clive; September 14th, Coalbrookdale; November 9th, Wellington.

The meeting closed with votes of thanks to the Association's president, the Vicar of St. Chad's, the ladies responsible for the tea, and all who had in any way worked to ensure the day's success.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Folkestone was the venue of the Ashford District's first quarterly meeting of the year on January 26th. The fine-toned but slightly odd-struck ring was raised by three o'clock, and ringing was under the supervision of Mr. John Cooper, the Ringing Master.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. F. Hough). In his address of welcome he likened ringers to the Ministry of Information because they let people know about the Church. Miss Boyle was at the organ, and Mr. J. Willis read the lesson.

Mr. F. J. Whittaker had made all the arrangements, and the local lady ringers and friends prepared and served the tea.

About 40 ringers and friends were present, most of whom were young people from the Folkestone band itself and towers in the neighbouring vicinity. Fourteen were elected to the Association at the meeting held under the chairmanship of Mr. Willis.

Ringing continued until nine o'clock, when the bells were lowered in peal, and ranged from rounds to Double Norwich. C. T. H.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

PEALS IN CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND

Dear Sir,—I have now had the opportunity to examine the article on Peals in Cumberland and Westmorland and the letters from Messrs. Richardson and McKay. I endorse all the corrections made by the latter with their comments and also add the following:—

Kendal.—Grandsire Triples was rung in 1909 not 1910. Peals of Bob Minor in 1926 and Grandsire Triples and Stedman Triples in 1927 appear to have been overlooked.

Ambleside.—The peal of Bristol took place in 1931 not 1933. Cambridge Major in 1946 is missing.

Bowness.—The first peal by the local band was on Boxing Day, 1932, not 1931, and the peal of Bristol was in 1950 not 1947.

Beetham's one and only peal was in 1926 not 1927.

Cumberland.—Carlisle, St. Stephen's: The first peal was rung in 1865 not 1861. The peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major rung in 1892 has been missed.

Crosthwaite.—I also add Double Norwich Major to the additions of Messrs. Richardson and McKay. This was rung in 1946. The London was in 1950 not 1946.

Millom.—The first peal was in 1925 not 1926.

I hope these further corrections to the original article will not cause the writer any regrets. Even though inaccuracies may have to be pointed out, it is a pleasure to have such articles and I congratulate 'Local Ringer' on going to so much trouble. I hope others will follow his example. I am always very ready to help if I can.

Whilst writing, may I take this opportunity of thanking Mr. Hill, of Ewell, for comparing notes about the 100th peal at his tower which I queried? The original claim was quite correct and I was one out, which has now been put right.—Yours faithfully,

K. W. H. FELSTEAD.

Southampton.

CHRISTMAS BROADCAST

Dear Sir,—I was most interested to read Mr. F. R. L. Blewer's letter, and I must say that I am with him all the way.

I do not know how certain churches are chosen for broadcasting, but I rather suspect that it depends on how well the vicar can preach, as I have never heard a poor sermon broadcast.

Having then fixed this, the B.B.C. would next have to see about the choir, which is heard for a much longer period than the bells. Would they get a specially trained choir to take the place of the church's own choir? Then they might, if some suggestions were carried through, call upon a special band of ringers selected by the C.C. broadcasting committee. Why not have a service from gramophone records and not worry the Church at all?

We as ringers all appreciate good ringing; the general public do not know good from bad unless the bells are actually being 'banged about.' This being the case, and in defence of my own country district, where under the most difficult circumstances the ringers give of their best, I must say I am in favour of hearing what is already at the church, and let God decide whether the ringers' offering was worthy.—Yours faithfully,

CHARLES E. BASSETT,

Hon. Secretary, Alton and Petersfield District, Winchester and Portsmouth Guild.

MANPOWER CENSUS

Dear Sir,—Some time ago, at the suggestion of Mr. Alan R. Pink, I wrote to the Central Board of Finance of the Church of England to ask that a form which was being devised to be sent annually to all parishes, with the object of obtaining information about the manpower position, should include a question on the number of ringers.

The assistant secretary of the Board has now informed me the forms will be sent out this Eastertide to all incumbents in the provinces of Canterbury and York. Some months will, of course, elapse before the results are known, but if incumbents co-operate we should have a much more accurate idea of our numbers (in England) than ever before. Tower captains can help by ensuring that the incumbent is given this information if he asks for it, or, for that matter, if he doesn't.—Yours faithfully,

E. A. BARNETT.

Hon. Secretary, Central Council.

EXPERIMENTS IN SPLICED MINOR

Dear Sir, — I was interested in Mr. H. Chant's letter in your issue of January 4th, and his comments on the introduction of bob leads of a method into spliced extents and their counting as a separate method if no plain lead of either of a pair is included.

The practice has been to incorporate at least one plain lead of each method and thus avoid this awkward decision which, as Mr. Chant shows, is more a matter of good taste than technical decision. I am of Mr. Chant's persuasion, I don't like it and neither did that great Minor expert, A. G. Driver.

To return to his problems, the 25 and 24 method extents and the one given in your issue in question. Both these have been rearranged by me to incorporate at least one plain lead of each method and in fact the 25 became 26 and the 24 became 25 at the same time. Therefore, his poser is another that wasn't but only appeared to be.—Yours faithfully,

C. KENNETH LEWIS.

Altrincham.

EXTENT IN 14 METHODS SURPRISE 4ths PLACE DELIGHT AND PLAIN

23456	S20	Bamborough
42635	P14	Lytham
56342	P14	Lytham
S23456	P15	Thelwall (Double Oxford in Parts 2 and 3)
52634	P28	Childwall (St. Clement's in Parts 2 and 3)
65423	P 4	Double Oxford
S43652	S19	Bacup
26543	P15	Thelwall (Double Oxford in Parts 2 and 3)
52364	4D13	Willesden (College Bob, etc., in Parts 2 and 3)
35426	P 6	London Bob
64235	P 4	Double Oxford
S25643	P14	Lytham
36425	P 6	London Bob
54236	P14	Lytham
S62534	P29	Wavertree (College in Parts 2 and 3)
45362	4D13	Willesden (College Bob, etc., in Parts 2 and 3)
34256		

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,260 Bob Doubles: M. W. Stephenson (first in method) 1, Pamela R. Gough (first as cond.) 2, Diana M. Gough 3, I. C. Forrest 4, R. D. Brown 5, J. P. Martin 6. A 17th birthday compliment to the ringer of 3, and an 18th birthday compliment to Pamela Law.

A STEDMAN REQUEST

Dear Sir,—There are many quarter peals of Stedman Triples in five parts where the first part end produces 1253467, and if 6-7 are kept behind by a bob rounds follow in the next six, thus producing three courses for a practice touch. Two useful quarters are HL–SH–SQ and HQ-H-SQ. Each has 6-7 at home every second and third course-end in each part, and it will be noticed that the second quarter consists of twin bobs only. As 1253467 are the first part ends the bob with 6-7 at home should help Mr. Burles with his problem. A 252 which might be handy is SL–S–SQ.—Yours, etc.,

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Addlestone, Surrey.

Dear Sir,—Whether it is possible to produce a touch of 252 changes by the use of Thurstans' standard calling I haven't the slightest idea, but if Mr. Burles transfers the calls at 7-8 from the first course to the third course (Haley's variation) and calls a bob on 6-7 at the part end, the bells run round in 254 changes.—Yours truly,

E. BARNETT.

10, Kings Close, Crayford, Kent.

315 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dear Sir,—The touch below was given to me by the late A. P. Wakley in 1910. It was the last touch he ever heard, for on one Sunday in February, 1919, he was waiting outside the tower, having just been demobilised, and obviously very ill. We took him to his home, where he went to bed and died there some nine days later, a victim to 'Spanish 'flu.'—Yours, etc.,

J. D.

	S	H	L	Q	2 3 1 4 5 6
S at 1	X		X		2 4 5 3 6 1
	X	X		X	4 3 2 6 5 1
		X			3 4 2 6 1 5
	X		X		

B at 11 brings rounds at handstroke

MR. JOHN WORTH'S 800 PEALS

With the peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal on January 19th, Mr. John Worth, of Macclesfield, completes 800 peals. His list is appended:

Doubles.—Grandsire 8 (2), Stedman 1.

Minor.—1—84 methods 113.

Triples.—Grandsire 19, Stedman 11.

Major.—Little Bob 1, Plain Bob 42 (16), Double Norwich 28, Kent T.B. 17 (2), Oxford T.B. 5, Kent and Oxford Spliced 2, Cambridge T.B. 1.

Surprise Major.—Cambridge 62, Superlative 14, Yorkshire 14, Bristol 90, London 70, Norfolk 2, Staffordshire 2, Rochester 5, Lincolnshire 4, Pudsey 4, Spliced to 16 methods 53, Stockport 2, Rutland 2, Macclesfield 2, Glasgow 2, one each of New Cambridge, Manchester, Aldenham, Belgrave, Ramsey, Guildford, Dera, Kendal, Eastcote, Hanbury, Ealing Premier, Claybrooke, Rotherham.

Caters.—Grandsire 11, Stedman 11, Erin 1.

Royal.—Bob 11 (4), Kent T.B. 8, Oxford T.B. 4.

Surprise Royal.—Cambridge 42, Yorkshire 16, Rochester 5, Rutland 4, London 18, one each of Pudsey, Belgrave, Lindsey, Metropolitan, Ludgate, Spliced Yorkshire and Cambridge.

Cinques.—Grandsire 3, Stedman 8.

Maximus.—Bob 4, Cambridge 31, Yorkshire 16, Spliced Surprise 1, Kent T.B. 5, Oxford T.B. 2, Rochester 1, Pudsey 1, Southwell 1.

Numbers in brackets denote peals rung on handbells.

BARTON SEAGRAVE, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (240 of St. Martin's, St. Simon's, Canterbury and Bob and 300 Grandsire): Diane Lawless (first quarter) 1, R. E. March 2, L. G. Toseland 3, D. W. James 4, B. S. Cope (cond.) 5.

BILTON, WARWICKS.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. C. Taylor 1, W. E. Burnell 2, J. Nicholls (first 'inside') 3, L. Whewall 4, J. A. Tole (cond.) 5, R. Sharpe 6.

BOSBURY, HEREFORDS.—On Jan. 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (240 each Reverse St. Bartholomew, April Day, Bob and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and 300 Grandsire): J. Lane 1, H. Hill 2, G. Hill 3, H. Goodchap 4, J. Ward (cond.) 5, E. Jones 6. Rung with thanksgiving for the return to health of Mr. Fred Foster, aged 82, after a recent fall. The above ringers were his pupils.

BRENT KNOLL, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (120 each New Grandsire, St. Nicholas, Winchendon Place, Reverse Canterbury, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Plain Bob, Union and Stedman and 180 Grandsire): F. C. Mogford 1, Marjorie Legg 2, J. Walton 3, R. Short 4, G. Prescott (cond.) 5, S. Smith 6.

BRIDGWATER, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Jean Stevens 1, D. Miller 2, Pamela Stevens 3, J. Walton 4, W. Stevens 5, C. Stevens 6, R. Short (first of Stedman Triples as cond.) 7, G. Burge 8. First of Stedman Triples by 1 and 3.

BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX.—On Feb. 10th, 1,296 Surprise Minor (720 London, 576 Cambridge): K. Everett 1, S. W. Bigmore 2, E. Deacon 3, G. M. Rouse 4, A. T. M. Perry 5, H. Stebbings (cond.) 6. For morning service.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFS.—At St. Paul's Church, on Jan. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss V. Smith 1, Mrs. B. G. Key 2, Mrs. S. H. Jones 3, Miss A. S. Noble 4, A. G. Foster 5, W. J. Leach 6, B. G. Key (cond.) 7, E. Edginton 8. For the patronal festival.

COTLEIGH, DEVON.—On Feb. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Parr 1, C. Webb 2, C. Manley 3, W. Baker 4, W. Webb (cond.) 5, J. Real 6. Rung on the occasion of Mr. C. Deem's marriage at Withycombe.

DUBLIN, EIRE.—On Feb. 5th, at St. Patrick's Cathedral, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Click 1, E. G. Buchanan 2, W. H. Wilson 3, T. McMorran (cond.) 4, C. J. Reede 5, A. R. Pocklington 6, J. A. Atkinson 7, H. W. Jones 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Canon J. E. L. Oulton, D.D., Chancellor of the Cathedral, whose funeral took place this day.

EALING, MIDDLX.—On Feb. 3rd, at Christ the Saviour, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. W. Wyatt (first of Triples) 1, Mrs. M. M. Price 2, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 3, Miss J. Scrutton 4, Miss D. Luke 5, F. Ranson 6, S. Croft 7, S. H. Price 8. A wedding day compliment to Mr. and Mrs. S. Croft.

GRANTHAM, LINCS.—On Feb. 9th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. Pinchbeck 1, L. Squires 2, S. Proctor 3, A. Ward 4, R. Woods 5, J. Royce 6, G. Creasey (cond.) 7, T. Relf 8. A wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. Pinchbeck.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—On Feb. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Brown 1, Mrs. P. Bird 2, J. Brent 3, H. Colcombe 4, Miss E. Hiley 5, Miss H. Hancock 6, J. King (first of Triples as cond.) 7, C. Chinnery 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Rev. E. R. Brittain, late Vicar, who was interred this day.

IXWORTH, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,260 Doubles in 10 methods (120 each of Place Bob, New Grandsire, Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Grandsire, Reverse St. Bartholomew, St. Simon's, St. Martin's and 180 Bob): H. King 1, K. G. Brown (cond.) 2, L. Sharpe 3, E. Bishop 4, L. Melton 5, H. Ivings 6. First in 10 methods by all.

KELVEDON, ESSEX.—On Feb. 1st, 1,320 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: J. Panworth 1, P. Elliott 2, E. Coulsden 3, J. Elliott (cond.) 4, C. Burton 5, A. R. Elliott 6. A farewell to E. Coulsdon, who is leaving for the Far East.

KINGSBURY, WARWICKS.—On Jan. 14th, 1,260 Doubles (240 each of Reverse St. Bartholomew, Reverse Canterbury, April Day, Bob and 300 Grandsire): Mrs. G. H. Lane 1, S. Perry 2, T. H. Smith 3, G. H. Lane (cond.) 4, D. K. Lane 5. First in five methods by all. Rung as a farewell to T. H. Smith, who is joining H.M. Forces.

QUARTER PEALS

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.—On Jan. 27th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: Miss R. Paxton (first quarter) 1, B. K. Currington 2, R. V. Wallis 3, R. J. Picton (first in method as cond.) 4, B. M. Barker 5, R. J. Scaplehorn 6. Rung to mark the launching of the bell restoration appeal.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.—On Feb. 10th, 1,264 Bob Major: Mrs. J. Brown (first quarter) 1, Miss H. Sharp 2, E. B. Smith 3, Miss M. Mills 4, L. Sharp 5, J. Butler 6, D. Welham 7, U. Wildney (cond.) 8. For Evensong, also a birthday compliment to the second ringer.

MARGATE, KENT.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. Page 1, Mrs. N. Bridges 2, R. G. Dadds 3, L. Twyman 4, P. Dadds 5, A. J. Dadds 6, F. J. Gadsden (cond.) 7, H. Lade 8. A farewell to Peter Dadds on his leaving for National Service, and also a compliment to the conductor, who has completed 50 years as a chorister.

NEWBURY, BERKS.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Perkins (first quarter) 1, W. H. Dyment 2, H. P. Reed (cond.) 3, G. S. Wiggins 4, H. Lawrenson 5, F. E. Turner 6, H. T. E. Curtis 7, B. C. Curtis 8. For Evensong.

NEWINGTON, KENT.—On Feb. 10th, 1,320 Bob Doubles: L. Mitchell 1, Hazel V. Dadson (first of Doubles) 2, K. Ivory 3, E. A. Gilbert 4, L. Gilbert 5, L. Wraight 6. First quarter for 1, 3 and 6. First quarter for Newington band since the war. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. Gilbert, sen., on their 58th wedding anniversary.

NORTHAMPTON.—At the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, on Jan. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss N. G. Williams 1, F. Burgess 2, W. R. Hammons 3, Miss J. A. Downing 4, Miss D. M. Miller 5, T. Jennings 6, G. F. Roome (cond.) 7, B. Linnell 8. A 77th birthday compliment to T. Jennings.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.—On Feb. 13th, 1,272 Doubles (240 St. Simon's, 240 St. Martin's, 480 Plain, 240 Grandsire, 72 Small Bob—treble to 3rd's place): Ann E. Lewin 1, M. V. White 2, Isobel Inman (cond.) 3, Ruth A. Carey 4, R. E. Finch 5, P. W. M. Jones 6. First in five methods for all and as conductor. Rung by members of Southampton University Guild as a 21st birthday compliment to the conductor and the ringer of the treble.

NORTON, GLOS.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: I. Goulter 1, Miss S. M. Parsons 2, Mrs. D. J. Marshall (first in method) 3, D. J. Marshall 4, D. W. Beard (cond.) 5, I. H. Oram 6, C. A. Wratten 7, K. Poulton 8.

OXFORD.—At New College, on Jan. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: N. Maggs (first on eight) 1, J. H. R. Freeborn 2, R. N. Pittman 3, R. A. Jackson (first of Grandsire Triples 'inside') 4, R. A. Hodgson (cond.) 5, D. H. Niblett 6, W. H. Jackson 7, S. J. Ivin 8.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Jan. 12th, 2,520 Bob Royal: Miss M. Birch 1, T. G. Myers 2, Miss V. M. Mathews 3, A. H. Burley 4, D. F. Wheeler 5, H. Harper 6, A. Carveth (cond.) 7, D. N. Penrose 8, Rev. A. S. Roberts 9, R. A. Southwood 10.

SHILLINGSTONE, DORSET.—On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Crane 1, R. Ridout 2, B. Ridout (cond.) 3, F. Hilliar 4, B. Ridout 5, W. Savory 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. H. R. Tate, of Shillingstone.

SHOREDITCH, N.—On Jan. 27th, 1,341 Grandsire Cinques: H. Belcher 1, Mrs. P. Lewington 2, T. Francis 3, W. Cook 4, J. S. Mason 5, B. K. Lunn 6, R. F. Deal 7, A. B. Peck 8, M. Moreton 9, James Phillips 10, John Phillips (cond.) 11, W. Hibbert 12. For Evensong and as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Francis on the birth of a son.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—At St. Thomas' Church, on Jan. 13th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Mrs. B. G. Warwick 1, R. K. Stretton 2, Joan M. Brown 3, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 4, R. Jelley 5, A. E. Bodycote 6, E. J. Jelley 7, B. S. Chapman 8. First of Kent 'inside' for 2 and 3. For Evensong.

SPONDON, DERBYS.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Ballington (aged 12, first quarter) 1, D. P. Jones (cond.) 2, E. Walklate (13) 3, P. B. Knight 4, B. Manning 5, J. Ryde 6.

STAMFORD HILL, N.—At St. Ann's Church, on Feb. 3rd, 1,320 Doubles (an extent each of St. Vedast, Huntspill, New, St. Remigius, St. Nicholas, Winchendon Place, St. Osmund, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Reverse Canterbury and Bob): Miss P. Rowe 1, M. Cubitt 2, M. Rowe 3, B. B. Bladon (cond.) 4, E. J. Rowe 5, L. Riddlesdon 6.

STOKE POGES, BUCKS.—On Feb. 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples (from Thurstans' One-part): Miss J. Adamson (first of Stedman 'inside') 1, Miss M. Thompson 2, A. D. Barker (cond.) 3, Miss S. Wickenden 4, Mrs. A. D. Barker 5, A. E. Hartley 6, W. Birmingham 7, A. D. Rivers 8. A birthday compliment to Miss Janet Adamson.

SWALCLIFFE, OXON.—On Jan. 26th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: C. C. Clarke 1, J. H. Gregory 2, R. A. Reeves 3, I. J. M. Saunders 4, E. E. Pearson 5, G. F. Burton (cond.) 6. First in method for 1, 2 and 3.

TALGARTH, BRECONS.—On Feb. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Vera M. Powell (first quarter) 1, W. G. Smith 2, D. H. Bennett (cond.) 3, W. Chick 4, S. V. Edwards 5, J. Parry 6. Rung as a compliment to the Vicar (the Rev. W. G. Davies) on his 70th birthday, 21 years as Vicar of Talgarth and 45 years in Holy Orders.

TENTERDEN, KENT.—On Jan. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. H. Prior 1, Violet Relf 2, P. Jarvis 3, W. P. Tickner 4, W. W. Ring 5, J. R. Cooper (cond.) 6, M. W. Marshall 7, P. V. H. Relf 8. Rung to celebrate the birth of a grandson (Stephen John Relf) to the ringer of the tenor. Rung for Evensong.

THAKEHAM, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (120 Bartholomew, 120 April Day, 360 Bob, 660 Grandsire): Joy Gumbrill 1, Jean Horton 2, C. B. Skinner 3, Marian Skinner 4, B. W. Farhall (cond.) 5, A. Piercy 6. Also on Feb. 5th, 1,260 Bob Minor: R. P. Wood 1, Jean Horton (first 'inside') 2, David —— 3, C. B. Skinner 4, E. Treagus (cond.) 5, B. W. Farhall 6.

WATERLOO, S.E.—On Jan. 27th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. R. Randall 1, T. H. Taffender 2, J. A. Hales 3, A. E. Hoare 4, N. G. Hollingworth (cond.) 5, L. J. Batley 6, C. W. Ottley 7, W. D. Grainger 8. For Evensong, also a birthday compliment to Miss Naomi Hales.

WEST HILL, WANDSWORTH, S.W.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: M. Williamson 1, J. Euston (cond.) 2, A. Lewry 3, G. Peters 4, G. Parsons 5, N. Bagworth 6, R. Brooker 7, E. Talbot 8. For Evensong, and a 92nd birthday compliment to Frank Sinkins.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.—On Jan. 6th, 1,260 Bob Minor: Mrs. M. Pope 1, Miss B. Philpot 2, W. P. Garner 3, M. S. Lancefield (cond.) 4, W. J. Lancefield 5, L. T. Pope 6. Also on Jan. 13th, 1,260 St. Simon's: R. J. Carlton (cond.) 1, Miss B. Philpot (first in method) 2, C. T. Hillis 3, W. P. Garner 4, A. J. Lancefield 5, W. Gill 6. Also on Jan. 20th, 1,320 Oswald Delight: L. T. Pope 1, Miss R. E. Gower 2, C. T. Hillis 3, M. S. Lancefield (cond.) 4, W. P. Garner 5, A. J. Lancefield 6. Also on Jan. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss B. Philpot 1, Mrs. M. Pope (first of Doubles 'inside') 2, R. J. Carlton (cond.) 3, W. P. Garner 4, W. J. Lancefield 5, W. Gill 6.

WINTERBOURNE, GLOS.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Green (first quarter) 1, D. Elliott 2, W. F. Scudamore 3, E. Thomas 4, T. T. Walters (cond.) 5, R. Hemmings (first quarter) 6. Also on Feb. 8th, 1,260 Doubles (240 each of Bob, Reverse St. Bartholomew and April Day and 300 Grandsire): D. Green 1, H. Taysom 2, E. Thomas 3, T. T. Walters (cond.) 4, W. F. Scudamore 5, R. Hemmings 6. First in five methods for 1, 2 and 6.

WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH, DEVON.—On Feb. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Glanvill 1, T. Gooding 2, L. K. Dawe 3, J. H. Glanvill 4, G. Betts 5, J. L. Glanvill (cond.) 6, J. Briggs 7, J. Gooding 8. Rung by the Woodbury band for the marriage of Cyril Deem to Miss Hill, of Exmouth, which took place this day at this church, as an appreciation of help given them by Cyril in past years. The band wish him and his wife every happiness in the future.

YATESBURY, WILTS.—On Feb. 6th, 360 Reverse St. Bartholomew, 360 April Day, 360 Bob and 180 Grandsire: M. Austin 1, D. Darby 2, R. Smith 3, M. B. Kemp 4, J. Taylor (cond.) 5. Rung by Yatesbury Campanology Club.

OBITUARY

MR. WALTER WALLACE WOLSTENCROFT

It was with deep regret that the ringing friends of W. W. W. received the news of his passing after a long and interesting ringing life, in which the training of new ringers played a large part. He served the Church of St. Peter, Ashton-under-Lyne, for the whole of his life until, in 1946, on account of his wife's infirmity due to an accident, he removed to Stoke Poges to live with his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Hawkins. His service to his church was of a varied nature—Sunday School superintendent, teacher, ringer; in fact in any way he could. It was largely due to his enthusiasm and energy that the bells of the church were rehung in 1937.

On April 17th, 1911, he took part in the record length of Kent Treble Bob Maximus at Ashton-under-Lyne, conducted by Samuel Wood. In 1921 he joined the Chester Guild, and began to take an active interest in Spliced Minor ringing, an interest which was to last him for the rest of his life. In 1923 he was one of the band which under the conductorship of James Fernley and the guidance of Rev. A. T. Beeston rang the first 35-method peal. In 1934, when John Worth got a band together to progress further in the field of multi-method ringing, he was again among the enthusiasts, and along with James Fernley, junior, the link between the old and the new bands. The fact that he was thirty years senior to the rest of the band never affected either them or him. He took his orders from the conductor, and his application to the learning of unfamiliar methods had to be seen to be believed. The writer has had the time on many a train journey to a peal attempt whiled away while W. W. W. explained his method of cutting down the material to be memorised to the minimum. He was delighted when the band reached the peak of Spliced Treble Bob Minor with a peal in 73 methods nearly 20 years ago. How many miles he journeyed in search of peals we cannot know, but he was most assiduous in his attendance at practice, and although it was a great rush for him to get to Norbury from Ashton, he was rarely absent from the weekly practice.

He was a keen student of method construction and corresponded regularly with Mr. George Baker. Much of his spare time was devoted to the production of methods, some of which were rung at Norbury, e.g., Manchester Surprise Major and Stockport Surprise Major. He continued this work up to the time of his death and his interest in the problems involved never waned.

His home at 103, Victoria Street, Ashton, was well known to ringers, and many have spent happy hours there being instructed and entertained, for he could tell a good tale. No matter how busy he was, he could always find time to help a learner or a struggling band, and he was always sympathetic towards youth.

For many years he guided the destinies of the Stockport Branch of the Chester Guild as its chairman, and his gift for saying the right word at the right time, allied to his quiet, unassuming, yet dignified manner endeared him to all with whom he came into contact.

The Exercise has lost a good member whose Christian life should be a model to us all. May he rest in peace. C. K. L.

AN APPRECIATION

To the average reader, the announcement in the 'Daily Telegraph' of the death of Walter W. Wolstencroft would not be of interest, but to those of us who knew him it was news indeed. To me it brought back memories of many happy times, and particularly the night of Tuesday, December 4th, 1923, when we had rung the first peal of Minor in 35 methods at Norbury; then the fun we had over the peal board to record it, telling him that his name was awkward and expensive, so whilst everyone else had their full name, Walter had to be content with W. W. Wolstencroft.

For many years Mr. Wolstencroft was in charge of the eight bells at St. Peter's Church, Ashton-under-Lyne, and he was one of the band that rang the 12,240 Kent Treble Bob Maximus at Ashton-under-Lyne Parish Church on April 11th, 1911. Prior to 1921 he had shown little or no interest in Minor ringing, but an introduction to the Norbury company altered that, and from then onwards his attendance at the Norbury practices was very regular. On January 2nd, 1922, he rang his first peal of Minor, at Norbury, and it was in seven methods. Incidentally, this peal was the last rung by the late Rev. A. T. Beeston, for soon afterwards an illness overtook him which necessitated his giving up active ringing.

It had always been Mr. Beeston's ambition to ring a peal in 28 methods, a goal unfortunately he was not to achieve, but he encouraged others to try. Mr. Wolstencroft now was a 'spliced' Minor' enthusiast and took over the rope dropped by Mr. Beeston—the result we know, and no one was more delighted over the successful attempt at 35 methods than the Rev. A. T. B.

It had been Mr. Beeston's custom to organise Saturday afternoon practices at different 6-bell towers in the Stockport District, ending up with a tea party at a local ringer's home. These outings proved very successful and helpful, and when W. W. W. joined the 'spliced' maniacs, 103, Victoria Street, Ashton-under-Lyne was added to the list where we could have a party, and what parties we had!

Those whose good fortune it was to know Mr. and Mrs. Wolstencroft can have nothing but happy memories of their company and hospitality. Mrs. Wolstencroft took a great interest in ringing and in 1914 was one of the ladies who formed the ladies' band at St. Peter's, Ashton. Just prior to the last war she had an accident that incapacitated her, and in course of time they retired to Stoke Poges and lived with their daughter Ida (Mrs. Hawkins). Mrs. Wolstencroft died a short while ago, and now Walter has joined her. J. P. F.

MR. WILLIAM H. ASHBY

The death took place on January 21st at his home of Mr. William H. Ashby, aged 82, who was a member of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, Northampton, bellringer for over 60 years, and a life member of the Northampton Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild.

He was associated with many of the activities in his parish in the past, and to the present generation he had been known for some years as churchwarden, a bellringer, a sidesman and a member of the Parochial Church Council. He was well versed in the history of the Church and had a deep-rooted affection for its traditions.

He loved to visit historical places and churches and his chief delight was to conduct his friends around the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, which he loved with all his heart. His Christian principles were carried into his daily work, impressing all those who came into contact with him.

The funeral service took place at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, Northampton, on January 25th, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. G. P. H. Rowson, and was attended by representatives of the local company and the Peterborough Diocesan Guild.

During the evening, the bells which he had rung so often were rung half-muffled by his fellow members, and a quarter peal of 126 Grandsire Triples to his memory was rung before morning service on the following Sunday by Miss D. M. Miller 1, R. Finch 2, Mrs. G. F. Roome 3, Miss J. A. Downing 4, B. Linnell 5, T. Jennings 6, G. F. Roome (conductor) 7, A. G. Burton 8.

CANON THOMAS BACKHOUSE

Ringers in Lancashire, and particularly his own parish of St. Mary the Blessed Virgin, Radcliffe, have lost a sincere friend by the death on January 22nd of Canon Thomas Backhouse, aged 70 years. He had been ill since early in November.

Canon Backhouse never refused the bells to anyone, whether for a peal attempt or a meeting.

The interment was at Radcliffe on January 26th, the committal being performed by the Suffragan Bishop of Hulme. For the service the bells were rung half-muffled by the local band. May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. T.

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OBITUARY—Continued

MR. ALBERT CATTERWELL

The Northern District of the Essex Association, and Sible Hedingham tower in particular (of which he had been captain for about 25 years), lost a devoted friend with the passing of Mr. Albert Catterwell at Walnuttree Hospital, Sudbury, on January 14th, when nearing his 71st birthday.

Albert learned to ring on the now ringable eight at Belchamp Walter when he was 12 years of age. We believe his first peal followed ten years later—conducted by Stedman H. Symonds.

Most of his ringing had been done in Essex, though he was well known in Suffolk, which county he frequently visited.

There is no complete record of the peals Albert rang, though they were on six and eight mainly, and quite varied, including Surprise. Outstanding would be the number 'in hand,' at which there can have been few safer ringers, with any pair, when ringing Kent or Bob Major.

Perhaps, most of all, Mr. Catterwell excelled with his example of regularly attending for service ringing and on practice nights, for bells and ringing were his life. As a captain and conductor we shall have difficulty in ever replacing him or finding one with his enthusiasm and optimism.

The funeral, on January 19th, was attended by many ringers, and half-muffled touches were rung before and after the interment. Among those present were Mr. S. J. Twitchett (Master, Sudbury and Lavenham District) and Mr. F. Bensley, of the Suffolk Guild; whilst included from Essex were Mr. L. W. Wiffen (a life vice-president), the Master (Mr. R. Heazel), Master of the Northern District (Miss H. G. Snowden), hon. secretary (Mr. H. A. Pratt), along with many other local ringers and friends.

A quarter peal of 1,264 Bob Major, half-muffled, was rung to Mr. Catterwell's memory on the Tuesday following the funeral by D. Tupper (first quarter) 1, J. H. Brett 2, V. S. Connell 3, B. W. Pettitt 4, S. Dace 5, E. W. Brown 6, R. Rippingale 7 and T. Bird (conductor) 8—echoing our Rector's words: 'Well done, thou good and faithful servant.'

H. A. P.

THE REV. NOEL E. HOPE

AN APPRECIATION

The news of the passing of the Rev. N. E. Hope was received with deep regret by members of the East Grinstead and District Guild at their meeting at Frant, Sussex, on February 9th.

It was on June 4th, 1927, that Mr. Hope (as he then was) called a meeting at his home at Place Sands, East Grinstead. Ringers from the surrounding districts of Sussex, Kent and Surrey were invited to attend, with the object of forming a Guild of Bellringers, to further the art of change ringing in this area. It was the result of this meeting that the East Grinstead and District Guild of Bellringers was formed. Mr. Hope became the first treasurer of the Guild, and continued in office until he left the district in 1931 to join the Ministry.

He was then elected a vice-president of the Guild and continued in that capacity until his death on January 26th. While at East Grinstead, Mr. Hope did much to encourage the younger ringer, and the writer has cause to remember him as one who made it possible for him to ring his first quarter peal. E. J. L.

LATE NEWS

We regret to record the death of Preb. A. J. Hook, former Master of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, which occurred on Feb. 12th. Preb. Hook formerly lived at Stogursey, where the funeral took place on February 14th. He was chaplain to the Quantock Chest Hospital.

MR. WILLIAM BALDRY

One of the most regular Sunday ringers at St. Margaret's Parish Church of Lowestoft until a few years ago, when his doctor advised him to give up ringing, Mr. William Baldry passed away on February 6th at the age of 77 years. He had only rung five peals for the Norwich Diocesan Association, but he was always willing to have a go, and must have lost a large number due to the lack of experience of many of the younger ones of his day.

On February 7th eight members of the Norwich Diocesan Association met at St. Margaret's to attempt a peal as a last tribute to him, but again we failed him after just over an hour's ringing. It was too late to make a fresh start, so as a final tribute to this well-loved old ringer 1,280 Oxford Treble Bob Major was rung by H. W. Easey 1, E. T. Chapman 2, A. Wigmore 3, J. W. G. Kindred 4, R. W. Coates 5, A. W. Bird 6, A. E. Coleman 7, P. Kindred (conductor) 8. P. K.

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MEETINGS

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Derby District. — Monthly meeting, St. Andrew's, Derby, on Saturday, Feb. 23rd. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome. — V. R. Horton, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9752

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—An additional meeting will be held at Histon on Saturday, Feb. 23rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—A. Carpenter, Dis. Sec. 9749

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. — Baldock, Feb. 23rd, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at British Legion Hut. Special method: Hitchin Surprise.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 9762

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Higham (6) on Saturday, Feb. 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to me as early as possible.—Cyril S. Jarrett, 38, Balmoral Road, Gillingham, Kent. 9738

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD. — Next meeting at Newhall, Saturday, Feb. 23rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. All welcome.—J. W. Cotton. 9735

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Iver (8), Feb. 23rd, 3.15 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m.—W. Butler, 17, Forest Road, Windsor. 9746

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Meeting at Bradpole, Saturday, Feb. 23rd. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea.—Mrs. Pannell, 35, Clay Lane, Beaminster. 9732

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Monthly meeting, Nuthall (6) on Saturday, Feb. 23rd at 3 p.m. 9761

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Eastern Division.—Annual meeting, Feb. 23rd, St. Mary's, Eastbourne. Bells 2.30. Usual tea and meeting.—H. Reynolds, Sec. 9767

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.—Annual dinner February 23rd. Ringing at St. Luke's, Chelsea, 2 to 3 p.m.; St. Gabriel's, Pimlico, 3.30 to 4.30; St. Giles-in-the-Fields, 5 to 6. Dinner 6.30 for 7 p.m.—D. Priestley. 9765

WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. — Southern Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Pershore, Saturday, Feb. 23rd. Bells (8 and 6) at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to W. J. Newman, 7, New Road, Hampton, Evesham. 9754

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Southern District) and DONCASTER DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Joint meeting, Arksey, Saturday Feb. 23rd. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Tea in Church Hall 5 p.m. Names to Mr. E. Cooper, 6, Grosvenor Crescent Arksey, Doncaster. Good bus service from Doncaster. All welcome.—J. J. L. Gilbert. 9734

ST. MARGARET'S, UXBRIDGE.—Ringers' Service, Sunday, Feb. 24th. Evensong, 6.30 p.m. Bells (8) 5.30 p.m. Preacher, Rev. H. Dunning (Vicar). All ringers and friends welcome. 9779

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD. —Next meeting at Cleckheaton on Saturday, March 2nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided 5 p.m. Please bring own food. Business meeting to follow and bells afterwards. 9762

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Special meeting at Warwick, St. Mary's Church, on Saturday, March 2nd. Ringing by bands as detailed from 1 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., at which the address will be given by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese. Tea, 5 p.m. in the Church Hall. Visitors welcome to service and tea (names by Feb. 26th). Ringing again from 6 to 9 p.m., which will be open to all ringers.—J. L. Garner-Hayward, 8, Orchard Crescent, Coventry. 9778

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch. — The annual meeting will be held at Egremont on Saturday, March 2nd. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea 4.30. Meeting 5.30 p.m. Names for tea by Feb. 27th to Miss M. Simpson, 69, Main Street, Egremont. 9774

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Whitley Bay on Saturday, March 2nd, at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. Service 6.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Feb. 27th, to Miss M. Capey, 3, Monkseaton Drive, Whitley Bay, Northumberland. 9773

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting at Sutton on March 2nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. E. R. Knights, Dis. Sec. 9782

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Eastern District.—Meeting at Little Waltham (6), Saturday, March 2nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to A. H. Everett, Cornerways, Plantation Road. Boreham. 9789

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting at Harlow Common (8) on Saturday, March 2nd, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea in Church Hall. Names, please, to G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex 9741

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Aylesbeare Deanery Branch. — Meeting, Littleham, Saturday, March 2nd. Names for tea, by Feb. 27th, to Mr. O. Gatter, 4, New Cottages, Littleham, Exmouth. 9743

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Meeting at Aldenham (8) on Saturday, March 2nd. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—K. R. Dunstan Dis. Sec. 9790

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western District. — Meeting at Redbourn, Saturday, March 2nd. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, by Tuesday, Feb. 26th, to Mr. J. Hobbs, 84, High Street, Redbourn. — J. Good, Dis. Sec. 9739

LADIES' GUILD. — Southern District. — Meeting, Godalming, Saturday, March 2nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (at cafe by church) 5.15. Names for tea to Miss B. Mayers, 5, Church Street, Godalming, by Wednesday, Feb. 27th. Ringing after evensong.—W. Oliver, Hon. Sec. 9759

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Clitheroe. Saturday, March 2nd. Ringing 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please notify (not later than Feb. 27th) Miss Rosemary Parkinson, 20, St. Mary Street, Clitheroe.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec 9772

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Half-yearly meeting at Heversham, Saturday, March 2nd. Ringing 2.30 to 7.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Meeting after tea. Names for tea to P. Handley, Heversham Hall, Milnthorpe, Westmorland.—R. F. Eccles, Branch Sec. 9780

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Meeting, Mountsorrel, Saturday, Mar. 2nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Hall 5 p.m. Names by previous Wednesday to R. Wilmore, 80, Hawcliffe Road. 9753

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District. — Meeting at South Wigston (8) on March 2nd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to Mr. B. Warwick. 12, Dorothy Avenue, Glen Hills, Leicester.—W. A. Lacey, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9794

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Annual meeting, Spalding, March 2nd. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea, Greyhound, 5 p.m. Names, by Feb. 25th, to M. Bennett, 171, Bourne Road, Spalding. 9737

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.— Monmouth Branch.— Annual Branch meeting, Monmouth, Saturday, March 2nd. Bells 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business. Names for tea, please, to Mr. L. Jones, 75, Monnow Street, Monmouth.—J. S. Evans. 9764

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Kidsgrove on Saturday, March 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, Feb. 27th, to A. Windsor, 41, Second Avenue, Kidsgrove, Stoke-on-Trent.—E. H. Edge, Hon. Sec. 9784

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Great Linford, Saturday, March 2nd. Bells 2.30. Service 3.30. Please notify for tea by Feb. 25th.—R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bucks. 9740

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting at Watford, Saturday, March 2nd. Names for tea to me by Tuesday previous, please.—W. J. Kinchin, Hon. Sec., Main Street, Yelvertoft, Rugby. 9786

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755). —The 69th annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, on Saturday, March 2nd, at 6 o'clock. Chairman: Sqdn.-Leader John S. Mason. Tickets, 15s. 6d. each, obtainable from G. E. Fearn, Hon. Sec., 92, Etwall Road, Hall Green, Birmingham, 28; 'phone SPR 1025. 9657

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM — Ringing arrangements for Saturday, March 2nd: St. Chad's R.C. Cathedral (8), 2.30 to 3.30 p.m.; Bishop Ryder's (8), 3.30 to 4.30 p.m.; St. Martin's (12) 4 to 5.30 p.m. 9769

SALISBURY GUILD. — Calne Branch. — Meeting, Yatesbury (5), Saturday, March 2nd. Usual arrangements. Names for tea.—J. Goddard, 19, Yatesbury, Calne, Wilts. 9783

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Meeting, Rowde (6), Saturday, March 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service and tea. Names for tea.—S. Cockell, 19, Craybourne Road, Melksham. 9770

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION. — Meeting on Saturday, March 2nd, at St. John's Church, Broad Street, Alloa, from 3 p.m. Those desiring tea inform by Feb. 27th Mr. Henderson, 36, Balfour Street, Alloa. Clackmannanshire. 9761

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual general meeting at Ranmoor, 3 p.m., on Saturday, March 2nd. Committee meeting, 2.30 p.m. Names for tea by Feb. 28th, please, to Mr. F. Ditcher, 19, High Storrs Drive, Sheffield, 11.—J. Seager, Sec. 9791

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — Nottingham District.—Meeting, March 2nd, Bulwell (8), 3.15 p.m. Names for tea, by previous Tuesday, to Mr. A. Simpson, 2, Ellen Terrace, Welton Road, Radford, Nottingham.—C. W. Towers. 9731

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD. — Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Neath, Saturday, March 2nd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea by Feb. 23rd.—J. A. Hoare, 6, Gendros Crescent, Swansea. 9729

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting at Wrotham, Saturday, March 9th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—R. L. Sills, Dis. Sec. 9777

LADIES' GUILD.—Kent Branch.—Annual general meeting at St. Alfege's, Greenwich, S.E.10, on Saturday, March 9th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, March 7th, please, to Miss M. Bullard, 36, Crooms Hill, Greenwich. All ladies welcome—gentlemen cordially invited.—Jill Waters, Hon. Sec. 9771

LADIES' GUILD.—West Midland District. —Annual meeting at Clent, Worcs, on Saturday, March 9th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m Names for tea by Tuesday, March 5th, to Stella Hughes, 3, Delves Road, Walsall. Frequent bus service, No. 318 from Stourbridge or Hagley (Cattle Market) to Clent. 9792

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Meeting at St. Botolph's, Lincoln, on Saturday, March 9th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. for those who notify me by Tuesday previous.—C. Brown, 3, Altham Terrace, Lincoln. 9768

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Byfield, Saturday, March 9th Names for tea by Tuesday previous to Mr. F. W. Hutt, Knowle Cottage, Byfield, Rugby.—F. W. Hancock. 9785

ST. DAVID'S GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Llanelly, Saturday, March 9th. Bells available 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to C. H. Hawkins, 2, Embankment Road, Llanelly. 9759

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Martin, Saturday, March 9th. Bells 2.15 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Take Flemington's bus, leaving Canal, Salisbury, 1.40. Leaves Martin 5.50 for return via Coombe Bissett for evening ringing. Names must be sent for tea, please, by Tuesday, March 5th, to Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 9764

SUFFOLK GUILD.—General meeting, Stowmarket, Saturday, March 9th. Bells 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Tuesday, March 5th, to Mr. B. Chilvers, Cotton, Stowmarket.—J. Blythe, Gen. Sec. 9787

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Sudbury District. — Annual general meeting at Clare, on Saturday, March 9th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss R. J. Seabrook, Clare. 9788

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual dinner will be held on Saturday, March 16th, at Kish's Restaurant, Bedford, at 7.30 p.m. Everyone welcome. Tickets are available from Miss P. Gray, 18, Durler Avenue, Kempston, Beds, Mr. L. Bywaters, 24, Langford Road, Henlow, Beds, and Mr. K. Spavins, 8, London Road, Woburn, Beds; price 10s. 6d. each. All names must be given by Friday, March 8th. 9760

RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD.—Because of a clash of dates, with the annual festival of the Chester Guild and the annual meeting of the Yorkshire Association, the annual general meeting of the Railwaymen's Guild will take place at Christ Church, Crewe, on Saturday, June 22nd. Arrangements will be made for a mid-day meal but names must be received before June 15th. Ringing: Crewe (10) Nantwich (8) Sandbach (8) and more towers if necessary. Fuller information later.—W. Frank Stenson, North Col, 142, Minshull New Road, Crewe. 9767

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A COURSE OF TRUE LOVE

'HONESTLY, ducks, I never thought it'd go that far. I was just going over the road, and I felt one of my nylons go, so I just bent down to put a dab of varnish on it, you know, to stop it running any further, and I happened to look round, and there was this nobby little car at the side of the road, and him in it, looking as if his eyes would fall out any minute.

'So I just said, "Pardon me, I'm sure. I hope you'll recognise me next time," and he said, "Gosh, what a blue line! I mean, excuse me, miss, but could I give you a lift part of the way?'"

'Well, I wasn't going anywhere particular, but it was a bit damp, and he had lovely wavy hair and ever such nice eyes, sort of big and expressive, like a spaniel or something, and I thought, "Well, it can't do any harm," so he opened the door, and I got in, and I said, "If you're going as far as the Ritz Cinema, I'd be obliged if you'd drop me." He drove on quite quiet for a bit, and then he said, "I say, miss, if you're not mad keen on the flicks, would you care to come along with me for the evening? I think you'd quite enjoy it. I'm just going along for a practice with the boys." Well, I didn't like the sound of it, and I was going to say so, only he explained, "I'm a bellringer. We're always on the lookout for new material, and the moment I saw you I thought to myself I'd like to get you on the end of a rope." So I asked him to stop the car and let me get out, and he came over all confused, and looked at me with those big eyes, and said he hoped he hadn't said anything to offend. Well, of course, after that I just sort of gave in and went.

'He stopped outside a church, and we went through a little door, and up an iron ladder. Well, you know that new-line dress I got from Marks, honestly, he made me go first, and I've never been so embarrassed. I didn't know where to look, and when we got up there, all I could see was a lot of fluffy things with stripes hanging from the ceiling and some little old men sitting in a corner and muttering. So I sat down in a corner, too, and presently they all got messing about with ropes, up and down, up and down; you never heard such a clatter. By and by they stopped again, and the dirtiest little man came over to me and said, "You a ringer, Miss? Like a bit o' Stedman?", and I said, "Oh, no, thanks, I only drink Coca-Cola," and my gentleman friend came and said, "She doesn't ring yet, Joe, but she's going to learn," which was news to me.

'So Joe said, "Ah, I'll go up and tie a bell for 'er," which I thought was ever so sweet of him, because after all I don't suppose it's every girl that has a bell tied for her. Well, after that, ducks, you honestly wouldn't believe all the things that happened to me. My friend said, "Catch hold of Sally," and shoved one of the fluffy things into my hand. Then he said, "Go on, pull off, gently, no, a bit harder, no, go on, pull!", but he didn't tell me what it was going to do after that, and I nearly had my arms dragged off. Surprised! Well, it sort of left me and went up through a little hole and came back again with a terrible bang. My friend (his name's Frederick, he won't let me call him Fred for short, says it's not refined) said, "Mind the stay, mind the stay," and, after all, I'd only just met him, I thought that was a bit much. It was awful after that. I didn't know what to do. Every time I tried to let go and walk away he pushed me back and shouted, "Shorten your rope" (he'd given me another bit to hold as well by that time), and he kept grabbing Sally and shoving her back up again till I was nearly dead. Then he stops and says, "That's not the Cathedral method, but it'll do you," and I said, "You're right, it'll do me. I don't want any Cathedral methods after that lot," and he seemed pleased and patted me on the shoulder and said, "Good girl!" So after that he said he'd take me for a drink, and I said I didn't really, couldn't we go to a milk-bar. I knew ever such a nice one with a juke-box, and he rather rushed me down that awful iron ladder then, because he said he didn't think old Joe would ever let me up in the belfry again if he heard me talking like that. He didn't think much of women anyway, and when could he see me again?—no, not Joe, silly, Frederick, of course!

'So I said, "Well, I'm free same time next week, if that suits you; where shall we go?", and he looked quite surprised and said, "Practice again, of course, where else?" and oh, Beryl, I don't know what I'm going to say to Mum, but I'm afraid, like it or not, I'm one of those lady ringers now!'

D. R. C.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL

LONDON.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1957, *in* 4 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes.*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
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JAMES G. PRIOR	6	WILFRED WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.
* First peal on 12 bells.

TEN BELL PEALS

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On Wed., Feb. 13, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
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A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
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JOHN A. ACRES	5	PETER J. STANIFORTH	*Tenor*

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THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALFEGE.
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 25 cwt.

FREDERICK J. CULLUM	*Treble*	GORDON P. T. PETERS	6
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ARTHUR G. MASON	5	FREDERICK E. COLLINS	*Tenor*

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Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.
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LEICESTER
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
AT THE PREBENDAL CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 32 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in C sharp.

*PETER J. KIRK	*Treble*	†J. JULIAN PAWLEY	6
ERNEST MORRIS	2	†JOHN MOORE	7
ALAN CATTELL	3	T. EDWARD HARROLD	8
†RICHARD J. CARTER	4	S. ANTHONY JESSON	9
KENNETH A. ROE	5	COLIN P. WALKER	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by COLIN P. WALKER.
* First peal. † First of Royal.
Rung with the best wishes of the band to Miss Jean Brooks, of Syston, who is leaving for New Zealand in March.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-DIVINE,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

BRIAN G. WARWICK	*Treble*	G. RONALD EDWARDS	6
PHYLLIS POOLE	2	‡BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	7
*DAVID J. SIMPSON	3	†ERNEST J. JELLEY	8
†ROLAND H. COOK	4	†JOHN M. JELLEY	9
WILLIAM THORNLEY	5	§ALBERT I. COOKE	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal. † First peal of Caters in the method. ‡ First peal of Caters. § First peal on ten bells. First peal of Grandsire Caters as conductor.
Rung as a compliment to Peter Desbrow (member of the local band) and Mary Hall, who were married at this church earlier in the day.

SOUTHOVER, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in E.

LEONARD STILWELL	*Treble*	†DORIS E. COLGATE	6
ERNEST J. LADD	2	WILLIAM ROGERS	7
RAYMOND OVERY	3	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD	8
THOMAS E. SONE	4	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON	9
*E. WINIFRED KEYS	5	‡ARTHUR J. HART	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. HALEY. Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.
* First peal of Caters. † First peal of Stedman Caters 'inside.' ‡ First peal of Stedman Caters. The conductor has now 'completed the circle' at this tower.
A fifth birthday compliment to Anne, daughter of W. Arthur Riddington.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

TANWORTH-IN-ARDEN, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Feb. 2, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in F sharp.

*HENRY H. FEARN	*Treble*	JOHN PINFOLD	5
†ELIZABETH M. YARDLEY	2	‡ARTHUR V. PEARSON	6
MURIEL REAY	3	FRANK E. HAYNES	7
NORMAN J. GOODMAN	4	*GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM BARTON. Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.
* 600th peal together. † First in the method. ‡ 600th peal.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Feb. 4, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

ERNEST MORRIS	*Treble*	JOSEPH W. COTTON	5
HORACE O. OVER	2	ERNEST J. JELLEY	6
*JACK BENISTON	3	ROLAND BENISTON	7
JOHN W. RAWSON	4	JOHN M. JELLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.
* First peal in the method.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Feb. 6, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.
A PEAL OF 5024 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

PHYLLIS POOLE	*Treble*	JOHN A. ACRES	5
JOSEPH W. COTTON	2	BRIAN G. WARWICK	6
JOHN M. JELLEY	3	ERNEST J. JELLEY	7
BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	4	G. RONALD EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by F. NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

EAST COKER, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 9, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (fourth observation). Tenor 12 cwt.

HERBERT W. PEARCE	*Treble*	†SIDNEY W. WHITE	5
WILLIAM E. TURNER	2	WALTER H. POOLE	6
*ROGER J. FOX	3	JOSEPH T. BARRETT	7
RAYMOND P. SELWAY	4	ALBERT W. DYER	*Tenor*

Conducted by RAYMOND P. SELWAY.
* First peal of Grandsire Triples. † First peal of Grandsire Triples 'inside.'

ESHER, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 9, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Carter's Odd Bob One-part. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in A flat.

G. WILLIAM MORRIS	*Treble*	*ALAN J. FROST	5
*PETER A. LAWRENCE	2	ROGER BALDWIN	6
*SIDNEY J. WOODCOCK	3	ROBIN G. LEALE	7
ROGER KEELEY	4	S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.
* First peal of Stedman. First peal of Stedman on the bells.

LLANBADARN FAWR, CARDIGANSHIRE.
THE ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 9, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Padarn,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 12¼ cwt. in F sharp.

*Una Hopkins	*Treble*	*George Harris	5
*Robert Hitchcock	2	†Peter F. Romney	6
Thomas Gwilliam	3	†David K. Walklate	7
†Alan Evans	4	*J. Mansel Edwards	*Tenor*

Composed by J. Holt. Conducted by David K. Walklate.
* First peal. † First peal of Bob Triples.
Rung by the Sunday service band.

RAINHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 9, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Margaret.
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES
W. Shipway's Irregular Six-part. Tenor 18¼ cwt.

*Emily B. P. Walker	*Treble*	*Edward C. Barton	5
†Hazel V. Dadson	2	Wilfrid S. Palin	6
‡Kathleen M. Walsh	3	George A. Naylor	7
Francis J. Cheal	4	William Hollands	*Tenor*

Conducted by George A. Naylor.
* First peal of Oxford Bob Triples. † First peal of Triples. ‡ First peal.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Derek Baldock and Lionel Doubleday, R.N., both members of the Rainham, St. Margaret's, band.

SANDHURST, GLOUCESTER.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 9, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Lawrence,
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

Peter T. Hurcombe	*Treble*	E. Trevor Newbury	5
Shirley M. Parsons	2	David J. Marshall	6
Ivor Goulter	3	Cyril A. Wratten	7
David W. Beard	4	R. Gordon Corby	*Tenor*

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by David W. Beard.
Rung as a farewell to R. Gordon Corby, who has taken a new appointment at Bedford.

TIVERTON, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., Feb. 9, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in D.

William H. Ware	*Treble*	Percy J. Mayne	5
Jack Salway	2	R. John Kelland	6
Mrs. C. F. Miles	3	George E. Retter	7
Brian Pidgeon	4	Richard J. Bowden	*Tenor*

Conducted by George E. Retter.
Rung in memory of Ernest J. Taylor (Hon. Secretary, Guild of Devonshire Ringers) and Stafford H. Green, both ringers at this church; also Mrs. E. M. Payne, mother of A. W. Payne, Secretary of the local band.

WHITTLESEY, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 9, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Thos. Day's Six-part. Tenor 19 cwt.

Herbert Goakes	*Treble*	Trevor Bevis	5
Harold S. Peacock	2	John H. Bluff	6
*Frank Baker	3	Frank Newman	7
G. C. Galley	4	†A. T. Howes	*Tenor*

Conducted by John H. Bluff.
* First peal of Grandsire Triples. † First peal on eight bells.
Rung for the enthronement of the Rt. Rev. Noel E. Hudson, as Bishop of Ely.

DORCHESTER, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Feb. 10, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
At the Abbey Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

Daphne R. Castell	*Treble*	Brian Bladon	5
*Bryan S. Cope	2	Philip Mehew	6
*Frank A. Barrett	3	Stephen Ivin	7
Ralph Bird	4	John R. Mayne	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Stephen Ivin.
* First peal of London.
Rung in honour of the enthronement of the new Bishop of Dorchester (the Rt. Rev. D. G. Loveday).

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Mon., Feb. 11, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Matthew,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

*Mrs. G. W. Hughes	*Treble*	James S. Eastwood	5
†Stella Hughes	2	Ernest Stitch	6
‡P. George Golder	3	Kenneth W. Knowles	7
George W. Hughes	4	Arthur T. Dutton	*Tenor*

Conducted by Ernest Stitch.
* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Triples. ‡ First peal of Grandsire Triples 'inside.'

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Feb. 14, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Ebbe,
A PEAL OF 5184 BOB MAJOR
Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

Leslie T. Oliffe	*Treble*	Christine M. Woodward	5
William H. B. Wilkins	2	Frank A. Barrett	6
*Michael J. Hallett	3	†Robin A. Hodgson	7
Bertram J. Coggins	4	Donald H. Niblett	*Tenor*

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Donald H. Niblett.
* First peal of Major. † First peal of Bob Major on tower bells.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Feb. 14, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5152 ARUNDEL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

Ernest H. Kilby	*Treble*	Dennis Knox	5
Mrs. T. J. Lock	2	*John R. Mayne	6
Alick Cutler	3	†Alfred J. House	7
Thomas J. Lock	4	Richard F. B. Speed	*Tenor*

Composed by James W. Washbrook.
Conducted by Richard F. B. Speed.
* 200th peal of Surprise. † 400th peal. The first peal in the method.

BACUP, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Rochdale Branch.)
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Saviour,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Taylor's Six-part. Tenor 10 cwt.

Allan Smith, jun.	*Treble*	G. Cheetham	5
John T. Walmsley	2	Harold Hamer	6
Allan Smith, sen.	3	Philip Hudson	7
*G. S. Mills	4	Colin Taylor	*Tenor*

Conducted by Harold Hamer.
* First peal in the method.

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BARROW-ON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in F.

FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD ..	*Treble*	W. ARTHUR CROWDER ..	5
JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM ..	2	GWEN I. RUSBY	6
LOUIS WILLDERS	3	*GILES C. GALLEY	7
MICHAEL W. CROWDER ..	4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ..	*Tenor*

Composed by GEO. H. CROSS. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal in the method.
In memoriam J. W. Crowder.

EWELL, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in F sharp.

WILLIAM F. OATWAY ..	*Treble*	DAVID E. PARSONS	5
KATHLEEN E. WELLER ..	2	CHARLES W. MUNDAY ..	6
RAYMOND I. F. PARSONS	3	ERIC EDMONSON	7
*DEREK G. SPITTLE	4	JOHN HILL	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JOHN HILL.
* First peal of Surprise 'inside'
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Shelagh Whitehouse and Miss Mary Helder, of All Saints', Banstead.

HALESWORTH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18¾ cwt. in E.

MRS. J. W. BLYTHE	*Treble*	E. JACK THURLOW	5
RICHARD S. PAYNE	2	REGINALD J. DARCH	6
C. JACK GIBSON	3	PETER S. BEDFORD	7
JACK PILGRIM	4	JOHN W. BLYTHE	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY (No. 3). Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.
Rung to welcome Rev. E. I. and Mrs. Button to Halesworth, following Mr. Button's induction as Rector.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 17 cwt. 9 lb. in E.

CHARLES GEARY	*Treble*	*GORDON A. HALLS	5
BRIAN BUSWELL	2	*VIVIENNE M. HORTON ..	6
ALBERT HARTLAND	3	*HAROLD TAYLOR	7
*DENIS R. CARLISLE	4	ARTHUR SHEPPARD	*Tenor*

Composed by J. J. PARKER. Conducted by BRIAN BUSWELL.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8¾ cwt.

*JOHN P. PARTINGTON ..	*Treble*	VERNON GREEN	5
†RICHARD F. PRINE	2	ALAN E. HARTLEY	6
MRS. PHYLLIS POOLE ..	3	†JOHN MOORE	7
WILLIAM A. LACEY	4	S. ANTHONY JESSON ..	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by W. A. LACEY.
* First peal of Major. † First peal of Yorkshire Major.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In 18 methods, being 320 each of Bristol, Cambridge, Claybrooke, Cray, Eastcote, Lindum, Lincolnshire, London, New Gloucester, Pudsey, Rutland, Wembley, Wordsworth and Yorkshire, and 160 each of Hitchin, Superlative, Uxbridge and Watford, with 144 changes of method.
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

JAMES FERNLEY	*Treble*	C. KENNETH LEWIS	5
FRED DUNKERLEY	2	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	6
EDWARD JENKINS	3	BRIAN HARRIS	7
JOHN WORTH	4	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER ..	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.
The first peal in 18 Surprise Major methods by the Guild, on the bells and by all the band.
In memoriam Walter W. Wolstencroft, who took part in the first peal of Spliced Surprise Major in four methods for the Guild on these bells on April 13th, 1935.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

DISLEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 26, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR
In 11 methods: (1) Morning Star and Norbury; (2) College Exercise; (3) Ockley and Duke of Norfolk; (4) Oxford; (5) Oxford, Capel and Sandal; (6) Oxford, London Scholars' Pleasure and Kingston; (7) Kent; 21 changes of method. Tenor 8¾ cwt.

*FRANK OSBALDISTON ..	*Treble*	*ALAN MCFALL	4
MRS. GLADYS RICHARDSON	2	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE ..	5
*BERNARD GROVES	3	†ROBERT SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.
* First peal in 11 methods. † First peal in 11 methods 'inside.'

FOY, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 2, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being extents in (1) Single Court, (2) Reverse Canterbury, (3) St. Clement's and Childwall, (4) Oxford Treble Bob, (5) Kent Treble Bob, (6) Single Oxford, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

CHARLES G. JONES	*Treble*	*JAMES WARD	4
JOSEPHINE GREEN	2	PHILIP G. MORGAN	5
C. WILLIAM NUTT	3	REGINALD T. JONES	*Tenor*

Conducted by REGINALD T. JONES.
* First peal in eight methods.

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Feb. 6, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE, COLEGATE,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR
Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

*ALAN ELLIS	*Treble*	ARTHUR S. BROTHERS ..	4
PAUL D. T. CATTERMOLE	2	GEORGE SAYER	5
*PETER M. ADCOCK	3	ARTHUR G. BASON	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR G. BASON.
* First peal.

LONG BUCKBY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 9, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being two extents of St. Simon's and ten extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire.
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb. in E.

*JOHN H. WILLIAMS ..	*Treble*	ALBERT J. COOPER	3
ERNEST G. ORLAND	2	†ROGER E. HOLLAND	4
MICHAEL F. AMOS	*Tenor*		

Conducted by ERNEST G. ORLAND.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

MATHON, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 9, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in 12 methods: (1) College and Wavertree College; (2) Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's and Childwall; (3) Oxford and Kent Treble Bob; (4) Single Court; (5) Reverse Canterbury; (6) Single Oxford; (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

*CHARLES G. JONES	*Treble*	*§PHILIP G. MORGAN ..	4
†JOSEPHINE GREEN	2	†JAMES WARD	5
‡C. WILLIAM NUTT	3	REGINALD T. JONES ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by REGINALD T. JONES.
* 25th peal together. † First peal in 12 methods. ‡ First peal in 12 methods 'inside.' § 50th peal for the Guild. First peal in 12 methods as conductor.

OLD MARSTON, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Feb. 9, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 12 extents of Bob Doubles (four callings) and 30 extents of Grandsire (ten callings). Tenor 6 cwt.

KENNETH G. TASKER ..	*Treble*	MICHAEL J. HALLETT	3
*ALEC GAMMON	2	ROY H. JONES	4
DAVID C. WOODWARD ..	*Tenor*		

Conducted by MICHAEL J. HALLETT.
* 50th peal. First peal as conductor
Rung for the anniversary of the Queen's accession. Also to mark the election of James Adams as Branch Secretary of Oxford City Branch, and the election of the ringer of the second as Branch representative to the Guild.

SHORNE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 9, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 26 extents of Grandsire and 16 extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 9¼ cwt.

RONALD C. BURNS	*Treble*	TERENCE BARTON	4
GEORGE KENWARD	2	CYRIL S. JARRETT	5
ALBERT J. DUNK	3	LESLIE B. DOBBIE	*Tenor*

Conducted by CYRIL S. JARRETT.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Edward Dobbie, son of the tenor ringer.

THORINGTON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 9, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Double Court, Single Court, Hereward and Oxford Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Bob Minor.
Tenor 9 cwt. 22 lb.

DONALD B. MUNRO	*Treble*	GEORGE W. ORMAN	4
ARTHUR G. BUTTON	2	FRANK V. PYKE	5
ALAN R. ANDREWS	3	ROY DUESBURY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROY DUESBURY.

CHEDWORTH, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Feb. 11, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 extents (ten callings). Tenor 11 cwt.

A. C. MERVYN DAY	*Treble*	WILLIAM A. GODWIN ..	4
PATRICK A. BARTLETT	2	JOHN DOWDESWELL	5
DAVID HICKS	3	RALPH E. W. WENBAN ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. GODWIN.
Rung in memory of the Rev. Noel E. Hope, M.A., Master, 1938–1947.

QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Feb. 11, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

GEOFFREY P. GREEN ..	*Treble*	*CLIVE WIXEY	4
PETER T. HURCOMBE ..	2	R. GORDON CORBY	5
*SIDNEY J. PUGH	3	FREDERICK E. T. TRANTER	*Tenor*

Conducted by R. GORDON CORBY.
* First peal of Minor 'inside.'

ELSHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Feb. 13, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 26 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. in B flat.

JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Treble*	STEPHEN BROMFIELD	4
GWEN I. RUSBY	2	MICHAEL W. CROWDER ..	5
W. ARTHUR CROWDER ..	3	FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by MICHAEL W. CROWDER.
First peal as conductor.

LANGLEYBURY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Feb. 13, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5040 BEVERLEY SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout.
Tenor 8 cwt. 13 lb. in A.

DENNIS LAUD	*Treble*	WILLIAM WENBAN	4
JOHN R. MAYNE	2	A. PATRICK CANNON	5
JOAN M. WILCOCKSON ..	3	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
First peal in the method by all the band, in the county, and for the Association.

FORNHAM ST. MARTIN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Thurs., Feb. 14, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt.

*JOE PETTITT	*Treble*	KENNETH G. BROWN	4
RICHARD ROSE	2	DOUGLAS H. ROOKE	5
†ARTHUR W. ROLFE	3	LESLIE N. MELTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by KENNETH G. BROWN.
* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

HUNTINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Thurs., Feb. 14, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being ten extents each of St. Martin's, Grandsire and St. Simon's, and 12 of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

C. JACK GIBSON	*Treble*	PETER W. KINDRED	3
MRS. J. W. BLYTHE	2	EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	4
JOHN W. BLYTHE	*Tenor*		

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

GREAT FINBOROUGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Fri., Feb. 15, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two 720's of St. Clement's, 720 of Kent T.B. and four 720's of Plain Bob, each called differently, all 5-6's at backstroke.
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

*JOHN J. PRENTICE	*Treble*	ROBERT E. LESTER	4
*PETER R. J. LESTER (age 13)	2	KENNETH G. BROWN	5
GILBERT R. GOODSHIP ..	3	LESLIE N. MELTON (age 15)	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE N. MELTON.
* First peal in three methods. First peal in three methods as conductor.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Feb. 15, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS.
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

*HAROLD BLAKE	*Treble*	RAYMOND G. LOFTY	4
STANLEY W. COPLING ..	2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	5
NOLAN GOLDEN	3	GEORGE SAYER	*Tenor*

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal.

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Feb. 15, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

*JOHN C. MACBETH	*Treble*	ALLEN W. CANSDALE	4
DONALD L. MILLS	2	EVELYN R. M. CANSDALE	5
FELIX H. ERITH	3	A. EDWARD LEGGETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by DONALD L. MILLS.
* First peal. The ringer of the tenor has now 'circled the tower' twice. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the tenor.

CADOXTON, NEATH.
THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATWG.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 480 Stedman, 1,440 Plain Bob, 3,120 Grandsire (ten six-scores and eight 240's.)

HARRY BOYCE	*Treble*	EDWARD PHILLIPS	4
JOHN T. WILLIAMS	2	GWYN I. LEWIS	5
EDMUND MORRIS	3	*FRANK GORDON	*Tenor*

Conducted by GWYN I. LEWIS.
* First peal.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. Dobbins, of Gorseinon, on their golden wedding.

HANDBELL PEALS

SALTDEAN, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(The St. Peter's, Brighton, Society.)
On Sun., Feb. 10, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
AT REDLANDS, 86, LONGRIDGE AVENUE,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 18.

W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON ..	1—2	O. MICHAEL SLANEY	5—6
ALBERT W. BOND	3—4	JOHN V. LONSBROUGH ..	7—8

Composed by E. MAURICE ATKINS. Conducted by O. MICHAEL SLANEY.

BOURNEMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5093 GRANDSIRE CATERS
No. 33. Tenor size 15 in C.

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	1—2	DANIEL T. MATKIN	5—6
MICHAEL J. E. BEST ..	3—4	DOROTHY T. GARDINER ..	7—8
*PHILIP N. TUBBS	9—10		

Composed by M. J. MORRIS. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.
* First peal on ten handbells.

ASHFORD, KENT.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Rundle (first quarter) 1, Mrs. T. Cullingworth 2, H. S. Wickens 3, J. R. Cooper (cond.) 4, F. G. Huckstepp 5, G. Pearson 6, T. Cullingworth 7, A. Jones 8. For Evensong.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCS.—On Feb. 17th at St. Peter's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss C. B. Clayton 1, Miss P. S. Gatty 2, N. Bennett 3, A. W. Stone 4, J. P. Schoolden 5, D. Ogden (cond.) 6, R. M. Edwards 7, D. F. Yates 8. Rung half-muffled by the local band as a tribute to Mr. W. W. Wolstencroft, for 50 years ringing master at this church.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,440 Minor (720 Kent and 720 Bob): J. J. Prentice 1, A. E. J. Lester 2, P. R. J. Lester 3, G. R. Goodship 4, R. E. Lester 5, L. N. Melton (first in two methods as cond.) 6. For Evensong.

BRADFORD.—At the Cathedral, 1,260 Minor (360 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and 540 Bob): Mrs. H. B. Schofield 1, Mrs. M. Evans 2, H. B. Schofield 3, F. Rayment 4, A. Ashton 5, E. H. Simson (cond.) 6. T. Pedder tenor covering. For evening service and as a birthday compliment to Joe Hardcastle on his 87th birthday.

BRENCHLEY, KENT.—On Jan. 31st, 1,320 Bob Doubles: R. Hughes (first quarter) 1, Linda Grenham 2, R. E. Lambert 3, E. Brunger 4, C. A. Tester (cond.) 5, J. Pocock 6.

CARDIFF.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Muller 1, S. Marchant 2, Mrs. J. E. Daniels 3, E. Coombes (cond.) 4, F. Rowsell 5, J. Evans 6, J. E. Daniels 7, W. Dare 8.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 14th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Miss F. E. Wyman 1, R. V. Johnson 2, K. Snelling 3, R. Overy (cond.) 4, J. Jeffreys 5, H. Lilley 6, F. Godsmark 7, E. Brett 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. Annie Apps, who died on February 4th.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.—On Feb. 10th, 1,264 Bob Major: B. Martin 1, J. H. Crampion 2, R. Smith 3, Miss M. Turner 4, N. J. Fleetwood 5, E. D. Smith 6, C. E. Willmington 7, L. S. Woods (cond.) 8. Rung on the occasion of the visit of the Lord Bishop of Chelmsford to preach at Evensong.

DISLEY, CHESHIRE.—On Feb. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Margaret McKay (first quarter) 1, F. Osbaldiston 2, Dorothy Stafford (first 'inside') 3, Wm. Dowse 4, B. Groves (first as cond.) 5, Margaretta Braddock (first quarter) 6. First of Grandsire by all. Average age of band 14 years.

DUBLIN, EIRE.—At St. Patrick's Cathedral, on Feb. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. H. Brown 1, E. G. Buchanan 2, J. McMorran (cond.) 3, W. H. Wilson 4, H. W. Jones 5, A. R. Pocklington 6, J. A. Atkinson 7, J. M. Magill 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. Tait, wife of R. Tait, one of the Society's ringers, whose funeral took place this day.

FULHAM, S.W.—On Feb. 10th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: Miss M. Harte 1, Miss A. Garnett 2, Mrs. C. Watts 3, J. Allsop 4, W. Langdon 5, B. Lunn 6, James Phillips 7, W. Cook 8, John Phillips (cond.) 9, H. Page 10.

HALESOWEN, WARWICKS.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. H. Harris 1, J. H. Cox 2, Miss N. Tromans 3, L. Clissett 4, B. E. Woodall 5, H. Shilvock 6, T. Greenhall (cond.) 7, J. Byng 8. For the 70th birthday of the 2nd ringer.

HALIFAX, YORKS.—On Feb. 17th, at All Souls' Church, 1,264 Bob Major: Miss M. V. Copping 1, Miss J. Henderson (first quarter, 13) 2, Miss P. Reeve (first quarter, 15) 3, Miss F. Scott (first quarter, 14) 4, D. Hollas 5, R. M. Mann 6, E. M. Fielden (cond.) 7, V. Bottomley 8.

HARTEST, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Garwood 1, M. Willoughby 2, F. Payne (cond.) 3, H. Clarke 4, R. J. Truin 5. To celebrate the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. R. Seabrook. Mr. Seabrook is one of the regular ringers.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLX.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. W. Goodfellow 1, M. Palmer (first in method) 2, A. R. G. Twinn 3, A. R. Turley 4, N. D. Robinson 5, N. Genna 6, T. G. Bannister (cond.) 7, C. Ashpool 8. For Evensong.

HOUGHTON REGIS, BEDS.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Calcott 1, B. J. Meachem 2, J. W. Sinfield 3, P. J. Pratt 4, D. Knox (cond.) 5, G. Woollison 6. First quarter for 2, 4 and 6. Rung as a tribute to Mr. Albert Gadsden, a ringer for 53 years, who retired in December.

QUARTER PEALS

LAVERSTOKE, HANTS. — On Feb. 16th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Bob and 660 Grandsire): A. W. Alliston (first quarter) 1, J. Weaver 2, P. Holmes 3, Rev. F. A. Sanders 4, B. Garrett (cond.) 5, R. G. Hassell (first quarter) 6.

LINCOLN.—On Feb. 3rd, at the Church of St. Giles, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. F. Metham 1, Mrs. L. Dickinson 2, J. L. Millhouse 3, Mary Payne 4, S. A. Chambers 5, G. R. Parker 6, H. L. Pask (cond.) 7, G. Paul 8. To welcome the Lord Bishop of Lincoln to Evensong.

LLANBADARN FAWR, CARDS.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,344 Bob Triples: Glenys Thomas 1, R. Hitchcock 2, T. Gwilliam 3, A. Evans 4, G. Harris 5, P. F. Romney 6, D. K. Walklate (cond.) 7, M. Edwards (first quarter) 8. First quarter of Bob Triples by all except ringer of the 3rd. For evening service.

MANGOTSFIELD, GLOS.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Beakes 1, C. E. Jefferies 2, W. Richings 3, M. J. Jefferies 4, T. Jefferies 5, J. W. Jefferies 6, J. G. Jefferies (cond.) 7, E. Cooksley 8. A farewell to M. J. Jefferies, who is joining the R.A.F.; also 21st birthday compliment to T. Jefferies.

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICS.—On Feb. 5th, 1,264 Bob Major: Miss R. Main (first quarter) 1, F. J. Stimson 2, M. D. Staniforth 3, R. H. Cook 4, R. E. Manton 5, R. Hill 6, H. Clayton 7, P. A. Corby (cond.) 8.

MEYSEY HAMPTON, GLOS.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Peare 1, D. Hicks 2, W. A. Godwin (cond.) 3, E. H. Peare 4, H. Day 5, H. Falkner 6. For morning service, and a farewell to the ringer of the 2nd on leaving for H.M. Forces.

MUCH WENLOCK, SALOP.—On Feb. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. E. Edwards 1, H. Perks 2, J. E. Fox (cond.) 3, L. Evans 4, L. Longlands 5, H. G. Childs 6, H. Edge 7, A. G. Mathews 8. Rung half-muffled after the interment of Ald. William Lloyd, parochial church councillor, and sidesman over 40 years.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Doubles (240 St. Simon's, 240 Grandsire, 240 Kennington and 540 Bob): H. Hardwidge 1, Mrs. R. Ouint 2, M. J. Horseman (cond.) 3, Miss M. Fray 4, L. Derrick 5, Mrs. D. Strong 6. Rung for the engagement of Miss M. Fray, of Clutton, and M. J. Horseman; also for the Sunday School prize-giving at the church.

NEW ROMNEY, KENT.—On Feb. 13th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Anne Boulden 1, S. J. Boulden 2, Olive Boulden 3, H. S. Humphrey 4, Maisie Vantom (first in method) 5, J. R. Cooper (cond.) 6, R. Swift 7, A. L. Terry 8.

NORTHIAM, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Garnet (first quarter) 1, R. Selley (first 'inside') 2, Mrs. G. Reece 3, R. Barnes 4, W. Button (cond.) 5, J. Epps (first quarter) 6. For Evensong.

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On Feb. 14th, 1,260 Bob Minor: R. Stevens 1, Janet Evans 2, L. Cordell 3, R. Bridges 4, J. McPhail 5, W. Wedlock (cond.) 6. Rung at the institution of the Rev. T. C. Thorpe.

OLD HEADINGTON, OXON.—At the Church of St. Andrew, on Dec. 31st, 1,560 Doubles (480 Reverse Canteroury, 480 Bob and 600 Grandsire): Angela Mellor 1, T. H. Smith 2, S. A. Scott 3, D. C. Bowen 4, R. J. Trebilcock (cond.) 5, R. Brown 6. For New Year's Eve. Also on Jan. 6th, 1,300 Bob Minor: J. Cruickshank 1, M. Stone 2, S. A. Scott 3, R. J. Trebilcock 4, M. Eason 5, T. H. Smith (cond.) 6. Rung to congratulate the ringer of the 2nd on his engagement to Miss Mary Brown. Also on Jan. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Linda Forward 1, S. A. Scott 2, D. Simms (cond.) 3, J. Cruickshank 4, R. J. Trebilcock 5, R. Brown 6. A farewell to Alan Scott, who is leaving for Abingdon.

OTTERSHAW, SURREY.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Jones 1, H. Kingston 2, N. Carter (first quarter) 3, H. Hancock 4, D. Wright (cond.) 5, J. Ribbans 6. For Evensong.

OXFORD.—On Feb. 3rd, at the Church of St. Giles, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Wynn (first quarter) 1, J. R. Chaundy 2, J. H. Gardner 3, D. O. Wilks 4, D. J. Roaf 5, Miss D. R. Castell 6, A. H. Gearing (cond.) 7, P. Walker 8. For Evensong.

PETERBOROUGH.—On Feb. 10th, at St. John's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Rose 1, Miss R. Morgan 2, J. Haw 3, H. Goakes 4, J. Bluff 5, W. Baker 6, G. Bush (cond.) 7, F. Boyall 8. Rung in honour of the 58th wedding anniversary of the parents of the conductor.

RIPLEY, DERBYS.—On Jan. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles. A. Marshall 1, P. Sewry 2, F. Hill 3, J. Faulkner 4, R. Stretton (cond.) 5, B. Beardsley 6. For morning service. Also on Jan. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Marshall 1, P. Sewry 2, F. Hill 3, J. Faulkner 4, R. Stretton (cond.) 5, R. Hopson (first quarter) 6.

ROTHLEY, LEICS.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Bishop 1, B. S. Payne 2, G. M. Brewin 3, R. A. Brewin 4, P. Plowright 5, M. Westbury 6. Rung silent and unconducted by the Sunday service band for Matins. First unconducted quarter by all the band.

SALISBURY.—On Feb. 13th, at St. Martin's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. A. Roles 1, Miss Y. L. Eloie 2, Miss A. Bacon 3, J. Sutton 4, Miss M. Page 5, R. Marlow 6, H. H. Abrahams (cond.) 7, J. Maidment 8. A 78th birthday compliment to the captain (Mr. W. Chalk).

SHAFTESBURY, DORSET.—On Feb. 10th, at St. James' Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Sally Brooks (first quarter, 15) 1, C. W. Morgan (first quarter) 2, A. E. Woods 3, J. Powesland 4, W. Whatmore (cond.) 5, J. Morgan (first quarter, 16) 6. For Evensong and as a farewell to the Rector. Also at Holy Trinity Church, on Feb. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Joy Godfrey (first quarter) 1, A. E. Woods 2, J. Powesland 3, C. W. Morgan 4, M. Hallett (cond.) 5, J. Morgan 6.

SHOTWICK, CHESHIRE.—On Feb. 7th, 1,260 Bob Minor: Miss J. M. P. Raban (first quarter) 1, J. W. Griffiths (cond.) 2, H. O. Baker 3, Rev. J. Kingdon 4, S. Jones 5, J. W. Clarke 6.

SOMERTON, OXON.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Minor (720 St. Clement's, 540 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure): J. H. Gregory 1, C. C. Clarke 2, W. Ivings 3, R. A. Reeves 4, G. F. Burton 5, E. E. Pearson (cond.) 6. First in two methods for 1, 2, 3 and 4.

STARSTON, NORFOLK.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,260 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Miss M. J. Alden (14) 1, C. A. Thompson 2, E. Whiting (cond.) 3, W. J. Flatt 4, R. Plummer 5, L. E. Etheridge 6. For Matins.

STOGURSEY, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 14th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: F. Sweet (cond.) 1, D. Miller 2, C. Clarke 3, W. Stevens 4, R. Short 5, H. Pople 6. First of Stedman on the bells. Rung half-muffled in memory of the Rev. A. J. Hook, past master of the Bath and Wells Association, interred earlier this day.

STOKE, COVENTRY, WARWICKS.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Bob Major: B. Bingham (first quarter) 1, F. Brassington 2, R. D. Hayne 3, D. Sibley (first of Major) 4, H. Folwell 5, D. Ellender 6, R. F. B. Speed 7, H. Sibley (first of Major as cond.) 8. For Evensong.

THRYBERGH, YORKS. — On Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Treble Bob Minor: Miss B. Marchant 1, B. Heppenstall 2, F. Brunt 3, T. Cutts 4, G. R. Hiner 5, H. Mortemore (cond.) 6.

TRURO, CORNWALL.—At the Cathedral, on Feb. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. A. Johns (first quarter) 1, B. A. Parkin 2, A. Carveth (cond.) 3, A. Burley 4, D. Burnett 5, A. Locke 6, D. Penrose 7, A. Edwards (first quarter) 8.

TWYFORD, BERKS.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Brown 1, Sylvia Jones (first quarter) 2, Sylvia Castle (first 'inside') 3, Mrs. H. Smith 4, Mrs. E. C. Castle 5, W. Hunt 6, H. Smith (cond.) 7, F. Hicks 8. For the Feast of Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Whitcher 1, Mrs. C. W. Roberts 2, M. C. Austin 3, F. Digby 4, H. Duncan (first as cond.) 5, H. Davis (first quarter) 6. Rung by the local band as a compliment to Mr. F. Digby on his 75th birthday, and to Mr. M. C. Austin on his 21st.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—At the Church of St. Mary, on Feb. 17th, 1,344 Grandsire Triples: F. Sykes (first quarter, aged 13) 1, H. Rumens 2, D. Hewitt 3, F. C. Maynard 4, C. T. W. Coles 5, A. J. N. Boyack 6, R. J. Chapman (cond.) 7, M. J. Hayes 8. For Evensong, and also a birthday compliment to the conductor's mother.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Farnham Review Successful Year

The Farnham District should be in for a very successful year if their annual meeting on February 16th has set a pattern. The meeting, held at Farnham on Saturday, February 16th, was extremely well attended, only one tower in the District being not represented, and there were many visitors from other areas. There was ringing during the afternoon, under the direction of the Ringing Master, Mr. Rex Corke.

The Rector, the Rev. H. R. Wilds, conducted the service, during which he welcomed all visitors. Mr. F. Anthony was the organist, and local ringers formed the choir.

Tea was served in the Owen Hall before the business meeting, when Mr. C. W. Denyer, a vice-president of the Guild, presided. Reports were read by the Ringing Master and the secretary, Mr. C. J. Beadle. Both told of a year's good work, with Sunday service ringing being maintained in most towers, and meeting and combined practices well attended. Membership was up, and five peals had been rung for the District—many ringers scoring their 'first.' The treasurer, Mr. R. Mills, submitted the financial report, which showed a substantial balance.

After balloting, Mr. Rex Corke was re-elected Ringing Master and Mr. Tom Page elected as assistant Ringing Master. Other officers were re-elected.

Seven new members were elected—Farnborough (4), Farnham (2) and Bagshot (1): and two compounding members were elected from Binstead.

An excellent social evening followed, with Mr. R. Whitford, of Aldershot, acting as M.C. During this time it was apparent that the 'friendly spirit' fostered in the Farnham District is still very much alive.

A BULWELL COMING-OF-AGE

A special 21st birthday peal for Miss Maureen Patrick, who is both a ringer and a Sunday School teacher at St. Mary and All Souls' Parish Church, Bulwell, unfortunately came to grief on January 26th, after only about an hour's ringing. The ringers decided that such an occasion should not go unmarked, and attempted a quarter peal in the same method, Grandsire Triples. This was successfully brought round by David Boden 1, Margaret E. Hill 2, Mrs. A. Simpson 3, Maureen Patrick 4, William L. Exton 5, F. William Midwinter 6, Allan Simpson (conductor) 7 and Sydney Adams 8.

The ringers would like to take this opportunity of thanking Mr. and Mrs. Patrick for their kind hospitality following this quarter peal, and congratulate Maureen on her 21st birthday.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The St. Albans District held a meeting at Barnet and Hadley on February 16th. The winter sunshine brought out ringers from Hertfordshire and Middlesex, and both towers were well filled.

Ringing at Barnet took place in the afternoon from 3 until 5 p.m., when a short business meeting was held in the tower. Members made their various ways for tea and arrived at Hadley at 6 p.m. for more ringing. The Rector welcomed the party and said that this was the first meeting to be held at Hadley since the bells had been recast and rehung. He also took prayers. Ringing continued until 8 p.m. During the meeting various methods were rung, with rounds for those less proficient. M. A. C.

EAST HARLING RINGERS' MARDLE

The East Harling and District Beliringers' Mardle was held on February 16th at the Crown Inn, Kenninghall, Norfolk. Proceedings were opened at roughly 6 p.m., when eight ringers forgathered at St. Mary's Church, Kenninghall, and rang a touch or two to warm up for supper.

Forty-four members and guests sat down to an excellent three-course dinner. The Rev. O. A. E. Comely, Vicar of Kenninghall, welcomed all and thanked the St. Mary's company for their untiring efforts during the year to form a Sunday service band. He welcomed the chairman (Dr. Paul Jonason) to Kenninghall.

The chairman expressed the thanks of the assembled company to the Vicar and the Kenninghall members for use of the bells, and hoped that their efforts would be rewarded. The Rev. H. G. Lillingston, president of the Norwich Association, was present as guest of honour. The peal board, dated March 23rd, 1783, in St. Mary's Church was mentioned, as it is probably the oldest record of a peal in Norfolk outside Norwich city. Appreciation was again expressed of the excellent 20 years' work put in by Mr. Albert G. Harrison, the retiring secretary of the Southern Branch, and the new secretary, Mr. C. W. F. Phillippo, of Bunwell, was welcomed.

After dinner, touches were rung on handbells, and some excellent stories beautifully recounted by Mr. C. E. Last. Well refreshed and in good spirits, the party finished at 11 p.m. P. J.

ROTHLEY, LEICS.—On Feb. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. J. Wilkinson (first quarter) 1, S. M. Stone (first 'inside') 2, N. Bishop 3, R. M. Brewin 4, B. S. Payne (cond.) 5, P. Plowright 6. A birthday compliment to the 3rd ringer.

John Taylor & Co.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Christ Church, Southgate. N.14, band ring their quarter peals chiefly for church services and special occasions connected with the church. At the annual meeting of ringers the Vicar (the Rev. C. H. Plummer) suggested that a donation should be sent to 'The Ringing World' from church funds instead of separate amounts. We are pleased to acknowledge a cheque for 2 gns.

The number of changes in the peal of Stedman Caters rung at Norwich on January 29th (see 'R.W.', page 98) was 5,079.

The Cathedral bells of St. Saviour's, Southwark, will be on the air next Sunday during Children's Hour at about 5.5 p.m.

The peal of St. Clement's C.B. Major rung at New Mills, Derbyshire, on January 12th was 5,056 changes and not 5,040 as printed.

Further information regarding Hudson's New Light (which is the Ilkeston variation with 6th place bobs) can be obtained from 'The Ringing World' of March 18th, 1921.

Miss F. E. Wyman regrets she will be unable to arrange a Sussex ringing tour this year. She would like to take this opportunity of thanking all those who have helped her to make them so enjoyable for the last eight years.

The quarter peal at Shirley, Worcs. on February 3rd marked the completion of 55 years' ringing service to the church for A. Morris, 45 years for G. Bailey and 25 years for Mrs. Watts. The total service of the band of six to Shirley Church was 155 years.

The recent meeting of the Beverley and District Society received a very full report in the 'Beverley Guardian.' No doubt the fact that there are two very fine rings of ten in Beverley provides a great attraction, and under the able leadership of their president, Mr. A. E. Sellars, the ringers of the Beverley District will continue to make good progress.

GOSSIP

Mr. A. W. Alliston, of Whitchurch, Hants, whose first quarter, rung at Laverstoke, Hants, is recorded this week, learnt to ring in his 64th year. He hopes shortly to reach his 65th birthday.

Mr. James Adams is the new secretary of the Oxford City Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

Miss Jean A. Brooks, a member of the Syston, Leicestershire, band, sails for New Zealand this month. We wish her God speed.

Mrs. Diana Pipe sails for Australia next Tuesday to join her husband George. A farewell peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal was rung at Grundisburgh on February 16th. We wish her *bon voyage.*

The brothers Henry and George Fearn have rung 600 peals together. The 600th peal was at Tanworth-in-Arden on February 2nd, and this peal was the 600th for Mr. Arthur V. Pearson.

His many friends will be sorry to hear that Mr. Reg Lathbury, of Walton-on-Thames, has had an operation at St. Peter's Hospital, Chertsey. He is making satisfactory progress.

Conductor Harold Chant, commenting on the peal at Cawthorne on February 16th, writes that it was Mr. W. F. Moreton's first peal of 'cartwheel' Minor and first in seven 'irregular' methods.

Who is the youngest conductor to call Carter's Odd Bob one-part of Stedman Triples? Mr. Roger G. Leale, who is 20, called it at Esher on February 9th, and the band in congratulating him are anxious to discover a younger conductor.

We are sorry to learn that a peal attempt at Nether Stowey, Somerset, in thanksgiving for the life and work of Preb. A. J. Hook, past Master of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, was unfortunately lost after about an hour's ringing.

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

Preliminary Notice

The first session of the 28th Council (60th annual meeting) will be held on Whitsun Tuesday, June 11th, 1957, in the Shirehall, Chelmsford.

In accordance with Rule 13, notices of motion, signed by two members of the Council, must be received by the secretary not less than six weeks previous to the meeting, i.e., by April 29th, 1957.

Under Rule 4 (iv.), names and addresses of representative members must be forwarded to the secretary by not later than May 14th, 1957.

PEAL ATTEMPTS

Members wishing to take part in peal attempts are requested to communicate as soon as possible with Miss H. G. Snowden, 3, Belle View, Hedingham Road, Halstead, Essex, stating any preference regarding method, number of bells, etc.

TOURS

Arrangements are in hand for a half-day ringing tour on Whit Sunday and a full-day tour on the Monday.

Further details on this and other matters will be announced later. E. A. BARNETT, Hon. Secretary.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Lewisham District

The ancient Church of St. Nicholas, Chislehurst, was visited for the first quarterly meeting of the year, and 50 members enjoyed a good afternoon and evening's use of the bells, under the direction of Miss M. R. Andrews, Ringing Master.

Owing to the absence of the Rector on Diocesan business, no service was held, so the order of the day was ringing, tea, business meeting and further ringing. All degrees of talent were catered for, rounds and Bristol Surprise equally attracting ready hands.

Mr. E. Barnett (Crayford) presided at the business meeting, exhibiting that quality of being a genial martinet, so apt—though difficult to attain—for the purpose. Eleven ringers were elected members of the Association, and the elections of three members were ratified.

Mr. A. S. Richards read a report of proceedings at the committee meeting held at Maidstone on November 24th, which was adopted with a vote of thanks.

West Wickham was chosen as the place of next meeting, to be held on April 27th. It was also agreed tentatively, to hold the summer meeting at Crayford, and the annual meeting at Dartford.

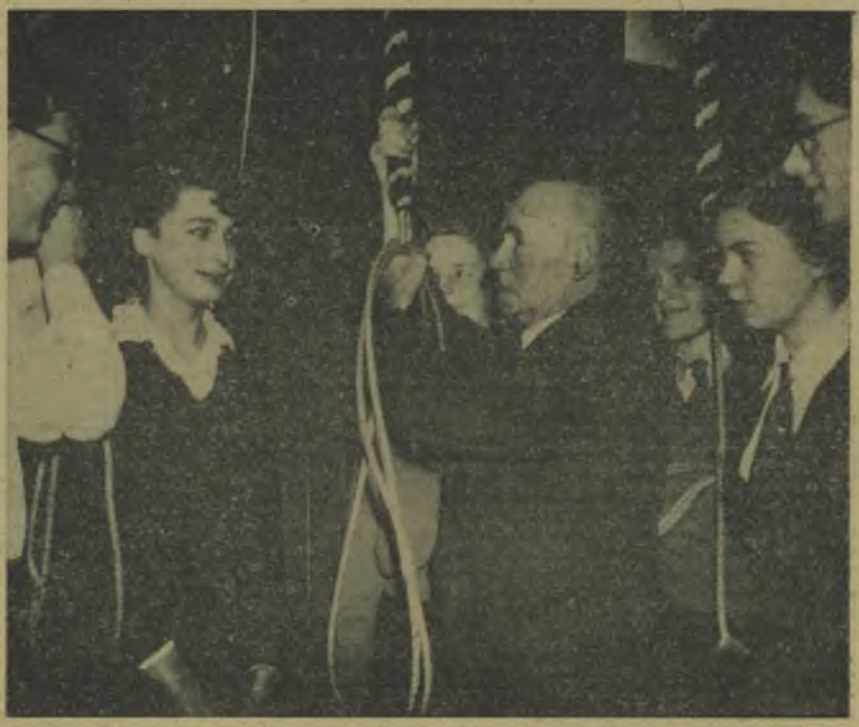
The passing of two aged and long-serving members of the District—Mr. G. H. Daynes, of Deptford, and Mr. I. Emery, of Bromley—was marked in the traditional manner, after tributes to their memory had been paid by Mr. E. A. Barnett, Mr. J. Dafters and Mr. P. Spice.

Members were unanimous in congratulating Mr. F. J. Cullum on his appointment as Master of the Royal Cumberland Youths—the second successive Master of that august body to be recruited from the Lewisham District. Mr. Cullum suitably responded, and informed the meeting that another of its number, Mr. J. L. Morris (Bexley), had been appointed assistant secretary to the Cumberlands.

Another pleasant duty, eagerly discharged, was to congratulate the chairman on the completion of 60 years' membership of the Association. Acknowledging this esteem for him, Mr. Barnett spoke modestly without self-denigration, pointed with pertinent reminiscences, adequately without tautology.

Votes of thanks to the Rector and to Mr. Draper, of the local band, ended the business.

MR. ALBERT WALKER EXPLAINS



VETERAN Albert Walker surrounded by pupils who rang on February 7th at the annual foundation service for schools of the foundation of King Edward VI in Birmingham. The service was at St. Martin's Church, and Mr. Albert Walker, Mr. John Pinfold and one or two other St. Martin's ringers were there to assist.

Ringing was first on the middle eight, in which seven of the ringers were from the schools, and there was one 'regular.' The back eight were then rung by four St. Martin's and four schools ringers. The ringing was rounds and ended with a few plain courses of Grandsire Doubles, which included four of King Edward's ringers.

Of the seven schools attending the service four were represented in the ringing, but they had never rung together before as a band. However, five of them are regular ringers at Handsworth, the other two coming from Harborne and Great Barr respectively.

This may not seem a very great achievement (writes A. N. S.), but considering that four out of seven of the King Edward ringers had never rung at St. Martin's before, the bells of which are not the easiest for beginners, and of the remaining three, one had broken a stay there the previous Sunday (see 'Belfry Gossip,' February 22nd), perhaps it was not too unworthy an effort.

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A Record Attendance At Wirral Branch Dinner

The ninth annual dinner and dance of the Wirral Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild, held on February 2nd at the Coach and Horses Inn, Moreton, attracted a record gathering of 160 ringers and friends.

The company began to forgather in the private lounge bar at 5.15 p.m., and prominent amongst the early arrivals was 'Old Joe,' from Southport, who was soon decrying absurd licensing laws which kept him thirsty for approximately two minutes after his arrival.

Guests of honour were Rev. C. R. and Mrs. Whereat, of Oxon (who recently returned after a lengthy sojourn in Australia). The president, Mr. J. Cooke, was supported by Mr. W. R. Stanley (chairman), Mr. T. Rogers (Ringing Master), Mr. A. J. Martin (hon. secretary), Mr. C. B. Pemberton (assistant Ringing Master) and Mr. and Mrs. G. Pemberton (vice-presidents). Mr. A. Houston, of West Kirby, officiated as toastmaster. Ringers were present from Birkenhead St. Mary's, Bidston, Bromborough, Bebington, Moreton, Neston, Oxton, West Kirby, Wallasey St. Hilary, Wallasey St. Nicholas, Upton, Woodchurch, Liverpool and Southport.

After the loyal toast the Rev. C. R. Whereat proposed the toast of the evening, 'The Wirral Branch.' He spoke of the great service rendered by ringers and of the very unostentatious way in which they went about their business. Speaking from his own experience, he had found that ringers carried out their duties conscientiously and with the minimum of fuss, and if other Church organisations ran as smoothly a parson's life would be much less onerous. The toast of 'The Ladies' was proposed by the hon. secretary, and Mrs. S. D. Sutton made an admirable response.

Speeches were interspersed with entertainment provided by Wirral Handbell Ringers, Mr. C. Hallwood (bass) and Mr. J. Irvine (comedian), whilst Mrs. N. Brown acted as accompanist.

After a short interval, whilst the ballroom was cleared, dancing continued until midnight with but a short break for light refreshment.

The committee would like to thank Mr. and Mrs. G. Pemberton for floral decorations, the generous Wirral ringers for raffle prizes and other gifts, ticket sellers and all who supported this function to make it such an outstanding success.

A PEAL IN EVERY RINGING TOWER IN LEICESTERSHIRE

MR. ERNEST MORRIS TELLS HIS EXPERIENCES

IN 1906 a youth rang his first peal and his father was mightily pleased. Calling the boy into the church one day he (the father) requested him to make their name respected and revered in the church they both served, and in the ringing circles they both loved. That youth was Ernest Morris, and how he reacted is shown by his achievements both in the church and in the belfry.

In the former—in due time—not only did he follow his father as verger and tower keeper but served as sidesman, on Parochial Church Council, on Diocesan Advisory Committee, and Clerk of the Select Vestry. In ringing circles he has excelled by taking part in more peals than any other living ringer (and these include many record long peals), and now has achieved his life's ambition by ringing a full 5,000 in every possible tower in his native Leicestershire, and —*laus Deo*—his father has lived to see him do it! At nearly 90 years of age, Josiah Morris—the rhythm king, as he was affectionately called, because of the wonderful way he handled the tenors in many handbell peals—still retains an active interest in all bell matters, although now confined to bed in hospital.

In achieving this remarkable record in going around the Leicestershire towers, Ernest Morris has met with many adventures both grave and gay, and here in his own words is a very brief account of some of these.

SHOCKING CONDITIONS

In my quest to ring these peals I have had some very difficult and strenuous tasks, for we found in some of the outlying towers with five and six bells much neglect and shocking conditions in both bell-chambers and ringing rooms. In some cases almost unringable bells through the bearings remaining unoiled for years; wheels and fittings loose; ropes in shocking condition, and the dust and dirt of years with bird droppings everywhere. However, in most cases, after much hard work in clearing debris, mending wheels, ropes, etc., then the shedding of many tears and much sweat, blistered hands and wet shirts, we have successfully rung full peals. In this connection I remember with gratitude my old Ratby and Groby friends, my Billesdon friends, for helping and taking me around, as well as many others too numerous to mention. We had some happy times, many adventures, and lots of fun!

My first peal (in 1906) was rung 100 miles from home—at St. Andrew's, Grimsby, and my first in Leicestershire appropriately began with 'A' at Anstey. Here was an octave recently augmented from five which had three awful bells, 6, 7, 8, hopelessly out of tune. In later years these three were recast, the tenor now being the only one in England with the name King Edward VIII. I took part in many subsequent peals here, the most outstanding being one described by the late Samuel Cotton as the best ever rung, viz.: Double Norwich, with my dad on tenor, and I called it from sixth. It was his 100th and my 68th peal, the composition 5,168.

MY FIRST DRINK OF BEER!

Like that of its sister church of King's Norton some half-mile distant, a contemplated peal at Galby (6) was fraught with difficulties. The church was rebuilt in 1741 by Squire Fortrey, who gave five bells, to which he added a sixth in 1746. These hang in the original frame, and —like all old bells—take a full swing from the canons, necessitating huge wheels and long ropes. No peal was ever rung on these bells till old Joe Norton, of Billesdon, and his 'boys' determined to get one for me. They went over several times to tighten up bolts, wedge the frame, mend wheels, take ropes, etc., and an attempt made. Minor was not suggested owing to the cupboard between treble and tenor, who never see each other while ringing. On April 2nd, 1927, a peal of Grandsire Doubles was successfully rung in 3 hours 2 minutes. All had to strip for the job: the second man (Joe) stood among the coal slack and rubbish heap: the rest simply had a 'do or die' look, and with two Geary brothers on 3-4 and two Ernests on 5-6 the peal was rung. The lighting accommodation consists on an upright bar fixed in a huge stone with a couple of candles on top! The belfry is on the ground floor of bare bricks littered with odds and ends not wanted in church.

However, having rung Doubles, the band were not satisfied but must try Minor, so the following January they again went, and after 3 hours 12 minutes' real tough going, accomplished the second peal—these being still the only two rung there. During this peal a roadman insisted on sitting in the belfry, promising not to disturb us. He remained about two hours or more, then got up and to my great consternation went up the belfry steps. I was ringing the tenor and saw his feet, which did not disappear out of sight but turned round and remained about six steps up. They never shifted till the end of the peal, when the man came down. Asked what he had been doing, he said he had a bottle of beer in his pocket and was dying for a drink. He dare not get it out in front of us, so went and sat on the steps to finish it off. He had another bottle which he handed round, but I refused at first—never tasted alcohol in my life! I was pretty well exhausted after the peal, and there being no possible means of getting refreshment nearer than Billesdon, I was pressed to have a 'swig' like medicine—it was grand! I wonder if anyone else ever had their first drink of beer in a church?

LOCAL REHANGING OF BELLS

In my peal book, regarding the first peal at Barkby (then 5) in 1927, I add: 'A most arduous task, but "labor omnia vincit"; and state: 'A notice in the belfry inaptly says, "rehung on the latest pattern roller bearings," by a local firm of engineers—the band only rang the peal through grim determination and long suffering, the "go" being dreadful and the bells most difficult to handle. This is a case of the proverbial watch going to the blacksmith.'

Other cases where a local firm of clock makers were employed to rehang bells are at Church Langton (8), Swithland (6) and Appleby Magna (6). The first named are unpealable, and the only octave in the diocese I have never rung a peal. Swithland is the only place where my father had to give up a peal—after two hours, but where I later rang the tenor (hung unevenly) to Minor after a very great effort. These bells are now on ball-bearings. Appleby Magna bells have never been rung to a Minor peal, but after shedding much sweat and many tears I have rung peals of Doubles on them. This shows the foolishness of employing firms who do not understand the work.

Arnesby (5) we found in a dilapidated state, and much oiling, tightening up of bolts, etc., had to be done before a peal attempt could be made. One bell had no stay so I rang this to the first peal. Later on, Dr. Stedman Poole desired a peal here, so we obliged, and did he have any medals?—hands full!

Aylestone old six were a tough proposition, with long draught of rope and no guides, and heavy going. However, after several abortive attempts I rang the tenor, and called the only peal ever rung on them. Of recent years these have been rehung with new fittings and two trebles added, also rope guides added, and form a nice octave.

Asfordby (6) are rung from the ground floor, open on three sides to the church, with a very long draught of rope.

The first peal on them was no easy matter, but Alban Disney did a good job on the tenor, and the local blacksmith and carrier—a hefty fellow—put the fourth (an awfully false-struck bell) through and we rang a good peal. Since then these bells have been rehung and on ball-bearings, with rope guides below, and are a real grand ring.

To accomplish the first peal on Willoughby Waterleys (5) some preliminary work had to be put in by the late Harry Webb (who beautifully carved many slate peal tablets), who spliced ropes and cleared the place generally, and H. Bird, who partially cleared the refuse and dirt deposited on the bells and wheels by his feathered namesakes—the birds! While this peal was in progress—a very strenuous job—the Rector was given a copy of Standard Methods to digest, and although he knew nothing of change-ringing, the following lines he composed on the spot shows his ready grasp of the technical terms:—

'TREBLE TO TENOR A SNAPPING'

'Up' and 'down' and 'in' and 'out,'
Do not 'course' if you have gout.
'Hunting,' 'leading,' 'changes,' 'strokes,'
Do not think that these are jokes.
'Dodge the middle,' 'behind,' 'before,'
Be a 'Bob' but not a bore;
Don't go 'wrong' but get 'right' 'home,'
Else climb down from up the dome.
'Maximus' is just a twelve,
'Tuffings' not the only helve.
'Minors,' 'Majors,' 'Triples' call
Men of muscle, short or tall.
'Caters,' 'Royal,' 'Cinques' there are,
'Singles,' 'Doubles' don't debar;
Then you'll flourish 'touch' or 'peal,'
Show your nous—prove your zeal.

1927 E. A. INGHAM, Rector.

(To be continued.)

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

UNRINGABLE TOWERS

Dear Sir,—Sorting through the mass of evidence that I have uncovered during the past two years, I have come to the following conclusions regarding the towers which are usually marked 'UR.'

There are now no unringable rings of 12, but there are:—

5 rings of 10	171 rings of 6
73 rings of 8	216 rings of 5

making a grand total of 465, including 21 in Wales and two in Scotland.

The greatest concentration is in East Anglia, there being 43 in Suffolk and 54 in Norfolk. This is amazing, as no other county approaches anything like these two: the next highest on the list are Gloucestershire and Wiltshire, both with 24.

It should be borne in mind that this list is comprehensive, as it includes many towers in which a 'Parsons Gay' applies. Many readers would be surprised at the many towers which have 'UR' Parsons. At the other end of the scale are towers such as Layston, Herts, and Swineshead, Beds, where the fittings are in an advanced state of decay. There is also a ring in which the bells were hung with all ringing fittings, but owing to the frame's construction it is impossible to pull the bells up. (Yes, this is true!)

I hope that this may be of use to those who keep statistics.—Yours, etc.,

ERNEST J. ROWE.

London, N.15.

THE HOAR CROSS PEAL

Dear Sir,—The peal rung at Hoar Cross on November 24th, 1956, seems to have caused quite a number of people to rush into print because the footnote 'Quickest peal on the bells' was added.

As conductor of this peal I was responsible for submitting this particular footnote based on information which was supplied locally—information which has since proved to be untrue. I should like to apologise for making the claim although the only way to find out is to make the claim and then see if anyone has a prior claim—as in this case.

There was absolutely no intention on the part of the band to ring a quick peal, as we had all the afternoon and evening in which to ring it. Mr. D. P. Jones stated that he had to employ every device he knew to ring a 720 in 30 minutes. Why, I do not know, as there were no gymnastic efforts on the part of our tenor ringer in achieving a time of a little under Mr. Jones' 30 minutes per 720. The majority of the band, I must admit, are not used to ringing slowly, but that did not detract from the quality of the ringing. The peal was in eight methods and included were an extent each of Double Oxford and St. Clement's, both of which call for hard work when working on the front.

A person like Mr. Jones ringing the tenor in 3¼ hours obviously is not ringing the bell—the bell is ringing him. Mr. Jones' remark that he was nursing the ringing is only an excuse. Mr. A. P. Cannon has reminded us that a peal was rung in 3 hours and 17 minutes and (he tells us) was a well-struck peal. Was Mr. Jones' peal? If so, the front bells must have found it extremely hard work to hold them up for 3¼ hours. It also meant that Mr. Jones was free-wheeling along without any effort while his colleagues did all the work.—Yours faithfully,

BRIAN G. WARWICK.

South Wigston.

FOUR-BELL TOWERS

Dear Sir,—I should like to support the suggestion by D. P. Jones that rings of four bells, if hung for ringing, might at some future time be included in 'The Bellringer's Guide to the Church Bells of Britain.' There may be quite a number of such rings in the country, though perhaps widely separated.

One exists in this district, about three miles from where I live, viz., Barkham, Berks, where there used to be a regular band of ringers, all members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. I believe I am right in saying that the bells are the product of Warner's old Cripplegate foundry.

Years ago we used to hold Guild practices there to encourage the local band, and much enjoyed our humble extents of Bob Minimus. As Mr. Jones points out, one never knows if, given an interested incumbent in the parish, the bells may one day be augmented to a ring of five or even six.

One hopes that Mr. Dove may feel disposed to take an interested view of this suggestion.

W. J. PAICE.

Wokingham.

Dear Sir,—I was very interested in the letter from Mr. Derek Jones concerning four-bell towers, and agree that a list of such towers where the bells are in a ringable condition would be both interesting and worth while, if only from the point of view of raising local interest and enthusiasm towards augmentation, etc. I append, for the information of Mr. Jones and others who may be interested, a list of ten four-bell towers in which I have had the pleasure of ringing, and no doubt others can add considerably to this short list:—

Burrough-on-the-Hill, Leics.—Tenor about 8 cwt. An excellent ring by Taylors, in good ringing order.

Margaretting, Essex.—A pre-Reformation ring, tenor about 8 cwt., hung on ball bearings in a five-bell frame. Going order very good.

Newtown, Hants.—Tenor about 7 cwt. Cast about 1880. Going order fair.

Over Compton, Somerset.—Tenor about 15 cwt. Hung on ball bearings in wooden frame. In quite good going order, although tower movement is considerable.

Slindon, Sussex.—Tenor about 8 cwt. Going order fair.

Trotton, Sussex.—Tenor about 9 cwt. An excellent ring by Taylors, in H frame. Going order good.

Tealby, Lincs.—Tenor about 14 cwt. Hung in six-bell frame on ball bearings. Going order excellent.

West Chinnock, Somerset.—Tenor only about 4 cwt., but a beautiful little ring of excellent tone.

Welby, Lincs.—Tenor about 10 cwt. Hung in extremely small tower, but going order excellent.

Yapton, Sussex.—Tenor about 7 cwt. Cast by Gilletts in 1909 after a fire in the tower. Hung in H frame with pits for six bells. Going order good.

I hope very much that Mr. R. H. Dove may one day be able to add a supplement to his excellent 'Ringer's Guide' to include all towers containing 'fours' which are in ringable condition.—Yours sincerely,

PETER N. BOND.

Aldenborough, Kent.

THAMES DITTON, SURREY.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (10 callings): Mrs. A. Jones-Walters 1, Mrs. H. Hawthorne 2, G. Higgs 3, Miss M. Hogg (first quarter) 4, F. E. Hawthorne (cond.) 5, G. Jones-Walters (first quarter) 6. For Evensong and for the christening (in Malta) of Adrian Varnham, second grandson of Mrs. Kitchen, also for the ninth birthday of grandson of ringer of 3.

WHERE RUNG?

Dear Sir,—I was interested to read Mr. A. W. Rolfe's comment that the peal at Fornham All Saints in November, 1956, was not the first on the bells, as my article suggested. I have looked at my records again (and checked whether I had inadvertently entered the peal under Fornham St. Martin) and find no trace of one. I wonder, therefore, if it was ever published. However, I should be most grateful if Mr. Rolfe would kindly send me particulars of this peal of 1927 or 1928.

Whilst writing, I would also be most grateful if readers would kindly help me with the following peals. The details given when published were not sufficient for me to pin-point the towers even by secondary information (dedication of church, weight of tenor, etc.):—

February 4th, 1890. Grandsire Triples; tenor 14½ cwt.; Lancashire Association; 'Bell News,' page 532.

June 28th, 1894. Stedman Triples; Oxford; Oxford Diocesan Guild; 'Bell News,' page 91.

October 6th, 1923. Kent Treble Bob Major; London; tenor 14½ cwt.; London County Association: page 644.

November 12th, 1932. Stedman Triples; London; tenor 24 cwt.; London County Association, page 767.

April 10th, 1948. Doubles (three methods); Sandhurst, Kent, St. Giles' (this is probably St. Nicholas', but I would like confirmation); tenor 7 cwt.; Hawkhurst and District; page 181.

October 11th, 1952. Bob Major; Blackpool, All Hallows'; tenor 10½ cwt.; Lancashire Association, page 626.

July 4th, 1953. Bob Minor; Ely, All Saints'; tenor 12 cwt.; Ely Diocesan Guild; page 482.

Yours faithfully,

K. W. H. FELSTEAD.

Southampton.

COLLEGE OF CAMPANOLOGY

Dear Sir,—Writing as a student of the College of Campanology, I should like to express both mine and my colleagues' views upon its merits.

Previously, we were a band of self-taught ringers, literally going round in circles getting nowhere. There was obviously a necessity for expert tuition to enable us to progress. The College of Campanology has met that need by some of its tutors conducting practices in our tower. There was no doubt in our minds after their first visit that the course would be a success for it brought new light and enthusiasm to us all. Needless to say, there were many technical faults in our ringing action to be corrected, but this was tackled in a good spirit and we soon realised that economy of effort was necessary to become a good ringer.

The Manual of Instruction may seem elementary and unnecessary to those concerned with peal ringing, yet I wonder how many of those people have ever considered all the points that it lays down, and practised them in their ringing. To us it is a foundation of basic facts—a necessity in any field of learning. Our good wishes to all who are following this course of instruction.—Yours faithfully,

PAMELA J. SULLIVAN.

Westbourne, Sussex.

STOWTING, KENT.—On Feb. 9th, 1,260 Bob Minor: R. J. Carlton (cond.) 1, T. Cullingworth 2, K. Finn 3, Miss P. Lowes 4, L. C. Smith 5, C. T. Hillis 6.

WENTWORTH, YORKS.—On Feb. 9th, 1,260 Bob Minor: F. Pickering 1, Miss Betty Marchant 2, F. Brunt 3, B. Heppenstall 4, G. R. Hiner 5, H. Mortemore (cond.) 6.

WOBURN, BEDS.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Bob Triples: Frances Spavins 1, A. E. Butcher 2, Angela Grainger 3, Anne Spavins 4, P. Newing (cond.) 5, L. N. Pett 6, K. G. Spavins 7, B. Grainger 8. First of Bob Triples for all the band. A birthday compliment to Frances Spavins.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

North and East District

The annual meeting was held at St. James', Clerkenwell, on February 9th, when over 50 were present. Ringing also took place at St. Mary Magdalene, Holloway, in the evening. A service in church was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. T. M. Browne), with Mr. W. Prockson as organist. The usual high quality tea was prepared by ladies, including Mrs. and Miss M. Prockson and Mrs. R. Deal.

Mr. H. G. Hart, vice-president, took the chair at the business meeting. In his report, the District secretary said that 11 meetings had been held, with an average attendance of 30 ringers representing nine affiliated towers. Five members had been lost through death. Twenty-six new members had been elected. Recognition of long service was recorded when congratulations were offered to three members of the Southgate band. Messrs. Wade, Glasscock and Tomlinson, upon the completion of 60, 57 and 52 years' service as ringers respectively. Appreciation was shown of the efforts of Messrs. E. Kilby and A. Warren and the Misses S. Clayton and G. Newcombe as 'Ringing World' representatives.

A total of 118 quarter peals was rung, mostly for services, and this figure is the highest for the last nine years. Restoration work had been completed at Monken Hadley, where the ring of eight was recast and rehung on ball-bearings in the old frame. The statement of accounts showed a healthy position, with a balance of £35 8s. 6d. carried to the Association's central fund. In addition, a total of £7 3s. 9d. was collected for the Bells Restoration Fund.

Officers for the ensuing year are Mr. A. Cutler, Master; Mrs. H. G. Hart, assistant; Mr. T. J. Lock, secretary; Mr. C. F. Neal, assistant. Mr. J. R. Mayne was elected auditor in place of Mr. R. F. B. Speed, to whom thanks were accorded and who has now left London.

The provisional election of Mr. S. E. Darmon (Northwood) was ratified, and the following new members were elected: The Misses P. C. Clark and M. J. Reed (Kingsbury), Miss J. M. Morrison (Wood Green), Miss A. Aldridge and M. Stanyon, J. Wallman (Southgate), D. Gray (Upper Clapton), T. Carless, J. Jobber, L. J. North (Stanmore) and J. Coles (St. Mary, Walthamstow). A full list of proposed meetings on the second Saturday in each month was arranged, which includes the Association's 60th anniversary, service and dinner on June 8th.

Thanks were accorded to all incumbents and members for providing facilities for this and other meetings, and for all ringing occasions.

T. J. L.

ST. JOHN'S, HILLINGDON

The St. John's, Hillingdon, Guild of Ringers held its annual dinner at the Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge, on February 1st. Especially welcome among the 52 members and friends present were the Vicar, the Rev. F. C. Tyler, who had just returned from convalescence, Mr. W. H. Coles, now happily back in the belfry after his accident in September, and Mr. and Mrs. Davies, who were visitors from America.

In proposing the health of the Guild, the Vicar said that while in hospital he could hear the bells of St. John's, and they had been a source of inspiration and comfort to him during his long illness. Mr. Davies replied to the toast of 'The Visitors.' He said that, as an American, he felt honoured to be invited to a function connected with so English an art as change-ringing. The technicalities of ringing, he said, had remained a closed book to him, but the art seemed to make its adherents such amiable people that it was a pity that ringing was not made a 'compulsory subject' for would-be heads of State of all nationalities!

The evening finished with a course of Grandsire Caters on handbells, song, a violin solo and a piano duet.

N. D. R.

CISTERCIAN BELL AT MARKET DRAYTON



From Los Angeles, Mr. Ernest Weatherby sends us this interesting photograph of the old Grammar School bell of Market Drayton, Salop, his home town.

This bell was cast by the Brothers of the Cistercian Abbey of Combermere at the same time as the tower was built by them, in 1325, and its weight is stated to be 20 cwt. After the Reformation the bell was taken out, and in 1555 was placed in the Grammar School, which had recently been built and endowed by Sir Rowland Hill, who was at that time Lord of the Manor and Lord Mayor of London.

In 1931 new schools were built and the Grammar School was closed and converted into flats. The bell was taken out and stored in St. Mary's Church tower, Market Drayton, and when the bells were taken out to be recast it was rung for all services. It is still chimed from the bottom of the tower for daily services and for the last five minutes before Sunday services. So the old bell is still doing duty.

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HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Bob Triples: A. Gargrave 1, Miss J. Peacock 2, S. Penfold 3, F. V. Gant 4, J. Fowler 5, D. M. Salisbury 6, A. J. Salisbury (cond.) 7, A. Ammerlann (first quarter) 8.

HELSTON'S RESTORED BELLS

By REV. A. S. ROBERTS

We read recently of the restoration of the bells of St. Michael's, Helston, and it is rather remarkable that this church should have had four rings of bells in 189 years. The very first mention of bells at Helston is found in the inventory of church goods ordered by Edward VI when John Rekynner, John Godolphin and John Killigrew were appointed Commissioners for the King for this purpose. It is recorded thus: 'Chapell of St. Michael in the borough towne of Helston in the parisse off Saint Wendron, Item three bellys hanging in the towre. Item ij sacring bellis.' No details of these bells are known.

The town Parish Church of St. Michael, Helston, with its 96ft.-high tower, was rebuilt by the last Earl of Godolphin in 1763. It is no longer connected with Wendron, a large rural parish on the outskirts, which has a ring of six. Four years after the church was rebuilt the Earl gave a ring of six. These were cast by Mears. The tenor weighed 17 cwt. and was inscribed: 'These six bells were the gift of the Right Honourable Francis Lord Godolphin, Anno 1767. Hugh Rogers, Esq., Mayor.'

In 1825 the six were completely recast, and in Cornwall at the Copperhouse Foundry, Hayle. From 1825 to 1832 this foundry cast about 17 bells for Cornwall, and the Helston bells seem to have been their only complete ring. These bells were all dated, as was the custom of the foundry, with the day of the month and year. Treble to tenor they were dated June 30th, 1825. Treble, second and tenor were inscribed with the churchwardens' names (T. W. James and R. Bennets), with the addition on the tenor of that of the Mayor, John Borlse, Esq. The second and tenor also had a lion's head within a circular cable border. The diameter of the tenor was 40¾ inches, which means the tenor was three or four hundredweight lighter than the previous one.

In 1905 there was another complete restoration. Messrs. Taylor and Co. provided a new ring of eight, tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb. These bells, hung on one level, were always considered a splendid ring. Two or three years ago it was found that rust had got into the foundation steel girders, and it was decided to rehang the bells, and to put in foundation beams of teak. It was also decided to provide a new tenor. This means that the old treble has been broken up and the metal used in the new tenor, which weighs a few pounds short of 16 cwt. in F. The second and sixth bells of the former peal have been tuned a half-note flatter. The cast-iron framework has been reconstructed to carry this larger ring. Ball bearings have been provided throughout. Because of the larger tenor two bells have been hung above six.

When the old steel foundation girders were to be taken out it was found they were so firmly grouted into the tower walls that there would be great difficulty in doing so, and they were left in position, which meant that the whole bell frame had to go higher in the tower, and the whole ring is now high up in the rather large number of louvres. It is open to question whether this is ideal for the sound of the ring outside. It seems a pity now that the ring was not lowered in the tower, and the ringing chamber made on the floor below the present one.

Helston now has a fine ring, but there seems something a little different in ringing there. No doubt it is that this heavier ring is higher up in an unbuttressed tower. The work has been well done by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co.

NORTON SUBCOURSE, NORFOLK.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,440 Minor (360 each of Double Court, Kent Treble Bob, Bob and Oxford Treble Bob): A. Walpole 1, W. Warner 2, S. Copling 3, G. Walpole (cond.) 4, H. W. Barrett 5, E. Long 6. In honour of Mr. D. Fenn's 80th birthday.

OBITUARY

PREBENDARY A. J. HOOK

On February 11th, at the age of 79 years, the Rev. Preb. Arthur James Hook, M.A., a great friend of ringers, passed to his rest. With the exception of a period during World War I., when he was honorary chaplain to the Forces, he spent his clerical life as curate, priest-in-charge and rector in Somerset, his last living being that of Wrington, and his last active work as chaplain to the Quantock Hospital. He was, until his retirement from Wrington in 1945, a Prebendary in Wells Cathedral.

He did not start ringing until fairly late in life, but he was always interested in ringers and ringing and was the Master of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association for eight years. One instance of his devotion was the fact that at an advanced age he drove some 90 miles to Marksbury, where the ringers wished to have their banner dedicated. Always he was an unfailing source of inspiration and spiritual strength.

So, under the shadow of Quantock hills, he was buried at Stogursey. The service was conducted by his son-in-law, the Rev. E. R. Sholl, Vicar of Stogursey. The Bath and Wells Diocesan Association was represented at the funeral by Mr. F. Sweet (Ringing Master of the Bridgwater Branch) in the unavoidable absence of the Master and general secretary, and the Branch by Mr. G. Duckham, of Stockland. No doubt more would have been present if longer notice had been possible.

A half-muffled quarter peal was rung at Stogursey Priory on the day of the funeral. The bells in other towers in the Diocese were also rung half-muffled. J. D.

MR. WALTER PRIOR

With regret we announce the death of Mr. Walter Prior, of Stansted, Essex, at the age of 88, which took place in the Herts and Essex General Hospital, Bishop's Stortford, on February 9th. He had one of his legs amputated about four years ago, which ended a long ringing career.

Walter was an excellent ringer and striker in all methods. He was always ready to give a helping hand and was good company with all his ringing friends. He had rung approximately 150 peals in the following methods: Bob Major, Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Superlative, New Cumberland, New Cambridge, Old Cambridge, Bristol and London.

He was elected a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths on December 26th, 1898, and was also a member of the Ely Diocesan Guild, the Essex Association and Hertfordshire Association. Walter rang most of his peals together with his brother, William, at St. Mary's, Stansted, and St. Michael's, Bishop's Stortford.

On February 12th the coffin was resting in St. John's Church, where he was a chorister for many years. Here the ringers of Stansted and Bishop's Stortford paid their last tribute. At St. Mary's Church the bells were rung half-muffled to Kent Treble Bob Minor (tenor covering) by J. Foreman 1, R. Hayden 2, F. Bird (conductor) 3, H. Watt 4, F. Tharby 5, H. Bird 6, H. M. White 7.

The funeral took place at St. Mary's Church on February 13th, and on Thursday evening ringers from Potter Street, Harlow, Stansted, and St. Michael's, Bishop's Stortford, rang, with bells half-muffled, a quarter peal of his favourite method, Stedman Triples. The ringers were: R. Hayden 1, H. Bird 2, H. Watts 3, F. Bird 4, F. Tharby 5, W. Wheeler 6, S. Clarks (conductor) 7, T. Camps 8. Ringers present at the funeral were F. Tharby, H. Watts and P. A. F. Chalk. F. B.

MR. W. W. WOLSTENCROFT

The funeral service for Mr. Walter W. Wolstencroft, for 50 years captain and tower-keeper of St. Peter's, Ashton-under-Lyne, took place at Stoke Poges on February 15th. He was buried in the same grave as his wife, who had shared his love of bells.

The tower bells were rung muffled for the service, which was attended by many ringers. These included the Rev. E. S. C. Lowman (chairman of the E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch, Oxford Diocesan Guild), Mr. A. Cox (Branch Ringing Master) and Mr. A. D. Barker (Guild treasurer, also representing the Ancient Society of College Youths). At the graveside a touch on handbells was rung by A. D. Barker 1-2, Mrs. A. D. Barker 3-4, W. Welling 5-6, W. Kenley 7-8.

Floral tributes were received from Windsor Parish Church and Curfew Tower; friends at Slough, Old Windsor and Stoke Poges; Miss Gudgin and the Fulmer ringers; Ringing friends in Lancashire and Cheshire; the Bowdon and Stockport Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild; Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Lewis and Mr. and Mrs. R. Elkins (Altrincham); his two great friends—Mr. Frank Sinkins and Mr. H. Worsfold.

APPRECIATION

I first met Walter W. Wolstencroft in 1937, when I left home to work in Lancashire. I was given an introduction to him from the Loughborough Bell Foundry, where I had just learned to handle a bell.

Walter Wolstencroft taught me the beginnings of change ringing, and I was a member of his band until war broke out. He was a perfect gentleman, and many were the hours I spent in his company and that of his wife, both at meetings at church and in his home. He was a most devout churchman and devoted to St. Peter's, Ashton. The bells were rung twice every Sunday—by a band of boys and girls—and many were the times when he kept us all 'right.' He proposed me as a member of my first Guild—the Chester Diocesan. It was not until after the war that I was able to ring my first peal with him though, and that through the kindness of a later instructor of mine at Wimborne (St. Giles'), Dorset.

It was W. W. W. who introduced me to many of my present friends, and I have a memorable vision of him turning in Manchester Town Hall tenor to Kent Maximus whilst I rang the 2nd with someone behind me.

He was a man of extremely high principles, a teetotaller and a non-smoker, a man of the highest integrity as well as being a member of the choir, Sunday School and other organisations.

E. F. M. SAMSON (Maj.).
B.A.O.R.

As secretary of the Watford District of the Hertford County Association, I should like to express on behalf of the District its sympathy on the death of Mr. W. W. Wolstencroft, of Stoke Poges.

He was a most frequent and well-loved visitor to many of the District's meetings, and it was obvious to all who knew him that he enjoyed every minute of the ringing and also the topical conversation at tea time. Invariably he used to travel by a 'Green-Rover' bus ticket and he often recommended this method for travelling to and from meetings; he was so aptly given the name of 'Pet-Rover' by one of the District's members.

I feel quite sure that his presence and ringing ability at meetings was an inspiration to all who saw him, and certainly to the younger ringers. He will be sadly missed.

KENNETH R. DUNSTAN.

Mr. J. Burgess, of Friezland, writes: 'Please let me add my note to the many references I am sure you will receive. Walter was ever faithful and an inspiration to us all. He was never happier than when he had a tower full of learners. Yes, Minor and Treble Bob methods. I shall always remember him.

MR. WALTER ROBINSON

The death occurred on January 12th of Mr. Walter Robinson, a member of All Saints', Northampton.

Mr. Robinson, a native of Barton Seagrave, near Kettering, in his younger days was a ringer for some years at Bolsover, Derbyshire, and rang in several peals there. He returned to his native county to join the Northamptonshire Constabulary; on retirement he came to live in Northampton.

He gave loyal service to the All Saints' company. Walter, as he was always affectionately known, loved his ringing, and was a keen gardener. He will be sadly missed by his fellow ringers. He was a member of the National Guild of Police Ringers and, I think, a founder member.

On January 15th, the day of his funeral, as a mark of respect, half-muffled touches of Stedman Triples were rung in the evening at All Saints' by members of All Saints' and St. Peter's: W. J. Allen, W. H. Austin, T. Bass, F. Brown, W. J. Dove, F. Farey, W. G. Farey, E. Foster and W. R. Parker. W. J. D.

MR. C. HENRY HARDING

The Bedfordshire Association has lost a faithful friend and ringer in the person of Mr. C. Henry Harding, of 2, Grange Road, Blunham, who has passed away at the early age of 42.

Mr. Harding was at work as usual on February 22nd, but was taken ill about 9 o'clock in the evening and removed to Bedford Hospital, where he died early the next morning from cerebral hæmorrhage.

Mr. Harding was unmarried, but great sympathy will be felt for his fiancée, Miss Joan Arkinstall, of Enfield, Middlesex. K. M. L.

MR. ARTHUR H. HAYWARD

The death, on February 21st, is announced with regret of Mr. Arthur H. Hayward, of Wilton, Taunton, one of the grand 'old men' of the Taunton Deanery and a member of the Wilton band of Surprise ringers which was so prominent 20 years ago. His funeral service was held at Staplegrove Church, Taunton, last Monday.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH

Winchester District

About 40 members, including visitors from Bishopstoke, North Stoneham and Sherborne St. John, attended the annual meeting of the Winchester District at Winchester on February 2nd.

Six new ringing and honorary members were elected, bringing the total now to 121 and 30 respectively. All the officers were re-elected en bloc—chairman, Rev. C. E. C. Brinkworth; secretary, R. F. Brewer; assistant secretary, P. Nash; treasurer, F. C. Moreland; Ringing Master, R. Smith.

The chairman, in thanking the Ringing Master for his helpful assistance, stressed the need for closer co-operation between peal ringers and learners. He asked peal ringers to relate their engagements to practices and quarterly meetings of the Guild.

Tea was followed by Evensong at the Cathedral, and afterwards the bells were put to good use in a variety of methods.

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DEATHS

BROOKS, William, of 118, Belle Vue Road, Shrewsbury, aged 72. An enthusiastic member of the Shropshire Association and a loyal ringer at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, for nearly 50 years. 9831

MILLHOUSE. — On Saturday, Feb. 23rd, 1957, at St. George's Hospital, Lincoln, Lucy Millhouse, loving mother of Jack and Betty. 9840

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MEETINGS

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Felmersham at 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 2nd. Service 4.30 p.m.—Phyllis M. Gray, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9810

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch. — The annual meeting will be held at Egremont on Saturday, March 2nd. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea 4.30. Meeting 5.30 p.m. 9774

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting at Sutton on March 2nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. E. R. Knights, Dis. Sec. 9782

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Eastern District.—Meeting at Little Waltham (6), Saturday, March 2nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to A. H. Everett, Cornerways, Plantation Road, Boreham. 9789

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting at Harlow Common (8) on Saturday, March 2nd, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea in Church Hall. 9741

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LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Annual dinner, Saturday, March 2nd. Ringing, St. Gabriel's, Pimlico, 4.30 to 5.45 p.m. Practice, St. Mary's, Lambeth, 7.30 p.m., March 4th, and first Monday in each month. Everyone welcome. 9823

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual general meeting at Ranmoor, 3 p.m., on Saturday, March 2nd. Committee meeting, 2.30 p.m.—J. Seager, Sec. 9791

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Cuckfield (8), Saturday, March 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. —I. Butcher. 9812

ST. MARY'S, HENDON, N.W.4.—Sunday, March 3rd, 6.30 Evensong is 'Ringers' Service.' Local ringers will act as servers, read the lessons, etc., and the sermon will incorporate ringers and ringing. Bells available from 5.30. All visitors welcome. 9748

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION. — Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station) on Monday, March 4th, at 7 p.m.—T. J. Lock. 9800

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Combined practice, Nutfield, Friday, March 8th, at 7.30 p.m. 9806

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Next meeting, Saturday, March 9th, at the Ship, Talbot Court, E.C., at 6 p.m.—A. B. Peck, Sec. 9829

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Horbury, March 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Those requiring teas must notify not later than March 6th Mr. Ed. Atkinson, Ivy Dene, Medlock Road, Horbury, Wakefield. — James Buxton, Temp. Sec. 9839

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Crewkerne Branch.—Meeting at Fivehead, Saturday, March 9th. Usual arrangements. Notify for tea.—J. T. Locke, Hon. Sec. 9822

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Langport, Saturday, March 9th. —T. J. Setter. 9803

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—Meeting at Arlesey (6), Saturday, March 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—L. H. Bywaters, Dis. Sec. 9797

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DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, Old Whittington, Saturday, March 9th. 3 p.m. Names for tea to G. J. Newman, 54, Brearley Avenue, New Whittington, Chesterfield.—A. B. Cooper. 9797

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—South Shields, Saturday, March 9th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by Mar. 7th to Miss M. A. Softley, 88, Mowbray Road, South Shields. 9807

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Monthly meeting, Saturday, March 9th, at Heanor. Bells 3.15 p.m. Tea can be obtained at Market Café, Godfrey Street, near church.—B. A. Sollis, Hon. Sec. 9821

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Annual, East Grinstead, Saturday, March 9th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business at Crown Hotel. Names to Miss K. Shepherd, 34, Cantelupe Road.—C. A. Bassett. 9809

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—South Forest Branch.—Meeting at Staunton, Saturday, March 9th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. D. Stafford, Staunton Coleford, Glos. 9816

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Stratton St. Margaret (8), Saturday, March 9th. Names for tea to Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Swindon. Tel. 3936. 9828

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Wotton-under-Edge Branch. — Meeting, Stone (6), March 9th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Notify for tea March 6th Mary Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall. 9837

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Saturday, March 9th, Broxbourne. Please bring own tea.—T. S. Southam, Dis. Sec. 9826

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting at Wrotham, Saturday, March 9th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—R. L. Sills, Dis. Sec. 9777

LADIES' GUILD.—Kent Branch.—Annual general meeting at St. Alfege's, Greenwich, S.E.10, on Saturday, March 9th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, March 7th, please, to Miss M. Bullard, 36, Crooms Hill, Greenwich. All ladies welcome—gentlemen cordially invited.—Jill Waters, Hon. Sec. 9771

LADIES' GUILD.—West Midland District. —Annual meeting at Clent, Worcs, on Saturday, March 9th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, March 5th, to Stella Hughes, 3, Delves Road, Walsall. Frequent bus service, No. 318 from Stourbridge or Hagley (Cattle Market) to Clent. 9792

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—Annual meeting will be held at Bitton on Saturday, March 9th. Bells (8) 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea essential, please, to Mrs. de Jong, 6, Beresford Close, Saltford, Bristol.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch.—Combined ring with members of the Association committee, St. Anne's Parish Church, St. Anne's-on-Sea, Saturday, March 9th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. and after tea until 7.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. at 2s. 6d. per head. Names, not later than Wednesday, March 6th, to Mr. W. H. Ratcliffe, 40, Hope Street, St. Anne's-on-Sea. Branch business meeting 6 p.m. 9833

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting, St. Helens Parish Church, Saturday, March 9th, at 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea (5 p.m.) to A. Wallace, 11, Whitefield Road, St. Helens.—G. Howlett. 9821

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—Meeting at Preston St. Mark's, Saturday, March 9th. Names for refreshments, please, by Wednesday, 6th, to Mr. T. Marsden, 100, Wellington Street, Preston.—L. Walmsley. 9796

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District.—Meeting at Hoby (5) on Saturday, March 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names by March 7th to Mr. J. Burnham, Hoby, Leicester.—Mrs. P. A. Corby, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9825

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Meeting at St. Botolph's, Lincoln, on Saturday, March 9th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. for those who notify me by Tuesday previous.—C. Brown, 3, Altham Terrace, Lincoln. 9768

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Edmonton on Saturday, March 9th, at 3.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting. Bus 128 passes church, or 659, 679 trolley bus to Town Hall. —T. J. Lock. 9801

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Central Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Padbury, Saturday, March 9th. Bells (6) 2.45 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to me by March 6th.—E. F. Gibbard, 30, Horn Street, Winslow, Bucks. 9818

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Martin, Saturday, March 9th. Bells 2.15 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Take Flemington's bus, leaving Canal, Salisbury, 1.40. Leaves Martin 5.50 for return via Coombe Bissett for evening ringing. Names must be sent for tea, please, by Tuesday, March 5th, to Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 9764

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Dorset Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, March 9th, Shaftesbury Holy Trinity. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea. Visitors welcome. Please notify the Rev. R. A. Wells, Iwerne Minster Vicarage, Blandford, Dorset. 9842

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Malins Lee, Saturday, March 9th. Handbell ringing and business meeting 2.30 p.m. Tower bells available at 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, March 6th, to E. V. Jones, 30, Oakley Street, Belle Vue, Shrewsbury. 9832

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—North Notts District.—Meeting at Mansfield Woodhouse (6) on Saturday, March 9th. Bells 2.30 to 5 p.m. Own tea arrangements. Mansfield (8) from 6 to 9 p.m. Business in Mansfield belfry at 6 p.m. —H. Denman. 9813

SUFFOLK GUILD.—General meeting, Stowmarket, Saturday, March 9th. Bells 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Tuesday, March 5th, to Mr. B. Chilvers, Cotton, Stowmarket.—J. Blythe, Gen. Sec. 9787

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Sudbury District. — Annual general meeting at Clare, on Saturday, March 9th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss R. J. Seabrook, Clare. 9788

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Western Division. —Practice meeting, Angmering, on Saturday, March 9th. Names for tea, please, by previous Tuesday, to G. Francis, Hook Cottage, Itchingfield, Horsham.—W. Leslie Weller. 9811

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, March 9th, at Brockenhurst. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Business follows. Notify, please, secretary, 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth. 9815

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting, Stockbridge, on Saturday, March 9th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. at the Vine Inn. Names by previous Tuesday to R. F. Brewer, Dean, Sparsholt, Winchester. 9814

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Malvern Link, Saturday, March 9th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Tuesday, March 5th, to E. F. Cubberley, Park Cottages, Kempsey, near Worcester. 9817

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual dinner will be held on Saturday, March 16th, at Kish's Restaurant, Bedford, at 7.30 p.m. Everyone welcome. Tickets are available from Miss P. Gray, 18, Durler Avenue, Kempston, Beds, Mr. L. Bywaters, 24, Langford Road, Henlow, Beds, and Mr. K. Spavins, 8, London Road, Woburn, Beds; price 10s. 6d. each. All names must be given by Friday, March 8th. 9760

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. —Meeting at Stebbing (6), Saturday, March 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, 13th, to A. H. Little, Cowlands Cottage, Stebbing, Dunmow. 9827

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.— Meeting at Hythe, Colchester, Saturday, March 16th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea by Wednesday, March 13th, to Mr. F. Oliver, 25, New Park Street, Colchester. 9805

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual committee meeting will be held at St. Mary's Church House, Reading, at 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 16th. Names for tea before Wednesday, March 13th, to Mr. A. Diserens, 18, Manchester Road, Reading. St. Mary's bells 2 to 2.50 p.m. —M. R. Cross. 9819

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, St. John-the-Baptist, Croydon, Saturday, March 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting, Silverdale Hall, 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by March 14th, please, to W. F. Oatway, 233, Thornton Road, West Croydon. 9793

RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD.—Because of a clash of dates, with the annual festival of the Chester Guild and the annual meeting of the Yorkshire Association, the annual general meeting of the Railwaymen's Guild will take place at Christ Church, Crewe, on Saturday, June 22nd. Arrangements will be made for a mid-day meal but names must be received before June 15th. Ringing: Crewe (10) Nantwich (8), Sandbach (8) and more towers if necessary. Fuller information later.—W. Frank Stenson, North Col, 142, Minshull New Road, Crewe. 9767

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Preliminary Notice.—The annual festival will be held in Salisbury on May 18th, 1957. Details later.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec. 9835

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice. —Annual dinner, Saturday, Oct. 12th, 1957, Shirehall, Chelmsford. Details later.—F. V. G. 9834

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

South Norfolk Branch Secretary Retires

Members of the South Norfolk Branch heard, with regret, at their 23rd annual meeting on February 9th that their Branch secretary, Mr. A. G. Harrison, is retiring this year for business reasons. The president, the Rev. H. G. Lillingston, said he would like to say how much they appreciated the faithful work Mr. Harrison had given over the past 20 years.

Before handing over his duties, Mr. Harrison thanked the members for their loyal and faithful support during the 20 years he had been their secretary, and hoped they would support their new secretary as they had done him in the past. He also welcomed Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Last to their Branch.

Dr. P. H. A. Jonason conducted the meeting in his own inimitable manner, and was re-elected as chairman. Mr. C. F. W. Phillippo was elected the new secretary, Mr. W. Flatt Ringing Master, Mr. A. G. Harrison and Mr. F. Arnold to the standing committee, Miss B. Syrett, Messrs. E. Whiting, H. Moss, F. Roper and W. G. Saunders Branch committee.

Seventy-two members and friends from 39 parishes in Norfolk and Suffolk attended the meeting. Mr. Leonard E. Last was elected a member, and Mr. Anthony R. Mann, of Newmarket, a life member.

The Rev. L. O. Kenyon, Rector of Diss, conducted the service in Diss Parish Church, assisted by Rev. H. G. Lillingston, Canon T. A. Nock, R.D., and Mr. H. J. Watts, lay reader. In an address the Rector said the art of bellringing was comparable, in the broad sense, to the Christian life. 'Although you have enjoyed ringing the bells this afternoon, not everyone will have enjoyed listening to them.' He went on to say: 'The bells were a reminder of the true character of the Gospel; a good bell is true, has a good tone, must be in tune and keep in time so that it rings in harmony. The bells were intended to help people to remain conscious of these things.'

LATE NEWS

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Rowland John Fenn, of Barking, Essex, on February 16th, aged 80 years. A memorial service was held at St. Margaret's, Barking, on February 21st. A memoir will appear in our next issue.

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BECKENHAM, KENT.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. C. Shiers (first quarter) 1, G. W. Fogden 2, Mrs. A. Rawlings 3, Miss H. Oakshett 4, G. Bromley 5, D. Brown 6, M. Oakshett (cond.) 7, G. Runham (first quarter) 8.

HARBURY, WARWICKS.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (120 each of Canterbury, Bob, April Day, All Saints', Reverse St. Bartholomew, Grandsire, St. Simon's, St. Nicholas', St. Martin's, Winchendon and 60 Grandsire): S. T. Haulcy 1, H. M. Windsor 2, R. M. Andrews 3, G. L. P. Aldhouse (cond.) 4, T. K. Farrow 5.

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CANDID CRITICISM

THE convener of the Editorial Committee made some very candid criticism of this journal in the issue of January 4th. Speaking at the Universities Association dinner, he said, '"The Ringing World" is a headache.' The indications are that this is a financial headache, and no improvement is in sight. We may be sure that the Editorial Committee has gone into this very thoroughly and is against any increase in price. A big drop in circulation would be the result, for 'The Ringing World' has to give value for money in common with other technical journals. So the only remedy here is increased circulation, but the efforts in this direction have not been as successful as expected.

The Editorial Committee has admitted that 'The Ringing World' needs improving and, though there are many good friends who contribute, the fact remains that the committee is tied down for lack of funds.

Now for the second statement: 'The Exercise owns a paper and as owner it is responsible for supplying the copy.' This is a theoretical statement with which the average ringer would not agree, but it is here that improvement can be made. At present the liaison between owners and the Editor is very loose — in fact, almost haphazard. There must be a lot of ringing news which never reaches the pages of 'The Ringing World' because it is nobody's business to send it up.

Let me give an example. A certain young man turned in the 82 cwt. tenor at Liverpool Cathedral last November to a course of Cambridge Major. That would have been news, but though there was a good attendance the item never appeared in 'The Ringing World.' Let the big diocesan and territorial associations appoint on their committees one or two 'Ringing World' correspondents. Their job would be to see that all topical news of their association reached 'The Ringing World' and also to write an occasional article. In other words, a voluntary reporting staff spread out all over Great Britain, but give them the same privileges as other committeemen. By that is meant not to take any interest in what the correspondent does, but help him and see that the work is done. Those associations who already have qualified persons on their committees do not need any rule alterations, but for those who have not, then think it over and act as soon as possible.

There are, of course, 'Ringing World' representatives, but they are concerned chiefly with circulation and have no official backing. Some people will say that all associations have not got suitable men or women, but taking the columns of 'The Ringing World' for 1956 as a guide, it appears that they have. Also the Central Council, if it thinks this is its job all right, but local committees rule their associations and they know all the local news. No slight is implied on the Editorial Committee, which deserves our warmest thanks. The idea is to get topical news into the editorial bag. Nobody has been attacked, so I will sign myself— M. R. P.

RINGING THE CHANGES

IN the church tower six or eight people are hard at work. To the onlooker it seems that at every other moment someone is about to be hung by the neck from a vicious-looking rope that coils down from a hole in the ceiling. This rope, however, is caught with apparent ease by the ringer, who gives it another pull, releases it, and lets it soar upwards again.

Let the onlooker, however, decide to learn this art. She presents herself to the leader of the band, who says doubtfully that perhaps she *might* be started on one of the lighter bells. The intricate details of how to handle a bell are explained, and the pupil is then allowed to pull a rope; after which she goes home wondering where her mother keeps the liniment. When, eventually, she has learnt to manage the bell, she begins on ringing the changes, those complicated patterns obtained by deviations from the simple round, when each bell rings after the bell in front.

After some disheartening lessons, the pupil is about to give up when the whole matter suddenly becomes clear. Now things grow easier. The pupil is duly enrolled as a member of the Association, obtains an elaborate certificate, usually provides herself with a badge, and of course pays her subscription. She can now attend meetings, where the complexity of the organisation behind the association is revealed to her. The hobby which began by taking up a few odd evenings now becomes almost a full-time occupation. There are practices, ringing on Sundays, meetings, visits to towers, excursions to various parts of the country.

In future, when you hear the bells, please do not pass them off as an unholy din: consider what an extraordinary and absorbing hobby they represent to those who 'ring the changes.'

MARGARET ALDERMAN in 'The Pelican,' the magazine of Bishop Fox's School, Taunton.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Feb 23, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 33 cwt. 21 lb. in C sharp.

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	*Treble*	*ERIC E. SPEAKE	7
*MURIEL REAY	2	†TERRY R. HAMPTON	8
JOHN PINFOLD	3	RODNEY B. MEADOWS	9
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	4	HENRY H. FEARN	10
*CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	5	RALPH G. EDWARD	11
GEORGE E. FEARN	6	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.
* First peal of Yorkshire Maximus. † 300th peal. First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Maximus for the Society.

TEN BELL PEALS

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

RODERICK W. PIPE	*Treble*	CHARLES J. SEDGLEY	6
JAMES BENNETT	2	*RONALD W. M. CLOUSTON	7
*DIANA M. PIPE	3	HARRY D. LISTER	8
PATRICIA M. CLARKE	4	ERNEST J. BLAKE	9
GEORGE A. FLEMING	5	CECIL W. PIPE	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by CECIL W. PIPE.
* First peal of Cambridge Royal.
Rung as a farewell to Mrs. Diana Pipe, due to sail for Australia on March 5th to join her husband, George Pipe.

STEPNEY, LONDON, E.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Feb. 23, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN AND ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 28¾ cwt.

*HENRY W. KNAUSS	*Treble*	ARTHUR F. LEWRY	6
LEONARD J. FOX	2	FRANK V. GANT	7
†GEORGE J. BOOMSMA	3	CHARLES E. WILLMINGTON	8
THOMAS G. FOX	4	JOHN H. CRAMPION	9
*HENRY G. WEEDON	5	GEORGE W. CECIL	*Tenor*

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by LEONARD J. FOX.
* First peal. † First peal on ten bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

WESTBURY, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 9, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 35 cwt. 14 lb. in C.

BRIAN BLADON	*Treble*	RALPH BIRD	5
IAN H. ORAM	2	BRYAN S. COPE	6
*RONALD J. SHARP	3	PHILIP MEHEW	7
ANDREW C. SINFIELD	4	DEREK P. JONES	*Tenor*

Composed by S. J. IVIN. Conducted by RALPH BIRD.
* 50th peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION
AND
THE ORDER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF ENGLAND.
On Sat., Feb. 9, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Thurstans' Five-part. Tenor 24 cwt.

COMP. DAVID VINCENT, De Sala Chap., 5657	*Treble*
COMP. GEORGE F. OAKSHOTT, Ebbersham Chap., 2422	2
COMP. JAMES WM. HORNER, Unanimity Chap., 42	3
EX. COMP. THOMAS R. BUTLER, Everton Chap., 823	4
COMP. NORMAN HEAPS, Bridson Chap., 613	5
COMP. PETER CROOK, SEN., St. John's Chap., 348	6
COMP. JAMES BENNETT, Per Marc Per Terram Chap., 3609	7
COMP. ALLEN P. SANDFORD, Coronation Chap., 2927	*Tenor*

Conducted by COMP. PETER CROOK, SEN.
Rung to celebrate the elevation of the Vicar of this church, W. Bro. Rev. Tom Billington, to the rank of Prov. G. Chaplain; also for Mr. and Mrs. Percy H. Derbyshire's 55th wedding anniversary.

BECKINGTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Feb. 11, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Grove's variation of Parker's Twelve-part.
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in E.

*PERCY BRAY	*Treble*	KENNETH E. MOON	5
†W. JOHN PHIPPEN	2	EDWIN H. NASH	6
DAVID HOARE	3	†ERNEST E. BRAY	7
DAVID T. ROBERTSON	4	LESLIE A. FEAR	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST E. BRAY.
* First peal of Triples. † 25th peal together. First peal in method as conductor.

HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 24 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb. in E flat.

*JOHN KING	*Treble*	STEPHEN J. IVIN	5
BRYAN S. COPE	2	*WILLIAM J. WHITMORE	6
*SHELAGH R. COLLINS	3	DEREK P. JONES	7
RONALD J. SHARP	4	PHILIP MEHEW	*Tenor*

Composed by STEVEN J. IVIN. Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
* First peal in the method. First peal of Pudsey as conductor. Believed to be the first peal in the method, in the county, for the Association, and on the bells. The composition was rung for the first time.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

*BERNICE A. MANNING	*Treble*	†JOHN F. MURFIN	5
*EDWIN WALKLATE	2	†PAMELA J. PEARSON	6
†BRIAN R. MANNING	3	DAVID K. WALKLATE	7
†PETER BELLAMY-KNIGHT	4	*JOHN E. COLLINS	*Tenor*

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by DAVID K. WALKLATE.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Bob Triples.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the treble ringer's father and Alan Whiting, of Shardlow.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH.
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, being 1,312 Bristol, 1,280 London, 1,280 Cambridge and 1,280 Superlative, with 113 changes of method. All the bells do all the work of each method. Tenor 16¼ cwt. in F.

CYRIL S. JARRETT	*Treble*	RALPH BIRD	5
*BRIAN BLADON	2	JOHN L. MORRIS	6
DENNIS BERESFORD	3	*PETER N. BOND	7
GEORGE J. BUTCHER	4	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
* First peal of 4-Spliced. First peal of Spliced on the bells.
Rung to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the restoration of the tower and the bells.

RADCLIFFE-ON-TRENT, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat. Feb. 16, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 15 cwt. in F sharp.

*DAVID R. BODEN	*Treble*	†GEORGE E. FOSTER	5
*MAUREEN PATRICK	2	ALLAN SIMPSON	6
MRS. A. SIMPSON	3	WILLIAM L. EXTON	7
MARGARET E. HILL	4	‡SYDNEY ADAMS	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM L. EXTON.
* First peal. † 150th peal. ‡ First peal on eight.

SYSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Syston District.)
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 27 lb.

*MICHAEL WHITE	*Treble*	F. KEVON THOMPSON	5
MARY C. PAYNE	2	ERNEST F. PAYNE	6
JEAN A. KIRKMAN	3	†ROYSTON WILMORE	7
JEAN A. BROOKS	4	†B. STEDMAN PAYNE	*Tenor*

Composed by B. ANNABLE. Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.
* First peal on eight. † 50th peal together.
A birthday compliment and a farewell to Miss Jean A. Brooks, of this tower, who was leaving for Wellington, New Zealand.

THORNBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 BOB MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. in E flat.

TUDOR P. EDWARDS ..	*Treble*	*DONALD E. COBB	5
ELISABETH A. G. GRIME ..	2	ALAN F. LEE	6
JACQUELINE S. EVANS ..	3	DAVID J. KING..	7
RICHARD J. BOWDEN	4	ROGER O. FRY	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN E. BURTON. Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.
* First peal on eight bells.

TRING, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt.

WILLIAM WENBAN	*Treble*	STANLEY E. DARMON ..	5
*MARGARET B. MESLEY ..	2	*KENNETH R. DUNSTAN ..	6
*JOAN M. WILCOCKSON ..	3	WALTER AYRE	7
JEAN A. DARMON	4	*ALBERT C. WENBAN ..	*Tenor*

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by WALTER AYRE.
* First peal in the method.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the second and Miss Thelma Howlett, a local ringer.

WINSLOW, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19¼ cwt.

CYRIL H. KINCH	*Treble*	*WILLIAM A. YATES	5
CHARLES COLES..	2	*GEORGE W. HOLLAND ..	6
*FREDERICK VICKERS ..	3	GEORGE F. BURTON	7
FRANK W. LEWIS	4	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES TOPP. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal in the method. First Surprise peal on the bells.

WITNEY, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

*NIGEL J. MAGGS	*Treble*	†COLIN J. B. TAYLOR.. ..	5
DR. DONALD H. NIBLETT	2	ROBIN A. HODGSON.. ..	6
DERMOT J. ROAF	3	PETER R. SANDERS	7
†ROBIN N. PITTMAN	4	†C. R. CHAD COUSSMAKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER R. SANDERS.
* First peal. † First peal of Triples. First peal of Triples as conductor.

HERNHILL, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Feb. 20, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10¼ cwt.

CRAWFORD T. HILLIS ..	*Treble*	GEOFFREY PEARSON	5
FREDERICK G. HUCKSTEPP	2	JOHN R. COOPER	6
MAISIE VANTOM..	3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD.. ..	7
OLIVE M. BOULDEN	4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH ..	*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

THURCASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Feb 20, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's variation. Tenor 10 cwt.

MRS. M. E. BROWN	*Treble*	MICHAEL E. BROWN	5
ERNEST W. RAWSON	2	NORMAN J. GOODMAN ..	6
PHYLLIS POOLE	3	PETER J. STANIFORTH.. ..	7
RICHARD A. PRIME	4	FREDERICK T. BINDLEY ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.

DEBENHAM: SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Fri., Feb. 22, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. BUTTON	*Treble*	HAROLD LEATHER	5
MURIEL R. PIPE..	2	LESLIE G. BRETT..	6
FRANK RUFFLES	3	WALTER W. MILLER	7
CHARLES W. BEECROFT ..	4	WALTER RUFFLES	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY (No. 8). Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.
Rung in honour of the 65th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. A. Collins, of Debenham.

ARDLEIGH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 23, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5024 BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13½ cwt.

*PHILIP G. ERITH	*Treble*	*DONALD B. MUNRO	5
ALAN R. ANDREWS	2	GEORGE N. ORMAN	6
FELIX H. ERITH	3	ROY DUESBURY..	7
ALFRED E. HONNEYWOOD	4	ARTHUR G. BUTTON.. ..	*Tenor*

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by ROY DUESBURY.
* First peal of Major.

BICESTER, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD SOCIETY.
On Sat., Feb. 23, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDBURG.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's transposition. Tenor 15 cwt. 7 lb.

J. RICHARD CHAUNDY ..	*Treble*	FRANK A. BARRATT	5
EDGAR J. SMITH	2	FRANCIS A. WHITE	6
CHRISTINE M. WOODWARD	3	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS ..	7
CYRIL H. KINCH	4	WALTER F. JUDGE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

EARL SHILTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 23, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. SIMON AND JUDE,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in G.

PETER BERESFORD	*Treble*	FREDERICK E. WILSHAW ..	5
JOAN BERESFORD	2	J. EDWARD CAWSER	6
LEONARD TREVOR	3	PETER J. STANIFORTH ..	7
ALFRED BALLARD	4	S. ANTHONY JESSON	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSER.

EDMONTON, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 23, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17¼ cwt.

HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ..	*Treble*	IAN H. ORAM	5
JAMES WALLMAN	2	BRIAN J. HOWARD	6
ARTHUR G. MASON	3	PHILIP J. COWARD	7
ROY D. TOMLIN	4	ALFRED J. HOUSE	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by HERBERT E. AUDSLEY.

GODALMING, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 23, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. in E flat.

EDWARD G. L. COWARD ..	*Treble*	C. ERNEST SMITH	5
LEONARD STILWELL	2	RALPH BIRD	6
EDGAR R. RAPLEY	3	WILLIAM T. BEESON	7
FREDERICK A. MUNDAY ..	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by E. W. TIPLER. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
The first peal of Yorkshire on the bells.

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KNOWLE, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 23, 1957, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.
AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF SS. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST, ANNE AND LAURENCE-THE-MARTYR.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Holt's Original. Tenor 10 cwt. 7 lb.

A. CHARLES MORRIS	*Treble*	ANTHONY A. UPTON	5
CLARENCE R. STEED	2	HAROLD HUXLEY	6
WILLIAM H. MALE	3	FRED C. LYNE	7
J. T. GWILT	4	ALBERT NIX	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM H. MALE.
Rung to commemorate the 555th anniversary of the consecration of the church by Nicholas Duffield, Scottish Bishop of Dunkeld, on St. Matthias' Day, February 24th, 1402.

LEIGH, LANCASHIRE.
THE MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD
AND
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 23, 1957, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. in E flat.

*GEOFFREY HOPKINSON ..	*Treble*	BRIAN A. TOMLINSON ..	5
†CAROL EUSTACE..	2	WILLIAM A. SMITH	6
†ALAN SHARPLES	3	DEREK OGDEN	7
†KENNETH D. PERKINS ..	4	GEOFFREY D. FEARNEHOUGH	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by DEREK OGDEN.
* First peal. † First peal of Double Norwich.

LOUGHTON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 23, 1957, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation). Tenor 18¼ cwt.

LIONEL S. WOODS	*Treble*	DEREK RILEY	5
ERNEST W. FURBANK ..	2	*ROBERT J. CHAPMAN ..	6
*MICHAEL C. AUSTIN ..	3	ANDREW J. SALISBURY ..	7
*DENNIS HEWITT	4	†HAROLD H. N. DUNCAN ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by LIONEL S. WOODS.
* First peal in the method. † First peal.

NANTWICH, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 23, 1957, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (Grove's variation). Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb.

*ALEX MERRILL	*Treble*	†FRANK BARNARD	5
EDWARD J. BOFFEY	2	FRANK OLLIER	6
*A. ANTHONY JAQUES ..	3	†JOHN E. BROUGH	7
*JOHN THOMAS	4	‡HARRY CADMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN E. BROUGH.
* First peal in method. † 25th peal together. ‡ First peal. First full peal rung by the local band.
Rung to mark the engagement of Miss Irene Caswell to A. Anthony Jaques, both local ringers. Also as birthday compliments to Mr. Frank Barnard, 84 years old (father of the fifth ringer), Harry Stubbs, 78 years (retired ringer), John Thomas, 65 years (fourth ringer), and Harry Cadman (tenor ringer). Also for the 16th wedding anniversary of John Thomas (fourth ringer) and the 30th wedding anniversary of Frank Ollier (sixth ringer).

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 23, 1957, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS.
A PEAL OF 5088 BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

REGINALD A. REED	*Treble*	†PAUL W. M. JONES	5
*DAVID J. FORDER	2	†MICHAEL V. WHITE.. ..	6
†RAYMOND E. FINCH.. ..	3	NORMAN HAYES	7
†ISOBEL INMAN	4	CEDRIC MURPHY	*Tenor*

Composed by GEO. H. CROSS Conducted by REGINALD A. REED.
* First peal at first attempt. † First peal of Bob Major.
Rung in honour of the centenary of the birth of Lord Baden-Powell.

USK, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 23, 1957, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Holt's Original. Tenor 14¼ cwt. in F sharp.

DAVID J. KING	*Treble*	WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT ..	5
JACQUELINE S. EVANS.. ..	2	WILFRID F. MORETON ..	6
ALAN F. LEE	3	ROGER O. FRY	7
AUSTIN T. WINGATE	4	DONALD G. CLIFT	*Tenor*

Conducted by DONALD G. CLIFT.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

HEMINGBROUGH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 9, 1957, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Double Oxford, and St. Clement's, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

MARGARET S. RHODES ..	*Treble*	D. MARGARET HAWLEY ..	4
ALAN SHEPPARD	2	JOHN POTTS	5
G. FREDERICK TERRY.. ..	3	EDWARD M. BRADLEY ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWARD M. BRADLEY.

ETWALL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Feb. 13, 1957, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In six methods, being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Childwall Bob, and two extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in A flat.

*JOHN RYDE..	*Treble*	GORDON A. HALLS	4
*PETER G. BELLAMY-KNIGHT	2	FRANCIS R. LOWE	5
*PATRICIA A. M. FORSTER..	3	DEREK P. JONES	*Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
* First peal in six Minor methods. First peal in six methods on the bells.

CAWTHORNE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Barnsley and District Society.)
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1957, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being seven extents in the following methods: Arnold's Victory, College Pleasure, Tanner's Pleasure, Snowdrop, Woodbine, Violet and Duke of York. Tenor 9 cwt.

JAMES W. BUXTON	*Treble*	HAROLD CHANT	4
CYRIL RUSBY	2	WILFRID F. MORETON ..	5
HERMAN RUSBY	3	NOEL F. MOXON..	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD CHANT.
Rung as a welcome to the Rev. C. T. O. Ellam, recently inducted to the living.

COMPTON BISHOP, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1957, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being one 2,160, and four different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

GWILYM G. SALMON ..	*Treble*	†GEOFFREY M. BREWIN ..	4
*MARJORIE LEGG..	2	IAN H. ORAM	5
VICTOR G. ROBERTS ..	3	‡GEORGE PRESCOTT	*Tenor*

Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.
* First peal of Surprise Minor. † First peal of Surprise. ‡ 150th peal. First peal of Surprise on the bells, and as conductor.
Rung with the best wishes of the band as a farewell to Mr. Frank Parramore, in recognition of his services to this church.

GREAT TOTHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1957, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of Wells, London, York, Surfleet, Beverley, Ipswich and Cambridge. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

JOE E. G. ROAST	*Treble*	ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON ..	4
MARY DOWSETT	2	PATRICK W. SALTMARSH ..	5
HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE..	3	IVAN J. M. SAUNDERS ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

NORTHREPPS, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1957, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Oxford T.B. and Kent T.B., and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

*DERICK W. PARDON.. ..	*Treble*	RAYMOND W. BALLS	4
JOHN R. SMITH..	2	WILLIAM H. HOLDOM ..	5
*LESLIE H. RISEBROW ..	3	WILLIAM R. CATCHPOLE ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. SMITH.
* First peal in three methods.

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents Plain Bob, two Oxford Treble Bob and three Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

ROBERT BRIDGES .. .. *Treble*	HARRY KING 4
*JANET EVANS 2	JOHN MCPHAIL 5
LEWIS CORDELL.. 3	WILLIAM WEDLOCK .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM WEDLOCK.

* First peal 'inside'

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. and Mrs. T. C. Thorpe.

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 360 each of Knapton, Ling, Fundenhall, Haddiscoe Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place, Plain Bob, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Old Bob, April Day, Reverse St. Bartholomew and Grandsire. Tenor 15 cwt.

MRS. J. RENDER.. .. .. *Treble*	JOHN POTTS 4
D. MARGARET HAWLEY .. 2	ALAN SHEPPARD 5
EDWARD M. BRADLEY.. .. 3	ALAN THORNTON .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN SHEPPARD.

First Doubles peal in 14 methods on tower-bells by all. Highest number of Doubles methods on tower-bells for the Association. All are Sunday service ringers at All Saints'.

SOUTH MARSTON, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being four extents each of Stedman, New Bob, Huntspill, Reverse Canterbury, St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place, Plain Bob, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, and six extents of Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt.

DR. GUY ROWORTH.. .. *Treble*	ERIC SUTTON 4
*MRS. F. G. WILTON .. 2	ANTHONY R. PEAKE 5
BARRY S. SHEPPARD 3	THOMAS R. COLLINS .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.

* First peal of Doubles on tower-bells. The first peal in ten methods by all the band, and on the bells.

WOLLASTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. COOPER.. .. *Treble*	HAROLD V. COOPER 4
WILLIAM DAVIES 2	FREDERICK G. HANDLEY .. 5
ERNEST STITCH 3	*JOHN N. LINDON .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK G. HANDLEY.

* First peal in three methods. Quarterly peal for the Guild. Mr. Ernest Stitch, of Penn, has now rung peals in 100 different towers.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., Feb. 18, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court, Plain Bob, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

C. JACK GIBSON .. .. *Treble*	JOHN W. BLYTHE 4
*JOHN W. G. KINDRED .. 2	*PETER KINDRED 5
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN .. 3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. *Tenor*

Conducted by H. WILLIAM BARRETT.

* First peal of Minor in seven methods.

HUNTINGDON.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Feb. 21, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being ten six-scores of Grandsire and St. Simon's, and 22 six-scores of Bob Doubles. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

*STUART E. DYER .. .. *Treble*	DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS .. 4
JOHN R. G. SPICER 2	HAROLD S. PEACOCK 5
*DOROTHY A. ROBINSON .. 3	A. THOMAS HOWES .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD S. PEACOCK.

* First peal of Doubles. First peal of Doubles as conductor.

Rung for the enthronement of the Rt. Rev. Noel B. Hudson as Lord Bishop of Ely, which took place on February 2nd.

RUSHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Thurs., Feb. 21, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Comprising seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

*SAMELA R. P. THOMAS .. *Treble*	ERNEST STITCH 4
*STELLA HUGHES.. 2	JAMES S. EASTWOOD.. .. 5
GEORGE W. HUGHES .. 3	*P. GEORGE GOLDER .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES S. EASTWOOD.

* First peal of Kent T.B. Minor.

A birthday compliment to the ringers of 1 and 5.

ASHBOCKING, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Fri., Feb. 22, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Double Court, Cambridge, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 21 lb. in G.

RAYMOND F. TAYLOR.. .. *Treble*	LESLIE N. MELTON 4
KENNETH G. BROWN 2	ROBERT E. LESTER 5
URBAN W. WILDNEY 3	RONALD W. STEWARD.. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT E. LESTER.

First peal as conductor in seven methods.

ASFORDBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 23, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 12 120's Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and 12 Plain Bob (four callings), ten ordinary Grandsire and four 240's Morris's Grandsire. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.

ERNEST MORRIS .. .. *Treble*	ROLAND H. COOK 3
ALFRED E. HINMAN 2	*JOHN MORRIS 4
	†J. HARRY COOK.. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal of Doubles. † 50th peal. Mr. Morris has now called a peal from each bell in the tower.

Rung after meeting short for Minor.

HANDBELL PEALS

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Feb. 12, 1957, *in* 1 *Hour and* 52 *Minutes,*
IN THE RINGING CHAMBER OF THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 360 each of Fundenhall, Haddiscoe Bob, Knapton, Ling, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place, St. Martin's, St. Simon's, Plain Bob, Old Bob, April Day, Reverse St. Bartholomew and Grandsire.

D. MARGARET HAWLEY .. 1—2	EDWARD M. BRADLEY .. 3—4
ALAN SHEPPARD .. .. .. 5—6	

Conducted by ALAN SHEPPARD.

First '14 methods' Doubles peal 'in hand' by all. Highest number of Doubles methods in a peal 'in hand' for the Association.

CHELTENHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Feb. 20, 1957, *in* 1 *Hour and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT 19, ROYAL PARADE.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being four extents of Plain Bob, two of Double Bob and one of Reverse Bob. Tenor size 11 in G.

*SHIRLEY PARSONS .. .. 1—2	DAVID J. MARSHALL .. .. 3—4
*CYRIL A. WRATTEN .. .. 5—6	

Conducted by DAVID J. MARSHALL.

* First of three methods 'in hand.'

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Wed., Feb. 20, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

*DONALD H. NIBLETT.. .. 1—2	WILLIAM H. JACKSON .. 5—6
DEREK G. GOODMAN .. 3—4	*ROBIN A. HODGSON.. .. 7—8

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL. Conducted by WILLIAM H. JACKSON.

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

ANCASTER, LINCS.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Brandon 1, F. W. Pinchbeck 2, P. E. Parry 3, F. G. Vickers 4, I. M. Simpson (cond.) 5. Rung to commemorate the centenary of the birth of Lord Baden-Powell.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCS.—At the Parish Church, on Feb. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. K. Harrison 1, Joan Carter (cond.) 2, W. Harrison 3, D. K. Malloch 4, D. Thompson (first quarter) 5, D. F. Malloch (first quarter) 6.

BARKING, ESSEX.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. Harris (first quarter) 1, Miss J. Peacock 2, Miss C. M. Ford 3, S. T. Ford 4, A. W. Beard 5, D. W. Beard (cond.) 6, E. G. Cottis 7, S. J. Holgate 8. For Matins.

BARNWOOD, GLOS.—On Jan. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss A. Cox (first quarter) 1, C. Wixey 2, Miss P. Clarke (first 'inside') 3, M. Ling 4, F. Tranter (cond.) 5, P. Newland 6.

BURWELL, CAMBS.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Bob Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 covering): Miss D. Fuller (first quarter) 1, A. G. Orbell 2, C. F. Sargeant 3, W. J. Couperthwaite 4, R. J. W. Housden (cond.) 5, N. Sargeant 6, A. G. Fuller 7, S. Faircliffe 8. For Evensong.

CORSTON, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. M. J. de Jong 1, Mrs. H. L. Parfrey 2, C. J. A. Brown 3, Miss M. L. Hannam 4, H. L. Parfrey (cond.) 5, L. R. G. Taylor 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of George Bowen, organist and choirmaster at this church from 1919 to 1954. All the band were members of his choir.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Feb 10th, 1,312 Spliced Surprise (512 Yorkshire, 608 Cambridge, 192 Superlative, 28 changes of method): W. J. Button 1, M. R. Pipe 2, F. Ruffles 3, L. G. Brett (cond.) 4, R. G. Parker 5, C. W. Beecroft 6, W. W. Miller 7, W. Ruffles 8. For morning service.

DURLEIGH, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Lee (first quarter) 1, D. Miller (cond.) 2, W. Selley 3, W. Stevens 4, R. Short 5, C. Dyment 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Clive Marchant.

EPSOM, SURREY.—At Christ Church, on Feb. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: I. Waterman 1, Gillian Carslake (first quarter) 2, F. Oakshott (cond.) 3, D. J. F. Oakshott 4, W. Robinson 5, W. Parrott 6, A. S. Harris 7, N. D. J. Webb 8.

EVESHAM, WORCS.—At the Bell Tower, on Feb. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. Turk 1, Miss D. Turk 2, C. B. Longmore 3, H. J. Wheatley 4, W. J. Newman 5, G. C. Hemming 6, A. J. Brazier (cond.) 7, G. J. Hemming 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Carter, killed in a car accident. Mr. Carter was churchwarden at All Saints' Church for 23 years. Also on Feb. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. Turk 1, Miss D. Turk 2, H. Catling 3, W. J. Newman 4, Miss B. M. Smith 5, A. J. Brazier 6, G. C. Hemming (cond.) 7, G. J. Hemming 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. Fanny Hopkins, aged 106, believed to be the oldest person in England.

FAREHAM, HANTS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Jacobs (first of Triples) 1, J. Ball 2, Jean Sturgess 3, B. Bellamy 4, G. Miles 5, J. Hunt 6, A. Sturgess (cond.) 7, J. Stevenson 8. Rung for Midnight Mass. Also on January 13th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Renee Sturgess 1, J. Ball 2, Jean Sturgess 3, D. Jones 4, G. Miles 5, A. Sturgess 6, J. Hunt (cond.) 7, A. Dye 8. First in method for 1, 2, 4 and 5. For Evensong, and as a farewell to Miss J. Sturgess on her departure for New Zealand.

FELPHAM, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Bob Minor: W. Bristow 1, W. H. Harrison 2, Miss S. Streater 3, H. J. Peskett 4, Miss J. Egerton (first as cond.) 5, E. Treagus 6. Rung on the conductor's 17th birthday for Evensong.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—On Dec. 20th, at S. Nicolas' Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (on front six): E. Etheridge 1, Miss M. E. Collins 2, Miss J. K. Beazley 3, Miss A. M. Cox 4, Miss S. R. Collins (first quarter as cond.) 5, L. B. Luing 6. First of Grandsire Doubles by all the band. Also on Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Young 1, Miss M. E. Collins 2, Miss J. K. Beazley 3, Miss A. M. Cox (cond.) 4, Miss S. R. Collins 5, L. B. Luing 6. Rung for the Feast of the Holy Nativity before Midnight Mass.

QUARTER PEALS

HADLOW, KENT.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Kettle 1, L. Honess 2, J. L. Hilton 3, G. Fry 4, J. T. Medhurst (cond.) 5, J. A. Hilton 6. A compliment to the tenor ringer on the birth of a son, also to the 3rd (father of tenor), who hails from High Wycombe, Bucks.

HANDSWORTH, YORKS.—On Feb. 20th, 1,264 Bob Major: Mrs. E. Chaddock 1, Mrs. D. E. Mattli 2, Miss S. Chaddock 3, Miss M. Mills 4, Miss S. M. Schofield 5, Mrs. E. D. Kelly 6, Miss E. Bate (first of Major as cond.) 7, Miss E. A. Wardill 8. Rung by members of the Yorkshire District of the Ladies' Guild.

HARROW, MIDDLX.—On Feb. 24th, 1,440 Bob Minor (two different 720's): C. G. Pitcher 1, Shirley H. Dorey 2, Sylvia J. Heasman 3, C. W. Simpson 4, R. E. Waters 5, C. E. Slade (cond.) 6. First in method by 1 and 4. First of Minor by 2, 3, 5 and 6. For Evensong.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Feb. 24th, 1,440 Bob Minor: J. R. G. Spicer 1, R. King 2, C. J. Young 3, L. W. Fisher 4, F. R. Nicholls 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For morning service.

HENLOW, BEDS.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Bob Minor: M. Major 1, R. Fuller 2, P. S. Whalley (R.A.F.) 3, P. Fuller (R.A.F.) 4, B. W. Willgress (R.A.F.) 5, L. H. Bywaters (cond.) 6. First of Minor for 1 and 4. Arranged for 3, 4 and 5, who are stationed at Henlow Camp.

HONITON CLYST, DEVON.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss A. Christie (first quarter) 1, G. E. Retter (cond.) 2, J. Salway 3, E. E. Retter 4, A. Holway 5, E. Morgan 6. For evening service.

HUNTINGDON.—At All Saints' Church, on Feb. 10th, 1,440 Bob Minor: S. E. Dyer 1, Miss B. Spicer 2, Miss D. Robinson 3, J. R. G. Spicer 4, A. Davey (first quarter) 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For morning service.

LONDON.—At St. Giles-in-the-Fields, on Feb. 10th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Miss J. Scrutton 1, Miss S. Sherwood 2, M. Williamson 3, G. A. Parsons 4, A. Lewry 5, F. C. Shorter 6, J. W. Euston (cond.) 7, W. Wilson 8. First of Treble Bob for 1, 2 and 3. Rung for the eighth anniversary of the Rev. G. C. Taylor's induction as Rector.

MARESFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 7th, 1,440 Bob Minor: T. Brett 1, G. Avis 2, Miss B. Catt (first in method) 3, J. Pell 4, R. Bennett 5, A. Hart (cond.) 6. Rung in appreciation of Mr. A. Cosham's 50 years' service as organist.

NORTHAMPTON.—At the Church of St. Edmund, on Feb. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. G. F. Roome 1, R. Baker 2, W. A. Gammage 3, W. R. Hammons 4, M. Bennett 5, B. Linnell 6, G. F. Roome (cond.) 7, A. C. Cozens 8. A compliment to Mr. W. A. Gammage, who has now completed 50 years' ringing service.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.—On Jan. 27th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: Miss C. Stead (first quarter) 1, D. Forder 2, M. V. White 3, C. Murphy 4, R. A. Reed (cond.) 5, L. Stead 6. An 18th birthday compliment to D. Forder.

NORTON, HERTS.—On Feb. 24th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: Miss J. Moss 1, Miss I. Werrett 2, I. Werrett 3, A. Pound 4, H. Werrett (cond.) 5, Miss J. Sanderson 6. First in the method by all. Rung to welcome to the parish the Rev. G. Rutter, assistant priest.

PAINSWICK, GLOS.—On Feb. 10th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: P. T. Hurcombe (first on ten) 1, Mrs. D. J. Marshall 2, Miss J. Newbury 3, S. G. Goulding (cond.) 4, Miss S. M. Parsons 5, D. W. Beard 6, I. Goulter 7, D. J. Marshall 8, E. T. Newbury 9, C. A. Wratten 10.

PRESTON, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 10th, 1,320 Ipswich Surprise Minor: C. Poulson 1, W. Shorter 2, F. Hunt 3, M. Symonds 4, R. Chambers 5, H. Hollocks (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

ROMSEY, HANTS.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: I. Templeton 1, G. Northway 2, Miss A. Knight 3, M. Northway (cond.) 4, A. Fry (first 'inside') 5, K. Jacobs 6, J. Page 7, R. Allen 8. Birthday compliments to Miss A. Knight and Mr. R. Allen.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Barbara Fincham 1, Kathleen Apps 2, E. Bishop 3, G. Price 4, W. Rogers (cond.) 5, F. Hammond 6. First of Grandsire Doubles for 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6. Rung for the birth of a son (Rodney) to the Rev. and Mrs. F. R. K. Hare.

RUARDEAN, GLOS.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,320 Doubles (480 Bob, 840 Grandsire): W. Beard 1, Mrs. K. Smith 2, Mrs. D. Stafford 3, L. H. Jones 4, J. J. Webb (cond.) 5, H. Meek 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Ernest T. Allaway, of Birmingham, a native of this village.

RYE, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 covering): C. H. Knowles 1, Noreen Winter 2, Rosemary G. Hicks 3, A. J. Hicks 4, J. Small (cond.) 5, Geraldine Saunders (first quarter) 6, S. Skinner 7, T. Longley 8.

SHIRLEY, WARWICKS.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,260 Bob Minor: Barbara Wilson 1, Kathleen Watts 2, V. A. Hemming (cond.) 3, L. Tuffrey 4, A. Morris 5, G. Bailey 6. A 73rd birthday compliment to A. Morris.

SILSOE, BEDS.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. A. Martin 1, D. R. Brazier (cond.) 2, Stella J. Devereux 3, Ann Culpin 4, P. J. Lawton 5, G. M. Wood 6. Rung after the Confirmation and Parish Eucharist in honour of the visit of the Lord Bishop of St. Albans.

SOUTHGATE, N.—At Christ Church, on Feb. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss A. Aldridge 1, S. G. Peck 2, C. Aldridge (first as cond.) 3, J. Wallman 4, J. Perrett (first 'inside') 5, M. Stanyon 6. For the Parish Communion. Also on Feb. 24th, 1,440 Bob Minor (7, 8 covering): Miss P. M. Miller 1, Miss M. Piper (first 'inside') 2, W. J. Bowden 3, S. G. Peck 4, J. Wallman (cond.) 5, C. Aldridge 6, J. Perrett 7, M. Stanyon 8. Rung at the conclusion of a service to celebrate the centenary of the birth of Lord Robert Baden-Powell.

STOKE POGES, BUCKS.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss M. Thompson 1, Mrs. A. D. Barker 2, A. D. Barker (cond.) 3, P. Maskrey 4, T. G. Hawkins 5, W. Birmingham 6, D. Wight 7, A. J. Glass 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Walter W. Wolstencroft, interred on Feb. 15th in this churchyard.

WALSALL, STAFFS.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. W. Hughes 1, Miss R. Smith 2, Miss S. R. P. Thomas 3, A. T. Dutton 4, Miss S. Hughes 5, Miss J. Fisher 6, J. S. Eastwood (cond.) 7, A. Hewitt 8. For Evensong, and a 63rd birthday compliment to the conductor.

WANLIP, LEICS.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Northwood 1, G. C. J. Wakefield 2, R. Yates 3, T. A. Yates 4, O. T. Northwood (cond.) 5, G. Goodey 6. For Holy Communion.

WAVENDON, BUCKS.—On Feb. 14th, 1,440 Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Minor: Angela Grainger 1, P. Newing 2, M. Hooton 3, A. Butcher 4, K. Spavins 5, Rev. C. E. Wigg (cond.) 6. First of Treble Bob Minor for 1 and 4. First of Treble Bob Minor on the bells. In honour of St. Valentine.

WEEK ST. MARY, CORNWALL.—On Feb. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Garvie 1, R. Cann 2, T. Finnemore 3, H. Trewin 4, C. Sangwin (cond.) 5, S. Stacey 6. First quarter for 1, 2, 3 and 4 on working bells. All young ringers from the Stratton band.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.—On Feb. 10th, 1,500 Bob Doubles: R. J. Carlton (cond.) 1, Mrs. M. Pope 2, C. T. Hillis 3, W. P. Garner 4, W. J. Lancefield 5, W. Gill 6. Also on Feb. 17th, 1,260 St. Clement's Bob: E. S. Ruck 1, Miss P. Lowes 2, Miss R. A. Gower 3, L. C. Smith 4, C. T. Hillis 5, L. T. Pope (cond.) 6. For Matins. Also on Feb. 17th, 1,296 Oswald Delight: Miss R. E. Gower 1, R. J. Carlton 2, L. T. Pope 3, W. P. Garner 4, A. J. Lancefield 5, M. S. Lancefield (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also on Feb. 24th, 1,320 New Doubles: R. J. Carlton (cond.) 1, Miss B. Philpot 2, C. T. Hillis 3, A. J. Lancefield 4, W. P. Garner 5, W. Gill 6.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Bob Minor: E. Jacobs 1, Susan Jacobs 2, Anne Garnett 3, A. Bishop 4, M. Sinden 5, M. P. Moreton (cond.) 6. First in method for 1, 2 and 4.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Bob Doubles: K. Collier 1, J. Adams 2, B. Porter 3, F. R. Morton (first quarter as cond.) 4, R. A. Trickett 5, J. D. Smith 6. A 17th birthday compliment to R. A. Trickett. Rung by the Sunday service band.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Leatherhead District

The annual District meeting at Leatherhead on February 9th was attended by nearly 60 ringers. Besides members and friend from Surrey, visitors came from Bushey, Chenies, Harpenden, Rainham, Sheffield, Stanmore and Watford, as well as three who could not stay to the meeting, Mr. Alan Pink, the Rev. M. Melville and Mr. W. W. Wolstencroft, news of whose death on the way home was received at Leatherhead the next morning.

Though suffering from a threatened cold, Canon Page took the Guild's form of service, extending a welcome to Leatherhead and giving an interesting address. The tea and business meeting followed in St. Nicholas' Hall, the tea being prepared and served by ringers' wives and friends.

Mr. H. N. Pitstow presided at the meeting. The balance in hand showed an increase of over £5 and the report was also mainly satisfactory. Mr. H. N. Pitstow relinquished the post of Ringing Master, which he had held for ten years, and Mr. H. V. Young was elected in his place, thanks being accorded Mr. Pitstow for his services during those ten years. The rest of the District officers were re-elected, except that Mr. Derek Astridge took over from Mr. Young as assistant secretary. Ten new members from West Clandon, Ashtead and Stoke D'Abernon were elected and two belfry elections ratified.

The meeting heard with regret of the illness of Mr. Bert Adams, and the secretary was asked to convey to him the best wishes of the meeting.

The year's programme of meetings was agreed upon. The general officers of the Guild were renominated with the addition of Mr. H. V. Young as Central Council representative, and usual votes of thanks concluded the business.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE

Southern District

The meeting held on Feb. 23rd at Holy Trinity Church, Darlington, did not attract many ringers probably as a result of the petrol shortage.

The Vicar, the Rev. Donald Goldie, preached an excellent sermon, based upon a bell, which he likened to Christianity because of its robustness, swing, and its need for proper care and attention. Mr. Minto officiated at the organ.

Tea was provided by the ladies, and the ringers welcomed the new Rural Dean, the Rev. P. Wansey. A vote of thanks to the Vicar and wardens for the use of the bells was proposed by Mr. P. Rock, and Miss Killingley thanked the ladies for an excellent tea.

Ringing was to the following methods: Kent, Oxford, London and Cambridge, and was interspersed with 120's of Grandsire Doubles, which was of great benefit to the learner present.

The next meeting is to be held in conjunction with the Yorkshire Association at Richmond on April 27th. F. W. C.

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ST. MARY'S, WALTHAMSTOW

For many years the bells of St. Mary's have been regularly rung for the usual Sunday services, and until the outbreak of the last war Stedman Caters was the favourite method. The band was capable of ringing Treble Ten, both Kent and Oxford being rung on practice nights. Many peals of Caters have been rung during the years, some of them being by entirely local ringers. A peal in three Caters methods was rung, the majority of the ringers belonging to the St. Mary's Society. The methods on this occasion were Erin, Stedman and Grandsire.

Soon after the war the band dwindled to six members, when it was found impossible to muster enough to ring for the evening service on Sundays. This state of affairs continued for a year or so, and it looked as though ringing would cease altogether. However, a local schoolmaster, a ringing enthusiast, was contacted, with the result that several recruits were forthcoming and soon the company had sufficient members to ring for both Sunday services. Much progress has been made and a local quarter peal of Grandsire Caters has been rung.

During 1956 a total of 23 quarter peals was scored, and no less than 25 firsts in the method, and also several firsts as conductor. The methods have been Grandsire Triples, Major and Caters, Stedman Triples, Bob Major and Royal.

This short account cannot be closed without a tribute to Mr. A. J. N. Boyack, whose energy and enthusiasm have been mainly responsible for the revival of ringing in the tower of St. Mary's Church, Walthamstow. H. R.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Bob Minor: W. A. Hughes 1, D. Holland (first 'inside') 2, Mary Fuller 3, A. S. Richards 4, L. W. Skinner (cond.) 5, R. W. Stephens 6.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The bells of St. Andrew-the-Great, Cambridge, are now ringing again after re-casting and rehanging. The Vicar has held a short dedication and the bells are rung for Sunday service. They will be made available for general ringing when the Bishop of Ely conducts a full service of dedication. It is hoped that this will be possible fairly soon.

Five of the ringers who took part in the quarter peal of the Yorkshire District of the Ladies' Guild at Handsworth were taught by Mr. N. Chaddock, of Rotherham.

An example of singing ringers comes from Corston, Somerset, where members of the choir rang a quarter peal to the memory of their former organist and choirmaster.

Four members of Southampton University Guild took part in the peal at North Stoneham on February 23rd. A word of congratulation to the tenor ringer, Cedric Murphy, whose rope became untucked.

A good friend of ringers is the Vicar of Soberton, Hants. He not only lent his bells for a peal attempt on February 23rd but afterwards kindly entertained the band to tea at the White Lion Hotel.

Throughout a peal rung at Sellinge, Kent, the young lady ringing the treble had to endure a continuous gentle fall of sawdust. There was quite a thick layer on her head when the peal finished.

A bronze plaque is to be placed in the Mitchell Tower at Chicago University to the memory of Mr. Roy B. Nelson, the University's first bellringer. A memorial fund to be used for the promotion of bell music at the University was initiated through a magnificent gift of 1,000 dollars by Mr. Samuel N. Pickard.

Mr. Maurice J. Thurmott, who dislocated his left shoulder while ringing on Sunday, February 24th, insisted on ringing in a peal on the following Tuesday at Bradford Cathedral. He rang one-handed with his left hand sometimes behind his back, occasionally in his pocket, but never on the rope. His pluck was admired by the rest of the band.

The average age of the band ringing at St. Paul's Cathedral on Sunday is now only 36 years.

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild celebrate their 60th anniversary at Whitsun. A dinner will be held at the Fan Makers' Hall, Bishopsgate, on Whit Saturday.

In paying a visit to his home at Usk, Mon., on February 23rd, Mr. D. G. Clift was able to call his favourite composition (Holt's Original) and thus complete the calling of a peal from each bell in the tower, and also 'circle' the tower for the second time.

A peal of Triples called 'Five Shillings to Drink' was rung at Wakefield in 1789 in 3 hours and 24 minutes. The peal was composed by one of the local ringers in honour of the town being that night first lighted with lamps.

An unsuccessful attempt for a peal of London Surprise Royal was made at Hillingdon on February 23rd to celebrate the birth of a daughter to Pamela and Robert Thomas, and of a son to Evelyn and Tony Turley. Pamela elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Goodfellow, used to ring at St. John's, where both Evelyn and Tony are members of the local band, Tony being steeplekeeper. Congratulations to them all, not forgetting the new grandparents!

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MORE SUNDAY RINGING THAN EVER BEFORE IN BIRMINGHAM DIOCESE

THE fact that the Coventry Diocesan Guild were holding their annual dinner on the same day, and also the petrol rationing, affected the attendance at the 69th annual Henry Johnson commemoration dinner, held at the Imperial Hotel, Birmingham, on March 2nd. Squadron Leader John S. Mason, the Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths, presided, and an excellent evening was spent with short speeches, good singing and happy fellowship. The arrangements were competently carried out by the Guild secretary, Mr. George E. Fearn.

After the loyal toast had been honoured apologies were announced by the secretary from the Lord Mayor, the Bishop of Birmingham, Canon Bryan Green (who is abroad) and Sir Theodore Pritchett. Four Bedfordshire ringers also intended to be present, but Mr. C. H. Harding had since died, and Messrs. Sinfield, Ronald Sharpe and Bryan Sims felt that in such circumstances they could not be present.

The toast of 'The memory of the late Henry Johnson' was proposed by the chairman, who said they had nobody in that room that evening who knew Henry Johnson. Their Guild had reached its present position not only by the work and example of Henry Johnson, but by many other members who were no longer with them. In honouring the memory of Henry Johnson they were also remembering those associated with him who had passed over.

The toast was honoured in silence.

The toast of 'Continued Prosperity to St. Martin's Guild' was submitted by Mr. A. Patrick Cannon, who said he felt like a new boy as this was only the sixth successive dinner he had attended. His first visit to Birmingham was in 1939 on a football excursion, when he managed to 'grab' St. Martin's and St. Philip's. He remembered the occasion well, as when he was ringing a course of Cambridge at St. Philip's the tenor slipped wheel.

There was no doubt of the respect in which their Guild was held by the attendance at these dinners. They came to keep alive a long tradition and to meet old friends. This Guild was founded in 1755 and it was the third oldest ringing society, the older ones being the Ancient Society of College Youths and the Society of the Royal Cumberland Youths.

OFFICERS—ACTIVE AND PRACTICAL RINGERS

He thought the St. Martin's Guild had always enjoyed its prosperity in the past because it had officers who were active and practical ringers. If they wanted a good guild they must have good officers who were able ringers. In St. Martin's Guild four of their officers, plus Mr. Walker, had each rung over 600 peals.

St. Martin's was a happy and friendly guild. They had only to write to Mr. George Fearn and he would fix one up with a good peal and no 'stay benders.' Every guild must teach beginners—there was an example in that week's 'Ringing World' of Mr. Walker with young ringers, and he knew Mr. Fearn rode his bicycle many miles to teach young ringers. He hoped that the young ringers of today would come forward and maintain the traditions of the Guild.

Mr. Frank E. Haynes, the Master, in reply said there was a tendency in this age to indulge in the process of whitewashing or gilding the lily and he wondered if their Guild was as prosperous as it was and whether they did hold the same position in the Exercise as they did.

'I have come to the conclusion,' said Mr. Haynes with emphasis, 'that St. Martin's is still a prosperous guild, but with this difference—we are prosperous by modern standards. Bell ringing standards have changed quite considerably during the past 10 or 15 years. Thirty, 40 or 50 years ago the prosperity of St. Martin's rested on one thing—its ability to ring Stedman Cinques perfectly.

'To-day we can still ring Stedman Cinques—on occasions we ring Stedman very well—but it is true to say that we do not ring Stedman Cinques consistently as we used to. Why is that? It is because we have far more young people taking part in ringing in this diocese. St. Martin's is no longer a closed shop. In the old days you could not ring at St. Martin's unless you could ring Stedman Cinques properly. Now the tower is open to all, and people are welcome as they are to all towers in the diocese, and it has resulted in a certain lowering of the standard of striking.

SUNDAY RINGING MORE PROMINENT

'The ringing Exercise has extended its sphere of influence to include not only the ladies in growing numbers, but is encouraged as a social activity of young people. We have to do something to attract young people and keep them in ringing and that has resulted in a certain drop in standards. Nevertheless, it has resulted in other things that redound to the credit of the Exercise. Sunday service ringing is given more prominence than it ever had, and although we know that much of the Sunday service ringing carried on in this country is by no means of a high standard, it is true to say that Sunday service ringing takes place in this diocese in a larger number of towers than ever before.

'The modern tendency, as indicated by Mr. Cannon, is to place a grotesque importance on peal ringing activities. If we judge the prosperity of a guild with the number of peals rung then St. Martin's Guild is very prosperous. In those peals there were many young ringers who were able to ring their first of Surprise in Cambridge, Yorkshire, Bristol or London, and they had in consequence vastly improved as ringers.'

At the moment their Guild stood at the crossroads. Their secretary, Mr. Geo. Fearn, was always ready to arrange peals for visitors, which increased the fraternity of the Exercise, but the question they should ask themselves was whether they were not going to get back Stedman Cinques to the standard it was or to encourage young ringers to continue to ring peals on six or eight bells.

Mr. Haynes mentioned the great service to the Guild of Mr. Pinfold, the Ringing Master, and the faithful and devoted service of Mr. Geo. Fearn as hon. secretary, who had held office for ten years and had now only another ten to serve as the last three secretaries (Mr. W. H. Godden, Ald. Paddon Smith and the late Mr. Thomas Reeves) each served for 20 years; and finally a minor correction to the proposer of the toast, in that St. Martin's Guild was the fourth oldest guild in the country—St. Stephen's, Bristol, was older than they were.

In a very happy speech, Mr. Edgar Shepherd proposed 'The Visitors.' Many of the company including himself had tasted the hospitality of Lancashire, Yorkshire, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Bristol and other parts of the country, and it was pleasant to let the mind run over the many kindnesses received. 'Forty years ago as a young soldier I was turned adrift in the welter of the first world war, and I have recollections of the many kindnesses shown to me—in the Isle of Wight by Mr. Upton, of Newport, and later, when I was wounded and crippled, in Lancashire and Newcastle-upon-Tyne.'

Of their guests that evening there was Mr. Norman Park, from Darlington, Mr. A. W. T. Cleaver, from Bristol, and many old friends from London, including Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hughes, Mr. Smallwood (and they thanked him for his work on behalf of 'The Ringing World') and the Editor. To Mr. Paul Taylor he gave a special welcome; they were all grateful to him for the hospitality he provided when the Central Council visited Leicester last year.

Mr. Taylor, who is president of the Leicester Diocesan Guild, in acknowledging the toast said he wished to say a very big 'Thank you' on behalf of all the guests, not only to the 'old faithfuls' but to the young boys of the St. Martin's Guild who made them so welcome. They all enjoyed coming to Birmingham.

A BISHOP'S QUOTATION

Mr. T. W. White, Editor of 'The Ringing World,' also replied. He said:—

'Last Sunday, in the most distinguished of our Sunday newspapers, the Bishop of Birmingham provided a saying of the week. He said:

"I do not contend that one can speak the whole truth and nothing but the truth; sometimes you should withhold it and bear the burden yourself."

'This quotation seemed to me to be particularly appropriate in regard to the two controversies that have appeared in "The Ringing World." In regard to the College of Campanology and the publication of the Manual of Instruction, individual members of the Editorial Committee have been blamed for what appeared. I want to say publicly and emphatically that they neither saw the articles nor were they consulted before publication. What induced me to publish them—and it was not financial—I will not say. It is one of the burdens, as the Bishop said, that one must bear oneself.

'But there was an eminent ringer and a member of the Central Council who decided not to bear the burden himself but to tell the whole truth and nothing but the truth regarding the Christmas Day broadcast. Those who have pilloried him have forgotten that once anything appears on the air it ceases to be local and is automatically open to public criticism. There is good Sunday service ringing in this land, even outside of Birmingham, Leicester, or the *scroof* of St. Paul's. We all know of small towns and villages with good bands and good bells which should have their chance on the air. A proper liaison with the B.B.C. in this matter is essential, and I hope that from publication good results will come.

'There have been times when the B.B.C. have profited by co-operation. The excellent Christmas Eve television broadcast was the outcome of a 'phone call I received from the director of "Panorama." The request was for a tower in London or the suburbs with a ground floor ring and a short tower, where it would be possible from the outside to televise the bells revolving. Among the people I consulted was your chairman this evening. Three towers were suggested and All Saints', Banstead, accepted.

SCOUTS' JAMBOREE

'Next August, from the 3rd to the 17th, you will be receiving into the area of the St. Martin's Guild many visitors in connection with the Scouts' World Jamboree at Sutton Coldfield. Already I have had an inquiry as to ringing facilities and the possibilities of a ringing tour in the immediate locality. I feel certain that the St. Martin's Guild will be able to make some arrangements.'

Proposing the toast of 'The Chairman,' Mr. Albert Walker said their choice of Squadron Leader Mason was indeed a happy one. Last November he made a splendid job in the chair of the College Youths, and that Society had honoured him by asking him to continue as Master for a second year. Unfortunately his wife could not be with him as she was on a visit to her home in New Zealand, but they were very pleased to have with them his mother. Squadron Leader Mason did much of his early ringing in Birmingham. They missed him very much, but what had been Birmingham's loss had been London's gain. The toast was accorded musical honours.

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A PEAL IN EVERY RINGING TOWER IN LEICESTERSHIRE

MR. ERNEST MORRIS TELLS HIS EXPERIENCES

(Continued from page 138)

STAUNTON Harold church, standing in the private grounds of the Rt. Hon. Earl Ferrers, was the only church erected during the Commonwealth. Over the entrance is a tablet recording:—

'In the yeare 1653
when all things sacred were throughout the nation
either demolisht or profaned
Sir Robert Shirley Baronet
founded this church
whose singular praise it is
to have done the best of things in the worst of times and hoped them in the most calamitous.
"The Righteous shall be had in everlasting remembrance".'

In 1656 five bells were erected, to which a sixth was added in 1717 and two trebles in 1831.

North, the historian, gives their inscriptions incorrectly and incomplete, saying they are too difficult of access. However, in 1926, with Earl Ferrers, I ascended the tower, and while I went into the pits the Earl stood on the frame and took down the inscriptions as I dictated them—mostly deciphering by sense of touch where too dark to see. The Earl graciously gave consent for a peal to be attempted, and we were fully conscious of the superscription over the tablet recording the first peal here in 1832, saying: 'Nothing so difficult but diligence will overcome.' Only one other peal had been rung (in 1889), and in spite of those critics who declared an ambulance would be required to carry off those who collapsed, and a load of stimulants to revive the remainder, we met on October 23rd, 1926, determined to 'do or die.'

There is no means of lighting except by candles, but one of the band brought a small lamp, and we set up eight candles on the quaint ancient wooden octagonal desk which evidently was placed there for the ringers' music! All went well for over two hours, when one of the candles spluttered and eventually snuffed out. Then one after another till all disappeared save one, which lasted till about five minutes before the peal ended, leaving only the little lamp to cast a feeble glow in the Stygian darkness. The ringers looked like so many ghosts moving their arms up and down, but all stuck to it and finished a very good peal in just over three hours. The Earl kindly entertained us afterwards and gave me a copy of the bell inscriptions. The church has recently been restored at a cost of over £8,000 by the Office of Works, and it is hoped that the bells—now unringable—will be restored when funds allow.

A CANDLE FIRE

Speaking of candles reminds me of our peal at Wymeswold where—at the time I went—the only illumination was by candles standing on a wood partition. Towards the end of the peal one of these burnt low and set fire to the woodwork. Happily it was extinguished by the late Walter White without disturbing the peal, he manipulating his bell carefully with one hand while dousing the conflagration!

Quite recently at Copt Oak we had a similar experience while ringing a peal of Double Bob Minor. On arrival we found the electricity cut off, so we started with two or three church candles balanced on a chair back in the centre of the belfry. While the peal was in progress one of these fell off, leaving us in semi-darkness. Arthur Rowley, of Ibstock, then did a neat bit of work by ringing one hand, stooping down quickly, picked up the candle end. Then after a few strokes manœuvred to set it alight from another lit one. Almost immediate it fell off again! He repeated his one-hand trick but, after lighting the candle, placed it on a window sill immediately behind him. This seems easy (on paper), but to manipulate a bell and keep it going to Double Bob whilst doing these gymnastics was a real work of art. It took much longer to do than it does to tell, but we got a good peal to the great satisfaction of all concerned.

OLD JOE TAKES THE CAKE

At Wymondham, after a peal of Minor on the heavy six, we were entertained to tea by the Rector and local ladies, and as the date coincided with the silver wedding of old Joe Norton (1929), they gave him a cake to take home! On the floor of the tower ringing chamber is a singular and curious record on a slate slab, diamond-shaped, thus:—

OXFORD
Treble Bob
was rung Feb. 11th, 1810
by

I. WOOLMAN ..	1	J. HAIN	4
W. SIMS	2	T. THURLBY ..	5
W. MANN ..	3	T. BURCHNELL ..	6

— Also —
was rung by the fame
Perfons 4,320 changes
in three hours

At Peckleton (6) I rang two or three peals, but one was marked as unusual by the Rector insisting on my putting down in the service book (it was Sunday) the methods to be rung and conductor's name, etc. I told him we had not yet rung it, but he was sure we should! In this peal the Rev. A. S. Roberts (now of Carbis Bay, Cornwall) and the Rev. Malcolm Melville rang.

In the Hinckley District many of the ringing chambers are situated halfway up the tower arch, and open to the church on the east side, viz.: Hinckley, Earl Shilton, Thurlaston, Burbage, etc. At Hinckley (8) I called my 150th peal on the old octave, which were not too good either musically or in their 'go.' Since that time, however, they have been recast and rehung, and now form a grand ring.

Earl Shilton has a lovely little octave in the best-kept belfry of the District. On these bells I rang many excellent peals, including calling ten different *plain* methods. Thurlaston has a lovely six, and Burbage a fine octave. At the latter place I called the first peal on the original five bells rung from the ground floor with an extra long draught of rope. It was a strenuous effort and caused many blisters! but a determined band rang a good peal on a quaint set—the top five of an octave, and not in tune at that! Now these have been recast and made eight, and here I called a peal of Bob Major with 50 singles, and took part in others.

At the nearby Fenny Drayton the ringing room is a gallery halfway up the tower arch, and is somewhat curious. The ground floor is used as a choir vestry and the tower arch entirely matchboarded over with a small door inserted for the choir to enter the church. Consequently the ringers' gallery is sealed off on this side, and the only means of gaining access is by a ladder taken out of the west door and set up in the churchyard, the top going through the small gap at the head of the said west doorway, from whence one literally crawls into the ringing room.

BELL INSCRIPTIONS IN WELSH

When we rang the first (and only) peal here in 1921 it was a very hot afternoon, so we left this door open as there is no ventilation, and to prevent disturbance pulled the ladder up into the room. During the ringing someone—we found out later it was the Rector—from below threw up two half-crowns for us to have refreshment after, he being called away before the peal ended. Here the bell inscriptions are the only ones in Welsh in this diocese—the Rector was a Welshman!

A somewhat similar 'gift' took place at Newtown Linford (5), which church is situated at the entrance to Bradgate Park, one of Leicestershire's beauty spots. Consequently hundreds of visitors call in this church, and as the bells are rung from the ground floor, we were given permission to lock the church up during our peal. Imagine our surprise when about halfway through the peal we saw someone coming down the aisle towards us. However, it proved to be the Vicar (who was a ringer), and he very carefully placed five big apples on top of a hymn book cabinet near the belfry screen, then quietly left the church. As soon as I called 'This is all,' 'Stand,' there was a concerted rush for the apples, which were gratefully eaten after our strenuous efforts, as the bells did not go very easily.

Another bad-going five were at Birstall, where it was a gruelling task to complete a full peal. During the ringing I shed my waistcoat, collar and tie! This peal was arranged for me by Alban Disney (whose father was Vicar of Belgrave-cum-Birstall) and who is so named after the daughter church of St. Alban, which name also appears on one of Belgrave bells. At the latter church I rang several peals on the eight when they hung anti-clockwise, but now they have been rehung in the usual way.

(To be continued)

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY

Ringing to suit all tastes was enjoyed on the light eight (tenor about 8 cwt.) at Hemsworth on February 9th, when the Barnsley District Society held a successful meeting. Two new members were elected—Mr. Frank Chatterton, of Monk Bretton, and Miss Margot Green, of Sandal. An apology was received from the Rector (the Rev. A. E. Duckett), who was attending the induction of his curate to the living of Holy Trinity, Huddersfield. A vote of thanks was passed to him and all who had helped with a successful meeting by Mr. Noel Moxon.

CHEADLE, CHESHIRE.—On Feb. 16th, 3,696 Bob Major: R. Smith 1, D. Taylor 2, B. Groves 3, Mrs. A. Richardson 4, W. A. Smith 5, A. McFall 6, A. Richardson 7, B. J. Woodruffe (cond.) 8.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CHANGE RINGING IN AMERICA

Dear Sir,—The Kent School Bellringers' Guild (10, tenor 27 cwt.) was honoured by a visit from Mr. M. A. Turner, of Philadelphia, on February 9th and 10th. His visit was the result of a correspondence with a member of the Guild, started by an article in 'The Ringing World.' During his stay he gave us many hints on how we could improve our ringing and bring it closer to the English standard.

At this point it might be wise to say something about the Kent Guild. The bells were cast and hung by Mears and Stainbank in 1931. For the first five years we had an instructor, Isaac Attwater, who taught the boys the art of change-ringing. Since then it has been passed on from class to class by the boys. Naturally, bad habits accumulated and remained uncorrected.

Not the least of these was our slow rate, about 20 changes per minute. Mr. Turner showed us how to cut down on the swing and boost our speed. While he was here, we were clocked at 28. Since then we have been clocked at 30 in practice. Our ultimate goal is a well-struck 32, though it will be some time before we are used to it.

With Mr. Turner's help we were able to depart from memorised courses in Grandsire Doubles. Stedman's at the new pace proved to be a little too much. Then Mr. Turner conducted some call-changes on the back eight, which went rather well by our standards. Our try at all ten was not so successful. Mr. Turner then taught us how to lower the bells in peal. It will take us a little while to get used to this.

It is felt by the entire band that the visit was a complete success. We learned a great deal by this first visit, which we hope will be the first of a long series of visits. Our present ambition is to ring a quarter peal this spring with Mr. Turner's help.—Yours sincerely,

CHRIS. WHITMAN.

Kent, Connecticut.

ELIZABETH I. APPROVED OF THE EXERCISE

Dear Sir,—Though not a bellringer yet I love to hear the bells, and I am glad that the art of bellringing is still practised. I came across this very interesting item in a book I am reading, namely, 'Strange Island,' by Francesca M. Wilson. ('Britain through Foreign Eyes,' 1395–1940.)

Comments by Gerschow, 1602, on bellringers: 'The young lads do this voluntarily for exercise and amusement, and often wager large sums as to who can ring a peal the longest or the most cunningly. The parishes spend a lot of money over their bells and there is much rivalry as to which are the most melodious. The old Queen is said to approve of this exercise, because she holds it to be a sign of the people's health.

'They do not toll for the dead, but when a person is lying "in extremis" the bells of the parish are touched with the clappers until he either dies or recovers. As soon as this sign is given everyone in the streets—as in the houses—falls on his knees and offers a prayer for the sick person.'

Gerschow (Friedrich) was tutor to the Duke of Stettin, Pomerania (German princeling, then 18), who accompanied the Duke on a three-weeks' tour of England in 1602.

I would also like to mention another item. Whilst on a tour of the churches in Essex I saw, in Great Bromley church belfry, high up on the wall, a row of very tall black hats, which I understood were always worn by the bellringers of that parish long ago.—Yours truly,

EUNICE WATSHAM (Mrs.).

Tring, Herts.

A WARNING

Dear Sir,—An alarming incident which occurred at Lyonshall last weekend has prompted me to write this letter.

How important it is for instructors to impress upon beginners the danger of attempting to ring in a strange tower, unless they are completely in control of the bell at home.

Recently a school friend of one of our young ringers visited the church, and we were told that she was a ringer, and had received her instruction at a well-known Herefordshire tower.

On this her second visit she was invited to ring but, as she was not known to me, and her name did not appear in our Guild report, I suggested that she tried the bell first.

Fortunately, I stood beside her! She handled the tail correctly, pulled off at handstroke, but hung on to the sally and was on her way to the roof when I shouted 'Loose it.'

After grabbing the rope and bringing the bell under control (and recovering from the shock) I said: 'You have never rung a bell before, have you?' Only then did we learn that she had not touched a rope for over two years, had never handled the sally, and her only knowledge of ringing had been a lesson or two on the tail with a tied clapper.

I dread to think what might have happened if, instead of that single bell, we had started to ring rounds; and I was thankful that only two of our nine teenage girl learners were in the tower at the time—an incident such as that might well discourage promising youngsters.—Yours faithfully,

ELSIE C. CHANDLER.

Kington, Herefordshire.

MR. W. W. WOLSTENCROFT

Dear Sir,—I was interested in the two splendid appreciations of the late W. W. Wolstencroft, but rather surprised that no mention was made of the Lancashire Association. There must be many of the older Lancashire members like myself who remember the good work Walter did before he went over to the Chester Guild. He was fully entitled to do this if he so wished, but he rang 166 peals for the Lancashire Association and was at one time secretary of the Manchester Branch. If my memory serves me right, he was also on the committee for a few years. However, as C. K. L. says, he was one of the best types of ringers: enthusiastic, knowledgeable, and a good churchman. —Yours faithfully,

E. R. MARTIN.

Preston.

INSCRIPTIONS ON BELLS

Dear Sir,—Is it not the general custom to have the name of the vicar and churchwardens put on a bell after it has been recast and rehung? The bell which I refer to has only the name of the captain of the ringers. Is it not usual to have the bell blessed after it has been recast?—Yours faithfully,

MURIEL ORLIBAR.

Mayfield, Sussex.

STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dear Sir,—I was very interested in the replies to Mr. Burles' request for three-course touches of Stedman Triples. The 252, SL-S-SQ, is false, the portion from L to Q in the last course repeating with the same part of the first course. This is clearly an oversight. Might I suggest as an alternative SHL-L-HLQ, which is another extension of the course SLQ?—Yours faithfully,

H. TURNER.

Shenfield, Essex.

HINCKLEY DISTRICT ANNUAL DINNER

Despite the snow which traditionally falls on these occasions, there was an attendance of over 120 ringers and friends at the tenth annual dinner of the Hinckley District of the Leicester Diocesan Guild, held in the Village Hall, Sapcote, on February 16th. Ringing took place during the afternoon.

An excellent meal was served, and those present included the Rector (Rev. Mr. Powell), the Rural Dean (Rev. E. L. Fisher, who is also a keen ringer) and two vice-presidents of the Leicester Guild, Mr. P. A. Corby and Mr. E. C. Turner. Visitors were present from Monks Kirby, Leicester, Lincoln and Leeds.

Mr. Frank Measures, the District chairman, reviewed the past year's activities in the District with satisfaction. He remarked upon the maintained popularity of the dinners, saying that during the ten years they had been held attendance had never been less than 100.

The Rector welcomed the ringers to Sapcote, and spoke of the excellent support he always received from his own band. Despite many attempts by the local captain (Mr. Michael Brown) to persuade him to take up ringing, his only experience to date had been to chime in the New Year on the three bells in his last parish in Devon.

The two vice-presidents both spoke of the support given by the Hinckley District to the Guild. Mr. Turner also entertained the company with his usual stock of funny stories.

Before rising, Mr. Frank Measures proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Michael Brown for the excellent arrangements he had made.

At the social evening and entertainment which followed, one of the highlights was a very amusing play performed by members of the local band. A competition to find the local belfry queen was won by Miss Enid Wayne, of Leicester. It was pointed out that one of her duties would be to sit between the District chairman and secretary at all business meetings during the coming year.

Stoney Stanton handbell ringers gave selections, and a near-perfect course of Stedman Caters was rung by J. Bramley 1-2, Mrs. P. Staniforth 3-4, P. Staniforth 5-6, A. Ballard 7-8 and P. A. Corby 9-10.

The remarkable gentleman from Lincolnshire once more conducted his choir of 'Kollege Ewes' through variations of many well-known ringers' songs. Dancing and party games concluded what was once again a most enjoyable occasion. M. V.

PHOTOGRAPHS WANTED

Dear Sir,—I have been checking up recently on the list of towers of which I need photographs to complete my record of illustrations of churches where I have scored peals, and it occurred to me that other readers might have copies of postcards, small prints, illustrations in parish magazines, etc., of which they might wish to dispose. If any reader could help in this matter by forwarding any photographs of the undermentioned towers I would be most grateful. I would willingly forward cost of photograph and refund postage. The list is as follows:—

Dorset: Cranborne.
Hampshire: Hawkley, Privett, Southampton (St. Michael's), Soberton.
Lincolnshire: Bassingham, Bicker, Lincoln (St. Botolph's), Navenby, Washingborough.
Middlesex: St. Lawrence's, Brentford.
Somerset: Mark.
Surrey: Stoke D'Abernon.
Sussex: St. Botolph's, Heene, Lyminster, Westham.
Yorkshire: Bradford Cathedral.
Warwickshire: St. John's, Perry Barr.

Yours sincerely,

Gaywood, PETER N. BOND.
Hildenborough, Kent.

ST. MARTIN'S, CAMBORNE

By The REV. A. S. ROBERTS

CAMBORNE, the industrial town of Cornwall, has a ring of bells which is worthy of comment in view of the peal rung on February 9th in the fiftieth year of the first peal on the bells. It was only the fourth in the tower, but there seems little reason why peals should have been so few except it may be a tower that has just been passed by. These bells grow on one, the kind of ring that should not be set aside as not as good as many others. A good peal on them can be a real pleasure.

Originally there was a ring of six, cast in 1767 by Rudhall, of Gloucester. In 1882 a complete restoration took place, when Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. put in an iron frame, sometimes said to be their first, and added a treble and tenor of 17¼ cwt., and at the same time recasting the old fourth (now the fifth of the eight) a semitone lower, and which is, incidentally, ½-cwt. heavier than the present sixth. The dedication took place on Easter Tuesday of that year. The opening touch was one of 672 Grandsire Triples by what was called the Guild of Diocesan Ringers, then affiliated to the Devon Guild. The Truro Diocesan Guild was not founded until 15 years later in 1897, although the Truro Diocese was created in 1876. This band was made up of mostly ringers from St. Mary, Penzance, with Mr. Wm. Banister, of Devonport, viz.: Thos. Corin 1, Chas. Boase 2, W. Banister (conductor) 3, J. Richards 4, J. Baxter 5, Thos. Hicks 6, Dr. J. Symons 7, A. B. Berry 8.

Seventy-five years ago one finds friends from just across the Tamar lending a hand in Cornwall, and from that time to the present day Cornwall should ever be thankful. Since then there have been men like William and Ernest Marsh, Joe Woodley and Charles R. Lilley, and more recently, still happily with us, Messrs. Harry and Tom Myers. Wm. Banister (note the one 'n,' for that is how he signs his name, and not with two as is usually found) worked in Devonport dockyard, and in 1866 cast two trebles for the Dockyard Chapel, now unhappily destroyed. He was always ready to help Dr. Symons, and was frequently in correspondence with him.

A few of his letters have been kept. On October 4th, 1882, he wrote to Dr. Symons: 'It has just occurred to me that I promised you a touch of Grandsire Triples. I'm afraid you must think me very long-winded in not having sent before this, but I must ask you to excuse me for my brother having been staying with me I've had to give much time to him, and the remainder has been taken up in putting my new residence in order, but when the long nights come upon us again I will look up some of my old ringing affairs and send. In the meantime should you require any information on the subject please write and I would attend to it at once. With best wishes. I remain, yours very obediently, W. Banister.' There then follow two touches of Grandsire Triples, one of 840 and one of 420, with figures.

Another letter dated November 1st, 1882, and again written from 3, Florence Terrace, Ford, Devonport, says: 'Dear Sir, Just a line to say that yesterday being a ringing day at Plymouth I mustered my band there for a touch or two in the evening before they lowered the bells. They appeared to me to go much better than when you were there. We rang a very good 840 at Charles Church and two 336's at St. Andrew's, capital striking which we much enjoyed, but the number at St. Andrew's was about the extent we could ring well single-handed. At Charles, however, we could have managed them to a full peal. I think the wet weather must have braced up the frame. This morning I heard from Mr. Ellacombe, the first time for a long while. He has sent me a copy of his "Bells of Gloucester"; there is much in it that is interesting to ringers, but not instructive in ringing changes. I shall be glad to know, now that the ringing season has fairly set in, that you are pushing your party on in the Exercise. I, however, made it a rule when training a young party to run them on to the attainment of a full peal in the methods successively before we attempted another, which I found a great inducement to them to persevere, but I'm afraid you are too much tied up for time allowed for ringing to admit of it or I should have advised you to do so. Nothing further to say at present, but with best wishes I remain, yours very obediently, Wm. Banister.'

It will be noted that these two letters were written in the same year that Camborne bells were dedicated. There are others. The first peal was not rung at Camborne until 25 years later, on October 9th, 1907, being one of Stedman Triples, conducted by the late Rev. F. E. Robinson. Mr. A. H. Pulling rang the treble, and is the only survivor of the band. It was the second peal for the Truro Diocesan Guild in Cornwall, the first (Superlative) having been rung at Kenwyn in the morning. By coincidence, and not by design, the second peal on the bells was rung just 25 years after the first—Bob Major in 1932. The third, Grandsire Triples in 1948, and now the fourth, Bob Triples, in the 75th year after the hanging of the bells, and in the 50th year after the first peal. In these last three peals the writer finds himself going backwards, having rung the tenor, seventh and sixth respectively.

Camborne bells are rung regularly two or three times every Sunday by a keen band, which should now be further inspired by the return as curate of one of their former ringers, the Rev. James Vincent. Until recently he has been curate of St. Julian's, Shrewsbury. Nothing much has been done to the bells except rehanging on ball-bearings in 1934, and the pleasing effect of this rather unusual ring amongst so many modern Cornish rings can be appreciated. They have a certain softness outside the tower which is no doubt due to the fact that perforated slate takes the place of the usual slanting louvres.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

A.G.M. to be at Hitchin

Hitchin Surprise, the special method, began the meeting at St. Mary's, Baldock, on February 23rd. After tea, at the business meeting, Mr. A. E. Pound and Miss J. Moss were elected members, and two non-resident memberships were confirmed.

Hitchin has been approved as the place for the annual general meeting, at which stringent economy measures will be discussed.

Chiltern Treble Bob is the special method for the next meeting, most appropriately to be held at Offley, which is on one of the spurs of the Chiltern Hills.

Canon F. C. Brenchley conducted a service and Mr. R. Poulter played the organ, then ringing continued until the end of a very successful meeting. J. S.

Eastern District

On February 16th the Eastern District held a meeting at Braughing. The eight bells (tenor 20 cwt.) were rung up to 4.30 p.m., when tea was held.

Mr. A. Coles presided at the business meeting which followed tea. Subject to the usual applications, the next meeting of the District will be at Broxbourne on March 9th.

The Rector of Braughing met the ringers before they ascended the tower, welcomed them to his parish, and then led some short prayers. Ringing was then resumed and the bells were kept going until 8 p.m. C. E. H.

ST. MARY'S, EALING

St. Mary's, Ealing, where the first recorded peal was rung in 1798, is one of those towers which are often described as the backbone of the Exercise. A Sunday rarely passes without the bells being rung for both morning and evening services, and practices on Thursday evenings are generally well attended.

Largely responsible for this happy state of affairs is the tower captain, Mr. Arthur Harding, who rang his first peal on these bells in 1909, and has put in well over 50 years' service at the tower. Unfortunately, he had a stroke shortly before Christmas, and has not been able to get up to the tower since, but we understand he is making good progress.

Sunday, February 10th, was his 80th birthday, and to mark this a well-struck quarter of Grandsire Triples was rung in the morning by J. P. Kent 1, H. J. Eldred 2, A. M. Stacey (conductor) 3, T. E. Davies 4, S. Croft 5, D. Thedom 6, W. T. Cook 7, F. Ranson 8.

At the same time, it was discovered that there would be two 75th birthdays the following week—Mr. J. P. Kent and Mr. H. J. Eldred. This was felt to be too good an opportunity to miss, so two quarters were arranged for February 17th. Another near-perfect quarter of Grandsire Triples was rung in the morning by J. P. Kent 1, H. J. Eldred 2, A. H. Fulwell (conductor) 3, W. G. Wilson 4, S. Croft 5, D. Thedom 6, W. T. Cook 7, F. Ranson 8. A quarter of Stedman Triples was attempted in the evening but was unfortunately lost owing to one of those all-too-well-known differences of opinion as to whether a particular six was quick or slow. However, it is hoped that by the time these lines appear, this will have been remedied.

The best wishes of all the band were extended to these 'old-stagers,' and particularly to Mr. Harding for a speedy recovery. The writer only hopes that if he reaches such an age, he will be able to enjoy as good ringing as was heard in these two quarter peals. W. T. C.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Eastern Branch at Loddon

The Eastern Branch, having again elected to visit Loddon for their annual meeting, met in good numbers, and the members very soon had the octave going to suit all tastes. The service was conducted by the Vicar, Rev. C. R. N. Ninham, and the lesson read by Mr. H. W. Barrett, Association Ringing Master and Master of the local company.

After an excellent tea the Branch chairman, Mr. E. R. Goate, dealt smoothly and quickly with the somewhat lengthy agenda. New members elected were Miss Barbara Smedley, late of Manchester and now residing in Gorleston, and Messrs. Michael Stokes, of Beccles, and Norman Baker, of Barsham.

All the Branch officials and members of the committee were re-elected to their previous position. Subject to the usual conditions, Winterton was voted as the venue for the next meeting on May 21st.

It was decided to call a meeting of the Branch committee immediately after the main meeting to discuss the arrangements for the Branch peal attempt at Wymondham in March, in connection with the 850th anniversary of the founding of the Abbey Church.

The members deplored the fact that no information was available in respect of Blofield or Gorleston bells, which are unringable at the present time for reasons which are not at all clear in the case of the latter tower.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar, Mr. Bond, the organist, and Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Barrett who, together with other ringers' wives, had prepared and served the splendid tea.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

Annual Dinner and Ringing Day

FOR the first time for many years the Oxford University Society conformed with the perennial notice which appears in 'The Ringer's Diary' for the first Saturday in February, and held their annual dinner and ringing day. That the former was the cause of much arrangement and rearrangement is, of course, another story, and should be left for the pen of one more able. That it was an improvement on the lunches of previous years is undoubted (the treasurer confirming a profit!).

The ringing programme was intensive and the dreaming spires (not to mention a few towers) of the city were once more awakened by the clamorous tumult of the motley assortment of bells they house. Ringing commenced at the Cathedral at 2 p.m., and by 3 p.m. Stedman Cinques and Cambridge Maximus had been variously attempted and rung—a variation of the former with the tenor in 11ths place for long periods excited some comment.

From 3 until 4 p.m. New College and Merton continued their long and somewhat disharmonious rivalry across the city, some London being rung at the last-mentioned tower. Ringing followed at Carfax (4.45 to 5.15 p.m.), Magdalen (5 to 5.45 p.m.) and the University Church for the service. The service ringing included a short-lived touch of Bob Minor, in which the tenor ringer, under the impression that the bell weighed 16 cwt., went for a 'long walk on a short pier' so to speak, when he reached the front.

The service was held in the University Church and this was followed by the dinner at the Cadena Café, where an excellent meal was enjoyed by over 60 people, including the president of the Society (the Rev. C. Elliot Wigg), the guest of honour (Mr. Paul Taylor), the Master (Mr. W. F. Judge) and secretary (Mr. Phil. Walker) of the Oxford Society, the Master and secretary of the Cambridge University Guild (Mr. J. D. Painter and Mr. F. B. Cookson), the Masters of the Bristol University Society (Miss Pat Bourn) and the Reading University Society (Miss Jean Dawson), members of the Reading and Southampton Societies, and many present and past members of the Oxford University Society and the Cambridge University Guild.

The speeches followed and were recorded on tape, the machine being placed in a strategic position behind its owner!

Proposing the toast of 'The Exercise,' Mr. S. J. Ivin assured the company that he would not discourse of the subject of Mr. S. J. Ivin, as was his custom. This left him somewhat bereft of subject matter, but he gave a humorous dissertation on what he had learnt from older and more experienced ringers and how this influenced his outlook on ringing. He hoped that a more tolerant attitude towards one another's efforts would prevail amongst peal ringers and manifest itself in a decrease in written criticism. Amongst other anecdotes he recited a graphic description, in verse, of a somewhat rough peal, which because of its rather obvious association with a well-known ringer tended to defeat the object of the speech.

Mr. W. H. Jackson, welcoming the guests, referred to Mr. Paul Taylor and commented on the fact that his visit was welcomed, not only from the Society's but also from his own point of view. A warm welcome was also extended to the guests, especially the Master and secretary of the Oxford Society, with whom the University Society had much contact.

Replying to the toast of 'The Guests,' the Master of the Cambridge University Guild (Mr. J. D. Painter) expressed pleasure at being in Oxford, a city with which, he revealed, he probably had more connection than Cambridge. He regretted the absence of the Master of the London University Society (Mr. J. Armstrong), who was prevented from being present by a previous engagement.

The guest of honour, Mr. Paul Taylor, opened by mentioning his family connection with Oxford, which extended over a period of 150 years from a great-great uncle who manufactured clocks to the present day. He had a soft spot for the city because it was here that a Taylor family motto, a quotation concerning a dubious preoccupation on wet Saturday afternoons, was born.

Two bodies, both having caused inconvenience to the speaker, came in for a certain amount of abuse—British Railways and the Press. Two representatives of eminent national papers became inebriated, during the Loughborough long peal, to an extent which not only rendered them incapable of efficiently reporting the event but also of finding their way to bed! Mr. Taylor added, however, that he thought much of the misunderstanding which arose amongst ringers and the public was often the fault of the former.

He concluded by entertaining the company with various tales about bellhanging and founding, and more especially with the eccentric characters amongst the workmen encountered behind the scenes.

The Master (Mr. P. R. Sanders), presenting his report, spoke with brevity and feeling on the subject of arranging the first dinner for some years, and quickly passed on to a survey of the ringing during the year. Ten peals (including one 'in hand') had been rung. Those of note were London Surprise Major at Kidlington, Cambridge Surprise Major at Dorchester (the Society's 250th peal) and Little Bob Royal at Newcastle-under-Lyme during the tour (the Society's 100th tower-bell peal). Seventeen quarter peals had been rung by the Society during the year, and the Master emphasised their value in improving striking. Joint meetings had been held with Reading and Southampton University Societies, and an all-day outing to Bristol, arranged in conjunction with the Bristol University Society, had been much enjoyed, although not as well supported as it might have been.

The speeches finished, many of the company retired to Robin Pittman's room in Pembroke, where the tape recorder and liquid refreshment awaited them.

CHRISTCHURCH, N.Z., CELEBRATE 75th ANNIVERSARY

The Master and members of the Christchurch Cathedral Bellringers' Society (N.Z.) express their thanks and appreciation to the members of the band who rang a peal of Grandsire Caters at the Church of St. Margaret, King's Lynn, to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the opening of the bells at Christchurch, New Zealand. We are most grateful to Mr. Norman Hardinge, who arranged the peal, and Mr. Frank Lufkin, the conductor.

Our Society has the distinction of being the most southern in the world, and though miles separate us, a gesture of this nature brings us very close together and encourages those 'down under' to greater efforts.

The 75th anniversary celebrations were the most ambitious the Society had ever attempted, and were a great success. On October 31st a thanksgiving service was held in the Chapel of St. George in the Cathedral at 10 a.m. There was an attendance of about 60. The service was conducted by the Dean (the Very Rev. Martin Sullivan), while the Bishop (the Rt. Rev. A. K. Warren) preached the sermon. Among those in the congregation were relatives of Mr. R. H. Rhodes, donor of eight of the bells. The other two were given by Mr. E. P. Miles. Mr. A. C. Caldwell was present, representing the St. Peter's Cathedral Society, Hamilton, and Mr. W. Garton, a past Master, from Dunedin.

At 11 a.m. rounds and changes were rung on the full ten bells, as was done 75 years ago. In charge was the Master, Mr. R. G. D. Bennett. One of the veteran ringers was Mr. Geo. Claydon, who came from Birmingham in 1911 and taught many of the ringers taking part. On November 1st, the festival of the Cathedral, the bells were rung for Evensong. In the evening a reunion social was held, about 70 attending. Dean Sullivan presided and Bishop Warren gave a short address. Former members from many parts of New Zealand, their wives and other guests heard present members ring changes on handbells; several tunes specially arranged by Mr. Geo. Claydon were heard.

Among messages received from former members was one from Mr. J. B. Norris, who first rang in 1888, and remembered the earthquake which damaged the Cathedral, and another from Mr. Ben Shaw, a former English ringer, living at Wanganui, a former Master, who is now 87. Speakers were Mr. A. C. A. Caldwell, Mr. Geo. Claydon, who spoke on the activities of the Society over the years, and Mr. R. G. Bennett, the present Master.

A special anniversary cake, donated by Mrs. G. N. Sloan, was cut by Mr. Geo. Claydon.

G. N. S.

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OBITUARY

MR. ROWLAND J. FENN

With deep regret we record the passing on to higher service of Rowland John Fenn, of Barking, Essex, on February 16th. Rowland, the eldest of the three brothers Fenn, was born at Barking on March 15th, 1876, and learned to ring at St. Margaret's in 1895. At that time Barking was a hard school and a very high standard of ringing was insisted upon. This left its mark on Rowland, and his ringing and striking were a first-class example to all who had the privilege of ringing with him. He also insisted on strict punctuality. He was equally safe on tower- or handbells, and took part in the first performance of Harrison's 8,896 on handbells. He rang 3-4 to the first course of London Surprise ever rung on handbells, a feat which Nathan Pitstow described as next to impossible.

He was prevented by his work from ringing a large number of peals, but during his lifetime rang well over 100, amongst them being the first peals of Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise Major ever rung in the City of London. He joined the Ancient Society of College Youths in 1896, and always took a keen interest in its affairs.

His passing breaks up a trio of brothers who have been prominent in ringing in London and Essex for over half a century, and Barking in particular will feel his loss very keenly. He was of quiet disposition, and of a friendly, courteous nature.

A memorial service was held at St. Margaret's, Barking, on February 21st, and amongst those present were Messrs. S. Aldgate, G. Cottis, G. Faulkner, F. Russell and A. Carter.

He leaves a widow and one son (now in S. Africa) to mourn his loss, and he will be sadly missed by his brothers Caleb and Ernest. Rowland was a great ringer and friend, and was loved and respected by all. J. F. S.

MR. C. H. HARDING

The news of the sudden death of Charles Henry Harding at the age of 42 came as a shock to all who knew him.

Henry spent the whole of his life in his beloved village of Blunham, Bedfordshire—a true son of the soil.

He left school at the age of 14, and shortly afterwards his father passed away, so Henry, being the eldest son, shouldered the responsibility of running the farm with only occasional help. In spite of continual hard work, often seven days a week, he found time to worship and to learn to ring. He was taught along with others by Mr. C. Ball, of Sandy, in 1933. In January, 1936, he rang his first peal, one of Plain Bob Minor, which he conducted.

It was in the pre-war days that his enthusiasm for peals was at its greatest, but he was ever ready and willing to teach others, always emphasising that service ringing came first. In 1955, mainly through his efforts, the bells of his own church were rehung and augmented, he himself giving the new bell.

His last peal was one of Doubles rung on February 2nd at Leighton Bromswold; he did not keep records, so it may be some time before his peal total is known.

He was of a quiet and retiring nature, short in stature, but with a large heart: his car was used by all, often overloaded, but always well driven by the man with the big smile.

His church loses a loyal sidesman and ringer; we who knew him so well will miss our true and sincere friend. Our hearts go out to his sorrowing mother, sister and brothers, not forgetting his fiancée, Mary, whose marriage to him had been arranged to take place next August.

Work has now ceased on the partly-built house that would have been his home, in the country district where he lived and where his work was in the open air, very near to the Creator of all life. C. E. J.

PREBENDARY A. J. HOOK

AN APPRECIATION

Many who know and love the West Country will have read of the passing of Preb. A. J. Hook with deep regret. He was a kindly, modest and affectionate Master of the Bath and Wells Association for many years, and when he retired many of us missed the lovable character who had endeared himself to all.

When he presided over the annual meetings on Easter Mondays and preached at the services, it was always an inspiration; he seemed to leave thoughts in our minds, to make us feel better men and women for having listened to his words. As he lived, so he preached—love and charity to all men.

May his life and work be an example to us all, and as we remember him we may also remember the words which seem to apply: 'They shall be mine, saith the Lord, in the day that I make up my jewels.' W. H. C.

Henry Johnson Dinner—Cont.

The chairman, in acknowledging the compliment, said he considered Birmingham was his finishing school as regarded ringing. While there he learnt the pleasure of ringing on 12 bells, and now in London he did his best to make Stedman Cinques popular with young ringers. In London today they had a strong young element and they would always be attracted by good ringing. In recent months the average age of the ringers at St. Paul's had been 36, which showed the way things were going.

'I do not pretend to have done anything revolutionary in London. The Society of which I am Master was founded in 1647 and is sufficiently attractive to attract young men against all the outside attractions.'

He thanked them for the honour in letting him take the chair at a Henry Johnson dinner, and he would also like to thank the artistes—Mr. Albert E. Barley and Mr. Douglas Norgrove and the accompanist, Miss Dorothy Owen—for the excellent quality of the musical entertainment.

THE COMPANY

The company included: Mr. A. Ager, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Barron, Mr. and Mrs. W. Blakemore, Mr. T. Bloomfield (Lincoln), Mr. P. Border, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Butler (Slough), Mr. A. P. Cannon, Mr. P. Chapman (Northampton), Mr. and Mrs. A. W. T. Cleaver (Bristol), Mr. B. F., Mrs. and Miss Cockersole, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Collins, Mr. A. D. Cook, Mr. B. Cope (Kettering), Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Critchley, Mr. C. Dale, Mr. M. Davies.

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CANCELLATION

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Southern District.—Snitterfield bells **not available** and thus no meeting this month. Next meeting in May. Details later.—H. M. Windsor, Dis. Sec. 9871

MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Next meeting, Saturday, March 9th, at the Ship, Talbot Court, E.C., at 6 p.m. Ringing at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, W.C., 3.30 p.m.—A. B. Peck, Sec. 9829

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.—Annual dinner, Saturday, March 9th. Ringing arrangements: St. Andrew's, 2 to 3; St. Bene't's, 3 to 4; Roman Catholic Church, 4 to 5.30; Great St. Mary's, 5.30 to 6.30. 9861

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, Old Whittington, Saturday, March 9th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to G. J. Newman, 54, Brearley Avenue, New Whittington, Chesterfield.—A. B. Cooper. 9797

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Annual, East Grinstead, Saturday, March 9th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business at Crown Hotel. Names to Miss K. Shepherd, 34, Cantelupe Road.—C. A. Bassett. 9809

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Saturday, March 9th, Broxbourne. Please bring own tea.—T. S. Southam, Dis. Sec. 9826

LADIES' GUILD.—Kent Branch.—Annual general meeting at St. Alfege's, Greenwich, S.E.10, on Saturday, March 9th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All ladies welcome—gentlemen cordially invited.—Jill Waters, Hon. Sec. 9771

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Saturday, March 9th, Brentford, 3.30. Business in tower at Christ Church, Ealing, 6.30. Bells from 7. A good attendance, please. 9873

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Edmonton on Saturday, March 9th, at 3.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting. Bus 128 passes church, or 659, 679 trolley bus to Town Hall.—T. J. Lock. 9801

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Practices: Burghfield, March 9th; Mapledurham, April 13th; Bradfield, April 27th—all at 6 p.m.—R. G. Burton. 9856

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Malins Lee, Saturday, March 9th. Handbell ringing and business meeting 2.30 p.m. Tower bells available at 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. 9832

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Sudbury District. — Annual general meeting at Clare, on Saturday, March 9th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss R. J. Seabrook, Clare.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting, Stockbridge, on Saturday, March 9th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. at the Vine Inn. 9814

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Malvern Link, Saturday, March 9th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. 9817

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Chew Deanery.—Meeting at Clutton, Saturday, March 16th, 5 o'clock.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 9851

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch.—Church Lawton, Saturday, March 16th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea must be received by March 13th.—W. Kerr, 102, Moreton Road, Crewe. 9868

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch.—Meeting, St. Bridget's, West Kirby, March 16th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea free for those notifying by Wednesday previous. — Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 9874

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District.—Meeting, Brinklow, Saturday, March 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, 13th, to D. A. Carpenter, 78, Earlsdon Avenue, Coventry. Midland red bus 585 from Coventry 2.20 p.m. 9859

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District.—Meeting at Duxford, Saturday, March 16th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 9860

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Warboys (6) on Saturday, March 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 9843

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Downham Market, Saturday, March 16th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by 14th, please.—J. Fox, Walpole Marsh. 9849

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Stebbing (6), Saturday, March 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, 13th, to A. H. Little, Cowlands Cottage, Stebbing, Dunmow. 9827

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting at Hythe, Colchester, Saturday, March 16th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea by Wednesday, March 13th, to Mr. F. Oliver, 25, New Park Street, Colchester. 9805

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch.—Meeting, Lacock (6), Saturday, March 16th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to H. Heath, 89, London Road, Chippenham, Wilts. 9852

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—Saturday, March 16th, North Cerney, 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names essential. Rendcomb 6 p.m. Service 6.30 p.m.—Wenban, Williamstrip Cottages, Coln St. Aldwyns, Cirencester. 9845

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells, Saturday, March 16th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by March 14th to B. Collison, 169, Queen's Road, Tunbridge Wells. 9844

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — St. Albans District. — Meeting, Sandridge (6 bells), Saturday, March 16th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m.—S. Huckle, Dis. Sec. 9870

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Meeting at St. James', Birch, 3 p.m., Saturday, March 16th. Service 5 p.m. Tea 2s. Names before March 13th to T. Taylor, 22, Egerton Street, Fallowfield, Manchester, 14.—R. Benson. 9864

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Joint meeting of Rochdale, Rossendale and Blackburn Branches at Haslingden, Saturday, March 16th. Helmshore bells also available, 3 p.m. Free tea at 5 p.m. for those who send their names by Wednesday, March 13th, to Mr. A. V. Williams, 2, Park Avenue, Haslingden. All ringers welcome.—J. Porter, Branch Sec. 9867

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—Annual meeting at Broughton-in-Furness on Saturday, March 16th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30 p.m. Meeting to follow. Names for tea to F. Langtree, Laurel Bank, Broughton-in-Furness.—N. M. Newby, Branch Sec. 9869

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting at Great Bowden on Saturday, March 16th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec. 9866

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—South and West District. — Meeting at St. Nicolas', Chiswick, on Saturday, March 16th. Bells from 3.30 to 5 p.m.; also St. Mary-the-Virgin, Barnes, 6.30 p.m. onwards. Own tea arrangements.—F. Finch. 9853

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual committee meeting will be held at St. Mary's Church House, Reading, at 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 16th. Names for tea before Wednesday, March 13th, to Mr. A. Diserens, 18, Manchester Road, Reading. St. Mary's bells 2 to 2.50 p.m.—M. R. Cross. 9819

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting, Bingham, Saturday, March 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify me by Tuesday previous.—W. L. Exton, 60, Albert Street, Newark. 9858

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, St. John-the-Baptist, Croydon, Saturday, March 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting, Silverdale Hall, 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by March 14th, please, to W. F. Oatway, 233, Thornton Road, West Croydon. 9793

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Southampton District.—Quarterly meeting on Saturday, March 16th, at Eling. Bells from 2.30. Tea in Rectory at 5 p.m. Names for tea by March 12th to M. J. Butler, 8, St. Peter's Road, Southampton. 9872

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Monthly practice at Clewer, Saturday, March 23rd, 3.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., for those who notify me by 20th.—W. Butler, 17, Forest Road, Windsor. 9855

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Meeting at Penkridge, Saturday, March 23rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, March 20th, to Mr. E. A. Malin, Lynwood, Wolverhampton Road, Penkridge, near Stafford. 9862

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Quarterly meeting at Kirkburton on Saturday, March 23rd. Bells available 3 p.m. Committee meeting 4.15. Tea in Church School 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea by Thursday, March 21st, to Mr. E. Burton, Church View, Kirkburton, Huddersfield.—A. E. Marsh, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9864

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at Wrington Easter Monday, April 22nd. Service 12 noon, followed by lunch and business meeting. Names for lunch tickets (enclosing S.A.E.) to Mr. H. W. Knight, Woolmer's, Cleeve, Bristol. Further details later.—R. O. Fry, Gen. Sec. 9847

RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD.—Because of a clash of dates, with the annual festival of the Chester Guild and the annual meeting of the Yorkshire Association, the annual general meeting of the Railwaymen's Guild will take place at Christ Church, Crewe, on Saturday, June 22nd. Arrangements will be made for a mid-day meal but names must be received before June 15th. Ringing: Crewe (10) Nantwich (8), Sandbach (8) and more towers if necessary. Fuller information later.—W. Frank Stenson, North Col, 142, Minshull New Road, Crewe. 9767

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice.—Annual dinner, Saturday, Oct. 12th, 1957, Shirehall, Chelmsford. Details later.—F. V. G. 9834

EWELL, SURREY.—On Feb. 17th, 1,316 Grandsire Triples: C. W. Munday 1, H. E. Good 2, Marjorie Hunter (first 'inside') 3, D. G. Spittle 4, A. S. Besant 5, J. Hill (cond.) 6, J. E. Bearis 7, G. W. Hill 8. For Confirmation.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Joan K. Brown 1, R. K. Stretton (first 'inside') 2, Glenys R. Bodycote 3, J. M. Jelley 4, B. S. Chapman 5, A. E. Bodycote 6, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 7, P. Norman 8.

QUARTER PEALS

ASHCOTT, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Bagg 1, F. Skinner 2, W. Cavill 3, C. Norton 4, K. Prime (cond.) 5, F. Cave 6. Rung for the 80th birthday of Mr. Dennis Farrow, ringer and organist at Ashcott and Shapwick for over 50 years.

CHELFORD, CHESHIRE.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,260 Bob Doubles: H. Callwood 1, A. Worth 2, R. Barratt 3, G. Forrester 4, E. Pimlott (cond.) 5, D. Briscall 6. For Evensong on Plough Sunday.

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, BEDS.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Bob Doubles (with two cover bells): B. Stapleton (first quarter) 1, R. Churchill 2, Betty Stapleton (first 'inside') 3, F. Lewis 4, P. Newing (cond.) 5, K. Fleming 6, W. Williams (first quarter) 7. For Sung Eucharist.

SUCKLEY, WORCS.—On Feb. 14th, 1,260 Doubles (420 Bob, 360 Reverse St. Bartholomew and 480 Grandsire): Christopher Cale (first quarter) 1, J. Ranford 2, W. Huband 3, F. Merrick (cond.) 4, W. Cale 5, J. Cale 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Frederick Palmer, choirman, interred this day at Lindridge.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. R. Young 1, Miss E. A. G. Grime 2, A. F. Lee 3, D. E. Cobb 4, J. R. Hobbs 5, R. J. Bowden 6, R. O. Fry (cond.) 7, T. J. Milsom 8. Rung half-muffled after Evensong to the memory of the Rev. Prebendary A. J. Hook, Past Master of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.

WALMER, KENT.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss F. Woodcock 1, F. R. Hawkins 2, A. C. Rye 3, F. A. Rye 4, T. A. Wickens 5, P. J. Rye 6, F. W. Lawrence (cond.) 7, A. Woodcock 8. Rung on the occasion of the christening of Neil, son of the conductor.

WENDOVER, BUCKS.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Susan Eyre (first quarter) 1, W. Lee 2, Monica Barrett 3, M. Stacey (first of Doubles) 4, R. Woodruff (cond.) 5, R. Throoby (first quarter) 6. For Evensong.

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THE SPEED OF A PEAL

SURELY it is as absurd to suggest that a fast peal is a good one as to suggest that a slow peal is a bad one—or vice versa. The perfect peal, which has never yet been rung, will be the one in which every blow throughout is struck clear, no dodges missed and a smooth rhythm maintained from beginning to end.

I do deprecate, however, the increasing frequency with which we read the footnote, 'The quickest peal on the bells,' as if there were some particular virtue in ringing a peal in record time, rather like running a mile in under four minutes. Surely the time-honoured custom of recording the time taken to ring a peal was in the first case very incidental—what mattered was that the peal had been rung.

It is somewhat unusual for the same speed of ringing to be maintained throughout a peal, and if you start slowly and speed up during the peal it depends at what point the faster ringing develops as to the time ultimately taken. The sort of thing I have noticed in say a three-part peal is that the first two parts have taken say one hour each and the last part has taken 57 minutes, with a resulting time of 2–57. The peal could equally well have speeded up in the second part with a resulting time of 2–54.

I am prepared to accept that an experienced band, used to ringing together, is capable of ringing a reasonably fast peal and making a good job of it, but very fast ringing must be completely free of trips and all the band must be of the same mind. There is, however, reason in all things, and I frequently heave a huge sigh of relief when reading peal reports in 'The Ringing World' that I was not in the peal, although the bands concerned may have enjoyed the ringing and for all I know it may have been of an acceptable standard (I only know I would not have liked it). For instance, I have read recently of peals in two towers I know well—Cambridge Royal at St. Peter's, Brighton, in 3 hours and 7 minutes (what *would* dear old Keith Hart have said?), and Cambridge Major at Ely in 3 hours. I once rang Royal at Brighton in 3 hours and 14 minutes, and thought it too fast (peals taking 3–27 or so were much better), and there is so much hum at Ely that I would loathe anything under 3–10 (and another ten minutes beyond that would do no harm).

I well remember two peals at Barnet, Hertfordshire, to which I rang the 24 cwt. tenor. One was London in 2–58 and the other 'spliced' in 3–12. The slower peal was infinitely better than the other one because you could hear the bells properly and they did not seem to be falling over one another all the time. On the other hand, I am not enamoured of aggressively slow ringing of the kind that was apparently attempted during a peal ringing week a few years ago, when peals of Major on 24/25 cwt. rings of bells were taking as long as 3–45 or even in one case, if I remember, 3–50. Of this, however, it must be said that the reputation of the ringers concerned is far too high for one to criticise lightly, and here again they may have liked it and no doubt were happy with the result—I only know it would not have appealed to me.

For my part, I have never yet come across a higher standard than some of the peals I was privileged to ring in North Essex immediately before the war. Their best ringers certainly wanted some beating. Missed dodges and bad blows had to be very much the exception or they were very soon visited with the wrath of my old friend Lewis W. Wiffen who was, and happily still is, one of the finest ringers who ever stepped into a belfry. Their policy was to start a peal very slowly and gradually work up the pace, and if you have ringers who can strike their bells and a fairly heavy ring of bells this, as a way of spending a very pleasant Saturday afternoon, can be thoroughly recommended.

In short, let us abandon our current obsessions about speed, whether fast or slow, and strive to emulate the great exponents of the past in the matter of clear and accurate striking and complete freedom from trips and bad blows. There was a time when a trip meant the end of the attempt, and it would be much better for many of us if this were so still. There is nothing so salutary as losing a peal two or three courses from home—it makes you more careful next time! P. A. C.

KNOWLE'S 555 YEARS OF RINGING

SPECIAL services were held in the Collegiate Church of Knowle, Warwickshire, on February 24th, for it was on that very date in 1402 — 555 years ago — that the church was consecrated.

Although the history of Knowle Church can be traced back as far as 1217, the present church was erected at the cost of a Knowle man, Walter Cooke, between the years 1396 and 1402. Records of bells at Knowle go back to 1396. Originally there were two, 'one large bell and one small.' Cooke, who died in 1423, left 6d. to two ringers tolling the bells at his funeral. By 1672, when the Chapelwardens' Accounts begin, there were three bells. After frequent overhauls, the bells were all melted down and three new ones cast by Matthew Bagly in 1687. Whether these bells were cast at Chacomb, in Northants, or at Evesham, in Worcestershire, is not certain, for Bagly moved from Chacomb in that year and went to Evesham. According to the Chapelwardens' Accounts, which give every detail of the casting of the bells down to the writing of the contract, the bells were only brought from Warwick, ten miles away.

However, the Bagly bells lasted until 1897, Queen Victoria's Jubilee year, when to honour that occasion it was decided to increase the number of bells to six. At first it was intended that the old bells should ring side by side with the new ones, but this did not work out. The difference in tone was so noticeable that the old ones had to be recast rather than spoil the new 'six.' The ring was opened on Saturday, August 7th, 1897 — and our old friend Albert Walker was there! The first change ringing in Knowle was 720 changes of Bob Minor conducted by Mr. T. Miller. This was followed by 720 Kent Treble Bob conducted by Mr. W. Short. Other touches followed, and after a hearty meal given to the ringers, they rang a course of Grandsire Caters on handbells, conducted by W. Short.

The war years 1914–1918 passed, and in 1921 two new bells were given to bring the ring up to the full octave. The treble was given in memory of the Knowle men who fell in the World War I. The bells are a light ring, the tenor weighing only 10 cwt. 7 lb.

Now, Knowle has passed another milestone in her history. What the next decade or so will bring cannot be said, of course. What is certain is that the ancient traditions and customs accumulated over five and a half centuries of ringing will be discharged, as always, in His service.

ANTHONY A. UPTON.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 23, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes.*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 24 cwt.

JACK BRAY .. .. .. *Treble*		WALTER TOMLINSON.. ..	7
*GWEN I. RUSBY	2	*FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD ..	8
†GEOFFREY R. PARKER ..	3	†GEORGE H. RANDLES ..	9
*NORAH M. BIBBY	4	†GEOFFREY PAUL	10
JOHN WALDEN	5	RAYMOND F. SMITH.. ..	11
GEORGE E. FEIRN	6	JOHN FREEMAN .. .. .. *Tenor*	

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.
* First peal of Maximus. † First peal of Cambridge Maximus. J. Bray has now 'circled the tower.'

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Feb. 25, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 25 cwt.

E. CHARLES TURNER .. *Treble*		JOHN A. ACRES	7
*RICHARD F. PRIME	2	JOHN A. SMITH	8
ERNEST MORRIS	3	WILLIAM A. LACEY	9
DOREEN D. DUTTON ..	4	JOHN E. COOK	10
S. ANTHONY JESSON.. ..	5	PETER J. STANIFORTH.. ..	11
HERRICK B. BOWLEY ..	6	WILLIAM J. ROOT .. .. *Tenor*	

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by HERRICK B. BOWLEY.
* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Maximus.
A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. John Moore on the birth of a son.

TEN BELL PEALS

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Feb. 23, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB ROYAL
Tenor 26 cwt. 18 lb. in D.

ARTHUR T. DUTTON .. .. *Treble*		KENNETH W. KNOWLES ..	6
SAMELA R. P. THOMAS ..	2	STELLA HUGHES	7
P. GEORGE GOLDER	3	HOWARD HOWELL	8
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ..	4	GEORGE W. HUGHES	9
ERNEST STITCH	5	BARNABAS G. KEY .. .. *Tenor*	

Composed by C. WALLATER. Conducted by STELLA HUGHES.
Rung to mark the 76th birthday of Mr. W. R. Hughes.

APPLETON, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 2, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE.
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in E.

BRIAN R. WHITE .. .. *Treble*		FREDERICK W. SHARPE ..	6
FREDERICK A. H. WILKINS	2	HENRY C. WHITE	7
PHILIP WALKER	3	FREDERICK C. WHITE ..	8
FRANK A. BARRATT	4	FRANCIS A. WHITE	9
CHARLES COLES	5	EDWIN DREWITT .. .. *Tenor*	

Composed by the late G. HOLIFIELD. Conducted by FRANCIS A. WHITE.
First peal as conductor.
Rung for the 139th anniversary of the dedication of the bells.

GRANTHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 2, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WULFRAM.
A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 32 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in C sharp.

PAMELA CLARKE .. .. *Treble*		J. DAVID CLARKE	6
GILES C. GALLEY	2	H. REGINALD WOODS ..	7
FREDK. W. PINCHBECK ..	3	JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM ..	8
BRIAN BUSWELL	4	DENIS A. FRITH	9
BRIAN HUNT..	5	JAMES H. MUSSON .. .. *Tenor*	

Composed by CLEMENT GLENN. Conducted by BRIAN BUSWELL.
First peal of Grandsire Caters by all except the conductor.

LUTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 2, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 25 cwt. 19 lb.

ROBIN G. LEALE.. .. .. *Treble*		ALFRED E. RUSHTON.. ..	6
FRANK E. DARBY	2	THOMAS W. SHEPPARD ..	7
BRIAN BLADON	3	MICHAEL P. MORETON ..	8
ALAN F. THIRST..	4	JOHN H. CRAMPION	9
THOMAS J. SOUTHAM.. ..	5	WILFRED WILLIAMS .. .. *Tenor*	

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.
First peal in the method on the bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-DE-CASTRO,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

*RICHARD F. PRIME .. .. *Treble*		ERNEST W. RAWSON	5
†VERNON GREEN..	2	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ..	6
MICHAEL D. STANIFORTH..	3	PETER J. STANIFORTH ..	7
WILLIAM A. LACEY	4	PHILIP A. CORBY.. .. .. *Tenor*	

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES.
Conducted by REDVERS F. ELKINGTON.
* First peal of Lincolnshire. † First in the method 'inside.'
Rung following the marriage of Mr. Francis C. Levell, a local ringer, to Miss Joyce Bent.

CONGRESBURY, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 23, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5056 BOB MAJOR
Tenor 35 cwt. in C.

ERIC NAYLOR .. .. .. *Treble*		GEORGE PRESCOTT	5
*E. (BRANDY) FISHER ..	2	*VICTOR G. ROBERTS ..	6
ANTHONY J. SANGER.. ..	3	*GWILYM G. SALMON ..	7
†MICHAEL ROSE..	4	DAVID HOARE .. .. .. *Tenor*	

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by GWILYM G. SALMON.
* First peal of Bob Major. † First peal on eight bells. First peal on eight bells as conductor.

NORTHOWRAM, HALIFAX, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 23, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

*NEVILLE PARKIN .. .. *Treble*		†JOHN F. BRYANT	5
†M. VIVIEN COPPING.. ..	2	J. HENRY FIELDEN	6
†SHEILA M. TAYLOR	3	†E. MARTIN FIELDEN ..	7
GEOFFREY F. BRYANT ..	4	VERNON BOTTOMLEY .. *Tenor*	

Composed by H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by VERNON BOTTOMLEY.
* First peal. † First in the method. First of London as conductor.
Rung by members of the All Souls', Haley Hill, company upon the birth of the son of Colin Sweeney, a fellow member.

SOBERTON, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 23, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5024 BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13¼ cwt.

RENEE STURGESS .. .. *Treble*		ALAN H. STURGESS	5
BLANCHE M. HUNT	2	RUSSELL H. PARKER.. ..	6
*JOHN A. G. BALL	3	FREDERICK W. BURNETT ..	7
E. WINIFRED KEYS	4	†JOHN H. HUNT .. .. .. *Tenor*	

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by JOHN H. HUNT.
* First peal 'inside' on eight bells. † 200th peal and 100th tower-bell peal as conductor.

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WRITTLE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 23, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 18¼ cwt.

*†MARY DOWSETT	*Treble*	*HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE	5
*EDWARD W. ROAST ..	2	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS ..	6
*ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON..	3	JOE E. G. ROAST	7
*PATRICK W. SALTMARSH..	4	*IVAN J. M. SAUNDERS ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.
* First peal of Grandsire Triples. † 50th peal. First peal in the method as conductor.

ALDERMASTON, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Feb. 24, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST MARY.
A PEAL OF 5184 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in G.

STEPHEN IVIN	*Treble*	*DONALD H. NIBLETT.. ..	5
*J. MICHAEL LAKIN	2	*GEOFFREY K. DODD.. ..	6
REGINALD W. REX	3	PHILIP MEHEW	7
*DAPHNE R. CASTELL.. ..	4	DEREK P. JONES	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by I. MICHAEL LAKIN.
* First peal of Pudsey. First peal of Pudsey on the bells.

EARDISLAND, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Feb. 25, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5008 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.

WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT ..	*Treble*	LESLIE EVANS	5
ARTHUR W. DAVIS	2	REGINALD T. JONES	6
FREDERICK R. HARRIS ..	3	AUSTIN T. WINGATE	7
PHILIP MORGAN	4	WILFRID F. MORETON ..	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
The treble ringer has now 'circled the tower.'
Rung on the Feast of St. Matthias as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. Canon H. F. Harmer, and his wife.

PAKEFIELD, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Feb. 25, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS AND ST. MARGARET.
A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in G.

HORACE W. EASEY	*Treble*	*EDWIN T. CHAPMAN.. ..	5
*JOHN W. G. KINDRED ..	2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT ..	6
A. WILLIAM BIRD	3	DOUGLAS MITCHELL.. ..	7
MICHAEL SOLLEY	4	PETER KINDRED	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by PETER KINDRED.
* 25th peal together. First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major by all except the ringer of the sixth, and on the bells. The ringer of the second has now 'circled the tower.'
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. K. W. Riddle, wife of the Rector.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Feb. 26, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 BOB MAJOR
Tenor 25¾ cwt.

MAURICE J. THURMOTT ..	*Treble*	*FRED WASPE	5
MAY SCHOFIELD	2	FRANK RAYMENT	6
*MARJORIE EVANS	3	HAROLD B. SCHOFIELD ..	7
ERNEST H. SIMPSON ..	4	VERNON BOTTOMLEY ..	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by VERNON BOTTOMLEY.
* First peal of Bob Major.
A birthday compliment to Clarence Simpson, son of the fourth ringer, and a farewell peal to Fred Waspe who is leaving the district.

BOWDON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Feb. 27, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5152 BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in F sharp.

*DAVID VINCENT	*Treble*	ALAN J. BROWN	5
*BRIAN HARRIS	2	*LESLIE BOUMPHREY.. ..	6
EDWARD JENKINS	3	*WILFRED L. ROBINSON ..	7
*ROBIN G. TURNER	4	*FREDERICK WM. GROCOTT	*Tenor*

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by FREDERICK WM. GROCOTT.
* First peal in the method. First peal of Belgrave Surprise on the bells.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Feb. 27, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's variation. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

*ROGER K. STRETTON ..	*Treble*	ERNEST MORRIS	5
BRIAN G. WARWICK.. ..	2	JOHN A. ACRES	6
†JOAN K. BROWN	3	ERNEST J. JELLEY	7
BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	4	JOHN M. JELLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.
* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Major in the method.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Feb. 28, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5184 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 28 lb.

*RICHARD HALL	*Treble*	RONALD CHAFER	5
C. AUBREY HARRISON ..	2	ARTHUR CROWDER	6
ARTHUR TOMLINSON ..	3	HARRY HALL	7
MICHAEL CROWDER	4	JACK BRAY	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by JACK BRAY.
* First peal on eight bells.

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Feb. 28, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.
A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13¼ cwt.

A. WILLIAM BIRD	*Treble*	*SYDNEY J. MERRY	5
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT ..	6
JOSEPH SAUNDERS	3	ALBERT E. COLEMAN ..	7
JOHN W. G. KINDRED ..	4	PETER KINDRED..	*Tenor*

Composed by F. NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by PETER KINDRED.
* 25th peal (his first peal was also in this method).

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Feb. 28, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5024 EXETER SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

C. EDWARD LANKESTER ..	*Treble*	DENNIS KNOX	5
MRS. T. J. LOCK	2	LEONARD H. BOWLER.. ..	6
THOMAS J. LOCK	3	ALFRED J. HOUSE	7
ALICK CUTLER	4	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Adapted from a composition by HAROLD G. CASHMORE.
Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
First peal in the method. The ringer of the fourth has now rung peals in 100 different Surprise Major methods.
Rung in memory of C. Henry Harding.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., March 1, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

RALPH BIRD	*Treble*	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ..	5
ARTHUR G. MASON	2	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	6
JOHN L. MORRIS..	3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ..	7
BRIAN BLADON	4	PHILIP MEHEW	*Tenor*

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.
Rung on St. David's Day.

BACUP, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 2, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH.
A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

MRS. PHILIP J. H. HUDSON	*Treble*	GEOFFREY S. MILLS	5
HAROLD PARKINSON ..	2	PHILIP J. H. HUDSON ..	6
FRED PRITCHARD	3	HAROLD HAMER	7
*ALLAN SMITH, SEN.	4	IVAN KAY	*Tenor*

* First peal in the method.
Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by IVAN KAY.
Rung in memory of Walter W. Wolstencroft, 50 years captain and towerkeeper at St. Peter's Church, Ashton-under-Lyne.

CHATHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 2, 1957, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 25 cwt.

DEREK NORRIS	*Treble*	BENJAMIN F. BAKER	5
CHARLES E. J. NORRIS ..	2	PERCY J. SPICE	6
THOMAS BEAUMONT	3	WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT ..	7
FRANCIS J. CHEAL	4	RONALD E. NORRIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.

Rung for Charles E. J. Norris's 47th anniversary of his first peal, also ringing the same to his first.

PERSHORE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 2, 1957, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 26 cwt. in D.

ARTHUR D. COOKE	*Treble*	GEORGE E. FEARN	5
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ..	2	RALPH G. EDWARDS	6
ERIC T. LEE	3	FREDERICK E. COLLINS ..	7
FRANK E. HAYNES	4	A PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.

This is the second peal of Surprise to be rung on these bells, cast by Abraham Rudhall, of Gloucester, in 1729; the previous one being also Cambridge Surprise Major on October 12th, 1946, conducted by Mr. Sidney T. Holt.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 2, 1957, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-OF-CANTERBURY,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 25¼ cwt in E flat.

C. ERNEST SMITH	*Treble*	FREDERICK W. BURNETT ..	5
WILLIAM ROGERS	2	JOHN H. HUNT	6
E. WINIFRED KEYS	3	WILLIAM T. BEESON	7
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ..	4	FREDERICK A. MUNDAY ..	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY (C.C.C. No. 4).
Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.

First peal in the method as conductor.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

STOKE-BY-CLARE, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 2, 1957, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

REGINALD RIPPINGALE ..	*Treble*	ALLEN W. CANSDALE ..	4
EVELYN R. M. CANSDALE ..	2	*SAMUEL J. TWITCHETT ..	5
ROSEMARY J. SEABROOK ..	3	*THOMAS BIRD	*Tenor*

Conducted by SAMUEL J. TWITCHETT.

* 25th peal together. The first peal on the bells for the Suffolk Guild.

WEST BUCKLAND, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Feb. 6, 1957, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being ten callings. Tenor 17 cwt.

IVOR HUGHES	*Treble*	CHARLES H. WEBBER	4
DAVID T. NORTH	2	GORDON WALFORD	5
GEOFFREY J. GAMMON ..	3	CHARLES E. BAKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by GORDON WALFORD.

First peal on the bells since their restoration.

Rung in honour of the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. P. Moore.

CLEWER, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Feb. 15, 1957, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Comprising six extents each of Reverse Canterbury, St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place, Plain Bob, St. Simon's, St. Martin's and Grandsire. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in F.

GORDON C. HERD	*Treble*	WILLIAM BUTLER	4
MONICA M. BLAGROVE ..	2	FRANK T. BLAGROVE	5
ARTHUR J. BIRD	3	JAMES BROOKS	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM BUTLER.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Walter W. Wolstencroft.

WINSHILL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1957, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being five extents of Kent Treble Bob and two extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 18½ cwt.

*VALERIE W. SMITH	*Treble*	*JOHN O'NEILL	4
WILLIAM J. LEACH	2	BARNABAS G. KEY	5
GEORGE L. ROOBOTTOM ..	3	ALAN G. FOSTER	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN G. FOSTER.

* First peal of Minor.

Rung to celebrate the engagement of Mr. A. G. Foster, of St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, to Miss V. W. Smith, of St. Mark's, Winshill.

LYNEHAM, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Feb. 20, 1957, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN G. WEBB	*Treble*	JAMES C. TAYLOR	4
RAYMOND G. SMITH ..	2	MICHAEL B. KEMP	5
*DAVID T. DARBY	3	ANTHONY R. PEAKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.

* First peal of Minor.

Rung by an R.A.F. band from R.A.F., Yatesbury, and R.A.F., Compton Bassett.

COLTISHALL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 23, 1957, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Double Court, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain. Tenor 11¼ cwt. in G.

*WILLIAM H. HOLDOM ..	*Treble*	*ARTHUR S. BROTHERS ..	4
JOHN R. SMITH	2	*WILLIAM R. CATCHPOLE ..	5
GEORGE SAYER	3	NOLAN GOLDEN	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. SMITH.

* First peal in seven methods. 25th peal as conductor.

A wedding compliment to Beryl A. Saunders and Terence M. Cole-Wilkin, married this day at New Buckenham.

DISLEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 23, 1957, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In five methods, being two extents of Stedman (two callings), ten extents of Grandsire (ten callings), ten extents of St. Simon's Bob (four callings), 12 extents of St. Martin's Bob (four callings) and eight extents of Plain Bob (four callings) Tenor 8¼ cwt.

*WILLIAM H. DOWSE ..	*Treble*	*BERNARD GROVES	3
*ROBERT SMITH	2	*ALAN MCFALL	4
		†BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal of Doubles in five methods.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 23, 1957, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 10 lb. in F sharp.

*ALAN MCFALL	*Treble*	*ROBRT SMITH	4
*BERNARD GROVES	2	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE ..	5
†FRANK OSBALDISTON ..	3	ALEX RICHARDSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor. † First peal 'inside.' First peal in the method as conductor.

HARLAXTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 23, 1957, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents each of Grandsire, Bob, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

*VALERIE J. SHARP	*Treble*	†BRIAN HUNT	4
†JOHN E. COOK, JUN. ..	2	DENIS A. FRITH	5
†W. RUSSELL READ	3	MICHAEL SIMPSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. RUSSELL READ.

* First peal. † First peal in seven Doubles methods. First peal as conductor.

STAMFORD HILL, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 23, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANN,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of 42 extents in 23 methods, each having its own plain course, being an extent each of Canterbury, Reverse St. Vedast, Reverse St. Remigius, St. Julian, St. Faith's S.C., Reverse Winchendon, Reverse Huntspill, Reverse New, Reverse St. Nicholas', Union, Grandsire and Stedman; two each of New, St. Vedast, Huntspill, Winchendon, St. Remigius, St. Nicholas', Reverse Canterbury, and four each of St. Simon's, St. Osmund, St. Martin's and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

JANET K. SECKER .. .. *Treble* | BRIAN BLADON 4
MARTIN CUBITT .. .. .. 2 | MICHAEL J. ROWE 5
FRANCES A. SECKER .. .. 3 | ERNEST J. ROWE .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN BLADON.

Greatest number of methods to a peal by all.
Rung by a resident Sunday service band.

STOWTING, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 23, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt.

RAYMOND J. CARLTON .. *Treble* | PHYLLIS E. LOWES 4
JOHN R. COOPER .. .. .. 2 | LESLIE C. SMITH 5
G. KEITH FINN .. .. .. 3 | CRAWFORD T. HILLIS .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by RAYMOND J. CARLTON.

BATHFORD, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Feb. 26, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being four extents of Plain Bob and three extents of Kent Treble Bob (rung alternately). Tenor 10 cwt. 7 lb.

JOHN PHIPPEN .. .. .. *Treble* | DAVID HOARE 4
*TERRENCE T. JONES .. .. 2 | GEORGE J. HAWKINS 5
*ROBIN S. M. STUBBS .. 3 | ERIC NAYLOR .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by ERIC NAYLOR.

* First peal of Minor.

ULCEBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Feb. 27, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents: (1) Single Oxford, (2) Double Oxford, (3) St. Clement's, (4) Plain Bob, (5) Kent T.B., (6) Oxford T.B., (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 8 lb. in G sharp.

MARTIN WALKER .. .. .. *Treble* | MICHAEL W. CROWDER .. 4
GWEN I. RUSBY .. .. .. 2 | W. ARTHUR CROWDER .. 5
STEPHEN BROMFIELD .. .. 3 | FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD .. *Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD.

WILLINGTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Feb. 27, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and three extents of Bob Minor. Tenor 9½ cwt.

ANNE AMOR .. .. .. *Treble* | AVRIL THACKRAY 4
JENNIFER DAVIS .. .. .. 2 | JOHN B. LONG 5
BRYAN PATTISON .. .. .. 3 | ROBERT L. PIRON .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.

A coming-of-age compliment to the conductor.

GAMSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 2, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 7200 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Killamarsh, Norbury, College Exercise, Duke of Norfolk, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure, Sanday, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

KATHERINE BURCHNALL .. *Treble* | HAROLD DENMAN 4
GRACE BURCHNALL .. .. 2 | DOUGLAS H. ROOKE 5
GEORGE CHALLANS .. .. 3 | HERBERT T. ROOKE .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.

This is the longest peal by all the band, on the bells, and for the Guild.

HANDBELL PEALS

COUNTESTHORPE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Feb. 18, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT BEECH FARM,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 18 in G.

BRIAN G. WARWICK .. .. 1—2 | JOHN A. ACRES .. .. .. 5—6
ERNEST MORRIS .. .. .. 3—4 | *JOHN M. JELLEY .. .. 7—8
†BRIAN S. CHAPMAN .. .. 9—10

Composed by WALTER AYRE. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal of Royal away from 9-10. † First peal on ten handbells and first of Royal in the method

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Feb. 20, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
AT 12, DOROTHY AVENUE, GLEN HILLS,
A PEAL OF 5120 BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 18 in G.

BRIAN G. WARWICK .. .. 1—2 | JOHN A. ACRES .. .. .. 5—6
JOHN M. JELLEY .. .. .. 3—4 | BRIAN S. CHAPMAN .. .. 7—8

Composed by F. NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Fri., Feb. 22, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
IN SELWYN COLLEGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor size 13 in E.

*A. R. HEPPENSTALL (Sel.) 1—2 | *H. NEILL (St. Cath.'s) .. 3—4
J. D. PAINTER (Caius) .. 5—6

Conducted by J. D. PAINTER.

* First peal 'in hand.'

NORTHWOOD, MIDDLESEX.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Feb. 22, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
AT 39, ST. MARY'S AVENUE,
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

*STANLEY E. DARMON .. 1—2 | †JEAN A. DARMON .. .. 5—6
*JOHN R. MAYNE .. .. 3—4 | CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 7—8

Arranged and Conducted by CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY.

* First peal in the method on handbells. † First peal in the method.

RADLEY, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Feb. 24, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT THE SCHOOL HOUSE,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 14 in D.

MARIE R. CROSS .. .. .. 1—2 | DONALD H. NIBLETT .. .. 5—6
WILLIAM H. JACKSON .. 3—4 | ROBIN A. HODGSON .. .. 7—8

Composed by J. COX. Conducted by WILLIAM H. JACKSON.

WALLINGTON, SURREY.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Sun., Feb. 24, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT 22, ELGIN ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5056 BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 11 in G.

RUTH M. K. HOW .. .. 1—2 | KATHLEEN WRIGHT .. .. 5—6
R. JAMES COOK .. .. .. 3—4 | PETER C. WRIGHT .. .. 7—8

Arranged and Conducted by PETER C. WRIGHT.

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Feb. 26, 1957, *in* 1 *Hour and* 50 *Minutes,*
IN THE RINGING CHAMBER OF THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR
Being seven extents.

D. MARGARET HAWLEY .. 1—2 | EDWARD M. BRADLEY .. 3—4
ALAN SHEPPARD .. .. .. 5—6

Conducted by ALAN SHEPPARD.

CHELTENHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Feb. 27, 1957, *in* 1 *Hour and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT 19, ROYAL PARADE,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor size 11 in G.

SHIRLEY M. PARSONS .. .. 1—2 | DAVID J. MARSHALL .. .. 3—4
CYRIL A. WRATTEN .. .. 5—6

Conducted by CYRIL A. WRATTEN.

First peal of Minor 'in hand' as conductor.

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICS.—On Feb. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. R. Lewin 1, B. S. Payne (cond.) 2, Miss H. C. Smith (first 'inside') 3, D. M. Sawyer 4, J. C. S. Scott 5, M. White 6. Rung on Founders' Day by the Humphrey Perkins School Campanological Society in honour of the 240th anniversary of the foundation of the school.

BEXLEY, KENT.—On Feb. 16th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Miss S. Nicholson 1, Miss M. R. Andrews 2, Miss B. A. Thompson 3, J. L. Morris 4, P. P. Brown 5, R. Bird (cond.) 6. Rung, after meeting short for a peal, to celebrate the engagement of Mr. Dennis Beresford to Miss D. Mary Ward, of Bexley.

BIRCH-IN-RUSHOLME, MANCHESTER. — On Jan. 13th, 1,344 Cambridge Surprise Major: A. M. Cooper 1, Joan Cordwell 2, G. D. Fearnehough 3, B. A. Tomlinson 4, T. Taylor (cond.) 5, P. Watson 6, A. Ward 7, D. Taylor 8. First quarter in the method for all the band. Rung before Evensong.

CLERKENWELL, N.—On Feb. 17th, at St. James' Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. C. Watts 1, H. Belcher 2, Miss M. A. Prockson 3, B. Lunn 4, W. D. Prockson 5, James Phillips 6, John Phillips (cond.) 7, C. Watts 8.

COWLEY, OXON.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss S. Mawer (first quarter) 1, W. Holloway (cond.) 2, Miss W. Holloway 3, Mrs. L. Busby 4, D. Norris 5, A. Bennett 6.

DORKING, SURREY.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. M. C. Edmondson (first quarter) 1, E. G. L. Coward 2, Miss E. Clear 3, Miss M. Brown 4, B. Read 5, A. Harman 6, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 7, G. Coldman 8. A birthday compliment to Miss M. Brown.

EPSOM, SURREY.—At Christ Church, on Feb. 27th, 1,272 Bob Minor: I. Waterman 1, D. J. F. Oakshott 2, W. Robinson 3, E. J. Lindley (cond.) 4, W. Parrott 5, N. D. J. Webb 6. First of Minor for 1, 2 and 6.

FROME, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (A. P. Wakeley's): Miss C. Smalley 1, P. J. H. Wycherley 2, Miss E. D. Overend 3, W. Mills 4, R. H. Abbott (first of Triples as cond.) 5, W. J. Phippen 6, D. Flower 7, H. Vennell 8. Rung before the Baden-Powell Centenary service.

GLOUCESTER.—At the Cathedral, on Feb. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Blowen 1, T. Newman 2, G. Green 3, G. L. Hewitt 4, J. Whiting 5, P. Clarkson 6, L. Barry (cond.) 7, H. Newman 8. Rung as a farewell to P. Clarkson, leaving to do his National Service. Also on Mar. 3rd, at St. Mary-de-Crypt, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Blowen 1, G. L. Hewitt 2, G. Goulding 3, T. Newman 4, J. Whiting 5, T. Whiting 6, L. Barry (cond.) 7, H. Newman 8. Rung for the christening of Janet Helen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Matthews.

HALESOWEN, WORCS.—On Mar. 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Shilvock 1, B. E. Woodhall 2, A. E. Greenhall 3, Miss W. Pretty 4, Miss M. Tromans 5, T. Greenhall 6, L. Clissett (cond.) 7, A. H. Harris 8. For evening service, and a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. Harris, parents of A. H. Harris, on the occasion of the celebration of their diamond wedding anniversary.

HANSLOPE, BUCKS.—On Feb. 16th, 1,260 Bob Triples: Miss J. M. Packwood 1, Miss J. A. Downing 2, Miss D. M. Miller 3, I. J. Dickin 4, R. A. Eldridge 5, R. Baker 6, G. F. Roome (cond.) 7, A. C. Cozens 8. First in the method for all the band. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss J. M. Packwood.

HEMINGBROUGH, YORKS.—On Feb. 26th, 1,260 Bob Minor: D. Hatfield 1, W. Stoker 2, E. D. Tune 3, W. H. Terry 4, G. F. Terry 5, T. W. Tune (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. W. A. Hudson, a local ringer for many years.

IXWORTH, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 17th, 1,320 Minor (720 St. Clement's, 600 Bob): H. Ivings (first in two Minor methods) 1, H. King 2, L. S. Sharpe 3, K. G. Brown 4, E. Bishop 5, L. N. Melton (cond.) 6. For Matins, also as a birthday compliment to the treble ringer. The tenor ringer has now 'circled the tower' to quarter peals.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,260 Bob Doubles: Miss R. I. Metcalfe (first quarter) 1, Miss G. E. Graney 2, R. J. Picton 3, R. V. Wallis 4, B. M. Barker (cond.) 5, R. J. Scaplehorn 6.

QUARTER PEALS

LANCASTER.—At St. Peter's Cathedral, on Feb. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Woods 1, R. Warden 2, R. Rainford 3, H. Rainford (cond.) 4, S. Jeffrey 5, E. Hornby 6. Rung to celebrate the laying of the foundation of a daughter church of St. Bernardette.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—On Feb. 17th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: W. Newberry 1, Patricia Smee 2, A. H. Winch (cond.) 3, G. Marriner 4, A. S. Harris (first in method) 5, B. Hawkins 6, A. H. Smith 7, H. V. Young 8. For Evensong.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BEDS.—On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Bob Royal: M. G. Hooton 1, Angela Grainger 2, E. Conquest 3, Anne Spavins 4, P. Newing (comp. and cond.) 5, H. B. Witney 6, V. Conquest 7, A. E. Butcher 8, R. Woodruff 9, K. G. Spavins 10. First of Royal for 2, 4 and 8. Rung in memory of Alfred Vickers (Linslade) and C. Henry Harding (Blunham).

LELANT, CORNWALL.—On Mar. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Marion L. Lidgey 1, Marion Steele (first 'inside') 2, Ann Clifton 3, R. Richards 4, H. Miles (cond.) 5, M. Peters (first quarter) 6. For Evensong. R. Richards was on embarkation leave.

LINTON, KENT.—On Mar. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (from the Original): H. Smith (first quarter) 1, G. Cantrill 2, W. Manser 3, F. Leason 4, W. Grice 5, R. Rich 6, L. Head (cond.) 7, P. Town 8. Birthday compliment for H. Smith and Ann Thomsett, one of the local ringers.

LIVERPOOL.—At the Church of Our Lady and St. Nicholas, on Feb. 17th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: T. Lee 1, J. H. Fielden 2, J. Nelson 3, J. E. Spice (cond.) 4, E. F. Bennett 5, F. S. Almond 6, J. N. Brown 7, L. L. Gray 8.

LYDD, KENT.—On Feb. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Rosemary Marshall (first of Triples) 1, Anne Boulden (first of Triples 'inside') 2, Maisie Vantom (cond.) 3, H. S. Humphrey 4, Olive Boulden 5, S. J. Boulden 6, R. Swift 7, A. L. Terry 8.

MILES PLATTING, MANCHESTER.—On Jan. 30th, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: Shirley Harris 1, Gillian Bridgford (first quarter) 2, P. Watson 3, T. Taylor (cond.) 4, D. Taylor 5, Carole Eustace 6.

OLDHAM, LANCS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Feb. 10th, 1,260 Doubles (840 Grandsire, 420 Bob): T. B. Hartley 1, W. T. Light 2, D. Sanderson (cond.) 3, J. T. Walsley 4, D. Seville 5, J. Mayrick 6. For Evensong on the day of the christening of Malcolm A. Hibbert, son of the verger and Mrs. G. Hibbert.

OXFORD.—On Feb. 17th, at St. Ebbe's Church, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: R. N. Pittman 1, C. J. B. Taylor 2, F. A. Barrett 3, W. H. Jackson (first in method as cond.) 4, D. H. Niblett 5, P. R. Sanders 6, D. J. Roaf 7, R. A. Hodgson 8. First in method by all except conductor.

QUENIBOROUGH, LEICS.—On Mar. 4th, 1,260 Doubles (240 Reverse Canterbury, 480 Bob and 540 Grandsire): F. Carter 1, Miss J. Kirkman 2, C. Lowe 3, D. Lowe 4, E. F. Payne (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Rev. J. H. Stanton, a former Vicar.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Feb. 24th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Miss B. Crossman 1, P. Coward 2, R. Tomlin 3, F. May 4, E. Blower 5, G. Sandwell 6, A. House (cond.) 7, W. Ward 8. First in method for 3, 4 and 5. A birthday compliment to ringer of 5th. For Evensong.

RETTENDON, ESSEX.—On Feb. 24th, 1,260 Bob Minor: Miss B. Crossman 1, G. Sandwell 2, R. Tomlin 3, F. May 4, P. Coward 5, A. House (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

ROADE, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: Miss S. Tompkins 1, J. E. King 2, Miss P. A. Neesham (first 'inside') 3, H. E. Curtis 4, A. G. Osborne (cond.) 5. For Evensong.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On Feb. 17th, 1,264 Bob Major: Mrs. N. Chaddock 1, Miss S. Chaddock 2, H. Cooke (first 'inside') 3, Miss E. A. Wardill 4, G. S. Lee 5, F. Fisher 6, J. N. D. Chaddock 7, N. Chaddock (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

SANDY, BEDS.—On Feb. 25th, 1,260 Bob Minor: P. Endersby 1, B. Backhouse 2, J. Kitchener 3, C. Blain 4, Joan Ashton (cond.) 5, H. Gurney 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam C. Henry Harding.

SHEDFIELD, HANTS.—On Feb. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. E. Hoodless 1, F. W. Burnett 2, J. Ball 3, D. S. M. Jones 4, G. Miles 5, K. Jordan 6, A. H. Sturgess (cond.) 7, J. Hunt 8.

SHEFFIELD.—At the Cathedral Church of SS. Peter and Paul, on Feb. 10th, 1,260 Little Bob Royal: R. Wildgoose 1, F. Ward 2, Mrs. E. Mattly 3, R. S. Long 4, B. Holland 5, B. Balderson 6, R. Birch 7, J. Seager 8, G. K. Chaddock 9, H. O. Chaddock (cond.) 10. For Evensong.

SHREWSBURY, SALOP.—At St. Chad's Church, on Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss S. J. Beddow 1, C. W. Lee 2, E. F. Willcox 3, F. A. H. Cattell 4, J. E. Wilson 5, F. G. Beddow 6, F. H. Bennett (cond.) 7, F. R. Mason 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam William Brooks, a member of this band for many years, also W. W. Wolstencroft.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Hussey 1, Miss S. Wickenden 2, Miss J. Adamson 3, F. R. Scott 4, B. T. Lister 5, E. E. Gosling 6, W. Birmingham (cond.) 7, E. L. A. Hudson 8. Rung half-muffled for Mr. Walter W. Wolstencroft, a ringer at this church up to his death, interred this day at Stoke Poges.

STAMFORD HILL, N.—At St. Ann's Church, on Feb. 17th, 1,320 Doubles (one extent Reverse St. Vedast, Reverse St. Remigius, Union Bob, St. Julien, St. Faith's Slow Course, Reverse New, Reverse Huntspill, Reverse St. Nicholas, Reverse Winchendon Place, Canterbury Pleasure Bob, St. Simon's): Janet Secker 1, M. Cubitt 2, Frances Secker 3, B. Bladon (cond.) 4, M. Rowe 5, L. Green 6.

STEPNEY, E.—At the Parish Church, on Feb. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. W. Knauss 1, L. J. Fox (cond.) 2, P. J. Shute (first 'inside') 3, H. G. Weedon 4, G. J. Boomsma 5, S. Smith 6. For Evensong.

TIVERTON, DEVON.—On Feb. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. E. S. Powell 1, L. May 2, Mrs. B. M. W. Dobbie (first quarter) 3, Miss J. Taylor 4, J. Taylor 5, J. Upton 6, C. Tarr (cond.) 7, H. Taylor 8.

UPPER CLAPTON, E.—At the Church of St. Matthew, on Mar. 3rd, 16,20 Stedman Triples: Miss J. M. Highley 1, Mrs. D. Neal 2, J. A. Hales 3, Miss N. Hales 4, R. K. C. Wilkings 5, J. Hales 6, D. Neal (cond.) 7, D. W. Gray 8. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the fifth.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—On Mar. 3rd, at the Church of St. Mary: 1,344 Bob Major: B. Downes (first of Major) 1, F. C. Maynard 2, H. Rumens 3, M. C. Austin 4, D. Hewitt 5, A. J. N. Boyack 6, M. J. Hayes (first 'inside') 7, R. J. Chapman (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFS.—On Feb. 17th, at St. Bartholomew's Church, 1,271 Grandsire Caters: W. Cooper 1, H. Moreton 2, A. Hubble 3, G. Darlington 4, A. Hingley (cond.) 5, E. Marlow 6, K. W. Knowles 7, D. K. Knowles 8, D. Tranter 9, J. Hingley 10. For Evensong.

WEST TARRING, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. E. Weaver (first quarter) 1, D. A. Smith 2, J. W. Parslow 3, Miss J. M. Clements 4, H. C. Weaver (cond.) 5, Miss D. K. Saunders 6.

WHISTON, YORKS.—On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Bob Minor (7th covering): Miss Margaret M. Cutts (first quarter) 1, G. Cutts 2, S. Wright 3, J. Nutbrown 4, B. Heppenstall (Wath) 5, T. E. Cutts (first as cond.) 6, M. O'Gram (first quarter) 7. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Margaret M. Cutts.

WILTON, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 25th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. W. Hayward 1, D. F. Sheldon 2, A. H. Reed 3, H. E. Causley 4, W. H. Tarr 5, W. G. Gigg 6, S. C. Coles (cond.) 7, J. Grant 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam A. W. Hayward, for many years captain of this tower, interred earlier this day at Staplegrove.

WOODDITTON, CAMBS.—At Sunny View, on Feb. 26th, 1,260 Bob Major (on handbells): A. R. Mann 1-2, A. E. Austin (cond.) 3-4, J. R. Heath 5-6, T. F. Varney 7-8.

YEOVIL, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 27th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: R. Moore 1, R. J. Fox 2, G. Gaylard 3, T. E. Marks 4, J. Looker 5, T. Look 6, A. C. Jeanes 7, H. J. Gaylard 8, T. J. Setter (cond.) 9, D. Corrie 10. Half-muffled, and followed by 78 whole pulls and stand, in memoriam Fred Smith, upwards of 30 years ringer at this church, interred same day.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Eastern Division

The annual meeting of the Eastern Division was held at its usual venue, St. Mary's, Eastbourne, on February 23rd, when 50 members attended. The Master, Mr. S. E. Armstrong, was present and took the chair at the business meeting.

The secretary in his annual report stated that attendance at meetings during the past year had slightly increased with an average of 30, and he thought that the standard of ringing had been maintained. By the beginning of 1957 26 new members and four life members had joined the Association, and he extended a special welcome to the Ewhurst band, who had recently become affiliated and were making good progress with help from Mr. W. Button, of Northiam tower.

The bells of the Division were generally in good order; improvements were in progress at Mayfield, including the recasting of the tenor, while repairs to the tenor clapper at St. Saviour's, Eastbourne, had been approved by the P.C.C

The report was adopted, and after electing several new members the meeting proceeded to elect its officers as follows: Secretary, Mr. H. G. F. Reynolds; Ringing Master, Mr. L. W. Giles; auditor, Mr. T. A. Hunnisett; committee, Mr. C. Verdon and Mrs. B. Percy; Central Council delegate, Mr. F. H. Dalloway.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks for the use of the bells, and soon afterwards the handy eight were again in use in a variety of methods. H. R.

FITZHEAD, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss F. Hartley 1, Miss J. Taylor 2, Mrs. B. M. W. Dobbie 3, C. Tarr 4, F. Branchflower (cond.) 5, H. Taylor 6.

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL

The U.B.S.C.R. held its annual rag week outing on Wednesday, February 27th, and for a change was favoured with a fine day. The 17 members of the party, most of whom travelled on bicycles, set off independently and met at Chew Stoke (6) at 2 o'clock for the start of the day's ringing. A variety of methods was rung to cater for everyone's requirements.

During the course of the afternoon Nempnett Thrubwell (6), Compton Martin (6), Hinton Blewett (5) and Litton (6), where a belated tea was taken, were visited.

The day's ringing was brought to a close at Blagdon (8), where the Rector very kindly pointed out the interesting features of the church and showed us a priceless set of vestments. Meanwhile, some members, followed in due course by the remainder of the party, had retired to the local for further 'refreshment.' The tour ended in the very early hours of the morning after a long and tiring ride (or walk?) back to Bristol.

However, the outing was thoroughly enjoyed and voted a great success. P. F. S.

LEEDS & DISTRICT SOCIETY

An unexpected fall of snow somewhat reduced the attendance at the Society's meeting on February 23rd at Birstall. However, by tea time 20 members had assembled and were able to enjoy the very good meal which had been provided by the local company.

At a short business meeting afterwards one new member was elected, and the Vicar, churchwardens and local company thanked for all they had done to make the meeting such a pleasant one.

The next meeting will be held at Hunslet on March 30th.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

West Dorset Branch

The quarterly meeting of the West Dorset Branch was held at Bradpole on February 23rd. Members present from Beaminster, Evershot, Loders, Lyme Regis, Netherbury and Whitechurch Canonicorum were joined in the evening by visitors from Yeovil and Stalbridge.

The bells were rung to Grandsire Doubles and Triples, and Kent T.B. and Cambridge Surprise Major, prior to the service touch of Stedman Triples. The Guild service was conducted by the Rev. J. T. Davies (Vicar), the lesson read by Canon C. C. Cox, and the Rev. O. L. Willmott gave a most fitting address. The collection amounted to 14/-. Tea was served in the school by the Vicar's wife and several helpers.

At the business meeting Canon Cox said that February 20th was the 40th anniversary of the death of the Rev. Mr. Langford, a former vicar of Bradpole, who had done so much to further the art of change-ringing in West Dorset.

The date of the April meeting was fixed for the 27th at Symondsbury. It was agreed that a coach should run from Lyme Regis to Salisbury on May 18th for the Guild festival. Two new members were elected from Broadwindsor —Mr. L. Studley and Master E. Case.

In conclusion, the chairman thanked Rev. J. T. Davies, Rev. O. L. Willmott for his address, Miss Sutton for playing the harmonium, and Mrs. Davies and her lady helpers for their very adequate spread. E. G. P.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On Feb. 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss M. Mills 1, Miss S. Chaddock 2, Miss E. Wardill 3, Mrs. N. Chaddock 4, J. Chaddock 5, F. Fisher 6, N. Chaddock (cond.) 7, G. Lee 8. First of Stedman by all except 7 and 8. For Evensong.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Who was the Ladies' Guild member who dropped a clanger at the Godalming meeting of the Southern District by ingenuously enquiring of the Guild president if her husband was a ringer?

Mr. Philip Mehew rang his 100th peal on January 13th at Keysoe. It was Mr. B. Bladon's 150th.

In honour of the wedding of Miss Juliette Garner-Hayward to Mr. Michael J. Brown, the bride's father, Mr. J. L. Garner-Hayward, conducted a peal of Bob Major at St. Michael's, Stoke-in-Coventry, on March 9th.

Addington, Surrey, bells were dedicated on February 24th by the Bishop of Croydon. A quarter peal of Cambridge Surprise Major was rung on them the same day, conducted by Mr. R. Bird.

Ringing in a quarter peal at Frome in honour of the centenary of the birth of Lord Baden-Powell were three members of the movement—a member of the Trefoil Guild, a Guider and an ex-Scout; also Mr. W. Mills, who rang for the relief of Mafeking.

Mr. D. J. Pitstow, who has been secretary of St. Andrew's, Rugby, for the past ten years, is leaving for Newcastle-under-Lyme. Following a farewell quarter of Stedman Triples which he conducted, he was presented by the Ringing Master (Mr. W. J. Vann) with a fountain pen as an appreciation of his services to the band.

Mr. Albert H. Kemp, Master and peal secretary to the Hawkhurst and District Guild, informs us that the peal of Doubles in three methods rung on April 10th, 1948, was rung at St. Giles', Bodiam, Sussex, and not at St. Nicholas', Sandhurst, Kent, as the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead states. We have forwarded to Mr. Felstead the list of peals rung at Bodiam and Sandhurst as supplied to us by Mr. Kemp.

In our report of the Henry Johnson dinner we were misinformed that the Coventry Guild were holding their annual dinner. The function was a rally of all bellringers of the diocese. Mr. Garner-Hayward writes: The date was given by the Bishop of the diocese, who wished to meet all his church bellringers, so unfortunately I could not do anything about it. I was very sorry that the dates clashed as I look forward to the Henry Johnson dinner as I am sure do many members of our Guild. Sorry, George.

While a difficult signature to read might be admirable as a safeguard for cheques, it is a 'holy terror' for editors. Will those who indulge in such signatures kindly print their names in block capitals?

The band who rang the long peal of 7,200 Treble Bob Minor at Gamston, Notts, were afterwards congratulated by the Rev. S. M. I. Salt and Mrs. Salt on the striking. It was a very good peal with a few slight trips, reports the conductor.

The peal rung at Wormingford on March 8th was arranged for St. David's Day, but owing to a death in the village the Vicar kindly asked the band to postpone it to the following Friday. Just prior to the start news was received of the passing of Mr. Horace J. Mansfield, a valued member of the Essex Association. It was therefore decided to attempt to ring a first-class peal as a tribute to this grand English gentleman.

Veterans with Crayford connections and younger ringers in the Tiverton–Wiveliscombe area will unite in wishing Mr. Ernest H. Oxenham, Bampton, Devon, a speedy return to good health. He entered the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital last week for a major operation. Up to a month ago he never missed a service or a practice. He has been a constant supporter of 'R.W.' since publication No. 1.

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RINGERS' RALLY AT WARWICK

COVENTRY GUILD'S GREAT GATHERING

THE Coventry Diocesan Guild held on March 2nd at St. Mary's Church, Warwick, what is believed to be the first time ever in its 50 years' history a rally of all church bellringers in the diocese. The invitation was extended to all members of the Guild and also to non-members, the object of the rally being to enable the new Bishop of Coventry, Dr. Cuthbert Bardsley, to meet them.

Ringing commenced at 1 p.m. with the St. Mary's band raising the bells, who opened the afternoon's ringing with a touch of Grandsire Caters. From then until 4 p.m. the ringing was taken over at ten-minute intervals by nominated bands, and varied from rounds on six, call-changes and Grandsire Doubles on six, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and Bob Major on eight, Grandsire and Stedman Caters with Bob Royal on ten. All bands rang the same number of bells as their home tower, all sixes using the front six.

The standard of striking was commendably high by all the bands taking part, and has certainly provided food for thought on other meetings. The timetable worked out perfectly, with the one exception that Stoke-in-Coventry were unable to take up the time given to them, which caused other bands to be called upon to ring ten minutes before the time allotted to them. All were able to fit into the new timetable and the programme went through without another hitch. When the Stoke band did arrive they were at once fitted in.

One hundred and sixteen ringers participated in this part of the programme. A special band was selected from as many towers as possible to ring a service touch from 4 to 4.15 p.m. This was indeed ringing near to perfect, and who would expect it to be otherwise with such an audience of listeners?

RINGING CHAMBERS A DISGRACE

The service in St. Mary's Church, which was attended by about 250 ringers and friends, was conducted by the Rev. Joseph McCulloch and was fully choral. The Guild service was used and the address was given by the Lord Bishop, who is the Guild patron. In his address he referred to some ringing chambers as a disgrace to their church, and reminded ringers they could do much for themselves in this respect. He said how much he appreciated the work they were doing in keeping the very English art of bellringing alive, and hoped they would ensure its continuance by training young people to follow on, and keep the bells of our churches ringing for future generations.

Tea was afterwards served in St. Mary's Church Hall to a gathering packed so tightly that it was almost impossible to eat without poking your elbow in someone else's cup of tea. Fortunately, it was served buffet style, and this enabled the Bishop to move round the room and have a chat with many of them.

Dr. Bardsley eventually went on the platform with the hon. secretary and addressed the gathering. He said how delighted he was at being given such a wonderful opportunity to meet so many of them, and hoped that such a gathering would be held at least once in every two or three years as he felt that much good would come from it. He said how pleased he was to see so many young boys and girls present, and also referred to the octogenarians, many of whom he had met during tea.

The hon. secretary (Mr. J. L. Garner-Hayward) thanked the Bishop for his inspiring address and assured him of the support of the Guild in his diocese, and he thanked also the Rector and churchwardens of St. Mary's Church for co-operating so readily with the suggestion that the meeting be held at Warwick, and for the use of the Church Hall.

After tea the ringers returned to the tower, where under the Ringing Master, Mr. R. J. Edden, many were catered for, from rounds to Cambridge Royal. The bells were lowered at about 9 p.m. to close what had certainly been a memorable occasion for many ringers.

Visitors were present from as far afield as Nottingham and as near as Coleshill. Had St. Mary's ringing chamber ever been packed with so many ringers before, I wonder? The following towers were represented: Alderminster, Allesley, Alveston, Berkswell, Burton Dassett, Bilton, Bidford-on-Avon, Bulkington, Dunchurch, Farnborough, Chilvers Coton, Cubbington, Harbury, Honiley, Kenilworth, Keresley, Fenny Compton, Ladbrooke, Leamington Spa, Leek Wootton, Lillington, Newbold-on-Avon, Preston-on-Stour, Rugby, Stratford-on-Avon, Stoke-in-Coventry, Warwick, Wellesbourne, Whitnash, Wolvey, Southam, and several unattached ringers.

J. L. G. H.

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International Scouts' Jamboree

We have already received inquiries regarding ringing possibilities for Scouts attending the World Jamboree at Sutton Park, Sutton Coldfield, from August 3rd to 17th.

The St. Martin's Guild, as is their custom, are prepared to assist in every way possible. Sutton Park is near a number of rings of good bells.

Will those attending kindly let Mr. George E. Fearn, hon. secretary of St. Martin's Guild, 92, Etwall Road, Hall Green, Birmingham, 28, know of their requirements.

Suggestions are:—

(a) *Boy Scouts' peal attempts (state methods required).*
(b) *A tour of neighbouring towers.*
(c) *Practice nights in neighbourhood.*
(d) *Sunday service ringing.*

REDEDICATION

BRANTON BROUGHTON, LINCS

This well-known ring of six bells has recently been rehung on ball-bearings by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, and a good deal of other necessary work has been done at a total cost of over £300. The work was dedicated by the Archdeacon of Lincoln on February 22nd.

After the service ringers from Newark and from Lincoln Cathedral joined the local team, and ringing went on for an hour-and-a-half. The visitors expressed themselves delighted with the improvement in the handling of the bells. This is one of the heaviest rings of six in the country, the tenor being 23¼ cwt.

At the dedication Evensong was sung by the Rector with the choir in attendance, Mr. O. Lintern, F.R.C.O., being at the organ. The ringers were Messrs. E. Brown (tower Master), C. Pitchford, T. Rogers, J. Marshall, C. Jackson, F. Derry and D. Briggs. C. S. T.



DOWN SOMERSET WAY. — A happy picture of the 70 ringers and their wives who accepted the invitation of Wellington Parish Church for a social evening on February 9th. An hour's ringing preceded the event for the benefit of the young ringers who wished to score the tower.

During the refreshment interval the Vicar (the Rev. J. W. Lloyd) welcomed everyone present and hoped the social would become an annual event. He was pleased to say that two of the three rings of bells in his charge were being rung regularly, and that he had received an estimate for reconditioning the bells at Nynehead, although the work was not contemplated in the near future. Mr. A. H. Reed, secretary of the Taunton Deanery Branch, responded on behalf of the visitors. Mr. F. W. Slocombe was an efficient M.C.

FOUR-BELL TOWERS CREATE GREAT INTEREST

MR. DOVE REQUIRES INFORMATION

Dear Sir,—Replying to Messrs. W. J. Paice and Peter Bond, following the suggestion by Mr. D. P. Jones that four-bell towers might be included in a future edition of the 'Guide,' I have started to collect the information, but I think it may prove no small task.

Mr. Jones seems to imply that rings of four are not numerous, which is not my impression. In Yorkshire, for example, they are more numerous than rings of five. Admittedly the percentage of five in this part of the country is exceptionally small and the same preponderence of fours over fives may not obtain in other parts of the country.

Rings of four are seldom hung nowadays and their number is declining steadily—some 16 were increased to five or six bells since the first edition of the 'Guide,' in 1950, and one has already joined the list of six-bell towers since the second edition, a few months ago.

Doubtless the cost will be an important factor in deciding whether or not these towers can be included, and the cost in turn will depend upon the number of such towers.

In the meantime I shall be pleased to receive any information concerning four-bell towers where the bells are ringable, but I make no promise that the list may be complete or that, in these days of steadily rising costs, it will appear at all.

R. H. DOVE.

Leeds.

VOLUNTEER SYSTEM SUGGESTED

Dear Sir,—The recent correspondence on the subject of four-bell towers is a healthy sign that bellringing interest is being awakened in churches beyond the limits of the ringable 5,000. I believe that anything which serves to draw attention to the vast scope for expansion of the ringing service to the Church is a good thing, and it seems that such a supplement to the 'Guide,' as suggested, might help in this. In my own Rural Deanery there are only four ringable rings in 18 churches.

I do not know what method Mr. Dove used in compiling his original work, but it seems that if a volunteer could be found from each Deanery to investigate and report, complete and accurate information could be readily obtained, not only of ringable four-bell towers but others as well, if desired. Their representative on the Ruri-decanal Council would give a list of churches in the Deanery, and the figures for the diocesan quota would indicate what chances there might be for restorations or augmentations from the financial point of view. Daughter churches are not shown in these lists, but the parish magazines would reveal them.

If Mr. Dove is interested in pressing forward any idea of this kind I should be pleased to volunteer to supply information for the Rural Deanery of Battle and Bexhill.—Yours faithfully,

C. E. VERDON.

Bexhill.

A SOMERSET LIST

Dear Sir,—Regarding the query about rings of four bells, here is a list of the rings of four bells in Somerset within the Diocese of Bath and Wells:—

Rodney Stoke, barely ringable; Biddisham; Milton; Ansford; Pen-Selwood; Berkley, near Frome; Farleigh Hungerford, rehung in recent years; Combe Hay, unringable; West Chinnock; Claverton, near Bath; Bawdrip; West Harptree; Walton St. Mary; East Quantoxhead; Fiddington; Dodington; Otterhampton; Kilton; Aisholt; Donyatt; Ile Brewers; Whitelackington; Ilton; Bicknoller; Elworthy; Withycombe; Brompton Ralph; Raddington; Clatworthy; Beercrocombe; Orchard Portman; Thurlbere; Otterford; Bathealton; and Kittisford. (What beautiful names some of these are!)

Some of these rings are in a derelict and even dangerous state; none is affiliated to the Diocesan Association. However, Pitcombe, with its ring of three bells, now has no less than eight ringers who are members!—Yours, etc.,

R. O. FRY.

Bath, Som.

FROM BERKSHIRE

Dear Sir,—I have followed with interest the correspondence regarding rings of four bells and I am all in favour of Mr. Derek Jones' suggestion that a list should be compiled.

Here at Stanford Dingley, in Berkshire, we have a very ancient ring of four, the third bell dating back to the 15th century. I have the complete data available on request.

When the incumbent, the Rev. A. L. B. Hay (a very keen ringer and a Guild member), was inducted here, in March of last year, an appeal for ringers resulted in the formation of a band of 11 enthusiastic members. History was made on January 19th last, when the tower became affiliated to the Oxford Guild and all 11 members joined the Newbury Branch.

With four new ropes, a weekly practice night and ringing for two services each Sunday, no doubt Stanford Dingley has one of the most progressive rings of four bells in the country.—Yours faithfully,

A. W. HOLLOWAY.

Bradfield, Berks.

A NORTH SUFFOLK TOWER

Dear Sir,—All Saints' Church, Stuston, in North Suffolk, on the River Waveney, opposite to Diss, has four bells, which were rehung in 1874. The steeple is round at the base and octagonal above.

The late Mr. Frederick Day told me that the bells had only half-wheels before rehanging and were chimed frame-high. After this they must have been very much neglected, for a few years ago, on clearing out the steeple, men wore gas-masks, and cartloads of rubbish, etc., were taken away, which had been deposited by birds.—Yours truly,

G. E. SYMONDS.

Ipswich.

A COMPREHENSIVE LIST

Dear Sir,—I see in 'The Ringing World' for March 1st there are two letters about four-bell towers in reply to the original letter on the subject by Mr. Derek Jones.

This has prompted me to write, for I feel that some readers might be interested in knowing of a few more 'ringable' four-bell towers. The following is a list that I have so far gathered together during the past few months, and although I have visited very few of these, I understand that the bells are 'ringable.'

North Aston, Oxf., 7¼ cwt.; Biddisham, Som, about 8 cwt.: Clearwell, Glos, 12 cwt.: Danehill, Sx, 7 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb.; Dodington, Som, about 7 cwt.; Evington, Leics, 16½ cwt.; Great Toller, Dorset, 8½ cwt. in G; Hurstbourne Tarrant, Hants; Kingsworthy, Hants, 9 cwt.; Long Burton, Dorset, 9¼ cwt.; Newtown, Hants, about 7 cwt.; Northleigh, East Devon; East Quantoxhead, Som, 17 cwt. 8 lb.; Shapwick, Dorset, 8½ cwt. in A flat; Shellingford, Berks, 6 cwt.; Southleigh, East Devon; Towersey, Oxon, 7½ cwt.; Yarwell, Northants, 5 cwt. 4 lb.; Yatton Keynell, Wilts, 9½ cwt.

The following churches also have four bells, but whether they are 'ringable' I do not know:—

Aisholt, Som, 7½ cwt.: Ansford, Som, 5 cwt.; Ashburnham, Sx,; Bathealton, Som, 10 cwt.; Beddingham, Sx, 11 cwt.; Bedwyn Parva, Wilts; Beercrocombe, Som, 10¼ cwt.; Bicknoller, Som: Breamore, Hants: Bristol, The Cathedral; Brompton Ralph, Som; Burton Agnes, E.R. Yorks; Bury, Sx. 10¾ cwt.: Cambridge, St. Botolph's Church: Charwelton, Northants; Clatworthy, Som; Combe Hay, Som; Devizes, Wilts, St. James': Donyatt, Som, St. Mary's, 13¼ cwt. in G: Droxford, Hants; Elworthy, Som; Farleigh Hungerford, Som: Fiddington, Som; Fotheringhay, Northants; Ham, Wilts; West Harptree, Som, 13 cwt., unringable; Hound, Hants: Helidon, Northants; Idmiston, Wilts; Ile Brewers, Som, 11 cwt.; Ilton, Som; Kilton, Som; Moreton, Cheshire: Newton-Toney, Wilts; Nynehead, Som, 14½ cwt.; Northover, Som, 13 cwt.: Orchard Portman, Som, 5 cwt.; Orkney (Scotland), St. Magnus' Cathedral; Otterford, Som: Otterhampton, Som: Orton, Waterville, Hunts, 6½ cwt., unringable; Oving, Sx; Ovington, Hants; Peasmarsh, Sx: Pamber, Hants: Raddington, Som, 9¼ cwt.: Rodney Stoke, Som: St. Catherine, Som, 13 cwt.; Thurlbeer, Som: Ufford, Northants, 11 cwt.,. unringable; Wartling, Sx, 8 cwt.; Westwood, Wilts: Weyhill, Hants; White Lackington, Som, 11 cwt. in G: Withycombe, Som; Wansford, Northants, 3 cwt., unringable.

I hope that these lists might be of some use to those who are interested in four-bell towers, and I heartily agree with those who have already written, that a supplement to Mr. Dove's excellent book would be very much appreciated.—Yours sincerely,

MICHAEL V. WHITE.

Southampton.

STAMFORD HILL, N.—At St. Ann's Church, on Feb. 23rd, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Miss J. Secker 1, Miss P. Rowe (first of Surprise, aged 12) 2, Miss F. Secker 3, B. Bladon (cond.) 4, M. J. Rowe 5, E. J. Rowe 6.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CHAPERONE FOR EARLY LADY RINGER

Dear Sir,—Your front page article about the early days of lady ringers made me recall the first decade of this century, when I had the privilege and pleasure of ringing regularly for several years with Miss Eva N. Belcher, whose home was in Fleet, Hampshire.

She used to ring with our band, at Shipton-under-Wychwood, Oxfordshire, on Fridays for practice and on Sundays for services. Always the aged, retired village schoolmaster (who was also a ringer) met her and brought her to the ringing chamber, stayed during the ringing and escorted her off the premises at its conclusion. How many lady ringers in 1957 have a chaperone of this kind?

In 1910 Miss Belcher rang a peal of Stedman Triples which I conducted, and in 1912 she rang in the first ladies' peal at Cubitt Town.—Yours sincerely,

HARRY MILES.

Carbis Bay.

UNRINGABLE BELLS IN SUFFOLK

Dear Sir,—Mr. E. J. Rowe, in last week's issue of 'The Ringing World' states that there are 43 rings in Suffolk which are out of order. I have not Mr. Rowe's address, but I could give him a list of towers which total between 60 and 70 with bells either derelict, UR or alleged UR.

The above total is more than likely to become greater. Those who have visited the county for tours, etc., know of churches standing in the middle of fields, or having only half a dozen houses around them. When the bells and other parts of the church require attention there seems little hope of much being done in these isolated localities.

Mr. Rush once mentioned Gislingham as likely to become a ruin; the conditions in the church and tower there are really deplorable: hundreds of pounds would be needed for tower and bells only. This is only one instance. These bells and Bildeston, incidentally two of the heaviest sixes in the county, are both derelict.—Yours, etc.,

U. W. WILDNEY.

Kirby-le-Soken, Essex.

LONG PEALS OF DOUBLES

Dear Sir,—Can any reader supply particulars of any peal of Doubles which exceeds the one of 10,080 rung at Whaplode, Lincs, on February 27th, 1775, in 7 hours and 26 minutes.—Yours sincerely,

ALEC GAMMON.

Marston, Oxford.

BAN WOMEN

Dear Sir,—If female ringers are now to be recruited from the ranks of street pick-ups perhaps, after all, we should have been right, years ago, to persist in our efforts to ban women from our belfries.—Yours, etc.,

CHARLES MELFORD.
(One of the dirty little old men.)

Oxford.

'POPPY'S PAPER'

Dear Sir,—'. . . . one of those lady ringers . . . .'! It would seem to be time the Ladies' Guild adopted a different name, for distinction purposes.

When, incidentally, may we expect to see the announcement of 'The Ringing World's' change of name? I suggest 'Poppy's Paper.'—Yours, etc.,

W. OLIVER.

Guildford.

THE MAN FROM PHILADELPHIA

Dear Sir,—Now that I am back again in Philadelphia I am writing (rather belatedly) to thank 'The Ringing World' for all the articles and flattering comment published in your unique paper. When I landed on May 7th, 1956, in green and lovely Old England (and what a thrill that was after nearly 50 years!) I had no idea that I was in for such a grand time. I fully intended to take up where I left off in 1909. At first I was rather discouraged, as it was a little difficult to get the 'feel' of a bell after such a long rest; there also seemed to be a terrific number of ropes (more ropes than bells), but brother Bob gave me a little tuition with a lashed bell, and it all came back to me with a rush. Everybody was extremely kind and it was fine meeting old friends and new of Kettering, Rothwell, Barton Seagrave, Burton Latimer and many other places. I particularly remember the ringers at Barton, who always greeted us warmly and gave me every encouragement, as did all the ringers everywhere. My two weeks at Bournemouth I remember with pleasure, ringing at St. Peter's and St. John's several times, and at Christchurch Abbey, a great ring of 12.

My visit to Devon particularly stands out, thanks to Mr. Ernest Rowe, of Sidmouth, although he must have added considerably to my grey hairs, tearing around in his little 1935 Austin. I was always apprehensive of what was waiting for us around the corner of those narrow, steep and winding Devon roads. If I didn't press holes in his floorboards, pressing on imaginary brakes, it was no fault of mine, but I needn't have worried, as he was a very efficient driver, and we came through all right.

We sure did 'go places'—two, three and four towers every night and also on Sunday, including the noble bells of Exeter Cathedral. I also rang my first peal after 48 years at Brampton Speke (Bob Minor). Thanks, Mr. Rowe, and all who co-operated, for such a wonderful time! Thanks, also, to the Northampton ringers, with whom my brother Bob and I rang a peal of Bob Major at St. Edmund's Church, Northampton, on September 27th.

I owe many thanks to Patrick E. Chapman for his two articles in 'The Ringing World,' which helped me on my way. I spent my last Friday night at Thorpe-le-Soken, where the ringers made me so welcome and insisted that I rang every bell in the tower. Thanks, Thorpe. Thanks again everybody for such a marvellous six months, especially the Kettering ringers and brother Bob.—Sincerely yours,

M. A. TURNER.
(The man from Philadelphia.)

P.S.—While in England I received an invitation from Kent School, Conn., U.S.A., and recently I availed myself of the opportunity of visiting that fine school for boys, one of the very few places in the U.S.A. where bell-ringing is practised. There is a very good ring of ten bells (tenor 27 cwt.), also a band of fine young men to ring them. They have made a good start in the art but need lots of practice and some advice. I hope I was able to help them to some extent. I enjoyed the wrestling and basketball matches, to say nothing of the movies and the food, but above all, of course, the bellringing. Thanks to Mr. William E. Howard, faculty adviser to the Ringers' Guild, Mr. Chris Whitman and to all the boys who did so much to make my visit such an enjoyable one. I hope to visit them again in the not too far distant future. They would like to get a set of handbells. Are there any to be had quickly?—M. A. T.

RE PEALS AT HOAR CROSS

Dear Sir,—My letter on this subject was intended as a warning against this 'Quickest peal on the bells' footnote. I have rung several peals in which this claim could legitimately have been made, but have refrained from doing so because even on light bells it seems pointless and rather foolish, inviting the comment 'So what?' and, on a ring of bells of great weight and beauty like those at Hoar Cross it shows remarkable lack of good taste.

This lack of good taste is further illustrated in Mr. B. G. Warwick's letter, in which he makes personal criticisms of my ringing, of which he has little first-hand knowledge, nor is he in a position to make presumptions upon the quality of our peal at Hoar Cross in 1955, in which I can assure him that the allegations he makes are not borne out by facts. I am given to understand that the majority of extents in the peal he conducted there recently took 30 minutes, which is, after all, what I tried to demonstrate from personal experience.

I am not afraid of hard work on bells but am of the opinion that this should be devoted to the achievement of polish and not to the foolish and undignified beating of other people's times.—Yours faithfully,

Derby. D. P. JONES.

FACTS WRONG

Dear Sir,—I hope that anyone reading Mr. B. G. Warwick's letter re the peal at Hoar Cross will take it with the proverbial 'pinch of salt.'

When I rang the tenor to a peal I took 32 minutes for the first 720 and 30 minutes for each succeeding one, and I had to work.

I think that Mr. Warwick has his facts wrong when he states that to ring a slow peal the bell is ringing the tenor man. It is utter and absolute nonsense and if Mr. Warwick knew anything about applied mathematics he would realise this! The moment of inertia of a 28 cwt. tenor is considerable; it is not a bell that can be thrown about to the whim of its ringer, unless that person be a superman. By ringing such a tenor high (slowly) it enables the tenor man to cut under in his dodges with a reasonable certainty of having full control of the bell at the succeeding stroke. (Mr. Warwick can apply the simple equation of force times distance here, if he likes.)

Thus if a heavy tenor is being rung at speed it means that the front end will have to work like mad to keep out of his way. For unless the tenor ringer be another incarnate Samson, he can only but pause where he should dodge, and the rest of the bells would have to work round him.

May I close this letter by hoping that Mr. Warwick's definition of a well-struck peal does not differ from that of the rest of the Exercise?—Yours sincerely, JOHN E. COOK.

Branston, near Lincoln.

BEWDLEY RINGERS' DINNER

With the Rector (the Rev. R. A. Jones) in the chair, St. Ann's Voluntary Bellringers' Association, Bewdley, held their second annual dinner on February 15th, when about 20 members and friends sat down to an excellent meal. Guests were Ald. W. E. James (who deputised for the Mayor and Mayoress), Mr. Bernard Ashford (hon. secretary of the Northern Branch, Worcestershire and Districts Association), Messrs. A. Glazzard, Hicks and Boxley.

In proposing the toast of 'The St. Ann's Association,' Mr. Ashford congratulated the members on their excellent progress and also upon the reconditioning of the bells and fittings. The Rector, in reply, said he was very pleased to hear the bells ringing again for church services. The visitors were toasted on the call of the Master (Mr. R. Sayers), who spoke in appreciation of the help so readily given by Mr. Ashford and friends. A fine performance on handbells was given by Mr. Ashford and his party.

A PEAL IN EVERY RINGING TOWER IN LEICESTERSHIRE

MR. ERNEST MORRIS TELLS HIS EXPERIENCES

(Continued from page 154)

I mentioned the Ratby ringers who went around with me in their District—well, before they would join the M.C.A. they wanted to ring a peal; so with my friend, the late T. Henry Hardy, we rang the first there as a non-Association peal. Following this we went regularly to weekly practices and gradually worked up to seven methods, ringing peals here and there meanwhile. These included 7,200 at Desford and 10,080 at Ratby, which is still the longest Minor peal in the Midlands. The Vicar gave a tablet for this and said: 'If I put it in the belfry only ringers can see it—but in the church porch everyone can see it!' So there it is, and has been for over 40 years! The present churchwarden is Harold Spencer, one of the ringers, as was his late father and brother John W. Spencer. Of the latter we read in 'The Great Adventure,' p. 42:—

'. . . before migrating to Australia in August, 1912, he was a ringer at Groby, where he rang a few peals of Minor. Two days before he left England he rang a farewell peal of seven methods, which was conducted by Ernest Morris.'

Mr. Spencer rang in peals of Bob Royal and the first peal of Cinques ever rung outside the British Isles, during the English ringers' tour at Melbourne Cathedral.

Leicestershire has three 5-bell towers which are central (two now increased to six bells), and each entirely different in style and architecture, viz.: Long Clawson, Somerby and Thurnby.

At Long Clawson the five bells are difficult to ring owing to the long draught of rope. Ringing is done from the ground floor in the centre of the church between chancel, nave and transepts, open on all sides, and without guides to the roof 40ft. above. Only one full peal of 5,040 Doubles has yet been rung here (November, 1927), which I had the pleasure of conducting, and to make more safe ringing I asked the local Framland Society to make the band. In it were two William Smiths, one on treble, the other on the tenor—the treble one being on holiday from Australia (Sydney) and a native of this village. Before starting for this peal I reluctantly climbed the thin iron ladder, let down from the roof to the floor, nowhere near a wall, to take off inscriptions of the bells. The ascent was bad enough, but the descent! What an ordeal—happily performed without mishap.

SOMERBY'S NOVEL TOWER

At Somerby is a tower and spire placed between nave and chancel without transepts. Its style is peculiar, as the tower base is narrower than either the chancel or nave, and so forms a sort of corridor between the two. The ringers are on ground floor and thus stand between the congregation and the choir. Several peals of Doubles were rung here, and one of Grandsire I conducted is worthy of notice as we took each bell as the plain hunt, starting with 5th then 4th, and so on to the treble, and each 120 started and ended with rounds. Only one or two other peals have been rung in this way, which is most interesting and very tricky, especially when changing hunt bells at end of one and beginning of another 120. I would recommend this system to those tower bands who have difficulty in getting beyond the Grandsire stage. In 1949 Somerby bells were augmented to six.

Thurnby central tower ringing chamber is reached via a spiral stairway in the transept, from whence a short walk over the leads takes one into the tower. I called the first peal here in 1921, and the bells being in the next storey above were very loud. Since that time (1926) the bells were rehung on ball-bearings and in 1952 increased to six. The noise has abated.

AWKWARD CIRCLES

Blaby bells were made five by Warner's in 1887, but only one peal of Doubles rung on them in 1920, the bells going most difficult, and today are unringable. Here the 'circle' is awkward, having 5123 close together and 4 a distance away. The old five of Bowden Magna were also unusual by having the treble in the middle, and the other four in each corner of the tower. In 1926 they were rehung, and the first peal scored on July 17th of that year. As a result of the Editor putting a footnote to some correspondence, I was invited again, and called another peal here in 1953. In 1954 a treble was added, making six.

Houghton-on-the-Hill (5) were augmented from four by the gift of a treble by Squire Fortrey, of Norton-by-Galby (already mentioned), in 1771. When I visited the place in 1922 they were in a shocking condition, and an attempt to ring a peal had to be abandoned owing to the rough 'go.' The treble hangs high above the others, and a brick chimney goes up through the bottom frame. My Billesdon friends did the same here as at Galby, patching up wheels, tightening frame, etc., and in 1930 the first and only peal here was accomplished. A footnote adds: 'The tenor man (Norman Geary) is to be congratulated on his ringing so well such a bad-going, false-struck bell.' This bell-rope comes down a few inches from the back panel of the organ, making ringing even more uncomfortable. At the present time the bells are unringable.

EXHAUSTED AND BLISTERED

The first peal at Humberstone (6, tenor 20 cwt.) was a memorial one to King Edward VII in 1910. When I asked permission, the Vicar said I could go providing I took my own muffles. This I did by taking the top six from St. Margaret's. We found the bells in a shocking state, bearings devoid of any lubrication whatever. We found some oil but it was too thin, so I sent H. Hardy for some lard from the village while I put muffles on. We eventually started the peal, and I shall ever remember this tenor! When well on in the peal I told the band I did not think I could 'stick it' but would go to the end of that 720. It seemed a bit better then and so we went through to the bitter end. I dropped on a form nearby thoroughly exhausted and with handfuls of blisters. Considering the state of affairs the peal was well struck, as attested by the late Mr. Pettitt, a Northants ringer, who, unknown to us, heard the last half and congratulated us afterwards.

When finished, and before I had donned my coat, the Vicar called from below, and one of the locals who had come up said: 'Now you are for it—he's a tartar!' I descended this awful ladder, straight down the wall some 40 feet, and the Vicar, a tall, athletic University 'blue,' said: 'Well, what have you done?' I explained about the peal and the great task it had been, showed him my blistered hands, and he remarked: 'I expect you are thirsty now. Do you drink beer?' I replied that I did not but the older ones did. Putting his hand in his pocket he gave me 3/-, saying: 'Spend it how you like!' Needless to say, we repaired to the 'Windmill' nearby to spend our reward (and a bit more) on the refreshment we needed so badly.

I said I would never go there again, but I did, and called a peal of Bob Minor and Grandsire Doubles spliced in 720's by Mr. Albert J. Pitman. Now the organ has been moved from the east to the west of the church, blocking up the tower arch and occupying half the belfry. One still climbs that awful ladder, but some distance up you go through a chimney-like partition through the organ fixtures. In 1947 the bells were put on ball-bearings, but with this organ arrangement the 'circle' of ropes is awkward and ringing uncomfortable. I have since called a Minor peal here.

Although 'warned off' this place—Market Bosworth—if anyone had ambitions for a peal on the ancient and hefty-going ring of five, a band was found willing to try after asking for volunteers, who must be 'heroes' who would not mind some pain. Although the more ambitious wanted to try 'umpteen' methods, after a preliminary half six-score as a 'feeler,' it was decided to stick to Grandsire. In spite of the weight and slow turning of the bells, a good peal was rung, as was testified by the locals afterwards. A nice lot of medals—in the form of blisters—was on show at the conclusion, and the conductor (me) had one, not on view, about six inches long near the place where medals are usually worn. In 1950 these old five bells were taken down and augmented to eight by addition of three lighter bells, all rehung in a new iron and steel frame, on ball-bearings, and now form a grand octave.

'THE IMPOSSIBLES'

Skeffington (5) and Shawell (5) are both impossible owing to the dilapidated state of the frames and fittings. Many years ago we did try at Shawell, near Lutterworth, to get a peal but conditions proved too much against it. Finding the bells in such awful conditions we cleared up what we could, oiled bearings, spliced up ropes, etc. We noticed there were two stays missing, so when we pulled the bells up the ringers of these two were prepared to hold them on the balance, which they did when 'Stand' was called. Imagine our amazement when two of the other ropes went sailing up out of sight, the ringers having the sense to let go. Falling the other three we investigated and found these two had stays but no slides! Unravelling the ropes we tried again, and after several abortive attempts did manage a 120! but under these conditions decided a full peal was impossible. However, we had a good time, the Rector entertained us to tea and a tour of his extensive gardens and grounds.

Another 'impossible' is at Stapleford, where the church—like that of Staunton Harold—is in private grounds. The seating in the church is like a Guild chapel, the pews facing the centre aisle and not east. In the tower is a huge chime barrel that has never been used for over a century, rusted up and covered in dust and dirt. The six bells likewise, and they hang dead, so cannot be rung, and the chime hammers, wires and fittings are in a deplorable state.

After waiting 20 years from my first attempt for a peal at Croxton Kerrial (6), when the tenor rope cast wheel, I went again in 1947. I was duly 'warned off' as the 'go' of the bells was shocking, but a first-class band who promised to 'stick to it' made the attempt. The second casts wheel frequently and plays tricks! but Ernest Bartram handled it perfectly. The third and fourth ringers are divided by a clock case which is provided with glass panels to they can see each other—and didn't they make faces through it! The tenor is 9¼ cwt. and goes ten times its weight. It was rung by Joseph A. Fenton to his first (and only) peal of Minor! But the fifth! Its wheel was all askew and not only tended to throw the rope off but groaned every time it went round, making fearful noises and I was scared it might collapse any minute. I stood as near the wall as possible in case it did! However, despite these difficulties, we got a good and well-struck peal.

During a peal I called at Misterton, an amusing incident occurred in which an elderly local lady church cleaner took part. During the first 720 the belfry door was opened, to the surprise of the band, to admit the aforesaid lady, who at once commenced her duties in the belfry, weaving her way between ringers, collecting buckets, brushes, soap and various other items, and then entered the church by the only other door in the dividing screen to the much louder

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OBITUARY

MR. C. HENRY HARDING

The Church of St. James, Blunham, Beds. was full on February 28th for the funeral service of Mr. C. Henry Harding.

Among the 50 or so ringers present were representatives from the Ely Diocesan Guild, the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, the Hertford County Association, and from nearly every tower in the county where change-ringing is practised. Floral tributes numbered 62.

During the evening half-muffled quarter peals were rung at Blunham and Tempsford.

Unfortunately the peal attempts failed—Grandsire Triples at Maulden on February 28th after 2¼ hours, and Treble Bob Minor at Blunham on March 2nd after 2¼ hours.

APPRECIATIONS

It came as a great shock to me, as to all his ringing friends, to hear of the sudden death at an early age of Henry Harding, of Blunham. Only three weeks previously, although happily I was unaware of it at the time, I conducted what proved to be his last peal, the first ever rung on the heavy five at Leighton Bromswold, which he very much enjoyed. In that peal he rang as we shall always remember him, placing a difficult light bell exactly in the right position for hour after hour. I shall never forget his immaculate performance on the treble at St. Neots a little while previously.

After the Leighton peal, he showed me another admirable side of his character, by driving many miles out of his way to put me on a 'bus route home. It was that same generosity which contributed very largely to the provision of a fine rehung six at his own tower, Blunham.

Yes, Henry is going to be sadly missed in Bedfordshire and his passing is a loss to the Exercise of one of its best. D. P. J.

The news of the sudden passing of Henry Harding was received with a tremendous shock by ringers in the Kettering area. Henry was a familiar figure at meetings and also at the Kettering tower, where he will be sadly missed. A competent ringer and good striker, he was always willing to impart his knowledge to learners. The Bedfordshire Association has lost a valued member at a comparatively early age.

He was laid to rest at Blunham on February 28th, and the large number of ringers and friends who gathered to pay their last respects was an outstanding symbol of the high esteem in which he was held. Besides the ringers of the Bedfordshire Association representatives of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild and the Ely Diocesan Association were present. Sympathy is extended to members of Henry's family and also to his fiancée, Miss Mary Arkinstall, in their sad bereavement.

May God rest his soul. B. P. M.

MR. SIDNEY JAMES JESSOP

Boston Parish Church has lost a faithful servant and ringer by the passing of Sidney James Jessop on February 7th. He was taken ill while at work and died in a few minutes. His death came as a great shock to all who knew him.

His record for Sunday service ringing was wonderful; except for holidays, he was present twice every Sunday at the famous Stump, where he had been a ringer for about 36 years. He rang 22 peals and his favourite method was Grandsire. W. E. C.

MR. GEORGE F. WOODHOUSE

We regret to announce the death on March 9th of Mr. George F. Woodhouse, of Highfield, Sedbergh, Yorks, aged 82 years. He was a member of the Cambridge University Guild at the time of Mr. E. H. Lewis. The ringing machine he constructed has been admired by hundreds of ringers.

MR. HORACE J. MANSFIELD

It is with very deep regret that the ringing friends of Mr. H. J. Mansfield received the news of his sudden passing on March 4th at the age of 72 years. A life-long member of the Essex Association, he was respected by all for his outstanding qualities, not only as a ringer but in many other walks of life. He was elected a member of the Central Council in 1945 and had held office continuously until his death.

On Friday, March 8th, many of his friends assembled at All Saints', Maldon, to pay their last respect to this great veteran, who had endeared himself to all. Before the cortège arrived at the church, members of the Essex Association rang a short touch of Grandsire with the bells open, as was his wish. There was present a congregation of some 500 people—all his friends. The Rector (Rev. Mr. Irons) paid tribute to those great qualities which made him such a natural leader of men.

Then in the overcast afternoon we saw his mortal remains laid to rest in the cemetery on the hillside. Four members of the Association took up the bells he had rung on so many occasions, and we bade goodbye with the sound of Grandsire in our ears.

'Well done, thou good and faithful servant.'

A. H. E.

MR. W. E. G. HEWSON

It is with much regret we have to announce the death of Mr. William Everard Gardiner Hewson, of Castle Hewson, Askeaton, County Limerick, aged 82. From his boyhood Mr. Hewson evinced a keen interest in bells—their casting, hanging and ringing. He learned to ring in Cheshire when he was a very young man, and later visited many English towers.

He was a familiar figure in the leading bell foundries, watching the process of bells in the making. But his greatest and most practical interest lay in the bells of St. Mary's Cathedral, Limerick. In the year 1907 he presented a new fourth bell, replacing one which was defective. About the year 1930, when it was deemed unsafe to continue the ringing of the Cathedral bells, owing to their dilapidated condition, he threw all his energy into effecting a thorough and complete renovation of the bells, which constituted a 'patchwork' ring.

He commenced by having the tenor recast—it was originally one of Purdue's bells, cast and set up in the year 1673—and subsequently had five of the remaining bells recast, viz., the treble, 2nd, 5th, 6th and 7th, and all rehung in the most modern method. It was due to his untiring energy and 'drive,' coupled with his very generous financial help, that this work was carried out. All the recasting and rehanging was most efficiently carried out by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. When the work was completed, about 1938, the ring was—and still is—one of the most satisfying in Ireland.

Mr. Hewson became a ringing member of the Irish Association in 1906, and he was elected to life membership in 1951. As a great personal friend of the late Gabriel Lindoff he rang at many of the Irish towers with him.

As his remains were borne into the Cathedral on the evening of February 12th, the Cathedral ringers rang a half-muffled touch as a token of respect to his memory. J. A. H.

MR. JOHN SMITH

Mr. John Smith, who died on January 20th, aged 79 years, was a ringer at St. John's, Shildon, in his youth and later at St. Andrew's, Bishop Auckland, for over 40 years, although in later years his health would not allow him to carry on with ringing. He was a regular worshipper at St. Andrew's.

Sympathy is felt for his only son, Mr. F. Smith, a former ringer at Bishop Auckland, but who had to give up ringing owing to a physical disability.

MR. G. P. SCHLUETER

On January 11th Mr. George Peter Schlueter passed to his rest, aged 66.

For many years he was a regular ringer at St. Mary's, Great Dunmow, Essex, and had taken part in a number of peals for the Essex Association. He was also a member of the Police Guild, and retired from the Metropolitan Police in 1930 with the rank of sergeant. George had suffered a number of illnesses.

He will be greatly missed by his fellow ringers at St. Mary's, where he was always ready to give a helping hand.

THE LADIES' GUILD

What the Ladies' Guild (Southern District) lacked in numbers it made up for in good spirits at its meeting at Godalming on March 2nd.

The bells were raised at 3 p.m. prompt by two of the ladies of the local band. Sustained and encouraged by the helpful presence of a couple of men, these two slim young things, looking almost too fragile to tackle several hundredweights of metal, competently rang up all the bells, finishing only slightly breathless. After all, it was to be a ladies' meeting!

The direction of the initial ringing was undertaken, at the invitation of the District secretary, by Mr. G. L. Grover, secretary of the Guildford Guild. The fortunate arrival of Mrs. Lock, the Guild's president, enabled Mr. Grover to retire in his usual graceful manner, apparently less embarrassed than he might well have been by the reference of one Guild member to the absence of a skirt. It is not always the bells overhead that are responsible for the clangour!

After a short service 25 members and friends took tea in a nearby café. The Southern District's funds met the cost. The visitors included Mr. A. C. Hazelden, Mr. S. Russell (Ash) and the Rev. K. C. Davies.

The business meeting was presided over by Mrs. Lock, who remarked that her ability to be present was partly due to the fact that she had a very co-operative husband. After order had been restored the meeting proceeded to business. District fund accounts were passed, existing officers were re-elected and the Misses Eunice Hiley and Monica Collins were elected committee members. Five new members were elected.

Tentative arrangements were made for the next meeting to be held on June 1st, if possible at Epsom. Votes of thanks were duly passed to the Rector of Godalming, the organist, the local ringers, and Miss B. Meyers, who was responsible for the tea arrangements. Mrs. Lock also was accorded a vote of thanks for taking the chair, the meeting being particularly appreciative of the fact that in order to be present she had had to turn down another very attractive engagement.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 24th, 1,260 Bob Minor: E. A. Cracknell 1, A. E. J. Lester 2, H. Mitson 3, J. J. Prentice 4, G. R. Goodship 5, R. E. Lester (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

HOLBROOK, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,440 Minor (720 Kent, 720 Plain): Mrs. P. W. Mills 1, Miss M. Mills 2, P. R. J. Lester 3, P. W. Mills 4, Miss A. Lester 5, R. E. Lester (cond.) 6. Rung after peal attempt was miscalled.

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melody of buckets, pans, etc. When later on she had finished her duties we had a repeat (in reverse order) and finally she left by the west door with a bang!

NOTE.—These are but a few of the 'incidents' that have marked my career—I could tell of many more but space will not allow. But what of the ringers? I could 'tell a tale' about some of them—but dare I? If you think they would be interesting write and tell the Editor, and should he think fit, I will do this. E. M.

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BIRTH

PARSONS.—On March 8th, 1957, at the War Memorial Hospital, Carshalton, to Gillian (nee Brittain) and Raymond Parsons, of 4, Brookside, Carshalton, Surrey, a son, Christopher David. 9882

ENGAGEMENT

CHILCOTT—WELLER.—The engagement is announced between Michael, son of Mr. and Mrs. V. E. Chilcott, of Southall, Middlesex, and Kathleen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Weller, of Wallington, Surrey. 9912

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MISCELLANEOUS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Owing to the visit to Yeovil of the Ancient Society of College Youths on May 4th, the proposed meeting at Nunney is put forward to April 27th.—E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 9894

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS. — Cancellation. — The monthly practices on March 16th and April 20th are cancelled. Next meeting, May 18th, 5.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—J. D. Kape, Sec. 9886

CHANGE of annual dinner date.—Will all who are interested in the annual dinner of the Coventry Diocesan Guild (and owners of the Ringers' Diary) please note that to allow our new Bishop to be present the date is changed to October 12th next. This is the Guild's 50th anniversary dinner. 9883

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The dedication of the newly rehung and recast ring of eight by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. at Halstead by the Lord Bishop of Colchester at 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 6th. Tea afterwards. All ringers welcome.—Hilda G. Snowden. 9904

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MEETINGS

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—J. W. Parker commemoration meeting, Saturday, March 16th, at St. Ignatius', Sunderland. Bells 2.30 p.m. Committee 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. 9906

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District.—Meeting at Duxford, Saturday, March 16th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 9860

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Warboys (6) on Saturday, March 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 9843

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Downham Market, Saturday, March 16th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. —J. Fox, Walpole Marsh. 9849

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HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells, Saturday, March 16th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. 9844

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — St. Albans District. — Meeting, Sandridge (6 bells), Saturday, March 16th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m.—S. Huckle, Dis. Sec. 9870

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—South and West District. — Meeting at St. Nicolas', Chiswick, on Saturday, March 16th. Bells from 4.30 to 6 p.m.; also St. Mary-the-Virgin, Barnes, 6.30 p.m. onwards. Own tea arrangements.—F. Finch. 9853

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rutland Branch.—General meeting at Oakham, Saturday, March 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Meeting and tea 5 p.m.—J. Hoy. 9836

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting, Bingham, Saturday, March 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m.—W. L. Exton, 60, Albert Street, Newark. 9858

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, St. John-the-Baptist, Croydon, Saturday, March 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting, Silverdale Hall, 5.15 p.m. 9793

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Ditchling (8), Saturday, March 16th, 3 p.m. Tea available.—Geo. North, 11, Richmond Terrace, Brighton. 9878

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Meeting, Barton-le-Clay, Saturday, March 23rd (note date). Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names must be sent to Rev. A. Cleaver, The Rectory, Barton-le-Clev, Beds.—K. G. Spavins, Dis. Sec. 9903

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at Skelton (8) on Saturday, March 23rd. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m.—P. W. B. Semmens, Hon. Sec. 9909

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. —Meeting at St. Peter's, Bentley, on Saturday, March 23rd. Bells (5) available from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday, 21st, to Mr. Ron Sanderson, 109, Woodhouse Road, Wheatley, Doncaster.—G. A. Watson, Dis. Sec. 9895

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Dudley, Saturday, March 23rd. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to R. A. Peakman, 47, High Street, Kingswinford. 9898

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Leckhampton (8), Saturday, March 23rd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Business following. Names by March 19th.—Mary Bliss, Beech Pike, Cheltenham. 9888

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Chertsey (8), Saturday, March 23rd. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Church Hall. Names for tea by Wednesday to H. Hancock, Southwood Avenue, Ottershaw. 9877

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—District meeting at Yorktown (8) on Saturday, March 23rd, from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mr. F. Farr, 1, Bristow Road, Camberley.—C. J. Beadle, Hon. Dis. Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Offley, Saturday, March 23rd, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at the Cock Inn. Special method Chiltern T.B.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 9901

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Earl Shilton, Saturday, March 23rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Schools 5 p.m. Names, please, by March 20th, to Mr. G. Newton, 26, Avenue South, Earl Shilton, Leicester.—M. Vernon, Dis. Sec. 9881

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Monthly practice at Clewer, Saturday, March 23rd, 3.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., for those who notify me by 20th.—W. Butler, 17, Forest Road, Windsor. 9855

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Finchampstead on Saturday, March 23rd, at 6 p.m.—B. C. Castle. 9893

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Oundle Branch. — Meeting, Warmington (6), Saturday, March 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify Tuesday previous for tea.—Mrs. Clarke, 7, Bassett Place, Oundle. 9911

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Canford on Saturday, March 23rd. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea for those who notify by March 20th Mr. I. Davis, Restormel, 13, Sandbanks Road, Parkstone, Poole, Dorset. Hampreston in the evening. 9899

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Eastrington, Saturday, March 23rd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (moderate charge) 5 p.m. Names to Mr. G. Ingram, Eastrington, on or before March 21st. —L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 9897

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Meeting at Penkridge, Saturday, March 23rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, March 20th, to Mr. E. A. Malin, Lynwood, Wolverhampton Road, Penkridge, near Stafford. 9862

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Debenham District.—Meeting, Saturday, March 23rd, Helmingham (8), 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Framsden (8) 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, March 18th, to L. G. Brett, 9, St. John's Row, Framsden.—W. I. Button, Dis. Sec. 9891

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division. —Practice meeting, Saturday, March 23rd, at Waldron. Bells 3 p.m. Method for practice: Double Norwich T.B. Major. Names early, please, to H. Reynolds, Sec., 10, Eastern Avenue, Polegate. 9875

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Surprise practice at Arundel on Saturday, March 23rd. Bells 4 to 6 p.m. and 7 to 8.30 p.m. Tea available. 9885

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Quarterly meeting at Kirkburton on Saturday, March 23rd. Bells available 3 p.m. Committee meeting 4.15. Tea in Church School 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea by Thursday, March 21st, to Mr. E. Burton, Church View, Kirkburton, Huddersfield.—A. E. Marsh, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9864

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Littlebourne, Saturday, March 30th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea, 2s. per head, to those who notify not later than Tuesday, March 26th, Miss N. Dines, 3, Court Hill, Littlebourne, Canterbury. Enclose cash, please. Quarterly meeting, Dover, Saturday, May 4th.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9884

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Annual District meeting, Willesden, Saturday, March 30th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea 5.15 p.m. Business to follow. All ringers and friends very welcome. 9900

LADIES' GUILD.—Yorkshire District.—Annual meeting at Hunslet, Leeds, on Saturday, March 30th. Bells (8) 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome.—E. Bate, Hon. Sec. 9907

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Towcester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Helmdon, Saturday, March 30th. Service at 4 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to W. A. Yates, 4, Bannerlands, Dadford, Buckingham. 9913

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Quarterly meeting at Erith, Kent, Saturday, March 30th. (Finchley not available.) St. John's (Old Church) bells (8) available 2.30 to 4 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Business meeting, Guild Room, after tea Further ringing in evening, St. John's, also Christ Church (8). Good attendance, please—all welcome. Frequent trains (Southern Electric) from Charing Cross. Names for tea by Tuesday, March 26th, please, to Mr. F. J. Cullum, 78, West Street, Erith, Kent. No names, no tea!—P. N. Bond, Hon. Secretary. 9880

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District. — Annual dinner, Sileby, Saturday, April 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Dinner in Pochin Hall 6 p.m. Tickets (limited) are being sent to towers. Remittances and spare tickets to Mr. W. W. Draper, 3, Highgate Road, Sileby, by the previous Tuesday, April 2nd. 9910

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at Wrington Easter Monday, April 22nd. Service 12 noon, followed by lunch and business meeting. Names for lunch tickets (enclosing S.A.E.) to Mr. H. W. Knight, Woolmer's, Cleeve, Bristol. Further details later.—R. O. Fry, Gen. Sec. 9847

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Sevenoaks, Easter Monday, April 22nd. Service 12 noon, followed by lunch and business meeting. Tickets: members 4s. 6d., others 6s. 6d., from Mr. B. W. May, Keithston, Keycol Hill Bobbing, Sittingbourne. Also ringing at Tonbridge, Seal Chart, Leigh, Brasted and Westerham; full details sent with tickets. Nominations for election of Central Council representatives invited by April 8th.—Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Hon. Sec. 9896

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Note:—Annual general meeting, Saturday, April 27th, at Blackburn. Details later.—F. Dunkerley, Hon. Sec. 9887

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Preliminary notice.—Summer meeting at Yeovil on Saturday, May 4th. Details later.—A. B. Peck. 9892

'The Ringing World' Balance Sheet — December 31st, 1955

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Sundry Creditors		511 4 11
Amounts Received in Advance—Postal Subscriptions and Notices		760 0 9
Provision for Income Tax		— — —
Capital Account—		
Balance at 31st December, 1954	1699 11 4	
Add Profit for the year as shown by Profit and Loss Account	1050 0 3	
		2749 11 7
		£4,020 17 3

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Goodwill, Blocks, Etc., at Cost		200 0 0
Debtors		745 1 9
Investments at Cost	£ s. d.	
£800 3½% Defence Bonds	800 0 0	
£800 4% Defence Bonds	800 0 0	
		1600 0 0
Cash—		
At Bankers	1407 17 7	
In Hand	1 2 11	
		1409 0 6
Amount due from the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers		66 15 0
		£4,020 17 3

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Woodbridge Press—		
Printing	3297 11 3	
Blocks	3 10 0	
		3301 1 3
Editorial Office Expenses—		
Editor's Fees and Expenses	286 7 6	
Clerical Assistance	139 3 8	
Postage, Stationery and Sundries	13 16 3	
		439 7 5
Postal Subscribers—		
Despatch of Copies	166 10 0	
Postage and Wrappers	695 4 1	
		861 14 1
Accounts Department—		
Clerical Assistance	125 0 0	
Postage	23 1 8	
Stationery and Sundries	18 3 2	
		166 4 10
Miscellaneous Expenses		9 15 4
Audit Fee		21 0 0
Income Tax on Interest Receivable		11 11 7
		4810 14 6
Profit for the year		1050 0 3
		£5,860 14 9

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Rolls Publishing Co.		2312 11 8
Postal Subscribers		2419 6 11
Donations		217 4 5
Advertisements		442 3 6
Notices		416 13 1
Sundry Receipts		24 11 10
Interest Receivable on £800 3½% Defence Bonds		28 3 4
		£5,860 14 9

REPORT OF THE AUDITOR TO THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS ON THE ACCOUNTS OF THEIR OFFICIAL JOURNAL, 'THE RINGING WORLD.'

I have audited the above Balance Sheet and have obtained the information and explanations I have required. In my opinion such Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of affairs of 'The Ringing World,' according to the best of my information and the explanations given to me and as shown by the books.

(Signed) J. LUNNIS,
Chartered Accountant.

Thames House, Queen Street Place,
London, E.C.4.
December 17th, 1956.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD

The first quarterly meeting of the year of the Southern Section was held at St. Thomas' Church, Neath, in excellent weather on March 2nd, and members attended from Porthcawl, Aberavon, Baglan, Neath, Cadoxton, Dyffryn and Sketty.

After a service in the church, a very nice tea was served in the Church Hall, and it was a great pity that more didn't attend to enjoy the free tea provided. Mr. John T. Williams very ably thanked all those responsible, including the organist for her services in church

The Rector (Rev. Wilfred J. Evans) took the chair at the business meeting. The District secretary presented the statement of accounts, which showed a healthy position with an increased bank balance. The membership remained about the same. After a lengthy discussion it was agreed to hold the next quarterly meeting at Gorseinon, subject to the final result of the annual meeting at New Radnor in June.

Two new ringing members, and one honorary member from Sketty, were duly elected. At the close of the meeting Mr. K. J. Lewis moved a vote of thanks to the Vicar for presiding at the meeting and for the use of the bells.

A wide variety of methods was rung during the period before the service and again after the meeting, which ranged from Grandsire to London Surprise Minor. J. A. H.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. W. G. Elliott (first quarter) 1, B. E. Matthews 2, P. H. Langton (cond.) 3, T. Newman 4, H. Wood 5, R. A. Brown 6. A farewell to the Rev. M. C. Langton, Vicar for four years, and for Matins.

5,024 UXBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

BY JOHN R. MAYNE

23456	I/F	B	W	H	
35264		x			A
26354	x		2		A
52364	3		—		A
23564	x				A
23645					A
34256		x			
25346	x		2		
24536	2		2	3	
32546			—		
42356	x		—		
23456	x				

Contains all the combination 'roll-ups.'

Rung at Harrow Weald, November 8th, 1956, conducted by the composer.

BURWELL, CAMBS.—On Feb. 18th, 1,260 Bob Minor: Miss D. Fuller 1, W. J. Couperthwaite 2, A. G. Orbell 3, C. F. Sargeant 4, A. G. Fuller 5, R. J. W. Housden (cond.) 6. First of Minor by the local Sunday service band.

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THE COLLEGE OF CAMPANOLOGY

IT is a fine idea to establish measurable standards of achievement in ringing, but measurement means examinations and examiners, so that two questions arise:

1. Is the training of ringers adaptable to a system of measurement?
2. Who should do the measuring or examining?

To the first, the majority of ringers would answer in the affirmative, and therefore the College of Campanology is not embarking on the impossible in developing a training plan. But in any training scheme there must be flexibility, for no two pupils are alike; certainly no two instructors are. Furthermore, training needs vary greatly with particular circumstances, and a very important factor is the age of the pupils, ranging from ten to twenty years old, even younger or older. The quality of flexibility must be forged on the anvil of practice, and the resulting scheme of training will be continually improved upon, and its manual subject to periodic revision. Such a manual must be capable of being used with individual pupils as well as with a training class.

In reply to the second question, examiners must work to the same syllabus as the examinees and be subject to the same disciplines. This implies that the total system, training and examination, must develop as a single whole, which is the approach being made by the College.

To the critics, may it be suggested that to condemn without trial is the illogicality of prejudice. The way to tackle a job is to 'have a go,' discover the 'snags' and remedy them. In one sense the number of attempts to develop a training system for ringers is a multiple of the number of instructors, but how few have committed their teaching to writing. The College, on the other hand, is in the favoured position of having done this, so that its teachings can be put to the test by others.

Consider now the assertion that in some way the College has trespassed on the authority of the Central Council. Such authority springs from the confidence the Council enjoys, not only from the great mass of individual ringers, and from its affiliated guilds and associations, but also from various other bodies outside the Exercise. Yet no guild would tolerate for a moment a directive from the Council to modify its manner of subscription or on any other domestic matter of its activities. Likewise, the Central Council must not, cannot, enforce rules of training, and so to pass judgment on a particular experiment in training would be manifoldly unwise. However, in the course of time, when some body has won its spurs and earned the respect of the Exercise, it might then be incumbent upon the Council to give appropriate recognition.

The experiment initiated by the College of Campanology must be considered by all thinking ringers in the spirit which inspired its founder. Its creation, rough-hewn though it still is, marks a real advance in the approach to the training of ringers; in its vision it is quite without emulation. Last summer, when on holiday, a letter reached me describing the aims and work of the College and inviting my support. The challenge had to be accepted or rejected, it could not be ignored. In welcoming the experiment my choice was the same as others, whose ringing achievements, and loyal services to the Exercise are familiar to all. Their imagination, too, must have been fired by the idea of establishing consistent standards of training, thereby eliminating those bad influences, and spreading those good influences, which now are scattered abroad indiscriminately.

May I now pose a final question and endeavour to provide an answer. Given that the idea of the College is a desirable one, is there reason to think that it is more desirable now than say a generation or so ago? Assuredly there is, indeed the idea has been born of present-day needs just as the territorial associations were born of the needs of the last century. Perhaps Mr. Frank Haynes, at the recent Henry Johnson Dinner, was acknowledging this need when he said that today 'we have to do something to attract young people and to keep them in ringing, and that has resulted in a certain drop in standards.' Certainly considerable effort has to be given not only to attract but to keep our young belfry recruits, which inevitably must dilute our concentration on instructional standards. Consequently there is a danger of doing these young people, and the whole Exercise, a great disservice if we are over-kind. Something of the same tendency is the soft-pedalling of technical qualification in electing new members into our associations —though part of the reason for that is difficulty of assessing standards and preference for the alternative procedure of election on recommendation.

So the aim of the College of Campanology is exceedingly important in the safeguard it will offer to general ringing standards. That the time is ripe for this new development can be seen from the spread of the recruiting movement into the schools themselves, where there is rich potentiality for developing the formal activities of the College.

In conclusion may I express my conviction that the idea embodied in the College will grow into a significant contribution of the present century to the Exercise of ringing; and in this confidence I commend the courageous efforts being made to establish effective standards of ringing training which will ultimately raise the standard of service ringing throughout all the guilds and associations.

E. S. JOHN HATCHER.

GUILD REPORTS AND 'THE RINGING WORLD'

THE high cost of printing reports of guilds and associations has prompted an inquiry to be addressed to 'The Ringing World' as to their inclusion in the journal. It is the practice of business concerns to publish their annual reports or abridged reports in the commercial columns of newspapers, and the Editorial Committee can see no reason why such reports should not be published in our journal.

The Editorial Committee have no desire to make a big profit out of such transactions but to cover costs. They therefore suggest the modest charge of 55/- per column or £8 for a complete page.

If advantage is taken of this offer additional pages will be added to 'The Ringing World,' so that the ordinary amount of reading matter would not be diminished.

To give a guide to guild secretaries, approximately 550 words would be contained in a column with a reasonable amount of display. A supply of copies of 'The Ringing World' containing the report would also be available to guild secretaries, at special terms.

The Editor would be pleased to assist secretaries in abbreviating reports to fit them into the space they are prepared to purchase.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

LIVERPOOL, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1957, *in* 4 *Hours.*
AT THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5280 LANGLEY SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 42 cwt.

LESTER L. GRAY	*Treble*	HARRY POYNER	7
JOHN E. SPICE	2	DEREK OGDEN	8
DOREEN DUTTON	3	RONALD KENRICK	9
*JACK ASHCROFT	4	CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE	10
*HENRY J. FIELDEN	5	EDWIN C. BIRKETT	11
*ALEXANDER J. MARTIN	6	JOSEPH RIDYARD	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.
* First peal of Maximus. First peal in the method for all the band except the ringer of the seventh. First peal in the method on the bells, and by the Association.
Rung in memoriam Walter W. Wolstencroft.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(The Ashton-under-Lyne Society.)
On Sat., Feb. 23, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 26¼ cwt.

PETER LAFLIN	*Treble*	JOHN WORTH	7
FRED DUNKERLEY	2	BRIAN HARRIS	8
BASIL JONES	3	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	9
JAMES FEARNLEY	4	EDWARD JENKINS	10
C. KENNETH LEWIS	5	NEIL D. LOMAS	11
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	6	JOSEPH WHITTAKER	*Tenor*

Composed by F. DANIEL. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
Rung in memoriam W. W. Wolstencroft, an old and respected member of the Ashton-under-Lyne Society.

TEN BELL PEALS

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 9, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5000 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.

JOYCE A. PARSONS	*Treble*	CHARLES W. MUNDAY	6
KATHLEEN E. WELLER	2	JAMES PHILLIPS	7
DAVID E. PARSONS	3	MICHAEL P. MORETON	8
FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN	4	MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT	9
JOHN HILL	5	EDWARD G. TALBOT	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by DAVID E. PARSONS.
Rung to celebrate the birth of a son, Christopher David, to Jill and Raymond Parsons, and to mark the engagement of Miss Kathleen Weller to Michael Chilcott.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 9, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 26 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK.
A PEAL OF 5055 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 24 cwt. 7 lb. in D.

*ALAN WARD	*Treble*	*NEIL BENNETT	6
*TREVOR TAYLOR	2	*GEOFF. D. FEARNEHOUGH	7
*CAROL EUSTACE	3	*DEREK TAYLOR	8
†VICTOR GRIFFIN	4	‡DEREK OGDEN	9
BRIAN A. TOMLINSON	5	NEIL D. LOMAS	*Tenor*

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by DEREK OGDEN.
* First peal of Stedman † First peal of Caters. ‡ 100th peal.

MARSDEN, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 9, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW.
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 26¼ cwt. in D.

GORDON BENFIELD	*Treble*	ALEXANDER E. MARSH	6
HOWARD SCOTT	2	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	7
MILTON C. FOWLER	3	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	8
*M. VIVIEN COPPING	4	VERNON BOTTOMLEY	9
J. FREDERICK MILNER	5	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.
* First peal of Surprise Royal. First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal on the bells.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., March 9, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB ROYAL
Tenor 35 cwt.

*P. RUTH HOSKEN	*Treble*	*ARTHUR F. BURLEY	6
*V. MARY MATTHEWS	2	*HARRY HARPER	7
*DENIS F. WHEELER	3	†ALAN CARVETH	8
THOMAS G. MYERS	4	REV. A. S. ROBERTS	9
GEOFFREY W. TAYSOM	5	ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD	*Tenor*

Composed by EDWARD FRANCIS. Conducted by ALAN CARVETH.
* First 10-bell peal. † First peal of Bob Royal 'inside.' First 10-bell peal as conductor.

RICKMANSWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 9, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor 20 cwt. 20 lb. in D.

BERTIE A. CORNELL	*Treble*	RONALD J. SHARP	6
BRIAN BLADON	2	*KENNETH R. DUNSTAN	7
*REGINALD ROWLEY	3	RALPH BIRD	8
†JOAN WILCOCKSON	4	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM	9
WILLIAM WENBAN	5	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.
Conducted by GEORGE W. DEBENHAM.
* First peal of Treble Bob Royal. † First peal on ten bells. First peal of Royal in the method on the bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

COGGESHALL, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19¾ cwt. in F.

*CHARLES H. TURNER	*Treble*	ALAN R. SYDER	5
FRANK CLAYDON	2	TERRY EARLE	6
LEWIS W. WIFFEN	3	WALTER ARNOLD	7
CHARLES W. BURTON	4	HILDA G SNOWDEN	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM KEEBLE. Conducted by HILDA G. SNOWDEN.
* First peal. First peal in the bells since the rebuilding of the church and tower, damaged by enemy action during the war, 1939-45.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.
LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16½ cwt. in E.

*DENNIS A. HEWITT	*Treble*	A. ST. JOHN BOYACK	5
MRS. OLIVE L. ROGERS	2	THOMAS E. DAVIES	6
BARWELL B. DIBBEN	3	WILFRID G. WILSON	7
†DAVID G. JACKSON	4	HAROLD W. ROGERS	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS. Conducted by HAROLD W. ROGERS.
* First peal of Major. † First peal of Yorkshire.

BLOXHAM, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 23, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

*JOHN PEGLAR	*Treble*	†JOHN H. GREGORY	5
*JANICE GRIMSLEY	2	EDMUND E. PEARSON	6
†CHRISTOPHER C. CLARKE	3	GEORGE F. BURTON	7
†ROBERT A. REEVES	4	*EDGAR S. HITCHCOX	*Tenor*

Composed by VICARS. Conducted by EDMUND E. PEARSON.
* First peal. † First peal of Triples. First peal in the method on the bells. First peal on the bells since they were retuned and rehung in a new frame, October, 1956. First peal on the bells since 1908.

RATBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 23, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5088 PAINSWICK SURPRISE MAJOR

E. CHARLES TURNER	*Treble*	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON	5
RICHARD F. PRIME	2	WILLIAM A. LACEY	6
VERNON GREEN	3	JOHN E. COOK	7
DOREEN D. DUTTON	4	HERRICK B. BOWLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by N. PITSTOW. Conducted by WILLIAM A. LACEY.
First peal in the method by all the band.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 23, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET-OF-ANTIOCH,
A PEAL OF 5056 BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.

MRS. F. G. WILTON	*Treble*	†FRANCIS G. WILTON	5
*DR. C. GUY ROWORTH	2	RAYMOND C. WESTNEY	6
*MICHAEL B. KEMP	3	ANTHONY R. PEAKE	7
†RICHARD E. G. LUTON	4	ERIC SUTTON	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD (C.C.C. 115).
Conducted by ERIC SUTTON.
* First peal of Major. † First of Major in the method. First of Major as conductor.
Rung following the wedding of Mr. Alan J. Field to Miss Carole H. Whitaker.

LODDON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Feb. 27, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5008 MAJOR
Being 3,072 Double Oxford, 1,936 St. Clement's and 80 Crayford College Bob, with 101 changes of method. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

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

Composed and conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
Rung in honour of the 85th birthday of Mr. Ronald Browne, and the birth of Nigel John Moore, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Moore, now of Leicester.

MILES PLATTING, MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Feb. 27, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 12¼ cwt. in G.

*PETER BEVERLEY	*Treble*	TREVOR TAYLOR	5
*GILLIAN BRIDGFORD	2	†JOHN P. BRYANT	6
†GEOFFREY HOPKINSON	3	DEREK TAYLOR	7
†CAROL EUSTACE	4	ALLAN SHARPLES	*Tenor*

Conducted by TREVOR TAYLOR.
* First peal. † First of Triples.

ARUNDEL, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 2, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5056 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt 3 qr. 4 lb. in E.

*SYLVIA STREATER	*Treble*	ROGER BALDWIN	5
†RICHARD G. BLACKMAN	2	HENRY C. WEAVER	6
S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT	3	GEORGE FRANCIS	7
ERNEST TREAGUS	4	RAYMOND P. WOOD	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM WILLSON (C.C.C. 223).
Conducted by RAYMOND P. WOOD.
* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method 'inside.'

BADSEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 2, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 4 lb.

*ANTHONY J. BRAZIER	*Treble*	SIDNEY T. HOLT	5
JOHN THOMAS	2	REGINALD WOODYATT	6
GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	3	JOSEPH E. NEWMAN	7
*GERALD C. HEMMING	4	THOMAS W. LEWIS	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by GEOFFREY J. HEMMING.
* First peal of Superlative. First in method as conductor and first in method on the bells.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 2, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

E. DENNIS POOLE	*Treble*	E. G. SWIFT	5
JOHN D. KAPE	2	RICHARD E. DEAN	6
ANTHONY E. COX	3	ROLAND BIGGS	7
DAVID CORNWALL	4	WALTER LEE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by WALTER LEE.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., March 2, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5056 BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 60 lb. in F.

*PAUL D. T. CATTERMOLE	*Treble*	ARTHUR G. BASON	5
JAMES W. FORDER	2	GEORGE SAYER	6
ERNEST LONG	3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	7
GODFREY G. WALPOLE	4	NOLAN GOLDEN	*Tenor*

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

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 2, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

JOHN MURFIN	*Treble*	VIVIENNE M. HORTON	5
ALBERT E. THOMPSON	2	PHILIP H. WHITTAKER	6
ROBIN G. TURNER	3	FRANCIS R. LOWE	7
GORDON A. HALLS	4	DENIS R. CARLISLE	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by GORDON A. HALLS.
Rung on the occasion of the first Sir Arthur P. Heywood dinner to his memory.

NORTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 2, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.
A PEAL OF 5056 BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 lb.

HORACE E. WERRETT	*Treble*	JACK S. DEAR	5
REX M. DIXON	2	†DAVID SUTCLIFFE	6
K. PATRICIA HUTTON	3	†J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE	7
*ROBERT E. DAY	4	EDWIN G. BUCK	*Tenor*

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by HORACE E. WERRETT.
* First peal of Major. † First of Bob Major 'inside.' First in the method as conductor.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Edna Kerr and Maurice A. Collings, R.A.F., a member of the local band. Also a welcome to the new curate, the Rev. Gerald Butler.

SOUTHPORT, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 2, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

LESTER L. GRAY	*Treble*	HENRY J. FIELDEN	5
RONALD KENRICK	2	ALEXANDER J. MARTIN	6
*JOHN NELSON	3	*CYRIL LOWE	7
MARGARET E. RIDYARD	4	JOSEPH RIDYARD	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.
* First peal of London Surprise Major.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Bunty Marshall and a birthday compliment to Miss Jean Fairclough, both members of the local band. Also for the wedding of Miss Edna Wharton, daughter of the towerkeeper of Oxton, to Mr. Vincent Sparks, which took place at Oxton the same day.

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READING, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 2, 1957, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.

*KENNETH COTTERELL ..	*Treble*	ROBERT H. BEGRIE	5
†HELEN M. BRANT	2	JOHN N. DISERENS ..	6
RAYMOND G. BURTON ..	3	NOEL J. DISERENS	7
RONALD F. DISERENS ..	4	*DOUGLAS G. BYNG	*Tenor*

Conducted by NOEL J. DISERENS.

* First peal. † First peal of Stedman.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Hinckley District.)
On Sat., March 2, 1957, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

*RODNEY RICHARDSON ..	*Treble*	*A. MAXWELL LINDSEY ..	5
MICHAEL E. BROWN.. ..	2	JOHN H. BAILEES	6
ALFRED BALLARD	3	MICHAEL VERNON	7
JOHN VERNON	4	FREDERICK WATSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by MICHAEL VERNON.

* First peal of Triples.

Rung with the best wishes of the band to Mr. Nun L. Walker, Ringing Master at this church, who has been ill for some time.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 2, 1957, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GAINSBOROUGH LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in F sharp.

DAVID HEIGHTON	*Treble*	DONALD E. COBB	5
TUDOR P. EDWARDS	2	ALAN F. LEE	6
PATRICIA M. BOURNE.. ..	3	PHILIP W. WEEKS	7
HAROLD L. PARFREY	4	ROGER O. FRY	*Tenor*

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY. Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.

The first peal in the method by all the band, in the county, and for the Association.

WAKEFIELD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 2, 1957, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

DAVID CUBITT	*Treble*	GEOFFREY TOWNEND ..	5
JAMES H. KIRBY..	2	*HAROLD CHANT	6
JOHN E. KIRBY	3	WILFRID F. MORETON ..	7
PETER WOODWARD	4	DOUGLAS BARKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples.

Rung by the Sunday service band to mark the 25th year of ringing at the Cathedral Church by the brothers James and John Kirby. Also in honour of the wedding of John Waddington and Pauline Fuller, daughter of Mr. C. H. Fuller, verger of the Cathedral Church, and Mrs. Fuller.

WOBURN, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 2, 1957, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5088 BOB MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

ELSIE K. HART	*Treble*	JOSEPH MARKS	5
ALBERT W. COLES	2	KENNETH G. SPAVINS ..	6
JOHN B. SANSOM	3	W. NORMAN GENNA	7
H. GEORGE HART	4	JOHN W. EUSTON	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN W. EUSTON.

Arranged and rung as an 82nd birthday compliment to H. Douglas Harris.

WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., March 3, 1957, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 9 lb. in F.

FREDERICK W. BURNETT..	*Treble*	E. WINIFRED KEYS	5
*GEORGE FRY	2	RALPH BIRD	6
BARWELL B. DIBBEN ..	3	JOHN L. MORRIS..	7
THOMAS E. SONE	4	PHILIP MEHEW	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by JOHN L. MORRIS.

* First peal in the method. Mr. T. E. Sone's 575th peal and 450th for the Association.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

HORSLEY, DERBYSHIRE.
NON-ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1957, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 30 extents and three 240's each of Pitman's and Morris's arrangement. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

ALAN MARSHALL	*Treble*	*GWEN HARRISON	3
*CLIFFORD BULL..	2	K. JOHN FAULKNER	4

REGINALD J. STRETTON .. *Tenor*
Conducted by REGINALD J. STRETTON.

* First peal.

WAREHORNE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Feb. 27, 1957, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in eight methods, viz.: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Oxford Treble Bob, (3) Kent Treble Bob, (4) Plain and Double Bob, (5) Double Oxford Bob, (6) St. Clement's College Bob, (7) Double Court Bob, each called differently. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

*MAISIE VANTOM	*Treble*	*CRAWFORD T. HILLIS ..	4
ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD ..	2	†JOHN R. COOPER	5
*OLIVE M. BOULDEN ..	3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

* First peal of Minor in eight methods. † 100th peal for the Association.

BUXHALL, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., March 2, 1957, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR
Being seven different 720s' (Ropesight Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 18, 22).
Tenor 15 cwt.

KENNETH G. BROWN ..	*Treble*	ROBERT E. LESTER	4
LESLIE N. MELTON	2	DAVID BRAND	5
*HUBERT MITSON	3	RONALD STEWARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by KENNETH G. BROWN.

* First peal.

CORSCOMBE, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., March 2, 1957, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being one 2,160 and four different extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout. Tenor 17 cwt.

HENRY G. KEELEY	*Treble*	WALTER H. POOLE	4
*MARTIN D. BISHOP	2	†HARRY J. GAYLARD	5
H. DENNIS W. BISHOP ..	3	G. STEDMAN MORRIS ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by G. STEDMAN MORRIS.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor in the method. The first peal in the method on the bells.

CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 2, 1957, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-A-BECKET.
A PEAL OF 5040 DELIGHT MINOR
In five methods: (1) Willesden, College Bob IV, Old Oxford, Newdigate and Marple; (2) Willesden, College Bob IV, Old Oxford and Newdigate; (3) Marple; (4) Newdigate; (5) Old Oxford; (6) Willesden; (7) College Bob IV. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

FRANK OSBALDISTON ..	*Treble*	ROBERT SMITH	4
BERNARD GROVES	2	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE ..	5
ALAN MCFALL	3	WILLIAM A. SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. SMITH.

FRYERNING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 2, 1957, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR
In 12 methods: (1) Chester and Munden, (2) London and Wells, (3) York and Durham, (4) Lightfoot and Wearmouth, (5) Beverley and Surfleet, (6) and (7) Ipswich and Cambridge; 76 changes of method. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

MARY DOWSETT	*Treble*	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE..	4
ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON ..	2	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS ..	5
PATRICK W. SALTMARSH ..	3	JOE E. G. ROAST	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

First peal of Spliced Surprise in 12 methods by all.

HEADINGLEY, LEEDS,
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Leeds and District Society.)
On Sat., March 2, 1957, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD.
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb.

*ROSEMARY HICK	*Treble*	*ERNEST JOHNSON	4
JOHN AUSTIN	2	*ALFRED JOHNSON	5
†BRYAN TURNBULL	3	LEONARD DRAKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by LEONARD DRAKE.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

Rung on St. Chad's Day, on the 89th anniversary of the church, by the local company.

HUTTON CRANSWICK, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 2, 1957, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being one Morris's 240 and 40 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 18¼ cwt.

HAROLD SPENCER	*Treble*	WILLIAM HUDSON	4
ANN M. HUDDLESTON ..	2	BERT SUTTON	5
JOHN A. ROBERTSHAW ..	3	JAMES A. PARKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by BERT SUTTON.

A compliment to Albert E. Sellers, president of the Beverley and District Society, on his completion of 50 years as a member of the Yorkshire Association.

MEREWORTH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 2, 1957, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents: (1) Annable's London Surprise; (2) Killamarsh Treble Bob; (3) Oxford Bob; (4) Double Oxford, Thelwall, Childwall and St. Clement's; (5) Cambridge Surprise; (6) Oxford and Kent Treble Bob; (7) Plain Bob, Double Bob and Fulbeck. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

TERENCE BARTON..	*Treble*	MICHAEL J. ROWE	4
CYRIL S. JARRETT	2	JOHN L. MORRIS	5
PHILIP MEHEW	3	RALPH BIRD..	*Tenor*

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

First peal in 13 methods on the bells.

SIDCUP, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 2, 1957, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford T.B. and Kent T.B., and two extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

*SUSAN P. NICHOLSON ..	*Treble*	RICHARD W. STEPHENS ..	4
MARY R. ANDREWS	2	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ..	5
MARY FULLER	3	MAXWELL F. OAKSHETT ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR S. RICHARDS.

* First attempt for a peal.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. Cyril E. Palmer on completing, in January, 1957, 21 years as captain of the local band.

TATTENHALL, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 2, 1957, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALBAN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being a 720 each of Double Court, Double Bob, St. Clement's, Childwall, Double Oxford, Thelwall and Oxford Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 17 lb.

GEORGE F. SPERRING.. ..	*Treble*	EDWARD V. RODENHURST..	4
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	2	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD..	5
HENRY O. BAKER	3	PERCY SWINDLEY..	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

TAXAL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 2, 1957, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
A PEAL OF 5040 ST. CLEMENT'S BOB MINOR

Being seven extents (five callings). Tenor 11 cwt. 23 lb.

*ROBERT SMITH	*Treble*	*ALAN MCFALL	4
†ALEC OSBALDISTON.. ..	2	*BERNARD GROVES	5
*BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE ..	3	†WILLIAM A. SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

* First peal of Minor in the method. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. The conductor has now 'circled the tower.'

Rung as a welcome to the Rector, Rev. T. G. Pedlow.

APSLEY END, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., March 4, 1957, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Beverley, Hull, Primrose, Bourne, London, Cambridge and Norwich. Tenor 14¾ cwt.

ROY L. SHUTTER	*Treble*	KEITH B. GOOD	4
JOHN W. SINFIELD	2	WALTER AYRE	5
WILLIAM C. HUGHES.. ..	3	WILLIAM J. PUDDIFOOT ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

Rung by ex-Scouts to honour the memory of Baden-Powell and the foundation of the Scout Movement.

HORSELL, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., March 8, 1957, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's, each called differently, all 5-6's at backstroke.
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. in G.

EUNICE A. HILEY	*Treble*	ERNEST R. WARNER	4
GEORGE OLIVER	2	ROY COLLINS	5
HAZEL L. HANCOCK	3	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

The conductor's 50th tower in Surrey for a peal.

Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. A. P. A. Gaze, who was inducted on Friday, March 1st.

LITTLE CHART, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 9, 1957, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in B.

*PEGGY SKINNER	*Treble*	†JOSEPH J. BATCHELOR ..	4
GEOFFREY PEARSON	2	CRAWFORD T. HILLIS ..	5
THOMAS CULLINGWORTH..	3	JOHN R. COOPER	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. COOPER.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. The first peal on the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS

FALLOWFIELD, MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Feb 22, 1957, in 1 Hour and 35 Minutes,
AT 22, EGERTON STREET.
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents.

ALLAN SHARPLES..	1—2	DEREK TAYLOR	3—4
		TREVOR TAYLOR	5—6

Conducted by TREVOR TAYLOR.

LONDON, S.W.
THE UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Feb. 24, 1957, in 2 Hours,
AT 24, MYSORE ROAD.
A PEAL OF 5056 BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 16 in B.

DAVID G. JACKSON	1—2	WILLIAM H. JACKSON ..	5—6
R. JAMES COOK	3—4	WILLIAM T. COOK	7—8

Composed by JOHN E. BURTON. Conducted by WILLIAM T. COOK.

CLEATHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Feb. 27, 1957, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT CLEATHAM HOUSE FARM.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

MRS. J. BRAY	1—2	JOHN FREEMAN	5—6
GEORGE E. FEIRN	3—4	JACK BRAY	7—8

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JACK BRAY.
Witness: JOHN A. FREEMAN.

First peal of Surprise Major 'in hand' by all, in the county, and for the Guild by a resident band.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Wed., Feb. 27, 1957, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

DONALD H. NIBLETT	1—2	DEREK G. GOODMAN.. ..	5—6
WILLIAM H. JACKSON.. ..	3—4	ROBIN A. HODGSON	7—8

Composed by JOHN THORP. Conducted by DONALD H. NIBLETT.

First peal in the method 'in hand' as conductor.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On Feb. 24th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: R. Bird (cond.) 1, M. F. Oakshett 2, L. W. G. Skinner 3, Hilda Oakshett 4, I. H. Oram 5, B. Bladon 6. First quarter peal of the bells, dedicated this day by the Bishop of Croydon (the Rt. Rev. J. T. Hughes).

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Doubles (240 Reverse St. Bartholomew, 240 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, 360 Bob and 420 Grandsire): Pamela Law 1, June A. Grieveson 2, Pamela R. Gough 3, R. D. Brown 4, H. W. Brown (cond.) 5, Valerie Mepham 6. First in four methods for all. Rung as a compliment to Pamela Law and Ian McGill on their recent engagement. Also on Feb. 24th, 1,260 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob Doubles: R. D. Brown 1, S. W. Brown (first in method as cond.) 2, Pamela R. Gough 3, June A. Grieveson 4, H. W. Brown 5, Diana M. Gough 6. An 85th birthday compliment to Mr. G. A. Steele, honorary captain of the band, and a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Gywneth Brown, a member of the band.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCS.—At the Parish Church, on Feb. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Shallcross (aged 11, first quarter) 1, Joan Carter (cond.) 2, W. Harrison 3, D. Yates 4, D. K. Malloch 5, D. F. Malloch 6.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On Jan. 13th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Wingrove (cond.) 1, Kathleen Fletcher 2, Dorothy Fletcher 3, J. Harrison 4, D. Lamb 5, J. Meads (first in method) 6, A. Bridges 7, S. Hatfield 8. Also on Feb. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Wingrove (cond.) 1, Ann Shiels 2, Dorothy Fletcher 3, R. Buckland 4, G. Swift 5, J. Harrison 6, J. Scott 7, A. Bridges 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Bindon Springett, a churchwarden for 35 years.

BILLINGBOROUGH, LINCS.—On Mar. 7th, 1,260 Bob Minor: Miss P. Crosby (first quarter) 1, G. S. Colishaw 2, G. Creasey 3, A. E. Chilton 4, S. R. Wilson 5, L. P. Wilson (cond.) 6.

BOSTON, LINCS.—On Feb. 11th, at St. Botolph's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Freeston 1, R. Brown 2, F. P. Harwood 3, A. Freeston 4, F. Leggott 5, W. B. Dawson 6, W. E. Clarke (cond.) 7, J. Petch 8. Rung half-muffled after the interment of Sidney Jessop, a ringer at this church for 36 years.

BOURNEMOUTH, HANTS.—At St. Peter's Church, on Feb. 13th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Blachford (first quarter) 1, Miss G. Rea 2, Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay 3, Miss D. Battersby 4, R. Pike 5, E. Booth 6, A. V. Davis (cond.) 7, J. Coles 8. For the induction of the new Vicar to St. Peter's (the Rev. W. H. Fox-Robinson).

BOWNESS-ON-WINDERMERE, WESTMORLAND.—On Mar. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Walker (first quarter) 1, J. Tebay 2, C. Fawcett (first 'inside') 3, W. E. Pepper (first 'inside') 4, F. Wilson 5, L. D. Clement 6, A. Capstick (cond) 7, W. Chadwick (first quarter) 8. Rung to celebrate the 21st birthday of Jim Tebay's daughter.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. T. Wilson 1, Miss E. Pryke 2, E. W. Furbank 3, J. H. Sitch 4, H. Turner (cond.) 5, A. Pryke 6, B. C. Hines 7, H. Flanders 8.

CHARLTON KINGS, GLOS.—On Mar. 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss S. M. Parsons 1, G. Simmonds 2, D. W. Beard (cond.) 3, F. Waite 4, F. Stephens 5, T. Boreham 6, C. A. Wratten 7, J. Tyler 8. First of Stedman for 5 and 8.

CHARLWOOD, SURREY.—On Mar. 3rd, 1,320 Bob Doubles: R Kearn (first away from tenor) 1, A. Shelley (first of Bob Doubles) 2, Mrs. P. S. Cracknell 3, B. A. Cracknell (cond.) 4, A. J. Ede 5, A. W. King 6. For Matins on Quinquagesima Sunday.

CLAVERLEY, SALOP.—On Mar. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Courtman 1, J. Marsh 2, G. Goodson 3, E. Drew (cond.) 4, C. Jones 5, F. Bennett 6, F. Hinton 7, N. Haycock 8. A farewell to the Vicar (the Rev. G. A. H. Rainbow) on his leaving to become Vicar of Leominster.

COWBRIDGE, GLAM.—On Feb. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 covering): T. Hutchings 1, C. Evans 2, R. E. Coles (cond.) 3, H. Blick 4, E. Carter 5, J. Thomas 6, I. Davies 7, R. Brown 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. David Brown, late churchwarden.

QUARTER PEALS

CULLOMPTON, DEVON.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Bob Royal: C. Yates 1, F. Wreford 2, A. Reed 3, E. M. Atkins (cond.) 4, S. Skinner 5, B. Pidgeon 6, G. Retter 7, G. Skinner 8, J. Glanvill 9, N. Mallett 10. First of Royal for 1, 2, 5, 7, 8 and 9. A wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. Deem.

DARTFORD, KENT.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: N. North 1, H. Hoverd (cond.) 2, Mrs. J. Hall 3, S. Ball 4, F. Walker 5, J. Taylor 6, H. Audsley 7, R. Rayfield 8. Rung for the Boy Scouts and Girl Guides service commemorating the centenary of Lord Baden Powell's birth.

DERBY.—On Feb. 13th, at St. Andrew's Church, 1,260 Bob Minor: K. Ballington (12, first of Minor) 1, G. Freebrey 2, E. Walklate (13) 3, J. Murfin (14) 4, D. P. Jones (cond.) 5, B. Manning 6, F. Murfin cover bell. A farewell to the Rev. S. K. Reynolds, priest-in-charge, and member of the local band, who was leaving to become Vicar of Stonebroom.

FRIEZLAND, YORKS.—On Mar. 10th, 1,320 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: G. Perrin (cond.) 1, F. White 2, C. Henshaw 3, J. Burgess 4, L. Dawson 5, A. Farrand 6. For Evensong and as a 70th birthday compliment to the conductor.

GRAFTON REGIS, NORTHANTS.—On Mar. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Hall 1, G. Webb 2, F. Hall 3, C. Hall 4, G. Atkins (cond.) 5. For evening service and a 90th birthday compliment to Mrs. E. Morton.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—On Feb. 17th, 1,440 Norwich Surprise Minor: S. H. Ashton 1, L. Runnacles 2, G. Cherry 3, K. C. Timbury 4, F. W. Croft 5, P. W. Croft (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

HARROLD, BEDS.—On Feb. 18th, 1,260 Bob Minor: R. Walker 1, H. Gayton (cond.) 2, Iris Walker 3, H. Robinson 4, C. Payne 5, R. Grice 6. First of Minor for 1, 3 and 5.

HATFIELD, HERTS.—On Mar. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Shepherd 1, B. Boon 2, M. Pettitt (first in method 'inside') 3, E. Edmondson (cond.) 4, A. F. Cull 5, J. M. Page 6, S. Huckle 7, R. H. Cochrane 8. For Confirmation by the Lord Bishop of St. Albans.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.—On Mar. 2nd, 1,320 Bob Minor: H. Blake 1, Miss S. Barker 2, R. G. Lofty 3, G. H. Moore 4, M. J. Day 5, C. H. Moore (cond.) 6. Rung as a thanksgiving for the life of Lucy E. Heawood, 94-year-old mother of the Rector.

HOLMES CHAPEL, CHESHIRE.—On Feb. 8th, 1,440 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. B. J. Ongley 1, R. Barratt 2, B. J. Ongley 3, J. Warters 4, E. Pimlott (cond.) 5, G. Forrester 6.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Grainger 1, E. W. Furbank 2, Miss J. Peacock 3, L. S. Woods 4, H. Turner (cond.) 5, J. H. Crampion 6, F. V. Gant 7, A. Gargrave 8. In memoriam Rowland Fenn (Barking), life member of the Essex Association, and also Percy Smith, for 70 years a member of the choir of St. Andrew's, Hornchurch, both being interred this day.

IXWORTH, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (360 St. Osmund's, 360 St. Martin's, 360 St. Simon's and 180 Bob): H. King 1, P. R. J. Lester (first of Doubles) 2, L. N. Melton (first of Doubles as cond.) 3, K. G. Brown 4, D. H. Rooke 5, H. Ivings 6. For Evensong.

KERESLEY, WARWICKS.—On Mar. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. D. Hart (first quarter) 1, H. Folwell 2, R. A. Davison (first of Grandsire) 3, W. A. Stote (cond.) 4, H. D. Harrison (first 'inside') 5. Rung in honour of St. David's Day, and a 48th birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.—On Feb. 16th, 1,260 Doubles (120 Grandsire, 120 St. Martin's, 120 St. Simon's, 900 Plain): Miss R. I. Metcalfe 1, Miss G. E. Graney 2, R. W. R. Picton 3, R. V. Wallis 4, B. M. Barker (cond.) 5, D. J. Goodman 6. First in four methods by a local band. Rung for the wedding of David Young and Josephine Fisher.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—On Feb. 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. H. Winch 1, Miss P. Smee 2, A. H. Smith 3, T. A. Cross 4, B. G. Hawkins 5, A. S. Harris (first of Stedman) 6, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 7, G. Marriner 8.

LONGSTANTON, CAMBS.—On Mar. 3rd, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: A. Denson 1, N. Robinson 2, G. E. Crisp 3, L. V. Chamberlain 4, G. A. Lucas (cond.) 5, D. E. R. Knights 6.

MERROW, SURREY.—On Mar. 6th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: Valerie Bundy 1, P. A. Bird 2, Jill M. Lane 3, A. Pamela Warren (cond.) 4, D. A. R. May (first away from tenor) 5, P. Smart 6. First quarter for 1, 2 and 6. For Evensong on Ash Wednesday.

NORTH SHIELDS, NORTHUMBERLAND.—On Mar. 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Sheila Scott 1, Elizabeth B. Scott 2, R. M. Gray 3, J. Palmer 4, M. B. Livesley 5, S. Hewitt 6, J. Scott (first in method as cond.) 7, E. Langton 8. First in method for 1, 2 and 8. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Elizabeth B. Scott.

QUEDGELEY, GLOS.—On Mar. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. F. Wixey 1, F. E. T. Tranter 2, S. Pugh 3, G. Green 4, W. C. Wixey 5, W. R. Wixey 6. Conducting shared by 5, 3 and 2. For Evensong.

SHOREDITCH, E.—On Mar. 10th, 1,311 Stedman Cinques: Mabel Prockson 1, R. Keeley 2, Mrs. R. F. Deal 3, D. Robinson 4, C. Hughes 5, W. Prockson 6, F. D. Bishop 7, A. R. Ling (cond.) 8, E. V. Williams 9, B. F. Baker 10, T. H. Francis 11, J. Phillips 12. In memoriam William Shimmans, late member of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.

SHUTE, DEVON.—On Mar. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Sprague 1, F. Gardner 2, Prebendary E. V. Cox (cond.) 3, A. Pring 4, R. Loud 5, C. Farmer 6. First by all except the conductor. Rung as a compliment to the ringer of the treble, who is captain of the band, on completing his 50th year as a ringer.

SILSOE, BEDS.—On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (360 April Day, 240 Bob, 660 Grandsire): B. A. Martin 1, T. P. Harris (cond.) 2, D. R. Brazier 3, J. F. Olney 4, P. J. Lawton 5, G. F. Olney 6. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to the late C. Henry Harding. Also on Mar. 1st, 1,260 Bob Doubles: B. A. Martin 1, P. J. Lawton 2, D. Kitchener (first quarter) 3, T. P. Harris (cond.) 4, A. W. Allen 5, G. M. Wood 6. First in the method on the bells. Rung for St. David's Day.

SOUTHGATE, N.—At Christ Church, on Mar. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Stanyon 1, Miss A. Aldridge 2, C. Aldridge 3, J. Wallman (cond.) 4, R. Motton (first 'inside') 5, J. Perrett 6. For the Parish Communion.

STAMFORD HILL, N.—At St. Ann's Church, on Mar 5th, 1,320 Minor (720 College Single and 600 St. Clement's): Miss L. Hawes 1, Miss P. Rowe 2, M. Cubitt 3, B. Bladon (cond.) 4, M. J. Rowe 5, E. J. Rowe 6. First of College Single by all. Also on Mar. 10th, 1,440 Spliced Surprise Minor (London, Wells, York and Durham, 24 changes of method): M. Cubitt 1, Miss J. Secker 2, Miss F. Secker 3, B. Bladon (cond.) 4, M. Rowe 5, E. J. Rowe 6. First of four Spliced by the local band.

STREATHAM, S.W.—On Mar. 10th, at St. Leonard's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Simmons 1, Mrs. R. Sanders 2, Miss P. Howard 3, J. Chapman (cond.) 4, J. Rea 5, C. Nichols 6, R. Sanders 7, G. Miles 8.

TOTTERNHOE, BEDS.—On Feb. 17th, 1,264 Bob Major: Mrs. J. Newman 1, Miss J. Gladman 2, F. J. Cook 3, J. G. Newman 4, R. J. Scott 5, J. R. Jordan 6, D. Broyd 7, J. W. Sinfield (cond.) 8. For evening service.

WADENHOE, NORTHANTS.—On Mar. 2nd, 1,260 Bob Minor: A. Clarke 1, Mrs. Clarke (first 'inside') 2, G. W. Jeffs 3, T. Jervis 4, E. Briggs 5, L. Witten (cond.) 6. Rung as a wedding compliment.

WARMLEY, GLOS.—On Mar. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss S. Lewis (first quarter) 1, R. G. Hooper (cond.) 2, A. Gibbs 3, Miss R. M. Webb 4, H. Taysom 5, C. J. Turner 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. Werrett, a lifelong member of St. Barnabas' Church.

WILLINGHAM, CAMBS.—On Mar. 3rd, 1,440 Norwich Surprise Minor: A. Denson 1, N. Robinson 2, L. V. Chamberlain 3, G. E. Crisp 4, G. A. Lucas 5, D. E. R. Knights (cond.) 6. For Sung Eucharist.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Mar. 10th, 1,264 Bob Major: E. Jacobs 1, J. Tomsett 2, A. Bishop 3, Susan Jacobs 4, G. Goodman 5, A. Bagworth 6, N. Bagworth 7, F. Corfield (cond.) 8. First of Bob Major for 1, 3, 4 and 6.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.—On Feb. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mary Helder 1, Joyce Haywood 2, Shelagh Whitehouse 3, G. Huxley 4, A. E. Cheesman 5, N. Hobden 6, H. N. Pitstow 7, R. I. Parsons 8. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Mary Helder and Miss Shelagh Whitehouse by members of the local band.

BEDFORD.—At St. Paul's Church, On Feb. 17th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: K. Wakefield 1, B. Pattison 2, Avril Thackray 3, Anne E. Amor 4, S. Foskett 5, G. Amor 6, S. J. Ivin 7, C. E. Jeffries 8, R. Piron 9, D. Thompson 10. First of Caters for 1 and 3. Also on Sexagesima, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss M. R. Crewe 1, B. Pattison (cond.) 2, Miss A. Amor 3, Miss J. Davis 4, J. R. Taylor 5, P. J. Shipton 6, J. B. Long 7, R. A. Lennard 8, R. G. Corby 9, D. Thompson 10. Rung as a compliment to Mr. A. Summerfield on completing 24 years' service as verger.

BIDDENHAM, BEDS.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. W. Marsh 1, N. F. Hull 2, A. Simpson (cond.) 3, C. L. Lovell (first quarter) 4, R. A. Lennard 5, M. L. Podd 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Brian Pattison by a band from Bedford Modern School.

BUCKLEBURY, BERKS.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,248 Spliced London, Bristol, Cambridge, Superlative, Rutland and Yorkshire Surprise Major: Daphne R. Castell 1, S. J. Ivin (cond.) 2, D. N. Niblett 3, D. P. Jones 4, R. W. Rex 5, G. K. Dodd 6, J. M. Lakin 7, P. Mehew 8. First quarter of six Spliced for all the band.

FULHAM, S.W.—On Feb. 24th, 1,301 Stedman Caters: Miss A. Garnett 1, Mrs. C. Watts 2, B. Lunn 3, H. Belcher 4, W. Langdon 5, James Phillips 6, W. Cook 7, W. Williams 8, John Phillips (cond.) 9, H. Page 10.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—On Mar. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. King 1, Frances A. Brown (first 'inside') 2, C. W. R. Grimwood 3, Eunice A. Hiley (first as cond.) 4, H. Colcombe 5, C. Chinnery 6. For Matins.

QUARTER PEALS

RADSTOCK, SOMERSET.—On Mar. 2nd, 1,440 Minor (720 each of Bob and Single Oxford): A. Jones 1, D. Hoare (cond.) 2, R. Thatcher 3, J. Holbrook 4, E. Brown 5, F. Carter 6. Rung by the Sunday service band as a welcome to the Rev. Norman E. Mitchell, M.A., upon his induction to this parish the previous evening.

READING, BERKS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Feb. 17th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Diserens (cond.) 1, K. Cotterell 2, R. Begrie 3, Mrs. A. Diserens 4, W. Newton 5, R. Burton 6, N. J. Diserens 7, D. Byng (first quarter) 8.

RUGBY, WARWICKS.—At the Church of St. Andrew, on Mar. 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: S. G. Osborne 1, Mrs. W. J. Vann 2, A. Barlow 3, E. Hunt 4, W. J. Vann 5, J. Underwood 6, D. J. Pitstow (cond.) 7, P. Fisher 8. For Matins, and as a farewell compliment to the conductor, who is leaving for Newcastle-under-Lyme.

PELSALL, STAFFS.—On Feb. 24th, 1,440 Bob Minor: K. Williams 1, Samela R. P. Thomas 2, Stella Hughes 3, Elizabeth M. Yardley 4, G. W. Hughes (cond.) 5, E. Stitch 6. Rung after the failure of a peal attempt.

SANDY, BEDS.—On Feb. 16th, 1,260 Bob Minor: P. Endersby 1, B. Backhouse 2, R. J. Kitchener 3, D. Munns 4, Joan Ashton (cond.) 5, H. Gurney 6. Rung for the wedding of Ruby M. Jarvis to Douglas E. King, also the wedding of Margaret A. Odell to Harold L. Odell.

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKS.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Doubles, in 10 methods (120 each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place, Bob, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, April Day, Old, Reverse St. Bartholomew and 180 Grandsire): H. Paul 1, A. Thornton 2, D. M. Hawley 3, A. Sheppard 4, J. Potts (first in 10 methods as cond.) 5, E. M. Bradley 6. For Evensong.

SOUTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On Mar. 2nd, 1,440 Minor (720 Spliced Kent and Oxford, 720 Bob): Mrs. D. G. Mayell 1, Miss D. A. Lodge 2, H. Turner (cond.) 3, A. Bryant 4, D. G. Mayell 5, F. R. Goddard 6. First in three Minor methods by all except conductor. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. W. King on the birth of a daughter; also a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd.

STAGSDEN, BEDS.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,272 Doubles, in 11 methods (All Saints', St. Martin's, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Stedman, St. Nicholas', St. Simon's, Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Winchendon Place, Grandsire and Small Bob): P. J. Shipton 1, J. B. Long 2, B. Pattison (cond.) 3, M. G. Hooton 4, H. S. Peacock 5. Rung half-muffled in memoriam C. Henry Harding, who passed to Higher Service this day. R.I.P.

STAMFORD HILL, N.—At St. Ann's Church, on Mar. 3rd, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Miss P. Rowe 1, Miss L. Hawes (first of Surprise) 2, Miss F. Secker (first of Surprise as cond.) 3, M. J. Rowe 4, E. J. Rowe 5, B. Bladon 6.

STONY STRATFORD, BUCKS.—On Feb. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. T. Giddins 1, H. C. Edwards (cond.) 2, J. Higgins 3, A. W. Dillow 4, I. Odell 5, R. Eales 6. First quarter by 1 and 5.

TEMPSFORD, BEDS.—On Feb. 28th, 1,260 Bob Minor: J. Blick 1, Mrs. M. Marshall 2, L. Duffield 3, E. White 4, R. Houghton 5, J. H. Edwards (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam C. Henry Harding, interred this day at Blunham.

TOTTERNHOE, BEDS.—On Mar. 3rd, 1,260 Minor (720 Cambridge, 540 Bob): W. Sear 1, J. G. Newman 2, R. J. Scott 3, F. Cook 4, J. R. Jordan 5, J. N. Sinfield (cond.) 6. Rung in memoriam Mr. C. Henry Harding.

WELLINGTON, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. E. Webber 1, G. Salter 2, Mrs. E. S. Powell 3, S. N. Bristow 4, G. Walford 5, G. Gammon (cond.) 6, D. T. North 7, C. H. Baker 8. In memoriam A. W. Hayward.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Congratulations to Mrs. J. Bray, of Burton-on-Stather, Lincs, who rang her 300th peal on March 9th. We are informed that she is the only lady who has rung peals in more than 100 methods. Three famous peals she participated in were 125 methods of Minor on tower bells, 106 Minor methods 'in hand' and 50 Spliced Surprise Major methods 'in hand.'

The peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus at Canterbury Cathedral on February 9th was Mr. Roger O. Fry's 200th peal.

Mr. F. E. Collins is the new Master of the Surrey Association. He succeeds Mr. R. Davies, who had to retire in accordance with the three-year rule.

'The Manchester Guardian,' of March 13th, described the late Mr. G. F. Woodhouse's machine as one that can play 500 tunes! Who said there was no music of the bells?

Mr. G. Walford, of Wellington, Somerset, informs us in regard to Mr. M. V. White's list of 4-bell towers (page 170) that Nynehead has had a ring of six since 1907. Bathealton's are in good ringing order.

After holding the office of Bristol Rural Branch chairman for less than one month, the hon. secretary of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, P.C. W. F. Scudamore, was obliged to resign, as he had been appointed to a post in the South Forest branch.

Eye Church Bell Restoration Fund now stands at £255. Preliminary enquiries are now in hand as to the restoration. Mr. Leonard Last, who recently moved from Essex to Hoxne, Suffolk, is teaching half-a-dozen boys and girls of Eye to ring. His recent lecture at the Grammar School, with a film on bells and handbell ringing, proved so popular that it is to be repeated publicly. He was thanked by Mr. Claude Rush.

Yaxham bells are being rehung in the very near future by Taylor's, of Loughborough. A treble bell is being given by Mr. B. Gogle, of Norwich, to make them into a handy ring of six. The Vicar writes thanking him for his splendid generosity.

Quedgeley, Glos, bells are being rehung in a new frame. The last peal and quarter peal before the much-needed improvement have been rung.

In honour of Mr. Albert E. Sellers, president of the Beverley and District Society, completing 50 years as a member of the Yorkshire Association, a peal was rung at Sutton Cranswick by his friends.

It was fitting that the first peal on the newly restored Coggeshall bells should be a composition by the late William Keeble, who lived very near there. Several of his peals were rung at Coggeshall.

Another ringer to complete his 50 years in the belfry is Mr. H. Sprague, who is captain of Shute tower, Devon. In the quarter peal in honour of the occasion, the president of the Guild (Preb. E. V. Cox) conducted.

By taking part in a successful peal attempt at Erdington Abbey, Mr. A. P. Cannon equalled the late Rev. F. E. Robinson's total of towers in which he has rung a peal. Not only have these two famous ringers this record in common but they were both born on the same date and they were both fond of chewing raisins!

Mr. A. Crawley, now of Barrow-in-Furness, a reader from our first issue, is now in his 59th year as a ringer. For 30 years Mr. Crawley was a ringer at Wistaston, where he rang 77 peals. Now 78 years of age, his health is not too good and if he cannot ring he stands behind youngsters. May he enjoy 'The Ringing World' and ringing for many years to come.

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Record Attendance at Annual Dinner

THE University of London Society of Change Ringers held its annual dinner on February 23rd at the Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn, and 49 people, a record number, attended. The dinner was preceded during the afternoon by ringing at St. Luke's, Chelsea, St. Gabriel's, Pimlico, and St. Giles-in-the-Fields. Despite the dense crowd in the belfries, ringing was of a high standard, and ranged from rounds to 'six spliced.'

At the dinner the loyal toast was proposed by the Society's president, Dr. Denis N. Layton, who then called upon his brother, Mr. Peter R. Layton, to propose the health of the Church. Mr. Layton gently chided the Society for the regularity with which it asked him to speak at its annual dinners, and then apologised for his repeated acceptance of the invitations. He pointed out the difficulty of toasting an organisation such as the Church without being guilty of impertinence, and therefore made it clear that he referred to the Church only in its role as the patron of the art of change-ringing.

The Rev. A. Powell Miller, Rector of St. Olave's, Hart Street, in his reply thanked the Society for its service to St. Olave's in the past year, and congratulated the two married couples in the Society who had won the Dawes Cup for handbell ringing.

The health of the Society was proposed by Mr. J. S. Mason, Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths, and Mr. John Armstrong, Master of the London University Society, replied. Mr. Armstrong reported that the Society had had a most successful year: a peal of Bristol had been rung, a cup had been won for handbell ringing (there had only been one other competing team—but what did that matter?) and, above all, the year had produced three engagements and a wedding. The wedding, between Alan Thirst and Meriel Hawksley, took place in November at St. Olave's, and was followed in the evening by what must have been the best-dressed A.G.M. in the Society's history!

The health of the visitors was ably, though obscurely, proposed by Mr. Geoffrey F. Carter. Mr. Peter R. Sanders, Master of the Oxford University Society, replied, thanking London for its hospitality and for the excellent ringing he had enjoyed during the day.

The evening concluded with the showing of two films, one being a publicity film on the Norfolk Broads, where it is hoped to hold this year's summer tour, and the other a film taken on the 1956 Whitsun tour. This film was short, so it was run backwards as well, just for good measure! Failing light finally stopped play at about 11 o'clock. N. D. R.

READING UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

The Society has held three meetings this term —January 19th, All Saints', Wokingham; February 16th, Shiplake; March 2nd, Englefield.

These meetings have all been well attended, and thanks are expressed to the incumbents concerned and to those ringers who have rung with the Society at these meetings. The ringing at meetings has ranged from rounds to Cambridge.

Friday night practices at St. Giles' have been well attended, and ringing there has improved throughout the term. Sunday ringing now regularly includes Stedman Triples. Seven learners have progressed to round ringing.

Two other events have been the Oxford University Society dinner, which was very much enjoyed by five members, and the Reading Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild annual meeting, at which the Master was elected to the general committee of the Guild. The vice-chancellor of the University has consented to become president.

MONDAY EVENING

Grandsire Triples, Stedman Caters,
How the music rolls and swells.
Listen to the echoing gladness,
The controlled, melodious madness
Of the changes on the bells.

'Treble going—are you ready?'
Each in turn her story tells;
Soberly in rounds proceeding,
Tenor last and treble leading,
Handstroke, backstroke, on the bells.

Then the changes, dancing, dodging,
Weaving, interweaving spells,
Patterned tumult, soaring, singing,
Till the very tower is swinging,
Rocking, swaying, with the bells.

Stedman Triples, Grandsire Caters,
How the music calls, compels.
Loud they speak to all on Sunday,
But for us they sing on one day—
Monday, when we ring the bells.

Yeovil. B. J.

RAILWAYMEN AS RINGERS

The March issue of the British Railways Magazine for the North East Region contains an interesting article on 'Bells and Bellringers in the North Eastern Region.' The article states:

Perhaps the most famous of the 'great' bells in the Region is 'Great Peter,' of York. When first cast in 1845 it was the heaviest bell ever to have been cast in this country. It weighed 10¼ tons, was 8ft. 4in. in diameter, and came to York from London by rail—a very 'special' load in those early days. One imagines a wagon had to be specially built to carry such a load. The North Eastern Railway Co. built a bell wagon in 1900 to carry 7 tons, but such wagons are unknown today. 'Great Peter' was recast in 1927 at Loughborough, but on this occasion the traffic was lost to the roads. . . .

It is not surprising that ringers are well represented in the railway service. Half the ringers in York are railwaymen of various grades, and the same applies at other large railway centres. There may be grade distinctions on the railway, but in the belfry a man's worth is measured by his ability as a ringer and all must work together as a team, otherwise the quality of the ringing suffers. The team spirit is as important in the belfry as it is on the railway. It is natural that railwaymen with a common outside interest should wish to meet together occasionally, and so has come into being the Guild of Railwaymen Church Bell Ringers. The objects of the Guild are to encourage the art of change-ringing as applied to Sunday service ringing, and to bring into closer fellowship all railwaymen ringers, both very worthwhile objects.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

Meeting at Harlow Common

A successful meeting of the N.W. District was held on the light eight of St. Mary Magdalene, Harlow Common, on March 2nd

The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. D. Wainwright) and was followed by tea in the Church Hall, served by the ladies of the local band. The Master of the Association (Mr. R. C. Heazel) took the chair at the business meeting, and the whole company observed a minute's silence in memory of two District ringers—Mr. W. Prior, of Stansted, and Mr. J. Nottage, of Matching—who had recently passed away.

Members then returned to the tower for further ringing.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

Presentation to Mr. J. Allen

The annual meeting of the Elloe Deaneries Branch took place as is usual at Spalding on the Saturday prior to Ash Wednesday. Ringing commenced at about 3 p.m., delayed a little by a wedding. The service was conducted by the Vicar (Canon M. H. R. Synge) and the address given by the Rev. W. R. H. Nind, a curate at Spalding.

About 60 members and friends had tea at the Greyhound Hotel, and the meeting followed immediately after with Canon M. H. R. Synge as chairman. After the approval of the accounts the election of officers took place, at which the retiring secretary, Mr. J. Allen, said that after ten years in office he felt it time someone else took over. Mr. M. E. Bennett was elected to this office.

A presentation was then made to Mr. Allen of a fountain pen with the branch's thanks and appreciation for all he had done and with the fervent hope that his wife would soon be back in good health. The meeting agreed to elect a chairman to officiate at meetings during the year, and Mr. W. A. Richardson was unanimously elected. All other officers were re-elected. The sum of £1 13s. was collected for the Belfry Repairs Fund.

Meetings for the year were arranged to take place at Fleet, May 18th, Whaplode, June 22nd, Crowland, September 28th, and Pinchbeck, November 16th.

Mr. J. Ames expressed a vote of thanks to all who had helped to make the meeting so successful. The meeting then closed and ringing continued till 9 p.m.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION

Llandaff Branch

The Llandaff Branch held its annual meeting at Newton-Nottage on February 23rd. The meeting was well attended, despite the very wet weather which prevailed, some members coming from far away Ebbw Vale, Bedwellty and Swansea.

The Rector of Newton (Rev. W. Roach) conducted the service. Following this, visitors were invited to the nearby church hall for tea. The vote of thanks for this welcome refreshment, prepared and provided by the Newton ladies, was given by Mr. J. Morris.

The business meeting, with the Rev. W. Roach in the chair, followed. Mr. R. E. Coles was re-elected as secretary-treasurer of the Branch. One life member and seven resident members were elected. Coity was chosen for the next place of meeting.

Mr. L. Yeomans, Branch Master, was in charge of the bells, and all visitors were well catered for, from rounds for the beginners to London Minor for the more advanced.

R. E. C.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE OLDEST RINGING SOCIETIES

Dear Sir,—At the Henry Johnson commemoration dinner, reported recently, Mr. A. P. Cannon was duly called to order by the Master for claiming St. Martin's Guild, founded in 1755, to be the third oldest ringing society in existence.

Although the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths and the Ancient Society of College Youths were both formed earlier than St. Martin's Guild, there are three societies which are earlier even than 1637, the year in which the Society of College Youths was founded.

Saffron Walden Society dates from 1623; St. Stephen's, Bristol, from 1620; while the oldest of all ringing societies proper, the Lincoln Cathedral Company of Ringers, was in existence as early as 1612.

As this was not mentioned at the Birmingham dinner, it is perhaps only fair that a correction should be published.—Yours faithfully,

M. L. MANN.

Lincoln.

'PLAIN' BOB

Dear Sir,—On looking through peal and quarter peal reports I find that the method formerly known as 'Plain Bob' is now called simply 'Bob,' which I believe has recently become the correct name. However, when listed with other methods it is still referred to as 'Plain Bob.'

Regardless of whether it is called 'Bob' or 'Plain Bob,' we are still left with a nameless method to join 'Reverse Bob,' 'Double Bob,' 'Single Court' and 'Double Court' (assuming, of course, that the word 'plain' merely indicates that the treble has a plain hunting course). Now, is anyone entitled to give these methods a name? If not, why not? Perhaps someone can sort *this* little problem out for me as well, provided, here also, that there *is* a solution.—Yours faithfully,

JIM SPRIGGS.

Eastleigh.

CARTER RINGING MACHINE

Dear Sir,—May we express, through the medium of your paper, our appreciation of the way in which the Carter Ringing Machine was demonstrated at the Science Museum.

We should like to thank those responsible for the organisation, and especially Mr. Hughes for the time and trouble taken before and during the lecture.

Any ringer who has opportunity to see this ingenious piece of mechanism in action will find it well worth his while.—Yours sincerely,

J. and D. COOPER.

Thatcham, Berks.

FOUR-BELL TOWERS

Dear Sir,—Ampton and Timworth, villages near Bury St. Edmunds, have both 4-bell towers. I have rung at Ampton but not at Timworth.

As to 5-bell towers, I can supply a list of those villages in my neighbourhood where there are bells that are not being rung owing to their condition or through lack of ringers.—Yours sincerely,

A. W. ROLFE.

Whepstead, Bury St. Edmunds.

HOAR CROSS PEALS

Dear Sir,—May I comment on some of the recent letters concerning peals at Hoar Cross?

Mr. Jones' letter expresses an opinion and also offers information which includes constructive and helpful written advice for the achievement of perfect ringing. Referring to the sacrifice of attention to detail, he ends with an implication which I think is a general one—'Are we to believe that this may have happened when(ever) we see the footnote "Quickest peal on the bells"?'

I think I am correct in saying that I have rung more peals with Mr. Jones than has any other ringer. Thus I have the experience to be able to state that his ringing ability is of a very high general standard, a standard that makes Mr. Warwick's attack as ludicrous as it is lamentable. I say general standard for the following reason. The audible result of any one ringer's efforts towards perfect striking depends upon two things—his ability and the average ability of the rest of the band. Given that these abilities are identical and of a high order, the result must approach perfection. Mr. Warwick remarks that previous fast peals at Hoar Cross were well struck, and also says that although his band are not used to ringing slowly, this did not detract from the quality of the peal. He does not say, however, what this quality was, and I would point out that 'well struck' can still be far removed from perfectly struck. Other sentences say: 'Mr. Jones ringing the tenor in 3¼ hours obviously is not ringing the bell—the bell is ringing him,' and 'nursing the ringing is only an excuse,' thus implying aversion to hard work.

I think that apart from the contradiction in terms here, the phrase 'the bell is ringing him' is usually reserved to indicate a bell out of control. I rang the second bell in our peal in March, 1955, and can state categorically:

(*a*) Mr. Jones was in complete control of the bell, a control which requires more skill in slow ringing.
(*b*) He was not 'freewheeling with no effort.'
(*c*) I did not find it at all 'hard work to hold up for 3¼ hours.'
(*d*) The peal was well struck (but to be honest, did not reach perfection!).

Finally, I would like to offer an observation on two similar statements. One, in Mr. Gilbert's letter: 'No one can dodge *on the lead* at a faster pace,' and two, in Mr. Warwick's letter: 'Double Oxford calls for hard work when dodging *on the front*.'

I strongly disagree on this point, for if the ringing is even and all bells are ringing at the correct interval, the change from one place to another is identical at any point in the change-row.

If the tenors are dodging on the front with the little bells at the back, and the tenor *seems* slow at backstroke although *rhythmically* it is in its correct place, the reason is solely that the little bells have 'closed up' the handstroke change before.

Whenever this effect occurs, it merely marks a lack of attention to detail, detail which is requisite for the attainment of perfect striking.—Yours sincerely, PHILIP MEHEW.

Stotfold, Beds.

MALAYA JOINS IN HOAR CROSS DISPUTE

Dear Sir,—As a member of the band in question I feel I am qualified to point out one or two things regarding Mr. D. P. Jones' peal at Hoar Cross, mentioned a few weeks ago by Mr. Warwick.

Firstly, from one of the other ringers' point of view it certainly did not seem as if Mr. Jones was free-wheeling. If after 3¼ hours one is still capable of letting a bell of that weight ring him as some suggest, then he is a much better man than others I would not care to mention.

Secondly, the front, or middle bells for that matter, I am sure did not find it hard work in ringing at the speed mentioned. The peal was thoroughly enjoyed by all; the journey we had before commencing the peal was not to be sneezed at and it gave us the incentive to do our best when we arrived.

After the peal was over I can recall no one in the band commenting on the time taken. Surely if the ringers are satisfied they did a good job there is no need to question the time taken or the striking. Perhaps it would be better if forthcoming peals were advertised so that people could criticise with a first-hand account and not with what 'Joe Soap' told them.—Yours faithfully, C. MICHAEL ORME.

Kuala Lumpur, Malaya.

NEWS FROM SOUTH AFRICA

Dear Sir,—I was interested in Mr. Burles' efforts to obtain a 250 of Stedman Triples. It really isn't difficult to make up a touch of any number of changes between say 200 and 300 in this method, provided you are not worried whether it is true or false. For 250 only slight variations are required from the calling given in the quarter peal (the first three courses of it) on page 91 of 'The Ringing World' of February 8th. These are:—

1st course: Omit B at 3.
Substitute S for B at 7.
3rd course: Put in S at 3.

A 252 can be obtained as follows:—
1st course: Omit B at 3.
Substitute S for B at 7.
2nd course: Omit B at 3.
Substitute S for B at 4.

Talking about bats, I have never seen one in either of the two belfries in Durban, but they come into the house very often at night, and the customary litter of moths' wings on the carpets in the mornings is a source of annoyance to my wife.

It has been a great pleasure recently to welcome as visitors the Rev. A. F. and Mrs. Godley, of Yetminster, Dorset, and Mr. F. W. Perrens, of Coventry, who rang with us when their ships were in port. Unfortunately, two attempts for quarter peals of Grandsire Doubles with their respective assistance were unsuccessful.—Yours sincerely,

C. CHAMBERS.

71, Garmouth Avenue, Durban.

FORNHAM ALL SAINTS

Dear Sir,—In reply to the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead's letter re the first peal at Fornham All Saints, a ringing friend in the village has looked it up for me. The peal was rung on July 2nd, 1927.—Yours faithfully,

A. W. ROLFE.

Whepstead, Bury St. Edmunds.

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LETTERS—Continued

SEVEN FOUR-BELL TOWERS IN CORNWALL

Dear Sir,—There are seven towers in Cornwall with four bells.

St. Buryan, near Land's End, where two of the old three were recast by Warner in 1901; the treble is a 17th century bell. Also a new tenor (21 cwt.) was added to commemorate the coronation of Edward VII.; it was given by Mr. Hawke Dennis, who also gave the central tower of Truro Cathedral. These bells have never been rung and are now derelict. If four smaller ones were added they should be a lovely ring in a grand tower.

St. Clement, near Truro, had its three increased to four in the 19th century, the first three by Warner. The tenor, a 17th century bell, was recast in 1939 and a new frame for six supplied (tenor now 9 cwt.). I had the honour of ringing rounds during the dedication service. There is a band of ringers affiliated to the Diocesan Guild, but unfortunately no move is being made to fill the two empty pits.

St. Michael's, Penkevil, has a ring of four, being 1, 3, 5 and 7 of a ring of eight. There is a massive wooden frame for eight inserted about 1912. These bells used to be rung regularly and I have rung there several times. They can be heard at a great distance. The largest is about 10 cwt.

Gerrans, near St. Mawes, has four bells with a chiming apparatus.

Treneglos, near Camelford, has four, but only one is chimed for service.

St. Gennys, near Bude, has four, which used to be rung, but when an upper storey was added to the tower, about 1913, they were hung in this, dead with a chiming apparatus.

St. Pinnock, near Liskeard, has four bells, which are rung.—Yours faithfully,

W. H. R. TREWHELLA.

Newquay.

RINGS OF FOUR IN DEVON

Dear Sir,—Following is a list of four-bell rings in Devon. I have very little information about the state of the bells.

Anstey West, 10 cwt, unringable: Brendon, 9 cwt.; Buckland East 8 cwt.: Bondleigh, 9 cwt.; Challacombe, 11 cwt.; East Down, 11 cwt.: Exeter, St. Mary's Steps, 8 cwt.; Holcombe Burnell, 11 cwt., rehung 1954: South Huish, 8 cwt.: Kingston, 10 cwt.; Meeth, 8 cwt.: Monk Okehampton, 8 cwt., ringable: Northleigh, 9 cwt., ringable: Southleigh, 8 cwt., ringable: Stockleigh English, 7 cwt., ringable; Torbryan, 16 cwt.—Yours truly,

W. C. PANTER,

Exeter.

MAYFIELD'S TENOR BELL

Dear Sir,—Without wishing to enter into controversy with Miss Orlibar concerning our tenor bell of the ring of eight at St. Dunstan's Church, Mayfield, Sussex (which has been recently recast and rehung by John Taylor and Co.), and to the question of whether the vicar's and churchwardens' names should be added, also whether the bell should have been blessed before ringing again—surely this is a matter for the Vicar to decide. Not being an active member of the band, I fail to see that is any concern of Miss Orlibar.—Yours faithfully,

W. A. KITCHENSIDE,

Captain of St. Dunstan's Church Bellringers.

Mayfield, Sussex.

WESTON FAVELL, NORTHANTS.—On Mar. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (240 Bob, 240 Old, 360 Canterbury and 420 Grandsire): E. Rudkin 1, D. J. Edmonds (aged 11) 2, Miss G. A. Ashby 3, T. L. Pendred 4, P. Amos (cond.) 5. Rung for the wedding of Valerie May Quick to John Stead, both of Weston Favell.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

Badges Ordered

A general meeting of the Suffolk Guild was held at Stowmarket on March 9th, attended by ringers as far distant as Witham, Newmarket, Norwich and Halesworth.

Ringing took place during the afternoon and evening ranging from Grandsire Triples and Bob Major to various Surprise methods. Ringing also included firing and Queens for a wedding. The service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. E. St. Leger Blakeney), who gave the members a warm welcome and expressed the gratitude of the Church to the ringers for the service they gave and reminded the ringers of their special calling. He was proud to have been associated during his ministry with various parish churches which were noted for their bells.

Following tea, Mr. O. G. Barnard was elected chairman for the business meeting. Apologies for absence were received from the Ringing Master and Messrs. C. E. Fisher and H. C. Rush (vice-presidents).

A grant of £20 was voted to Stoke-by-Nayland bell fund from the Restoration Account.

It was agreed that the secretary should place an order for 300 badges of the design submitted, to be sold at 3s. each.

Certain recommendations made by the committee concerning the Restoration Fund and the enlargement of the committee were approved by the meeting to go forward to the annual general meeting for ratification. Five new members and one non-resident life member were elected.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar, the chairman, Mr. Chilvers and Miss Newby for their assistance in making the meeting a success.

J. W. B.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Western Division

The annual meeting of the Western Division was held at Arundel on February 9th. A large number of members were present for the ringing, which commenced at 2.30 p.m.

At the business meeting, which followed the service and tea, the secretary's report and balance sheet were both accepted, the latter showing the Division to still be in a sound financial position.

The following officers were elected: Ringing Master, Mr. R. P. Wood; hon. secretary, Mr. W. L. Weller; hon. auditor, Miss S. A. Richardson; committee—Mr. R. P. Wood, Mr. E. Treagus, Mr. G. Francis; Central Council delegate, Mr. R. G. Blackman.

It was announced that the next Surprise practice would be held at Arundel on March 23rd. After a short discussion on the newly-amended affiliation fee, the meeting closed.

Further ringing took place at the tower until 8 p.m.

W. L. W.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL

Despite the heavy and continuous rain, the quarterly meeting of the Swindon Branch held at Stratton St. Margaret on March 9th was a success—over 40 present and three Surprise Major methods rung in addition to other methods. The usual service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. R. G. Wolsey), the lesson being read by Dr. C. G. Roworth, a member of the local band.

Tea was aranged by Mr. Moulden in the Church Room and the Branch chairman (Dr. H. Craig) presided at the business meeting. The Branch secretary gave a report of the Association management committee meeting held at Gloucester, and it was proposed that meetings be held during the quarter ensuing at Blunsdon, Wroughton and Bishopstone. Visitors from outside the Branch attended from Bath, Bedford, Buckland, Faringdon, Humberstone, Petersfield, Reading, Retford and Watford.

W. B. K.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD

Arrears of Subscriptions

The annual meeting was held at East Grinstead on March 9th and although the attendance was lower than usual it was a far more satisfactory meeting than last year. After a good hour's ringing the company gathered in the church for the service, conducted by the curate (Rev. P. Bennett), with Mr. Pattern as organist.

Tea was followed by the business meeting, ably conducted by Mr. B. Collison, who is now a vice-president and was acting in place of the president who was away in Switzerland.

In presenting the balance sheet the treasurer pointed out that expenditure had exceeded income by over £4, and this was mainly due to the fact that 25 per cent. of the members were in arrears with their subscriptions and that vice-presidents' subscriptions were also down. He said that the Guild did not want to increase the subscription from 1s. 6d. to 2s., but unless members paid up regularly at the beginning of each year this would have to be done. In the report tribute had been paid to the late Rev. N. E. Hope, who founded the Guild, but it was pointed out that no mention had been made of the late Mr. Joe Wren, who was captain of East Grinstead tower for many years.

In the election of officers the following changes were made: Mr. S. Ponting vice-chairman in place of Mr. A. Relfe, who was elected to the committee, with Mr. E. Jenner, in place of Mr. A. Laker. The secretary was instructed to write and thank Mr. Relfe for his services to the Guild. Meetings were arranged at Withyham on April 13th, with Limpsfield and Limpsfield Chart on May 10th.

The summer outing was fixed for September 14th with a route into Surrey, while the decision to hold another dinner was left in abeyance for three months. The meeting then closed with the usual votes of thanks to all concerned.

SIDCUP, KENT

Mr. C. E. Palmer's 21 Years as Leader

In January, 1936, Mr. Cyril E. Palmer assumed the captaincy of the band at St. John-the-Evangelist, Sidcup, and to celebrate this 21 years' service a peal of Minor in six methods was rung on March 2nd. The treble was rung very well by 13-year-old Susan Nicholson, of Bexley, taking the opportunity to make her first peal attempt.

After the peal the band joined other ringers and friends at a social, arranged by Mr. Palmer in a nearby hall, where an enjoyable and entertaining evening was spent. Visitors included Miss Beverley Thompson and Mr. Peter Brown, from Bexley, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Hill and Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Barnett.

An attractive supper, prepared by Mrs. Palmer and her daughter Sheila, having been despatched, Mr. Palmer spoke of his 21 years' leadership. Many readers are aware of the difficulties besetting the conscientious tower captain in trying to maintain regular service ringing, and Cyril acknowledged the loyalty he had received from the Sidcup band, and particularly from Mr. G. Green, who had assisted him in getting the bells restored. He recalled the great pleasure he had experienced one Sunday morning in 1951 after dedication of the restored ring.

Mr. J. L. Ashford, the secretary, expressed the esteem in which Mr. Palmer is held both locally and in the Lewisham District, and on behalf of the band presented him with a gold-plated 'Eversharp' pencil as a tangible token of their appreciation of his work.

The visitors added their congratulations to Mr. Palmer, thanking him also for the invitation to what had proved a most enjoyable evening. Following this, the diversions continued until the company dispersed at about 10.30 p.m.

RINGING AT WAKEFIELD IN THE 18th CENTURY

By David Cubitt

Throughout the century the Wakefield churchwardens' accounts reveal payments for ringing at the Parish Church—since 1888 the Cathedral Church — of All Saints, in commemoration of local or national events and anniversaries. A few instances are:—

1736-7	January 8. Pd ye Ringers by ye request of several neighbours. Dr. Potter being made Archbishop of Canterbury .. (John Potter, the son of a draper, left Wakefield Grammar School in 1688 for University College, Oxford; he became Regius Professor of Divinity at Oxford in 1708, Bishop of Oxford in 1715 and Archbishop of Canterbury.)	0	4	6
1736-7	March 1. Pd for ringing for Queen's birthday .. .. .. (Caroline, wife of George II.)	0	4	6
1739	Nov. 6. Pd for ringing o'th Duke of Leeds birthday (Thomas, 4th Duke of Leeds, was Lord of the Manor of Wakefield, acquired by the first Duke in 1700.	0	5	0
1754	Nov. 10. Ringers at ye faire (King John granted a fair at Wakefield to last for three days, the eve, day of and day after All Saints'.)	0	3	4

Payments for ringing on November 5th and May 29th regularly occur.

In 1740 the six bells were increased to eight, 'A few Days ago two Trebles cast by Mr. Sellar Bel-Founder of York, were rung at Wakefield, which with the Six they had before make as complete Peal of Eight Bells as most in this County.'—'Leeds Mercury,' Tuesday, May 20th, 1740. This ring was hung in an oak frame made by James Harrison, of Barrow in Lincolnshire, in 1739. In October, 1740, Harrison completed a new set of chimes which played seven tunes, one for each day of the week. Harrison's chimes, for which he was paid £20, replaced others provided in 1703, and lasted until 1795, when George Goodall, a Tadcaster clockmaker, agreed to make 'a compleat sett of New Chimes for Wakefield Church for the sum of £55, the old chimes included.' Goodall's chimes played at four, nine and twelve o'clock, day and night, the following tunes: Sunday, psalm tune (Sheldon); Monday, 'Gramachree'; Tuesday, 'Sandie o'er the Lea'; Wednesday, 'See the Conquering Hero Comes'; Thursday, a march; Friday, 'The Miller of Mansfield'; Saturday, 'God Save the King.'

The first report of a peal at Wakefield I have found is in the 'Leeds Mercury' of July 20th. 1742. 'The Society of Ringers call'd the Leeds Youths, having had an invitation from some Gentlemen of Wakefield, to ring their new Peal of eight Bells lately hung by Mr. Harrison of Barrow in Lincolnshire, went over accordingly last Sunday, where they so dextrously performed the Peal of Grandsire Tripples in 3 hours and 15 minutes, as surpriz'd all that were Judges in that Art.'

JOHN WESLEY'S VISIT

John Wesley, who had been ordained deacon and priest by Dr. Potter when Bishop of Oxford, preached at Wakefield Church on April 12th, 1752, at the invitation of the Vicar, the Rev. Benjamin Wilson. He wrote in his diary: 'I came to Wakefield as the bells were ringing in and went directly to Mr. W(ilson) in the vestry; the behaviour of the congregation surprised me. I saw none light, none careless or unaffected.' Quite a change from an earlier opinion he had of the townsfolk, for on Saturday, August 20th, 1748, 'at the request of the little society (i.e., of Methodists) I went to Wakefield. I knew the madness of the people there, but I knew also they were in God's hand.'

So far as I am aware the following report is of the earliest peal by Wakefield ringers: 'Wakefield. Yesterday in the Evening was rang at our Church a compleat peal of Tripples, call'd Union Tripples, consisting of 5040 changes in two Hours and 40 Minutes—being the first Time that ever it was perform'd by the ringers of Wakefield.'—'Leeds Intelligencer,' Tuesday, January 6th, 1756. This was followed by a second peal the following month. 'Wakefield. Feb. 16. Yesterday in the Evening was rung, with great Applause, by the Wakefield Youths, a second Peal of Tripples call'd Wakefield Pleasure, containing 5040 compleat Changes in two Hours and 36 Minutes and a Half, being the first Time it hath been rung in the Northern Parts of England.'—'Leeds Intelligencer,' Tuesday, February 17th, 1756.

The following extracts also come from the 'Leeds Intelligencer':—

Tuesday, March 1st, 1757: 'Tuesday last being Shrove-Tuesday was rung at St. Peter's Church in this Town, by Wakefield Ringers, Grandsire Tripples, in ten courses complete, consisting of 5040 Changes, in two Hours and fifty-five Minutes.'

Tuesday, September 29th, 1761: 'Wakefield. Sept. 23. Yesterday was rung at our Church a Peal of Tripples called Vaux-Hall-Tripples consisting of 5040 Changes in two Hours and fifty Minutes.'

Tuesday, December 28th, 1762: 'On Saturday Morning last was rung at Wakefield, a new Peal of Tripples, called Merry Wakefield's Delight consisting of 5040 Changes, in two Hours and fifty-two Minutes; being the seventh Peal of Tripples that has been rung by Wakefield Ringers.' (I have not been able to find the other two.)

Tuesday, May 17th, 1763: 'On Saturday last was rung at Wakefield with universal applause, a new Peal of Tripples, composed by J. Wood of that Place, call'd Wakefield Royal Bob Tripples containing 5040 compleat Changes in two Hours and 49 Minutes. The Person who rung the Treble is 75 years of Age and has followed the Diversion upwards of 60 years.'

Tuesday, May 15th, 1764: 'Wakefield. May 14. Yesterday was rung here a new Peal of Tripples in ten complete Courses, called Wakefield Evening's Delight.'

NEW RINGS AT BARNSLEY AND PONTEFRACT

A ring of six at Barnsley had two trebles added in 1773 and the augmented ring was opened on Shrove Tuesday, February 23rd, that year. 'On Tuesday morning the new Peal of eight bells at Barnsley church was opened by the Wakefield ringers, who also in the afternoon rang on them a complete peal of Tripples (called Barnsley Evening Pleasure) consisting of 5040 changes, in two hours and 47 minutes. They are allowed, by all that understand bells, to be a very musical peal, and the performance of the ringers gave satisfaction to every body that heard them.'—'Leeds Mercury,' March 2nd, 1773.

Wakefield ringers also attended the opening of a new ring of eight at Pontefract: 'On Wednesday last a peal of eight new bells was opened at Pontefract by the ringers from Wakefield and York who rung alternately several short peals of Tripples during the day; in the evening the York ringers rung upwards of 3000 changes of Grandsire Tripples with great propriety. Next morning the Leeds ringers rung the half-peal of Grandsire Tripples, consisting of 2520 changes in one hour and twenty-eight minutes.'—'Leeds Mercury,' Tuesday, February 17th, 1778.

At a vestry meeting of town and parish held in Wakefield Church on November 26th, 1778, it was agreed that a new ring of eight bells be contracted for in exchange for the old eight and on December 17th the churchwardens were authorised to 'contract for a new tuneable peal of eight bells' with Pack and Chapman, of Whitechapel. These bells (tenor 24 cwt.), for which the founders were paid £124 6s. 9d., were opened on July 7th, 1779.

The 'Leeds Mercury' of Tuesday, July 13th, 1779, reported the opening: 'On Wednesday last was opened at Wakefield, by the ringers of that town, a peal of eight fine new musical bells; after which was rung alternately several short peals during the whole day by the ringers from Sheffield, Bradford, Halifax, Pontefract and the ringers from Leeds, who rung at the first trial a peal of tripples, containing 5040 changes, in three hours and five minutes, and what is something remarkable, the ringers from Leeds first rung a peal of 5040 changes at Wakefield 'on the old bells, July 8, 1742. (N.B.—July 18th, 1742, was the date, not July 8th, which is a misprint.) This report provoked the following lines, which the sent to the other Leeds newspaper, the 'Intelligencer':—

THE LYING RINGERS

When coxcombs by a heap of Lies
attempt to take folks by surprise
they should before they blab the fiction
be certain of no contradiction
or that no witnesses are by
to tell the world how gross they Lie
for when such fools do brag and vapour
and publish falsehoods in the paper
consid'ring multitudes did hear 'em
no wonder all the world should jeer 'em
Leeds ringers thus in Wakef'd steeple
had almost frighted all the people
for all the people in the town
were 'fraid they'd throw the steeple down
such blunders in the peal were shown
And could not well their fears recover
untill the jingling fools gave over
which when they did and were come down
they boasted all about the town
that there was not another set
could such a peal ring so complete
or that could their performance beat
when these bob tripples got to Leeds
resolv'd the world sho'd know their deeds
they like a pack of Lying jews
inserted an account i' th' news
that they the very same did doo
in seventeen hundred forty-two
they rang five thousand forty tripples
on the old bels in Wakefield steple
but who the devill will regard 'em
since it is known to all who heard 'em
that after three hours toil or more
the changes rung were not eight score—
What can these bragadocies say
to such home truths as these I say
for all they bluster'd and paraded
others performed better than they did
for the whole peal they bungled rarely
and Shefield ringers beat them fairly
therefore I wish they for the future
would let their boasting tongues stand neuter
for after all their noise and chatter
they know nothing of the matter.

The 'Intelligencer' did not publish the verse, but it came nevertheless to the ears of the Leeds ringers, one of whom, under the pseudonym 'A Lover of Truth,' wrote to Mr. Penny, a member of the Wakefield ringers, on August 6th, 1779, enclosing a letter that had been written by a Sheffield ringer on the occasion of the Barnsley opening in 1773. He had written that at Barnsley Wakefield ringers rang a short time, were followed by Sheffield ringers who rang 1,260

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Ringing at Wakefield — cont.

Sheffield Triples, made a mistake and started again, only to be stopped by the sexton who was friendly with the Wakefield ringers 'and wanted them to have the Honour of Jumpling the bells a long time and then call it a whole Peal.' Wakefield then rang for two hours and forty-seven minutes, 'the worst ringing' the writer of the letter had ever heard, and 'then had the vanity to ride home in a Post Chaise and put ribbons on the hats of the two Post Chaise lads.' 'Lover of Truth' asked Penny to get his friend to compose a poem from the particulars in the Sheffield ringer's letter and appended a postscript: 'As I have never yet had the pleasure of seeing any of your friends performance, I shall be more anxious of seeing the above as soon as possible.'

BAN ON DONCASTER RACES

'The Society of Ringers at Wakefield' replied on September 26th: 'Wee received a letter about 6 weeks agoe from Leeds. . . . Wee did not think it worth our while troubling our heads about it.' However, they offered to ring against Leeds at Doncaster, 'Doncaster rases being next week.' The Leeds ringers refused to go to Doncaster—'we are not at all disposed for going to horse races'—but on Wakefield giving a month's notice, Leeds would ring against them at Pontefract, Bradford or Knaresborough: and a reply was asked for from 'Mr. Poet.'

Wakefield ringers ignored this letter and no verse appeared. 'Lover of Truth,' on November 8th, wrote a long, ill-spelt, vitriolic letter saying, among other things, that Wakefield had all their instruction from Leeds, and although they had eight bells several years before Leeds they could not ring 350 changes. Wakefield ringers were, as we have seen, capable of ringing many times 350 changes, and it would seem from the following extract that Leeds had eight bells in 1742, only two years after the Wakefield bells were increased to eight. 'On Wednesday last (being our latter Fair Day) the Peal of Grandsire Tripples was rung thro' at St. Peter's Church, by the Society of Ringers call'd the Leeds Youths: which they performed with the utmost Accuracy and universal Applause in three Hours and eight Minutes, after two Months Practice since the bells were new hung, by that great Artist, Mr. James Harrison of Burrow-in-Lincolnshire.' 'Leeds Mercury,' Tuesday, July 6th, 1742.

There the matter seems to have ended, except that 'On Friday night last, being the ending of the Old Year, was rung at Wakefield, by the Society of Ringers of that place, a peal of Double Grandsire Bob Tripples, consisting of 5040 changes, in eight Courses, complete in 3 hours and 31 minutes, with the greatest exactness, to the universal satisfaction of all who had the pleasure of hearing them, being the first TRUE peal rung on these new bells.' 'Leeds Mercury,' Tuesday, January 4th, 1780.

OTLEY BELLS

In 1782 and 1787 the Wakefield ringers attended the opening of new rings. The earlier one was at Otley, where a new eight, cast by Chapman and Co., of Whitechapel, and hung by Samuel Turner, were opened on April 15th. Ringers from Leeds, Wakefield, Knaresborough and Bradford were there; those from Leeds and Wakefield each rang a peal of 5,040 changes, the former in three hours ten minutes, the latter in three hours twenty-six minutes. In October, 1787, a new eight were opened at Halifax. The College Youths rang a peal of Union Treble Bob on the bells—and had the arrogance to call this peal the first in Yorkshire. Ringers from Leeds, Ashton, Bradford, Sowerby and Wakefield were also present and took part.

Mr. Morris, in his 'History and Art of Change Ringing,' quotes a report of two peals rung on the same day in May, 1788, by Wakefield ringers in their home tower, but does not give his source.

OBITUARY

MR. GEORGE FRASER WOODHOUSE

The death took place on March 9th at his home in Sedbergh, Yorks, of Mr. G. F. Woodhouse, M.A., after a short illness. He was science master at Sedbergh School from 1897 to 1930, and trained the school rifle team which twice won the Ashburton Shield at Bisley.

To ringers he was known as the maker of a ringing machine, but he was a first-class ringer and conductor on hand- and tower bells. Most of his peal ringing was done before he took his appointment at Sedbergh, but he kept his interest to the end.

The funeral was in two parts. First a service at Sedbergh Parish Church, which was attended by school representatives and many local friends. This was followed by cremation at Carleton, Blackpool, and only attended by Mr. C. McCracken, nephew, of Princes Risborough, also Mr. Hague, of Sedbergh, joint executor, and Mr. E. R. Martin (Preston) and Mr. C. Sharples (Blackpool), representing the Lancashire Association. Mr. Woodhouse was a bachelor and was 82 last month.

AN APPRECIATION

It is difficult to write of a man with so many talents, for talented he was. He was a noted rock climber in the Lake District and in Skye, a fell walker; a fine musician, he could play several instruments including the organ. If this is not enough, he was a great knitter during World War II and made hundreds of comforts for the troops. Also during this war his 'den' at Highfield was making spare parts for submarines, but he had the help of one man for this.

He gave years of service to Sedbergh Church and trained a band up to Surprise Major standard at one period, then down to learners again but he never gave up.

When he retired from the school he started to make his first ringing machine. He made at least three but it took years, for each one was an improvement till he got perfection. It seems a pity that his workshop will now have to be dispersed and all the clocks and gadgets find new owners. Finally, he was a modest, unassuming man completely unspoiled by success. May he rest in peace. E. R. M.

MR. TOM G. BARTLETT

It is with regret that the passing of Mr. Tom G. Bartlett, of Exeter, is reported, at the age of 77 years, after a short but severe illness.

Tom was one of the 'old faithfuls' in the Exeter District. He started his ringing career at Heavitree around the turn of the century and later transferred his affections to St. Sidwell's when the ten bells were the attraction, then rung by the leading band of the Guild.

On the re-formation of the Cathedral band in 1915, he applied and was accepted as a member and remained up to the time of his death—the last of the active founder members. For most of the 40-odd years' connection he was their hon. treasurer.

Tom was never an outstanding ringer but could manage the 'four standards' with the best, and rang about 40 peals.

Among the offices he held during his ringing career were general treasurer, the Guild of Devonshire Ringers, chairman of the Exeter Branch, and was honoured later by being a vice-president of the Guild. He was an example to many in being always regular in attendance and always punctual.

The funeral was held privately on March 4th. His beloved 12 bells at Exeter Cathedral were rung half-muffled on the evening of the funeral as a token of respect to his memory and in grateful thanks for 42 years' devoted service.

F. W.

MR. FRANK B. YATES

With deep regret we record the passing on March 4th of Mr. Frank Bertram Yates at his home, The Clock House, Barnt Green, near Birmingham. Until his retirement, in 1928, he was managing director of John Yates and Co, edge tool manufacturers, of Aston. He was 80.

Mr. Yates in his younger days was a noted sportsman and ringer and a valued member and vice-president of St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, with whom he rang the treble in several peals. From 1894 to 1899 he was a famous amateur cyclist and won many prizes in races throughout England and the Isle of Man. He was also an extremely successful tobogganist, and in 1899 won the novices' handicap for the Cresta run at St. Moritz. A member of Birmingham Conservative Club for about 50 years, he was chairman of the management committee for several years. He was also the first president of King's Norton Rugby Football Club.

At the turn of the century he went to live at King's Norton and took great interest in the Parish Church, where from 1924 to 1929 he was churchwarden and Ringing Master, and it was here where he commenced his great interest in bells and bellringing. He was also responsible for raising £2,000 for the restoration of King's Norton Church and the recasting by Taylors of the old eight bells to which later he gave two treble bells, making the present grand ring of ten.

Unfortunately Mr. Yates had a breakdown in health some years ago which prevented him taking part in ringing, though to the end he loved to hear bells well rung, and during the lighter nights Mrs. Yates would motor him to the city to hear the Sunday evening service ringing at Birmingham Cathedral, where in 1948 he gave the two treble bells, making the present ring of 12, also a set of 12 new bellropes. His generosity knew no bounds and many will remember the annual dinners he gave at King's Norton, also the visits to his lovely house, with its many ancient and modern clocks, and the walks round the lovely lawns and gardens to which he would invite his ringers and those from the city towers. Ah, happy days!

The impressive funeral service took place in the King's Norton Parish Church on March 8th, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. B. A. Ashford) assisted by the Rector of Alvechurch. The St. Martin's Guild was represented by Messrs. F. E. Haynes, J. Pinfold, A. Walker and G. E. Fearn, who rang a course of Triples on the handbells over the grave, and on the following day a half-muffled peal of Stedman Caters at King's Norton.

So ends the life of one of England's finest gentlemen, whose loss is so deeply mourned. The deepest sympathy is extended to his widow, to whom he had been wedded for 42 years, and to his family. A. W.

(Other Obituaries on page 190)

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

A meeting was held on March 9th at Broxbourne in the Eastern District, and a good number of members attended. It is worthy of note that two promising young ringers walked from Little Munden—a distance of some eight to ten miles—to this meeting.

Ringing on the eight bells (tenor 20 cwt.) in the afternoon ranged from rounds to Double Norwich, up to 4.30 when a service was held.

After a business meeting ringing was resumed and was continued up till 8 p.m. Methods rung were Grandsire, Bob Major, Stedman, Kent, Cambridge and Little Bob.

It is hoped to hold the next District meeting at Little and Much Hadham in May.

OBITUARY

MR. ARTHUR MORRIS

On March 13th, the death occurred of Mr. Arthur Morris, of Shirley, Warwickshire, one of the oldest serving ringers of the District. His connection with St. James's Church dates from the beginning of the century, and in 1902 he joined the band that rang on the old five bells, in the days when the little church, the old Plume of Feathers and a small cluster of cottages marked the centre of Shirley village.

Mr. Morris saw active service in the first World War and was gassed in one of the German attacks of 1918. On his discharge from the Army he resumed his church work, and had been constant in his duties as sidesman, churchwarden and ringer. He was associated with the British Legion and was a prominent official of the Ancient Order of Foresters, and was quietly and efficiently active in all parish events.

As Ringing Master at Shirley belfry he gave generously of his time to teaching, and there was a period when he never seemed to be without a pupil or two. No disappointments seemed to discourage him and no difficulties hindered his unending search for recruits. Many well-known ringers began their instruction under him at Shirley, and many more have benefited by contact with his simple, unassuming and generous nature. Peal ringing was not his aim or chief delight, but he rang a considerable number of peals on six and eight bells, and among them were the first peal on the new six and the first peal on the new eight.

A large concourse of people attended the funeral at Shirley Church on March 16th, the British Legion and the Ancient Order of Foresters being prominently represented. The St. Martin's Guild, of which Mr. Morris had been a member for many years, was represented by Mr. George E. Fearn, secretary, and Mr. Albert Walker, late Master, and the bells were rung half-muffled before the service.

In the passing of Mr. Morris the Guild has lost a much respected member, and the parish of Shirley has lost a patient and devoted servant. His steadfastness, his courage, his meekness and his good will made up a strong personality, one that commanded respect and offered an example to be striven after.

E. C. S.

MR. WILLIAM J. READ

'Bill' Read, of Blackmoor, Hants, passed on early on February 20th after being in bed only one day. He was in his 86th year and had been in failing health for about a year, although this did not prevent him from attending the Alton and Petersfield District meetings in that time. His death took place at the Beauclerk Arms, Winchfield, the home of his son-in-law and daughter.

A native of Privett, he worked as a carpenter for a Greatham building firm for nearly 50 years. He married Miss Agnes Mary Mitchell, of Selborne, at Blackmoor Parish Church on June 1st, 1904, and they lived for many years at Blackmoor. Both he and his wife were ringers at the Parish Church, and Mr. Read's ringing career there was something over 50 years; he was captain of the ringers for 40 years until he lost his left leg in an accident in 1950. Mr. and Mrs. Read went to live at Winchfield about five years ago.

Bill Read had served as a District representative on the executive committee of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild for many years until his retirement from Blackmoor tower. He had ringing at heart always and was a great friend to the young ringer.

He rang about six peals, all of Doubles, which he stood in to give someone their 'first.' One of these peals rung at Blackmoor was a birthday compliment to himself at the age of 75.

CHARLES E. BASSETT.

APPLETON'S RINGING DAY

Ringers go to the annual dinner of the A.S.C.Y, to the Henry Johnson dinner, to functions connected with annual ringing days, but it is remarkable that year after year in a village populated perhaps by less than a thousand souls, ringers from many parts of the country attend and enjoy the Fourth of March at Appleton.

This year, owing to petrol restrictions, visitors from afar were fewer, but many 'hardy annuals' from local villages were present, and the number for tea was nearly up to pre-crisis standards.

The day started off on a very happy note—young Frank White calling his first peal of Grandsire Caters on the famous ten; and it is to Frank that the success of the day, for many years we hope, will depend.

During the afternoon the bells were kept going from rounds to Stedman Caters, and at 4.30 p.m. upwards of 60 sat down to a good tea at the Thatched Tavern.

During the evening we were delighted to hear the handbells, and it is grand to know that yet another White has come forward to take the place of Dick (of happy memory) in the person of Dick's grandson Brian, who incidentally rang his first peal at Appleton in the morning.

Then came the old songs by the White brothers, and it is always a pleasure to see the dignified figure of Mr. Fred Sharpe keeping the company in good order and himself rendering the old ringing song composed by the village schoolmaster of over 100 years ago.

The ladies also did their part of entertaining, solos being rendered by a 'Ringing World' correspondent, and one visitor with just on 40 years' contact with the village even remembered three verses of his annual song.

Perhaps it passed unnoticed, but the darts championship is now in the hands of two ringers bearing a famous ringing name—Walter Judge and Fred Wilkinson; George and Michael Bishop and several other locals having been eliminated.

But the crowning glory of Appleton in the writer's humble opinion is the last hour, which is devoted to grand harmony of well-known and loved hymns, and when the landlord has shouted those famous words, 'Time gents, please,' the whole company join in the Nunc Dimittis and so bring to a close a day of happiness and good fellowship.

This year, at 9 p.m., the health of the Bristol ringers was drunk, a letter from Frank Hansford having been read apologising for the absence of many ringers from Bristol who came last year, for the first time, and so enjoyed themselves that but for the petrol would, I'm sure, have started an annual visit.

Long may the Whites and Holifields and the village of Appleton prosper.

W. H.

MR. H. DENMAN'S 200 PEALS

Mr. H. Denman, of Retford, rang his 200th peal on February 2nd. Appended is his list.

Doubles 2.

Minor 158, one each in 20 and 23 Treble Bob methods (conducted 49).

Erin Triples 1, Stedman Triples 1, Grandsire Triples 8.

Bob Major 12, Little Bob Major 5, Single Oxford Major 1, St. Clement's Major 1, Gainsborough Little Bob 2, Forward 2, Gainsborough and Little Bob Spliced 1, Bob Major and Little Bob Spliced 1, Kent Treble Bob Major 3, Oxford Treble Bob Major 1.

Bob Royal 1.

HARLESTONE, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. S. Cope 1, G. F. Roome (cond.) 2, R. V. Baker 3, M. Bennett 4, N. Line 5. In memoriam C. Henry Harding.

NOTICES

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BIRTH

THORLEY.—On March 12th, 1957, at Padmar, 146, Broadgate Lane, Horsforth, Yorkshire, to Paddy and Martin Thorley, a daughter, Penelope Jane (10 lb. in E flat), a sister for Katharine. 9936

RETURN THANKS

Mrs. Harding, Joan, Hugh and Rex wish to thank the many ringers and friends for their kind thoughts and expressions of sympathy in their recent sad and sudden bereavement and for the beautiful flowers. 9930

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The address of Mr. R. J. BOWDEN is now 136, Salisbury Road, St. Judes, Plymouth. 9917

The address of the general secretary of the Gloucester and Bristol Association is now County Police Station, Woolaston, near Lydney, Glos. 9928

HANDBELLS WANTED

EIGHT HANDBELLS for band of girl learners (high school). Please send details, price, condition, etc., to H. E. Knight, Carlton House, Geddington, Kettering, Northants. 9931

HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION

HOMELY ACCOMMODATION — 1 mile from sea: bed, breakfast and evening meal. Special terms for ringers. Children welcome.—Mrs. H. Stacey, Phillips House, Church Street, Stratton, near Bude, Cornwall. 9902

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Practice meeting, Worle, Saturday, March 23rd. Bells (6) 5 to 8 p.m.—E. C. Wickham. 9925

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Derby District.—Monthly meeting on Saturday, March 23rd, at Aston-on-Trent. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Trent bus No. 40. All welcome.—V. M. Horton. 9934

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Dudley, Saturday, March 23rd. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to R. A. Peakman, 47, High Street, Kingswinford. 9898

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Chertsey (8), Saturday, March 23rd. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Church Hall. 9877

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—District meeting at Yorktown (8) on Saturday, March 23rd, from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—C. J. Beadle, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9876

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Offley, Saturday, March 23rd, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at the Cock Inn. Special method Chiltern T.B.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 9901

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Canford on Saturday, March 23rd. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Hampreston in the evening. 9899

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Debenham District.—Meeting, Saturday, March 23rd, Helmingham (8), 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Framsden (8) 6 p.m. until 9 p.m.—W. J. Button, Dis. Sec. 9891

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division. —Practice meeting, Saturday, March 23rd, at Waldron. Bells 3 p.m. Method for practice: Double Norwich T.B. Major. 9875

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Taunton Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Ruishton, Saturday, March 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please.—A. H. Reed, George Street, Taunton. 9926

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at Norbury (Hazel Grove), Saturday, March 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. For tea advise by Tuesday, March 26th, Mr. B. Jones, 11, Mill Street, Hazel Grove, Stockport.—C. K. Lewis. 9908

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Hunts District. — Evening meeting, Saturday, March 30th, Houghton (5). Bells available 5.45 p.m.—H. S. Peacock. 9939

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Bitton, Saturday, March 30th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea before 26th to T. T. Walters, 17, Newlands Avenue, Coalpit Heath, Bristol. 9914

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stroud and Gloucester Branches.—Joint meeting at Stonehouse, Saturday, March 30th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea (1s.) by March 26th.—S. T. Price, 12, Regent Street, Stonehouse, Glos. 9922

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Tewkesbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Kemerton, Saturday, March 30th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting follows. Notify before 26th for tea to Mr. S. Devereux, Charmaine, Kemerton, Tewkesbury. 9933

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Littlebourne, Saturday, March 30th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea, 2s. per head, to those who notify not later than Tuesday, March 26th, Miss N. Dines, 3, Court Hill, Littlebourne, Canterbury. Enclose cash, please. Quarterly meeting, Dover, Saturday, May 4th.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9884

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Wye, Saturday, March 30th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. W. Greenstreet, 3, Church Street, Wye.—C. T. Hills, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9929

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Annual District meeting, Willesden, Saturday, March 30th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea 5.15 p.m. Business to follow. All ringers and friends very welcome. 9900

LADIES' GUILD.—Yorkshire District.—Annual meeting at Hunslet, Leeds, on Saturday, March 30th. Bells (8) 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome.—E. Bate, Hon. Sec. 9907

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Meeting at The Saviour, Bolton, on Saturday, March 30th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 5. Business 6 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Lovely tower and bells here. All welcome.—Thornley, Sec. 9937

SOUTH OF ENGLAND RINGERS' RALLY
and
GEORGE WILLIAMS COMMEMORATION DINNER
at
THE GAUMONT RESTAURANT, WESTOVER ROAD, BOURNEMOUTH
Saturday, May 4th, 1957, at 6 p.m.
Chairman: Rear Admiral D. H. Everett, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O.
Tickets now available from Mr. D. T. Matkin, 26, Wellington Road, Bournemouth. Tel. Bournemouth 6342.
Particulars of ringing arrangements later.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Nomination meeting, Hunslet, Saturday, March 30th. Bells available 4 p.m. Cups of tea only. (Trams 26 and 27 from Lower Briggate or Bus Station.) —J. F. Hodson, Hon. Sec. 9935

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Towcester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Helmdon, Saturday, March 30th. Service at 4 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to W. A. Yates, 4, Bannerlands, Dadford, Buckingham. 9913

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. —Northampton Branch.—Meeting at Wootton, Saturday, March 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to Mr. B. L. Smart, 87, Water Lane, Wootton, Northampton.—G. F. Roome. 9915

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Barnch. — Meeting, Collingbourne Kingston, Saturday, March 30th. Names for tea to T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Marlborough, Wilts. 9924

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Monthly meeting, Eastwood (8), on Saturday, March 30th, at 3 p.m. Names for tea by previous Tuesday to J. K. Wagstaff, Hon. Sec., 64, Westleigh Road, Nottingham. 9932

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Quarterly meeting at Erith, Kent, Saturday, March 30th. (Finchley not available.) St. John's (Old Church) bells (8) available 2.30 to 4 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Business meeting, Guild Room, after tea. Further ringing in evening, St. John's, also Christ Church (8). Good attendance, please—all welcome. Frequent trains (Southern Electric) from Charing Cross. Names for tea by Tuesday, March 26th, please, to Mr. F. J. Cullum, 78, West Street, Erlth, Kent. No names, no tea! —P. N. Bond, Hon. Secretary. 9880

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—N.E. and Exeter Branches.—Meeting at Silverton on Saturday, April 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea numbers by April 1st to A. G. Selley, 3, Exeter Road, Silverton.—W. H. Ware, Hon. Secretary. 9890

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION — Tonbridge District.—Quarterly meeting at Edenbridge on Saturday, April 6th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by April 4th to Mr. E. Leigh, Holmesdale, Station Road, Edenbridge. 9889

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, April 6th, at Handsworth Parish Church. Bells (8) available at 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify for tea by April 3rd.—G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwall Road, Hall Green, Birmingham, 28; 'phone SPR 1025. 9919

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting at Attenborough (8) on Saturday, April 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea to me by previous Tuesday.—C. W. Towers, Thrumpton, Nottingham. 9916

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Northern Section.—Quarterly meeting at St. David's Church, Brecon, on Saturday, April 6th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—G. Davies, Hon. Sec. 9918

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Quarterly meeting, Cheriton, Saturday, April 6th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in Parish Hall. Names by previous Tuesday to R. F. Brewer, Dean, Sparsholt, Winchester. 9921

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dedication of new ring of six at Saxthorpe by the Lord Bishop of Norwich, Sunday, April 7th, at 6.30 p.m. Bells available after service for all who wish to ring. 9920

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at Wrington Easter Monday, April 22nd. Service 12 noon, followed by lunch and business meeting. Names for lunch tickets (enclosing S.A.E.) to Mr. H. W. Knight, Woolmer's, Cleeve, Bristol. Tea available also.—R. O. Fry, Gen. Sec. 9847

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Sevenoaks, Easter Monday, April 22nd. Service 12 noon, followed by lunch and business meeting. Tickets: members 4s. 6d., others 6s. 6d., from Mr. B. W. May, Keithston, Keycol Hill Bobbing, Sittingbourne. Also ringing at Tonbridge, Seal Chart, Leigh, Brasted and Westerham; full details sent with tickets. Nominations for election of Central Council representatives invited by April 8th.—Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Hon. Sec. 9896

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Preliminary notice. — The annual general business meeting, Newent, on Saturday, April 27th. Full details later. Nominations for Master must be received by March 30th.—W. F. Scudamore, Gen. Sec. 9927

QUARTER PEALS

COALBROOKDALE, SALOP.—On Feb. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Crawford (first quarter) 1, Rosaline Farlow (first 'inside') 2, W. S. Crawford 3, R. Evans 4, A. S. Bayley (cond.) 5, W. Farlow (first quarter) 6. For morning service as a farewell to the Vicar (the Rev. F. W. Hickling), leaving to take up the living of Wetheral, Carlisle.

EWELME, OXON.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Bob Minor: W. Fulker 1, J. Godman 2, F. Godden 3, R. Baker (first of Bob Minor 'inside') 4, R. Tuckwell 5, F. Absolom (cond.) 6. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. Baker on the gift of a daughter.

WESTMINSTER, S.W.—At St. Gabriel's Church, Warwick Square, on Feb. 24th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Maor: Betty Syrett 1, T. H. Taffender 2, N. G. Hollingworth (cond.) 3, J. A. Hales 4, F. Ranson 5, C. W. Ottley 6, W. D. Grainger 7, P. J. Hutchings 8. For Evensong.

5,024 Exeter Surprise Major

Adapted from a composition by
HAROLD G. CASHMORE

23456	M	I/F	B	W	H
43652	—				
35642	—		X		
65432	—		X		—
53624			X	3	
54326			X	—	—
52436		X		—	—
43526				—	—
42356		X		—	—
35426				—	—
32546		X		—	—
52643	—				
24653	—		X		
64523	—		X		—
42635			X	3	
24536			X	—	2
25346				—	2
23456				—	2

Rung at Willesden, February 28th, 1957, conducted by John R Mayne.

5,184 Lindum Surprise Major

BY JOHN R. MAYNE

23456	M	I/F	W	H	
25346		x	—	—	A
45236		x	—		A
52436		x			A
43265	—	x	—	—	
63425		x	—		
34625		x			
23645					A

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Rung at Harrow Weald, February 7th, 1957, conducted by the composer.

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BARM HEAD

EVER since change-ringing began there always have been men who love to dabble with the figures. The ladies have not yet invaded this male preserve, but we can expect it any time now. Peal Composition, Method Construction and Extension are subjects on which a good deal of time has been spent and much paper used. After World War I we got used to seeing in the 'R.W.' columns such names as The Mad Hatter, Minormania, Irenæus Pistor, with their long and technical digressions. Later on we had the Extension controversy, with G. Baker, J. A. Trollope, W. Taylor and A. Y. Bramble and many others joining in. These discussions were not understood by many ringers, but it showed how deeply these men had gone into a difficult subject. It was interesting to read last December that a well-known member of the C.C. was to give a talk on Method Construction at a branch meeting. He is to be congratulated on his enterprise, for it is important that those who take up this subject should start on the right track.

What follows is a true story of one who did not, with unforeseen results. It should be now explained that 'Barm' was the name given to the yeast which housewives used in the baking of bread throughout the north of England. Thus 'Barm head' was a term of opprobium equivalent to the present day 'big head,' which we hear so much in the cinemas. Names have been withheld because two of this band are still ringing, but if they read these lines I am sure they will see the funny side.

Just over 50 years ago a certain 6-bell tower in Lancashire had a really good band. They regularly rang T.B. methods, such as Arnold's Victory, Imperial, and other methods now considered obsolete. Also they were in the happy position of having several more ringers than ropes. One of these number had started dabbling with the figures and had produced a new method which he called Victoria T.B. We will call this man Y; and the local band had begun to practise the new method. There was also an elderly gentleman whose knowledge of method construction did not exist. We call him Z. A meeting was being held at this tower and a composer who was also interested in method construction attended. Call him X. Everything was going well at the meeting; a good attendance, and the local band had just rung a touch of Victoria.

Most people were impressed, but not so X; he asked if anyone had the figures of the method. These were duly supplied by Y, and for a few moments X was busy with his pencil in one corner of the room. Then he calmly announced that the method was no good as it was false. Strong murmurs of disapproval were made by the locals who suggested that X was mistaken. Finally, Z determined to crush him by ridicule. Fixing X with a fierce glare, he said in his broadest Lancashire: 'Are tha' false, you big barm head?' 'All right,' said X, 'we shall see who is the barm head.' He then left the meeting, deeply conscious of having dropped a brick, and returned to his own village.

During the following week X received a bulky envelope through the post from Y: it contained a full 720 of Victoria pricked out lead by lead. Without any comment X underlined in red ink the repetitions at the treble leads and sent it back to Y. And so died Victoria T.B. before it ever got in the text books. Fortunately no harm was done; the band respected X for his superior knowledge, and they progressed into the Surprise class. Finally, X, Y and Z have passed on. LANCASTRIAN.

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TEN BELL PEALS

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY REDCLIFFE,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 50 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

FREDERICK G. LEAKER	*Treble*	ALAN A. HILLIAR	6
REGINALD G. HOOPER	2	WILLIAM H. PARKER	7
FRANK M. MACK	3	ALBERT M. TYLER	8
*EDWARD F. HANCOCK	4	EMLYN F. HANCOCK	9
NORMAN H. COOMBS	5	FRANK E. HANSFORD	*Tenor*

Composed by ALBERT M. TYLER. Conducted by EMLYN F. HANCOCK.
* First peal 'inside.'
Rung for the 'coming-of-age' of Edward F. Hancock.

SOUTHAMPTON.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 2, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 WINCHESTER SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 16¼ cwt. in F.

JESSIE M. KIPPIN	*Treble*	*ROBERT C. KIPPIN	6
*JEAN POWELL	2	MAURICE J. BUTLER	7
*R. ROGER SAVORY	3	*ADRIAN J. TUMBER	8
*MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	4	*FRANK C. PRICE	9
NELIA M. LEAHY	5	CHARLES H. KIPPIN	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by CHARLES H KIPPIN.
* First peal of Winchester Surprise Royal.

KINGS NORTON, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., March 9, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5017 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E.

CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	*Treble*	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	6
JOHN PINFOLD	2	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	7
MURIEL REAY	3	W. NORMAN PARK	8
ALBERT WALKER	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	9
ARTHUR D. COOK	5	HENRY H. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.
Rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the memory of Frank Bertram Yates, vice-president of St. Martin's Guild and donor of the two trebles.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

WITHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 2, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

JOHN WARNER	*Treble*	CHARLES BURTON	5
ERNEST W. BRIGHT	2	ALAN R. SYDER	6
*JAMES CHALK	3	TERRY EARLE	7
RONALD SUCKLING	4	*HENRY DORKINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by TERRY EARLE.
* First peal in the method.
Rung for the wedding of Miss Mary Edwards, a local ringer, to Mr. Richard Smith, which took place earlier in the day.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 2, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND THOMAS OF CANTERBURY,
A PEAL OF 5056 BOB MAJOR
Tenor 25¼ cwt. in D.

*REUBEN C. APPLETON	*Treble*	†LEONARD G. TOOKE	5
WILLIAM CLOVER	2	THOMAS E. SPIGHT	6
FRANK C. J. ARNOLD	3	WILFRED G. SAUNDERS	7
C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO	4	HENRY TOOKE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by HENRY TOOKE.
* First peal and first attempt. † First in method on an 'inside' bell
Rung half-muffled to the memory of James William Underwood, vicar's warden from 1929 and treasurer to the P.C.C. from 1933; honorary member of the above Association since 1930.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., March 4, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF SS. THOMAS AND EDMUND,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in F.

HENRY H. FEARN	*Treble*	A. PATRICK CANNON	5
ELIZABETH M. YARDLEY	2	JOHN PINFOLD	6
GEORGE E. FEARN	3	PETER BORDER	7
FRANK E. HAYNES	4	RALPH G. EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM BARTON. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., March 4, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,
A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

NOLAN GOLDEN	*Treble*	ARTHUR G. BASON	5
RAYMOND G. LOFTY	2	WILLIAM LOVE	6
CHARLES H. MOORE	3	GEORGE SAYER	7
H. WILLIAM BARRETT	4	BERT GOGLE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
Rung as a compliment to Nigel John Moore, with best wishes from the members of the Diocesan Association and the local band in particular.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., March 7, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE.
A PEAL OF 5088 GAINSBOROUGH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

*CYRIL H. KINCH	*Treble*	*STEPHEN J. IVIN	5
*ROBIN A. HODGSON	2	*DAPHNE R. CASTELL	6
EDGAR J. SMITH	3	*CHARLES COLES	7
*DONALD H. NIBLETT	4	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 9, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8¼ cwt.

WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE	*Treble*	RAYMOND OVERY	5
*MRS. BETTY PERCY	2	EDGAR R. RAPLEY	6
FRANK H. HICKS	3	†ARTHUR J. HART	7
*KATHLEEN M. YEO	4	WILLIAM ROGERS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.
* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method 'inside.' First peal in the method as conductor.
A birthday compliment to Mrs. Betty Percy; a 1st birthday compliment to John, grandson of the treble ringer, and a 74th birthday compliment to Mr. R. Billings, of Maresfield, uncle of the seventh ringer.

GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 9, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.
A PEAL OF 5024 ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

MARY DOWSETT	*Treble*	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS	5
HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE	2	BRIAN J. HOWARD	6
ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON	3	JOE E. G. ROAST	7
PATRICK W. SALTMARSH	4	PETER J. EVES	*Tenor*

Composed by T. E. SONE. Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.
First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.
Rung in memory of Horace J. Mansfield, life vice-president, Central Council representative, and for many years Master of the South-Eastern Division of the Essex Association. Died March 4th, 1957.

HAGLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., March 9, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

DIANA J. PERRINS	*Treble*	W. NORMAN PARK	5
*ELIZABETH H. YARDLEY	2	H. DAVID HOLLAND	6
*JOHN A. ANDERSON	3	STELLA HUGHES	7
PAUL J. RIGBY	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY HUBBARD. Conducted by STELLA HUGHES.
* First peal of Bob Major.

HERSHAM, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 9, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 ERIN TRIPLES
Tenor 8¼ cwt. in G sharp.

MARGARET A. LEWIS	*Treble*	S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT	5
PETER A. LAWRENCE	2	ROGER BALDWIN	6
G. WILLIAM MORRIS	3	ROBIN G. LEALE	7
JUNE M. CLEMENTS	4	SIDNEY J. WOODCOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.
First peal of Erin by all the band, and on the bells.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 9, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5024 BOB MAJOR
C.C.C. No. 37. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in A flat.

*MRS. P. W. MILLS	*Treble*	MICHAEL A. MILLS	5
HELEN M. SHARP	2	PERCY W. MILLS	6
MARIAN H. MILLS	3	*WALTER F. DOWNS	7
GEORGE WATERMAN	4	URBAN W. WILDNEY	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.
* First peal on eight bells.
A birthday compliment to Miss M. Mills.

LECKHAMPTON, CHELTENHAM.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 9, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Holt's Original. Tenor 9 cwt.

FREDERICK BLOWEN	*Treble*	CHARLES ROUSE	5
JOHN THOMAS	2	PETER BAKER	6
G. LEONARD HEWITT	3	THOMAS BOREHAM	7
LESLIE BARRY	4	ALBERT J. NEWMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.
In memoriam Rev. Noel E. Hope, M.A. Master, 1938-1947.

LONDON, E.C.
THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.
On Sat., March 9, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OLAVE, HART STREET,
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, being 1,312 Bristol, 1,280 London, 1,280 Cambridge and 1,280 Superlative, with 113 changes of method, and all the bells doing all the work of each method. Tenor 11 cwt.

*D. PRIESTLEY (University)	*Treble*	A. F. THIRST (Imperial)	5
D. G. JACKSON (Imperial)	2	*J. ARMSTRONG (Lon. Hosp.)	6
J. L. MORRIS (Queen Mary)	3	*R. KEELEY (King's)	7
D. N. LAYTON (Imperial)	4	D. BERESFORD (King's)	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by D. BERESFORD.
* First peal of Spliced. First peal of Spliced for the Society.

STOKE-IN-COVENTRY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 9, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5056 BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb.

HAROLD FOLWELL	*Treble*	PERCY STONE	5
L. MICHAEL CALLOW	2	HUBERT ASHLEY	6
PAUL K. WILLIAMSON	3	JOHN L. FINDON	7
*DEREK J. SIBLEY	4	JAMES L. GARNER-HAYWARD	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.
Conducted by JAMES L. GARNER-HAYWARD.
* First peal and first attempt. First peal as conductor.
Rung in honour of the wedding of the conductor's daughter, Juliette, to Michael J. Brown, which took place at this church on March 4th.

WALTON-LE-DALE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 9, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

*JOHN BAGNALL	*Treble*	JOSEPH THORNLEY	5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	2	ALAN CAPSTICK	6
NORMAN SMITH	3	JAMES E. BURLES	7
ROGER LEIGH	4	NICHOLAS M. NEWBY	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by JAMES E. BURLES.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., March 11, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

JOHN R. JOYNER	*Treble*	PETER BORDER	5
DIANA J. PERRINS	2	JOHN PINFOLD	6
EVELYN M. FLETCHER	3	W. NORMAN PARK	7
H. DAVID HOLLAND	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

BURFORD, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., March 13, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5024 BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb.

WILLIAM J. DIXON	*Treble*	*BRIAN W. HALL	5
HARRY P. FLOYD	2	BERTRAM J. COGGINS	6
ALAN R. PINK	3	THOMAS W. TIMMS	7
MICHAEL C. F. COLLETT	4	EDGAR J. SMITH	*Tenor*

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal in the method.
In memoriam George Francis Smith, churchwarden, 1947-56, and rung on the first anniversary of his death.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., March 13, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MARLBOROUGH BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18¼ cwt.

CECIL BARKER	*Treble*	ALAN R. SYDER	5
ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON	2	HILDA G. SNOWDEN	6
JACK H. BRETT	3	FRANK B. LUFKIN	7
WALTER ARNOLD	4	THOMAS BIRD	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE WILLIAMS. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.
First peal in the method by all and for the Association. The treble ringer has now 'circled the tower' twice to a peal.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. F. B. Lufkin.

AYLESFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 16, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt. in F.

*OLIVE D. COUCHMAN	*Treble*	WILLIAM R. MANSER	5
*DAVID F. BOWYER	2	REGINALD E. LAMBERT	6
LUTHER J. HONESS	3	COLIN A. TESTER	7
*STANLEY A. HAZLEDEN	4	ROBERT T. LAMBERT	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by COLIN A. TESTER.
* First peal of Major.

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SIX BELL PEALS

GREENSTEAD GREEN, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 23, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob and one extent of Kent. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in F sharp.

EDWIN JENNINGS	*Treble*	LEWIS W. WIFFEN	4
*TERRY EARLE	2	WALTER ARNOLD..	5
ALAN R. SYDER..	3	HILDA G. SNOWDEN	*Tenor*

Conducted by TERRY EARLE.

* 100th peal for the Association.

BUXTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., March 4, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of St. Clement's and two extents each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

*ARTHUR C. WELLS	*Treble*	*DERICK W. PARDON.. ..	4
WALTER C. MEDLER ..	2	JOHN R. SMITH..	5
RAYMOND W. BALLS ..	3	WILLIAM R. CATCHPOLE ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. SMITH.

* First peal in four methods.

WINTERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., March 5, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of London, York and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court and Single Oxford. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

JOHN HALL	*Treble*	C. AUBREY HARRISON ..	4
RONALD CHAFER..	2	HARRY HALL	5
JACK BRAY	3	PHILIP BARNES	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

BARTON-IN-FABIS, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., March 7, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three extents of Bob Minor. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

*LESLIE HARRISON	*Treble*	†MARGARET E. HILL	4
†FRED PRIESTLEY	2	SYDNEY ADAMS..	5
*HARRY HARRISON	3	CHARLES W. TOWERS ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES W. TOWERS.

* First peal. † First peal in three methods.

BLYTHBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Thurs., March 7, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven 720's. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

C. JACK GIBSON..	*Treble*	JACK PILGRIM	4
MRS. J. W. BLYTHE	2	JAMES M. BAILEY	5
RAYMOND PECK	3	JOHN W. BLYTHE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., March 8, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 40 extents and one Morris's 240. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

CLIVE WIXEY	*Treble*	*PETER HURCOMBE	4
SIDNEY PUGH	2	CYRIL WIXEY	5
FREDERICK TRANTER	3	†WALLACE WIXEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK TRANTER.

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

Last peal to be rung on the bells before being dismantled and rehung in a new steel frame and on ball-bearings.

RAYNE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., March 8, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge, Oxford, Kent, Double Court, St. Clement's, and two extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.

MRS. H. W. MOORE	*Treble*	CECIL BARKER	4
FRANK B. LUFKIN	2	HILDA G. SNOWDEN	5
ALAN R. SYDER	3	TERRY EARLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by TERRY EARLE.

In memoriam Horace J. Mansfield, who died on March 4th.

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., March 8, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Kent T.B. and Oxford T.B. and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

*†LESLIE D. MILLS	*Treble*	EVELYN R. M. CANSDALE	4
A. EDWARD LEGGETT ..	2	ALLEN W. CANSDALE ..	5
*DONALD L. MILLS	3	†MRS. LESLIE MILLS ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by DONALD L. MILLS.

* 25th peal together. † 25th peal together. Mr. and Mrs. L. Mills and Donald have now 'circled the tower.'

Rung as a tribute to the memory of Horace J. Mansfield, a life vice-president of the Association.

ELMORE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 9, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.

*GEOFFREY P. GREEN ..	*Treble*	DAVID W. BEARD	4
†‡PETER T. HURCOMBE ..	2	†E. TREVOR NEWBURY ..	5
†SHIRLEY M. PARSONS ..	3	CYRIL A. WRATTEN	*Tenor*

Conducted by CYRIL A. WRATTEN.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Surprise Minor. ‡ First peal of Surprise 'inside.' First peal of Surprise as conductor.

EYE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 9, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 40 six-scores (ten callings) and one 240 of Morris's. Tenor 11 cwt.

LESLIE EVANS	*Treble*	DESMOND FERGUSON	4
JEAN HUTTON	2	ALBERT E. JONES	5
ROSEMARY BRAY..	3	HARVEY SHERRY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT E. JONES.

The treble ringer has now 'circled the tower' to peals.

FAWLEY, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 9, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents (six callings). Tenor 9¼ cwt. in A flat.

MARGARET E. BEAMISH ..	*Treble*	NELIA M. LEAHY	4
*ROBERT C. KIPPIN	2	*MAURICE J. BUTLER.. ..	5
*JESSIE M. KIPPIN	3	*R. ROGER SAVORY	*Tenor*

Conducted by R. ROGER SAVORY.

* First peal of Cambridge Minor. First peal of Surprise Minor as conductor. First peal of Surprise on the bells.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Jessie M. Kippin.

GREAT WITCOMBE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 9, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr.

MICHAEL D. LING	*Treble*	RONALD K. RUSS	4
IAN H. ORAM	2	DONALD E. COBB	5
*ROGER PRICE	3	PETER T. HURCOMBE ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER T. HURCOMBE.

* First peal 'inside.' First peal of Minor as conductor.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 9, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent each of Beverley, York, Durham, Lightfoot, Cambridge, and two of Ipswich. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

FREDERICK W. FRENCH ..	*Treble*	LEONARD C. BLANCHARD ..	4
ALBERT E. SCOTT	2	JAMES H. MUSSON	5
*JAMES W. HAW..	3	CECIL WADE..	*Tenor*

Conducted by CECIL WADE.

* 75th peal.

A farewell peal to the Rev. T. J. Davies on his retirement from the Ministry and in appreciation of his kindnesses to ringers.

HARSTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Sat., March 9, 1957, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

*M. M. Peterson (Trinity) *Treble*	A. M. Shepherd (Fitz. H.) 4
†G. Fothergill (Fitz. H.) 2	H. Neill (St. Cath.'s) .. 5
*M. Harbord (Trin. Hall) 3	A. R. Heppenstall (Sel.) *Tenor*

Conducted by A. R. Heppenstall.

* First peal on tower bells. † First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor.

STAGSDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 9, 1957, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Leonard.
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in G.

*Keith Fleming .. .. *Treble*	Jennifer M. Davis.. .. 4
Avril Thackray 2	John B. Long 5
†Anne Amor 3	‡Bryan Pattison .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Bryan Pattison.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' ‡ 25th peal of Minor.

STRETHAM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Sat., March 9, 1957, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
At the Church of St. James-the-Great.
A PEAL OF 5040 BEVERLEY SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in G.

Dorothy A. M. Robinson *Treble*	Harold S. Peacock 4
Stanley Shipp 2	Donald E. R. Knights .. 5
George E. Crisp 3	Geoffrey A. Lucas .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Geoffrey A. Lucas.

First peal in the method by all.

A birthday compliment to George E. Crisp and also to Michael J. Dyer, of Huntingdon, at present serving with the R.A.F. in Singapore.

COLN ST. ALDWYN, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., March 11, 1957, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
At the Church of the Decollation of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven extents (called differently). Tenor 8¼ cwt.

*Peter W. Bartlett .. *Treble*	Brian R. Myles 4
*John Dowdeswell.. .. 2	*Patrick A. Bartlett .. 5
*A. C. Mervyn Day.. .. 3	William A. Godwin .. *Tenor*

Conducted by William A. Godwin.

* First peal of Minor.

TICEHURST, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., March 12, 1957, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being two extents of Cambridge Surprise, one each of Kent T.B. and Oxford Bob, and five of Bob Minor. Tenor 15½ cwt.

William A. Kitchenside *Treble*	Stanley G. Ponting.. .. 4
Charles A. Bassett.. .. 2	Colin A. Tester 5
Frederick J. Lambert .. 3	Robert T. Lambert .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Robert T. Lambert.

Ringers of 1 and 2 have 'circled the tower.'

A wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Ponting.

LANGLEYBURY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., March 13, 1957, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Paul.
A PEAL OF 5040 BOURNE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout.
Tenor 8 cwt. 13 lb. in A.

A. Patrick Cannon .. *Treble*	Joan M. Wilcockson .. 4
*Dennis Laud 2	Kenneth R. Dunstan .. 5
William Wenban 3	John R. Mayne .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by John R. Mayne.

* First peal 'inside,' other than Doubles. First peal in the method by all the band, in the county and for the Association.

STISTED, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., March 15, 1957, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5040 DURHAM SURPRISE MINOR

Being one 2,160 and four extents. Tenor 10 cwt. in A.

Albert Saunders .. .. *Treble*	John Warner 4
Edwin Jennings 2	Walter Arnold 5
Alan R. Syder 3	Terry Earle .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Terry Earle.

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

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Fri., March 15, 1957, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Thomas,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob and five extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 7½ cwt.

Donald H. Niblett .. *Treble*	†Ashley C. P. Pugh .. 4
*Richard A. Jackson .. 2	Dermot J. Roaf 5
Robin N. Pittman 3	Colin J. B. Taylor .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Donald H. Niblett.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal in two Minor methods. The conductor has now 'circled the tower.'

EAST HOATHLEY, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 16, 1957, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
At the Parish Church.
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb.

*E. Sybil M. Tonkin .. *Treble*	†Leslie J. Baldock 4
Kathleen M. Yeo 2	William A. Kitchenside 5
Frederick J. Lambert .. 3	Stanley G. Ponting .. *Tenor*

Conducted by William A. Kitchenside.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal in the method.

A birthday compliment to the ringer of the second.

HANDBELL PEALS

LONDON, S.E.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., March 1, 1957, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes,
At the County Hall,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

Thomas J. Lock .. .. 1—2	James Wallman.. .. .. 5—6
Edwin A. Barnett .. .. 3—4	Wilfrid G. Wilson .. .. 7—8

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Wilfrid G. Wilson.

SILEBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(The Humphrey Perkins School Campanological Society.)
On Fri., March 1, 1957, in 1 Hour and 45 Minutes,
At 153, Ratcliffe Road.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 21 extents each of Grandsire and Bob Doubles.
Tenor size 10 in A.

Derek M. Sawyer .. .. 1—2	B. Stedman Payne .. .. 3—4
Michael White .. .. .. 5—6	

Conducted by B. Stedman Payne.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 9, 1957, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
At Trentwood.
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB ROYAL

*Mrs. J. Bray .. .. .. 1—2	Jack Bray .. .. 5—6
George E. Feirn .. .. 3—4	Philip Barnes .. .. .. 7—8
C. Aubrey Harrison .. 9—10	

Arranged and Conducted by George E. Feirn.

* 300th peal.

BURWASH, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION
On Fri., March 9, 1957, in 2 Hours and 1 Minute,
At the Glebe Cottage.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 11 extents each of St. Nicholas' and St. Simon's, and ten extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob, each with four different callings. Tenor size 15 in C.

Miss V. Lambert .. .. 1—2	Frederick J. Lambert .. 3—4
Mrs. Grainger .. .. .. 5—6	

Conducted by Frederick J. Lambert.

First peal in four methods 'in hand' by all.

A birthday compliment to Mr. K. Grainger.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Wed., March 13, 1957, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,
In the Church of St. Mary Magdalen.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor size 15 in C.

*Robin A. Hodgson .. 1—2	*William H. Jackson .. 5—6
Derek G. Goodman .. 3—4	*Donald H. Niblett .. 7—8

Conducted by Donald H. Niblett. Umpire: Stephen Ivin.

* First peal in the method on handbells.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Mar. 3rd. 1,260 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob Doubles: Linda M. Forrest 1, Diana M. Gough (first in method as cond.) 2, June A. Grieveson 3, Pamela R. Gough 4, R. D. Brown 5, I. C. Forrest 6. Average age 15¼ years. For Evensong. Also on Mar. 10th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: Linda M. Forrest 1, Pamela R. Gough (cond.) 2, Diana M. Gough 3, I. C. Forrest 4, M. W. Stephenson 5, D. A. Hibbitt 6. For Evensong.

BAGLAN, GLAM.—On Mar. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. M. Howell (first quarter) 1, E. Morris 2, Miss L. Thomas 3, I. A. Hoare 4, G. I. Lewis (cond.) 5, A. D. Thomas 6. Rung for Evensong at the 75th dedication festival.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.—On Mar. 10th, 1,260 Bob Minor: Mrs. R. E. Lester 1, P. R. J. Lester 2, A. E. J. Lester 3, G. R. Goodship 4, J. J. Prentice 5, R. E. Lester (cond.) 6. For Evensong, also an 80th birthday compliment to Mr. G. J. Gilbert, of Needham Market. Also on Mar. 17th, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent, 540 Bob): P. R. J. Lester 1, Miss M. I. Goodship 2, Miss A. E. J. Lester 3, G. R. Goodship 4, J. J. Prentice (first in two methods 'Inside') 5, R. E. Lester (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

BURWELL, CAMBS.—On Mar. 10th, 1,260 Bob Minor (6, 8 covering): M. J. Lawrence 1, A. G. Orbell 2, W. J. Couperthwaite 3, C. F. Sargeant 4, A. G. Fuller 5, N. Sargeant 6, R. J. W. Housden (cond.) 7, S. Faircliffe 8. Rung as a last tribute to Mrs Cripps, wife of the Rev. R. S. Cripps, late Vicar of Burwell.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.—On Mar. 3rd, at the Cathedral Church of St. James, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: W. Stannard 1, E. Nice 2, J Stannard 3, L. Nice 4, C. Stannard 5, G. Jennings 6, R. Rose 7, W. Goodship 8, K. G. Brown (cond.) 9, F. Buckle 10.

CAMBRIDGE.—On Mar. 15th, at St. Catharine's College, 1,344 Bob Major (on handbells): H. Neill 1-2, F. B. Cookson 3-4, J. D. Painter 5-6, A. J. Howard (cond.) 7-8. Rung to commemorate the 2,000th anniversary of the death of Caius Julius Cæsar.

CHALFONT ST. PETER, BUCKS.—On Mar. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Bolton 1, L. Badcock 2, Mrs. Swift 3, K. C. Vickers 4, Mr. Swift (cond.) 5, S. Blackmore 6. Rung as a 90th birthday compliment to Mrs. Blackmore, widow of the late James Blackmore, former captain of the tower.

CHELSFIELD, KENT.—On Mar. 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (480 Bob, 780 Grandsire): Miss J. Outhwaite 1, Miss J. George 2, J. Pannell 3, N. Martin 4, D. Manger (cond.) 5, A. Smith 6. Rung for Confirmation service.

CLAPHAM COMMON, S.W.—At the Redemptorist Church of Our Immaculate Lady of Victories, on Feb. 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss M. E. Powell (first of Stedman) 1, J. W. Chapman 2, D. R. Randall 3, N. G. Hollingworth 4, D. G. Jackson 5, C. W. Ottley 6, P. J. Hutchings (cond.) 7, C. S. Rew 8. Rung to commemorate the enthronement in Westminster Cathedral of the most Rev. Mgr. William Godfrey, D.D., Ph.D., as seventh Archbishop of Westminster.

COSSINGTON, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. E. Painter (first quarter) 1, D. Kent 2, J. S. Walton (cond.) 3, E. Dibble 4, N. Smith (first 'inside') 5, T. E. Mogg 6. Rung after Evensong taken for the last time by the Rev. G. Frickard, who has retired after 30 years as Rector.

CRADLEY, WORCS.—On Mar. 3rd, at St. Peter's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. R. Hall 1, H. J. Shuck 2, A. G. Hall 3, D. Overton 4, H. White 5, J. Griffiths 6, H. Wyre (cond.) 7, W. Lloyd 8. A compliment to Mr. A. Wyre on completing 50 years as a ringer in this tower.

FULHAM, S.W.—On Mar. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Page 1, W. Langdon 2, T. Bell 3, H. Belcher 4, James Phillips 5, John Phillips 6, W. Venn 7, J. Harvey 8.

GREAT TEW, OXON.—On Mar. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Clifton 1, W. Cross 2, L. Larner 3, B. Morely 4, R. Taplin 5, A. Leach (first of Triples) 6, I. Harris (cond.) 7, E. Clifton 8.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—On Mar. 3rd, 1,296 Netherseale Surprise Minor: F. W. Croft 1, L. Runnacles 2, S. H. Ashton 3, K. C. Tunbury 4, G. Cherry 5, P. W. Croft (cond.) 6. First in method for 2 and 3. A birthday compliment to Stanley H. Ashton.

QUARTER PEALS

HAMPTON, MIDDLX.—On Mar. 7th, 1,296 Surprise Minor (720 London and 576 Cambridge): Miss J. Essen 1, W. Deason 2, D. Hawkins 3, R. G. Lay 4, R. Woodcock 5, S. J. Woodcock (cond.) 6. Rung for a service to commemorate the 4th centenary of the founding of Hampton Grammar School.

HEAVITREE, EXETER.—On Mar. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Rogers 1, R. H. Drewett 2, G. H. Williams 3, G. Skinner 4, E. Glass 5, C. P. Yates 6, F. Wreford (cond.) 7, A. Mitchell 8. For the wedding of Mr. J. F. Petherick and Miss E. E. J. Smith.

HONITON, DEVON.—On Mar. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Ayres 1, J. Manley 2, W. Webb 3, C. Webb 4, C. J. Turner (cond.) 5, E. Summers 6, Rev. Prebendary E. V. Cox 7, J. Real 8.

HONITON CLYST, DEVON.—On Mar. 10th, 1,260 Spliced Triples (700 Oxford Bob and 560 Grandsire) with 12 changes of method: F. Willmington 1, A. Holway 2, Mrs. G. E. Retter 3, D. Callard 4, E. E. Retter 5, J. Salway 6, G. E. Retter (cond.) 7, E. Morgan 8. First of Spliced Triples by 1, 3 and 8. For evening service.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.—On Mar. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Anne Hutchings (first quarter) 1, Audrey Trott 2, S. A. Paice 3, P. H. Langton 4, D. R. Mitchell (first as cond.) 5, I. Windwood 6, L. Stilwell 7, C. Denyer 8. For Confirmation service. Also on Mar. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Angela Stokes (first quarter) 1, Audrey Trott 2, J. Smart 3, E. Fosbery (cond.) 4, S. A. Paice 5, L. Stilwell 6, D. R. Mitchell 7, C. Denyer 8. An 86th birthday compliment to J. Smart.

IXWORTH, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 24th, 1,320 Minor (720 Spliced Kent and Oxford, 600 Single Oxford): H. King 1, E. Bishop 2, L. Sharpe 3, D. Rooke 4, L. Melton 5, K. G. Brown (cond.) 6. For morning service.

LAMBETH, E.—At the Church at St. Mary, on Mar. 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. W. Ottley 1, T. H. Taffender 2, P. J. Hutchings (cond.) 3, D. R. Randall 4, F. Ranson 5, L. Batley 6, W. D. Grainger 7, J. A. Hales 8.

MELLS, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 17th, 1,264 Bob Major: Ann Lewis 1, J. Moore (first of Bob Major) 2, P. J. Wycherley 3, Eunice D. Overend 4, W. J. Phippen 5, E. H. Nash 6, G. W. Massey (cond.) 7, D. T. Robertson 8. Also on Mar. 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. J. Wycherley 1, J. Moore 2, Eunice D. Overend 3, W. J. Phippen 4, D. T. Robertson 5, E. H. Nash 6, G. W. Massey (cond.) 7, E. Knapton 8. First of Stedman Triples for 2, 4 and 5. Also on Mar. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Norris 1, D. T. Robertson 2, Ann Lewis 3, J. Moore 4, F. Withey 5, E. H. Nash 6, G. W. Massey (cond.) 7, E. Knapton 8. All rung for Sunday morning service.

MERROW, SURREY.—On Mar. 13th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: Miss J. E. Probert (first quarter) 1, Miss J. Lane 2, P. Bird 3, D. May 4, J. A. Etherington (cond.) 5, P. Smart 6. Rung for Evensong.

NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS.—On Mar. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Caters: A. G. Eveleigh 1, Miss J. Cheney 2, D. C. Cook 3, Miss D. Gore (first quarter) 4, S. G. Osborne (cond.) 5, Miss M. Stanley 6. For Confirmation.

NORTON, GLOS.—On Mar. 16th, 1,440 Bob Major: R. Price 1, J. Cobb 2, I. Goulter 3, M. Ling 4, P. Hurcombe 5, C. Wixey 6, F. Tranter 7, G. Green (first as cond.) 8. First of Major for 1, 2, 4 and 6.

NUTFIELD, SURREY.—On Mar. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Nancy Kempsell 1, A. R. C. Clarke 2, H. Harwood 3, G. Olliver (cond.) 4, A. Streeter 5, H. Comber 6. Rung on St. Patrick's Day, and for the visit of the Lord Bishop of Southwark to Nutfield Church on that day.

OLDHAM, LANCS.—At St. Thomas' Church, Moorside, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Armstead 1, Mrs. P. J. H. Hudson 2, F. Pritchard 3, G. Mills 4, P. J. H. Hudson 5, I. Brooks 6, I. Kay (cond.) 7, M. Mitten 8. Rung half-muffled for the funeral service of Mrs. H. Mellor, mother of Fred, hon. secretary of Moorside Church Bellringers.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Mar. 9th, 1,260 Bob Triples: G. Sandwell 1, Betty Crossman 2, H. Warboys 3, F. May 4, E. Blower 5, R. Tomlin 6, A. House (cond.) 7, W. Ward 8. First by all except conductor. For Evensong.

READING, BERKS.—On Mar. 6th, at the Church of St. Giles: 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Mullock (first quarter) 1, Miss S. Cope 2, Miss L. Allen 3, Miss J. Dawson 4, Miss D. Gibbons 5, J. Coates 6, J. White (cond.) 7, D. Massingberd-Mundy 8. Rung half-muffled by the University Society in memoriam Edwyn Coole, a member of the University, who was killed in a road accident on March 2nd.

REDHILL, SURREY.—On Mar. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 covering): Miss J. Croucher 1, Miss F. Hankey 2, Miss B. Saggers 3, A. R. Clarke 4, A. Streeter (first as cond.) 5, K. Matthews 6, H. Coomber 7, T. Waters 8. First quarter for 1, 6 and 8. For Evensong.

SANDIACRE, DERBYS.—On Mar. 2nd, 1,260 Bob Minor: J. Ferguson 1, Ava Sheppard 2, D. R. Carlisle (cond.) 3, I. Barrow 4, A. Sainsbury 5, A. Sheppard 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Lady Doncaster, a patron of this church.

SMARDEN, KENT.—On Mar. 17th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: P. Reeves 1, Violet Relf 2, Elizabeth Marshall 3, W. C. Marshall 4, W. W. Ring (cond.) 5, M. W. Marshall 6. First of Surprise by 1, 2 and 3. For Evensong and in memoriam Mr. C. Tribe.

SHIPLAKE-ON-THAMES, OXON.—On Mar. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. A. Cobb 1, E. H. Smith 2, Miss L. Roberts 3, H. Hatto 4, C. Tigwell 5, F. G. Henbest 6, A. K. Street (cond.) 7, F. Bonsey 8. First of Triples for 1 and 8. An 85th birthday compliment to Mr. H. Hatto.

SHOREDITCH, E.—On Mar. 10th, 1,311 Stedman Cinques: Miss M. Prockson 1, R. Keeley 2, Mrs. R. F. Deal 3, D. Robinson 4, C. Hughes 5, W. Prockson 6, F. Bishop 7, A. R. Ling (cond.) 8, V. Williams 9, B. Baker 10, T. H. Francis 11, J. Phillips 12. In memoriam William Shimmans.

SOUTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On Mar. 2nd, 1,440 Doubles (720 Spliced Kent and Oxford and 720 Bob): Mrs. D. G. Mayell 1, Daphne A. Lodge 2, H. Turner (cond.) 3, A. Bryant 4, D. G. Mayell 5, F. R. Goddard 6. Rung in honour of the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. O. W. King, also a birthday compliment to Daphne A. Lodge.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On Mar. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: (1 and 2 leading): J. Hockridge 1, A. Ching 2, H. Trewin 3, H. Heard 4, C. Sangwin (cond.) 5, A. E. Bissat 6, H. Stacey 7, S. Stacey 8. Rung as a compliment to Mrs. Sangwin, mother of the conductor, who was 91 recently.

TWINEHAM, SUSSEX.—On Mar. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Maureen R. Packham (first quarter) 1, G. A. Packham 2, F. Godsmark 3, B. J. Harfield 4, K. C. Knight (first in method as cond.) 5. Rung for the birthdays of George Packham, sen. (80) and C. H. Wickens (59).

WALMER, KENT.—On Mar. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Hawkins 1, Mrs. F. Woodcock 2, F. R. Hawkins 3, F. A. Rye (cond.) 4, P. J. Rye 5, J. M. Stenhens 6, F. W. Lawrence 7, A. C. Rye 8. Rung half-muffled as a last token of respect to Sir Gerald Woods Wollaston, K.C.B., K.C.V.O., whose parents gave the second bell in this tower in 1892.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—At St. Mary's Church, on Mar. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. C. Maynard 1, C. T. W. Coles 2, A. J. N. Boyack 3, B. Downes (first 'inside') 4, E. E. Holman 5, D. Hewitt 6, R. C. Chapman (cond.) 7, F. C. Taylor 8. For Evensong. Also on Mar. 17th, 1,264 Little Bob Major: A. L. M. Shepherd 1, H. Rumens 2, A. J. N. Boyack 3, F. C. Maynard 4, E. E. Holman 5, D. Hewitt 6, C. T. W. Coles 7, R. J. Chapman (cond.) 8. First in method by all except ringer of third. For Evensong.

WARKTON, NORTHANTS.—On Mar. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: O. Dalziel (first quarter) 1, D. Issitt (first 'inside') 2, Miss P. Lumbers 3, L. G. Toseland 4, B. P. Morris (cond.) 5. In memoriam C. Henry Harding.

WESTERHAM, KENT.—On Mar. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Clare 1, M. Cosgrove 2, R. Waterhouse 3, D. Matthews 4, R. Hammond 5, R. Sherlock 6, J. Weller 7, P. Myhill 8.

MRS. J. BRAY'S 300 PEALS

Mrs. J. Bray, who rang her 300th peal on March 9th, has a particularly interesting list, especially in the realm of handbell ringing.

Tower bells.

Minor.—Plain Bob 2, 3 to 7 methods 17, 8 to 21 methods 7, 34 to 50 methods 3, 53 to 91 methods 3, 100 methods 1, 102 methods 1, 104 methods 1, 125 methods 1, Cambridge Surprise 3, London Surprise 1, three Surprise methods 2, seven Surprise methods 1.

Triples.—Grandsire 11, Stedman 7.

Major.—Plain Bob 8, Little Bob 3, Gainsborough Little Bob 1, Double Norwich 5, Double Oxford 1, Winchester Bob 1, Loughborough Bob 1, Original 1, Kent T.B. 5, Oxford T.B. 2, Spliced Major 2 to 6 methods 3, Cambridge Surprise 9, Superlative Surprise 4, Bristol Surprise 1.

Caters.—Stedman 1.

Cinques.—Stedman 4.

Handbells.

Doubles 1.

Minor.—Plain Bob 2. 3 to 7 methods 2, 8 to 21 methods 5, 34 to 50 methods 1, 53 to 91 methods 3, 105 methods 1, 106 methods 1.

Triples.—Grandsire 20, St. Clement's 1.

Major.—Plain Bob 36, Little Bob 5, Gainsborough Little Bob 6, Double Norwich 5, Double Oxford 1, Double Bob 5, Hereward Bob 1, St. Clement's 2, Kent T.B. 13, Spliced Major 2 to 6 methods 9, 8 to 21 methods 13, 22 to 36 methods 9, 42 methods 1. 46 methods 1, 50 methods 1, Cambridge Surprise 1.

Caters.—Grandsire 16.

Royal.—Plain Bob 16, Little Bob 1, Spliced Royal 2 methods 3, 3 methods 2.

Cinques.—Grandsire 2.

Maximus.—Plain Bob 2, Spliced 2 methods 1.

Totals.—Hand 189, Tower 111.

A MEMORY

Hey diddle diddle, the bells in a muddle,
The firing's not really in tune;
We've just rung a middle,
I think it's a fiddle.
We've come round, but two courses too soon!

We pull on with dismay, for we've come a long way,
And the journey it really was vile.
But ringers take heart, our conductor is smart,
It'll be 'under control' in a while!

Our joy knows no bounds as we crash into rounds,
But our ears are still throbbing with pain.
Our conductor is happy, the spadeworking chappy,
Seven 'firsts in the method' again!

ANONYMOUS.

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HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

St. Albans District

The March meeting of the St. Albans District was held at the 800-year-old Church of St. Leonard's, Sandridge, on March 16th. About 20 members were present and the light six were raised at 3 p.m. and were soon ringing to a variety of methods.

The Vicar (the Rev. P. G. Handford) conducted the service and gave a short address on 'Lenten Discipline.' This was the first meeting to be held at Sandridge since his induction, and in welcoming members the Vicar said that most of those present probably knew the church better than he.

At the business meeting, which followed tea, the chair was taken by Mr. S. Hoare. The meeting discussed, among other things, the annual general meeting, which is to be held at Hitchin on April 27th. It was hoped to run a coach from the District and that the District secretary (Mr. S. Huckle) would be pleased to have names as soon as possible. In view of the annual general meeting no meeting would be held in this District during April, and the next meeting will be held jointly with the Northern District at Knebworth in May. The Summer Festival with the Bedfordshire Association will be held in June at St. Albans.

A proposition was made by Mr. H. V. Frost that news and items of interest concerning towers in the District should be given at meetings and included in the report sent to 'The Ringing World.'

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Vicar; the secretary also received a vote of thanks for his arrangements, and it was felt that he deserved better support at meetings.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

To commemorate the 2,000th anniversary of the death of Julius Cæsar, a quarter peal 'in hand' was rung by members of Cambridge University Guild. 'I am sorry to report,' states our correspondent, 'that only one member of the band had sufficient sense of the occasion to wear a black tie.'

Mr. H. F. Carter, Ringing Master of All Saints', Marsham, Norfolk, requires details of any peals rung in this church prior to 1877.

Mr. George Green has completed 70 years as a ringer at Great Baddow, Essex. A commemorative quarter peal was rung on March 17th.

Mr. E. G. Buck, of Baldock, the popular secretary of the Northern District, has been nominated as president of the Hertford County Association.

The Bedfordshire Association has accepted the invitation of the Hertford County Association to hold a summer festival at St. Albans on June 15th.

Mr. H. B. Whitney (Leighton Buzzard) achieved a long standing ambition in ringing a quarter peal at Wing, Bucks (tenor 29¼ cwt.). It was rung in 47 minutes, Mr. K. G. Spavins (Woburn) admirably ringing the tenor.

The retirement of the Rev. T. J. Davies from the living of Silk Willoughby, Lincs, through ill-health will be regretted by a wide circle of ringing friends. His co-operation with ringers in furthering the Exercise during the 9½ years he has been rector is much appreciated.

Although he cannot climb steps and is thus precluded from ringing, Mr. Albert J. Hughes, late of Birmingham, Bangor, Rhyl and Bradford, and now back home at Bangor, sends us a cheery letter of his continued interest in the Exercise.

Regarding Nynehead, Somerset, Mr. W. A. J. Knight is of the opinion that it has never been a 4-bell tower. He recalls that about 1906 or 1907 a treble was added to the five bells, and the following Thursday after they were opened he was with the Milverton ringers, who were the first to ring method changes on the bells The first peal on the bells was Grandsire Doubles on August 5th, 1939, which was conducted by Edgar Quick, of Chipstable.

The bells of St. Stephen's, St. Albans, have been recast and are about to be rehung in the strengthened tower. The date for the opening is at present uncertain, but it will be in the near future.

G. Penny, one of the enthusiastic Abbey Junior Band, arranged and conducted a quarter peal of Bob Major.

To the memory of Mr. C. Tribe, who died recently in London at the age of 99, an in memoriam quarter peal was rung at Smarden, Kent, on March 17th. Mr. Tribe's name appears on many peal boards in Kent.

Although his church at Little Chart was blitzed during the war, Mr. J. Batchelor had the satisfaction of ringing his first peal of Minor on the recast bells in the beautiful little new church on March 9th. He was mainly responsible for getting the bells salvaged and rehung.

Ticehurst, with its bells cast and hung by Thomas Jannaway in 1771, would appear never to have had its own change-ringing band. No peal was rung until 1921 and since then the tower has not been popular. In recent years the 'dropping' tendency of the bells has caused many ringers to be thankful to hear rounds at the end of a peal. On March 12th C. A. Bassett and W. A. Kitchenside had the distinction of being the first to 'circle the tower.'

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THE SURREY ASSOCIATION

Mr. F. E. Collins New Master

FOLLOWING a service in the Parish Church, Croydon, conducted by one of the assistant clergy, the Rev. A. W. J. Burton, tea and the annual general meeting were held in the Church Hall, attended by over 70 members and friends. Despite a rather long agenda, the meeting proved very enjoyable.

In presenting the committee's report on the work of 1956, attention was drawn to the fact that through death and migration a few towers were without ringers, and emphasis was laid on the duty of all ringers to provide against such happenings by recruiting, encouraging and teaching a continuous influx of learners. Sunday service and practice ringing had been well maintained and attendances at meetings had shown a slight improvement.

13 PEAL CONDUCTORS

During the year 20 peals had been recorded, ranging from Cambridge Surprise Maximus to Bob Minor, the conducting being shared by 13 ringers, all but one being resident members. The committee were pleased to note that an entirely local band had rung Holt's Original as the 100th peal on the bells at Ewell last October. In concluding its report the committee drew attention to the Northern District's proposals to further the art of change-ringing by striking competitions, etc., and asked that all members should support the effort wholeheartedly.

Miss K. E. Weller presented the treasurer's statements of accounts, where were adopted, and reported that a donation from the Belfry Repair Fund had been made to St. Mary's, Beddington.

During the apologies for absence the meeting was sorry to hear that Mr. R. Lathbury (a former District secretary) was in hospital, and that Mr. A. J. Adams, now out of hospital, appeared to be making only slow progress. Congratulations were expressed to Mr. and Mrs. R. Parsons on the birth of a son.

Under the rules Mr. R. Davies, Ringing Master since 1954, had to retire, and having been warmly thanked for his services, handed over his office to Mr. F. E. Collins. On the proposition of Mr. H. V. Young, it was unanimously agreed that the retiring Master should become a vice-president. The remaining officers were all re-elected, with thanks for their previous services.

As the result of a ballot the Central Council representatives for the ensuing period are Messrs. A. P. Cannon, F. E. Collins and W. F. Oatway.

The committee put forward nine minor amendments to the rules, and these were all accepted.

REPORTS IN 'R.W.'

After a large number of views had been expressed by members, it was decided that the annual reports for future years should be printed in 'The Ringing World,' and every five years a synopsis of these reports, together with up-to-date information regarding towers, should be published in booklet form.

In response to desires expressed by our keen young members, a discussion took place on the question of an Association badge, but due to short notice and short time in which to obtain information, it was decided to hold over this matter until next year.

A collection for the Belfry Repair Fund realised £2.

The next annual general meeting will be at Reigate on March 15th, 1958.

Another successful meeting closed after two hours of discussions, with very warm votes of thanks to the lady members of the tower and their helpers for a very sumptuous tea, to the Curate and organist for the service, and to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and ringing, ranging from rounds on eight to Cambridge Maximus, continued until 9 o'clock.

W. F. O.

SUBSCRIPTION REMINDER

Next week is the first issue of the new quarter and is an opportune time for new postal subscribers to enrol. Will readers whose subscriptions are due kindly remit without delay to Mr. J. E. Jeater, Greystones, Cusgarne, Truro, Cornwall. Rates: 3 *months* 7/6, 6 *months* 14/6, 12 *months* £1 8*s*.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION

Monmouth Branch

The Monmouth Branch annual meeting was held at Monmouth on March 2nd, and some 50 ringers attended, including visitors from Gloucestershire, Herefordshire and Middlesex. The service was conducted by Canon E. P. Knight, who warmly welcomed the Branch.

A bountiful tea was served in the Rolls Hall at tables charmingly decorated with spring flowers and trailing ivy. Mr. Ronald Lucas expressed the appreciation of the company to Mrs. L. H. Jones and her helpers.

Canon Knight kindly took the chair at the business meeting, and mentioned the sad loss of Mrs. Hulbert, of Rumney, and Mr. Barton, of Staunton. A favourable report of the past year was given by the secretary. Twenty-seven new members had been elected. Sunday service ringing was assured in most Branch towers. Mr. David King was elected Branch Master and the secretary (Miss Jacqueline Evans) re-elected. Congratulations were offered to Mr. Donald Clift, who recently had called Holt's Original from Usk tenor. Progress was reported from Ebbw Vale and Rumney. New members elected were: D. Maggs (Caldicot) and R. C. Horsington (Abergavenny). Thanks were extended to Mr. L. H. Jones for his help in ensuring such a successful meeting.

Shirenewton was chosen as the place of the next meeting and mention was made that the bells were certainly in good ringing condition.

MEETINGS IN ANOTHER TERRITORY

Dear Sir,—I see that a 'territorial' ringing organisation (Middlesex Association) has obtained permission for the use of a ring of bells on the occasion of one of their meetings outside their own area in the next county (Surrey). As far as is known, no contact was made with the Surrey Association.

Is this 'poaching,' 'dog in the manger,' 'discourteous' or 'infra dig'?

I refer to the South and West District of the Middlesex Association going to St. Mary's, Barnes. I have no axe to grind, I am a member of both Associations, but I have my own views. —Yours sincerely,

NORMAN S. BAGWORTH.

Wimbledon.

AN ESSEX TOWER

A happy picture of the St. Peter's, South Weald, Essex, Guild of Ringers at their annual dinner on February 13th, when they were joined by their Vicar (the Rev. J. F. McAlister). At the annual meeting which followed, the statement of accounts showed a healthy balance of £37. The ringers pride themselves on meeting expenses for ropes and belfry attention from their own fund, which is raised exclusively by their own efforts.



THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD

78th Anniversary Dinner

SATURDAY, March 9th, was the day of the Cambridge University Guild's 78th anniversary dinner, which was once again held at the 'Dorothy Café,' and was as successful as any the writer can recall. Unofficial celebrations started on the Friday evening, but the official part of the programme started at about 9.30 a.m. on the Saturday, when ten members of the Guild assembled at Saffron Walden to attempt a peal of Grandsire Caters. We will spare the conductor's feelings and not relate how it came about that the peal was lost after nearly three hours; we will merely hint darkly that it was not miscalled. However, six other members were more successful with a peal of Bob Minor at Harston.

After lunch, ringing took place at all four towers in Cambridge; for many of those present, this was the first opportunity of sampling the recast and rehung bells at Great St. Andrew's (it is not too late, you who read this, to send your contribution, however small, to the restoration fund). Whatever these bells may have lost in interest value, they are certainly a real pleasure to ring now. A fair standard of ringing was maintained at all the towers

By about 7.30 p.m. some 40 members and guests had found their devious ways to the Dorothy Café, and an excellent dinner was consumed. (This is where 'we come to the awkward bit' of the report, as the writer was not press-ganged into agreeing to report the proceedings until the next morning; consequently, any of those 'summi oratores hominesque nobilissimi' who were hoping to see their rhetorical gems in all the glory of print will be disappointed, as these were not taken down at the time, still less—as at some universities—tape-recorded.)

In the regrettable absence of the president (the Rev. A. C. Blyth), who was unable to come through illness, and was very much missed, the dinner was presided over by Mr. W. J. Ridgman, who proposed the loyal toast and conveyed the president's apologies and best wishes to the company. The toast of 'The Guild' was proposed by Mr. P. R. Sanders, the Master of the Oxford University Society, who, your scribe recollects, made some good points in an excellent speech—but what these points were escapes the memory at present. The toast was replied to by the Master of the Guild (Mr. J. D. Painter), who had no funny stories to tell but had a successful year to report. He no doubt mentioned that since the last dinner the Guild had rung 20 peals, toured Worcestershire and had a number of outings, including a 5- and 6-bell 'tower-snatch,' an outing to the borders of Lincolnshire, and a visit to the bell-foundry at Loughborough. He also mentioned that members of the Guild had broadcast on Radio Eireann, but I think he forgot to mention that members had also been televised while ringing handbells on the tower of St. John's College Chapel last Ascension Day.

The secretary (Mr. F. B. Cookson) proposed the toast of 'The Visitors,' and did it very well, too. The guests included members of the Oxford and Bristol University Societies, the Master of the London University Society (Mr. J. Armstrong), fresh from leading his band to victory at Hart Street, four members of the Cambridge Youths, and Canon Woodard, of St. Andrew's, and the Rev. M. Stockwood, of Great St. Mary's, whose co-operation in allowing the Guild to ring their respective bells is so greatly appreciated. This toast was replied to by Miss P. Bourn, the Master of the Bristol University Society; during this speech it became apparent that there is no dearth of 'shaggy dogs' in Bristol at the moment.

Mr. P. A. F. Chalk, an esteemed former Master of the Guild and the present senior steward of the Ancient Society of College Youths, conveyed the greetings of that Society to the Guild, a gesture which was very much appreciated. That concluded the formal business of the evening, but handbells and liquid refreshment were awaiting us in Mr. M. Peterson's rooms in Trinity College, and the majority of the company adjourned thither to sample one or both of these attractions. Most of those present were, however, exhausted before the beer was, and probably a record number of ringers were accommodated for the night on various sofas, although at least one person found considerable hazards placed between him and his couch—his coat still bears the marks of an encounter with some iron railings.

Enough people got up on the Sunday morning in time to ring a good touch of Stedman Cinques at Great St. Mary's for the 9.45 service, and after reviving themselves with coffee, four members attempted a peal of Bob Major on handbells, which came to grief in the last course; while the more sensible element rang at St. Andrew's, and finished the job at Trinity College. After a brief pause for refreshment, the writer then returned to a saner city, and takes no responsibility for anything that may have occurred thereafter. W. T. C.

What Other Universities Overlooked

CANTABRIGIA.—Id. mar. A.U.C. mmdccix. in Sanctae Catharinae Collegio Universitatis Cantabrigiensis, mccexliv Bob Maior. H. Neill i-ii, F. B. Cookson iii-iv, I. D. Painter v-vi, A. I. Howard (dux) vii-viii. In memoriam Caii Iulii Caesaris, qui Romae mortuus est id. mar. A.U.C. dccix.

See quarter peal column.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

Furness and Lake District Branch

A highly successful annual meeting of the Furness and Lake District Branch was held at St. Mary Magdalene, Broughton-in-Furness, on March 16th. Ringing commenced at 2 p.m. and continued until 4 p.m. The service was conducted by the Rev. R. Lindsay, Vicar of Hawkshead, in the absence of the Vicar of Broughton, who is ill. Tea was arranged in the Old King's Head Hotel, to which 45 sat down. At the business meeting which followed, 11 new members were elected. Ringing then continued until about 7.30 p.m. N. M. N.

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD

The quarterly meeting of the Guild was held at the Church of St. Elli, Llanelly, on March 9th, and despite the terrible weather members attended from Tenby, Carmarthen, Llandilo, Burry Port and Llanstephan, supported by the Llanelly members and our good friends the honorary and unattached members.

The Rev. J. Aubrey officiated at the service, with the Rev. H. G. Jenkins as organist. The lesson was read by the Master of the Guild, Mr. Ed. J. Thomas. A very nice tea was enjoyed by the 49 members present.

The Rev. H. G. Jenkins presided at the business meeting and welcomed the Guild to Llanelly, and then called on the Master, who apologised for the absence of the secretary (Mr. C. H. Hawkins) through illness. On the proposition of Mr. W. Williams, seconded by Mr. R. Scudamore, the Guild's good wishes are to be conveyed to Mr. Hawkins for a speedy recovery.

The usual touch on handbells was given by Messrs. A. Hoare, R. Scudamore, J. Turvey and E. Morris.

A letter was read from the Lord Bishop of St. David's, accepting the presidency of the Guild, and offering June 22nd as the only date open to him to attend the annual meeting at Carmarthen.

The competition will be held at Llanelly, due to the unsuitability of the Carmarthen bells. The secretary is to contact the captains of the various towers to find out how many bands will enter.

The next quarterly meeting in September is to be held at Llanstephan. Six new probationary members were elected.

A hearty vote of thanks was extended by Mr. Ed. J. Thomas to the Rev. H. G. Jenkins for having the Guild at Llanelly, and also to the ladies who gave the tea and waited at the tables. This was seconded by Mr. Ben Rees.

The Rev. H. G. Jenkins closed the meeting with a prayer, and the members returned to the tower to finish off the evening. E. T.

NORWICH DIOCESAN

The annual meeting of the Western Branch was held at Fakenham on February 23rd, when 45 members, representing 16 towers, attended, amongst whom were the president of the Association, the general secretary and Association Ringing Master.

The bells were available throughout the afternoon and evening, and were rung to methods to suit all tastes and capabilities.

The service was conducted by the Rector of Fakenham (Rev. J. F. Keith), who also gave the address. Tea was prepared and served in the Church Rooms by relatives of the local band.

It was with very deep regret that at the start of the business meeting the chairman (Rev. Mr. Dodson) announced the passing of one of the oldest honorary members—Mrs. Hall, widow of the late Rev. P. E. Hall, for many years Rector of Sculthorpe. The retiring officers were all thanked for their past services and were then all re-elected for a further term of office.

The next annual will be held at Kings Lynn on November 23rd, and the next quarterly meeting will be at Watton on May 25th. An interim meeting is being arranged at North Elmham on Saturday, April 27th.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE PERFECT PEAL

Dear Sir,—It would not be fair to the bands concerned to let your correspondent's (P. A. C.) remarks about the perfect peal never being rung go unchallenged.

I had the pleasure of hearing a peal of Minor in three methods when the first 720 took 23 minutes and the rest 22½ minutes each (within seconds). If there was a missed dodge it was very cleverly covered up, and I can only recall three places where there was a *very* slight difference in the handstroke leads. I also had the same pleasure with a peal of Bob Major, but this was marred when a little bell made a slight hesitation when turning the treble. In both these cases rounds were rung until the beat was obtained.

Having rung in a large number of towers I am convinced that every ring has a certain pace, and if this is not found one cannot really judge the quality of the bells, so my tributes go to those who find and maintain the right number of changes per minute. These bands ring for their own satisfaction, but I am willing to supply details to anyone interested as to the date, time and place.

P. A. C. mentions one ringer by name, but I can recall several other ringers who have rung quite a number of peals without making a false blow.

The Exercise is producing a number of keen young conductors who should be set a high standard to aim at, but to read his remarks will only give these youngsters cause for complacency.—Yours sincerely,

LESLIE D. MILLS.

Bures, Suffolk.

SOUTH AFRICA'S WELCOME

Dear Sir,—I have just received my 'R.W.' for January 18th, in which I was delighted to read a letter from Patrick F. Cahill, of Durban, expressing his appreciation and thanks for the welcome and help he had received from ringers during his several months touring in England. However sincere and enthusiastic was the welcome he received in England, I am certain it could not surpass the welcome that my wife and I received from the ringers in Cape Town and Durban, where we had the pleasure of calling on our way out here. To all of them we extend a most sincere and hearty 'thank you,' especially to Mr. and Mrs. Victor Sheppard and Mr. Cyril Chambers, who attended most willingly to our every need and arranged for me to have a ring at both places.—Yours faithfully,

FRANK W. PERRENS.

Mbale, Uganda.

HUMOUR IN 'THE LOOK ROUND'

Dear Sir,—I feel I'd like to share a laugh with you.

Have you ever seen a waterworks employee trying to 'listen' to a water leak just outside a church where the bells were ringing their loudest? I did on a recent Saturday at Helmshore; the expression on his face was most interesting as he turned his face towards the church, seemingly in despair—I would have loved to have read his thoughts.

As a 'ringing widow,' I was left by my husband to 'have a look round while I have a ring,' and I'm sure I was the only person in that street who could see the funny side of the poor man's effort.—Yours, etc.,

'RINGING WIDOW.'

Oldham.

THE WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Dear Sir,—Occasionally letters appear in 'The Ringing World' deriding the ambitions of certain of our better-known ringers. The fact that they aim to ring more peals in more towers than any other ringer, or to collect more annual reports is held against them. And yet on better acquaintance another side is often noticed to their characters. Such another side was shown by A. P. Cannon the other day.

On only the second occasion he had met two young lady recruits to the Exercise, he remarked: 'Ah, two of the St. Barnabas', Sutton, handbell ringers, I see.' In response to the information that these two handbell ringers had just performed, albeit rather badly, in rounds on 12 tower bells, he expressed his pleasure at their interest and ability. Such remarks, although likely to be thought lightly of by more experienced ringers, have nothing but good effect on newcomers to the Exercise, especially those attending their first Association meeting. Thank you, Pat.

Whilst writing, I would like to ask for the name of the ringer, mentioned in the leading article a few weeks ago, who turned in the tenor at Liverpool Cathedral to Cambridge Major. Surely such an achievement is not going to be allowed to pass with only an anonymous comment?—Yours faithfully,

CLIFFORD T. BLUNDELL.

Sutton, Surrey.

WHERE RUNG?

Dear Sir,—In answer to where on October 11th, 1952, the peal of Bob Major was rung under the title of All Hallows, Blackpool, it should have been All Hallows, Bispham, Blackpool. The latter is really the mother church of Blackpool. The Rector of All Hallows, Bispham, has a vote in the appointment of a new Vicar of St. John's, Blackpool, when necessary. —Yours, etc.,

C. S.

Lytham St. Annes, Lancs.

RINGING ON PALM SUNDAY

Dear Sir,—We are now in the solemn season of Lent, and surely a correct time to think about half-muffled ringing.

In my humble opinion I think it would be a fitting start to the most solemn week of the Christian year (Holy Week) if all the church bells throughout Britain were rung half-muffled on Palm Sunday; also for the B.B.C. to be approached with the view to having this very beautiful form of ringing broadcast.—Yours truly,

PETER J. ROBERTS.

Barry, Glam.

FOUR-BELL TOWERS IN WILTSHIRE

Dear Sir,—Twenty-five years ago there were the following 4-bell rings in Wiltshire—some may now have been augmented: Little Bedwyn, Berwick St. James, Box, Boynton, Donhead St. Andrew, Ham, Hankerton, Idmiston, West Kington, Langley Burrell, Luckington, North Newnton, Newton Tony, Orcheston St. George, Somerford, Stockton, Trowbridge St. Thomas, Westwood, Winterbourne Monkton, Winterbourne Stoke, Yatton Keynell.

The four in Orcheston St. George and the three in the adjoining parish of St. Mary hang in steel frames and go like tops. There is also a well-hung three at Baverstock (St. Edith of Wilton). The picture-postcard village of Teffont Evias has three ringable bells and (for the benefit of any organist-ringer) a genuine 'Scudamore' organ.—Yours faithfully,

EDWARD G. CAPLE.

Clevedon, Somerset.

THE COURSE OF TRUE LOVE

Dear Sir,—I for one should like strongly to support the letter of my old friend Charles Melford about that type of woman in ringing.

What a contrast to the usual happy, healthy type of girl we find at the Ladies' Guild meetings. It will be a sad day when we are so short of members we have to stoop to that sort of person.

At the same time though I must point out to Charlie that surely as a lifelong teetotaller he should support her refusing strong drink, a view not very often met with nowadays. And perhaps the wholesome contact with ringers may bring some improvement. I must say I have had some very happy times ringing, and I am glad when I look back to those early days that Charlie did not altogether succeed in his attempts to keep us women out of belfries!—Yours truly,

ALMA K. HACOCK (Mrs.).

Oxford.

Dear Sir,—A word of protest about the two letters ('R.W.', 15/3/57) referring to the leading article, 'The Course of True Love.' Although introduced to ringing myself by the good old boy-meets-girl system, I do not in fact practise the profession mentioned by Mr. Melford, and I think he will find that it is true of the big majority of female ringers.

As for Miss Oliver, even if she does want to make distinctions between ringers of the fair sex, the Ladies' Guild does not.—Yours, etc.,

MARY ANDREWS.

Hitchin, Herts.

A WESTMORLAND TOWER

Dear Sir,—At the Church of St. Bartholomew, Barbon, near Kirkby Lonsdale, Westmorland, there is a 4-bell tower. My mother, sisters and I were evacuated to Barbon village during the war, and have since returned several times for holidays. I last rang there in 1948 and at that time the bells were in very good condition and easy to ring. I've no doubt they are still good as I believe they are still rung regularly. I was told that the tenor was 17 cwt., but no one knows whether or not this information is correct.—Yours faithfully,

J. BRENDA SOFTLEY.

South Shields, County Durham.



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THE WELDING OF CRACKED BELLS

By R. W. M. CLOUSTON

THE aim of this article is to collect and comment upon the results to date and the problems connected with the repairing of cracked bells by welding.

INTRODUCTION

To be able to appreciate the problems involved it is necessary first to give a review of bells generally and of the various methods of sounding them.

Bells have been used from very early times, and even to-day we have some still in use which were cast as long ago as the year 1200. In that period they were shaped much like flower pots with straight sides and with near uniform thickness throughout. By about 1300 the shape had evolved almost to that used to-day, the one which gives the best musical effect.

A bell of normal shape is in fact a large thick ring (or soundbow) with a diameter about equal to the mouth diameter of the bell, with the rest of the bell forming an open-ended box. The diameter and thickness of the ring or soundbow, which is struck by the clapper or tongue, are the dimensions which fix the fundamental note of the bell, and the dimensions of the open-ended box determine the pitch of the harmonics produced.

A normal bell gives out more than nine different notes, of which five are considered important from the tuning point of view. The frequencies of these can within limits be altered by turning the bell in a lathe and removing metal from various zones inside the bell or at the lip.

With a bell weighing a ton the mouth diameter would be about 49 in. and the soundbow thickness about 3¼ in. In the crown of the bell the thickness would be at its minimum of about 1 in.

Bells have been cast in bronze from time immemorial, and the alloy used through the ages, with little variation, has contained 22 per cent. tin and 78 per cent. copper. In the past the founder has had to work under great difficulties, often in the open air, frequently having to use what metal was available rather than what he wanted, and as a result impurities are found in old bells which can have a very considerable effect on welding, such as lead and zinc, etc. This is quite apart from moulding sand inclusions, porous metal and other similar defects.

This alloy of copper and tin is extremely brittle and has the highest tin content of any commercial bronze. This is necessary, though very expensive, to obtain the brilliance in tone. Bronze, with a lower percentage of tin, gives a bell a far duller tone, and though the alloy is less brittle, is false economy.

METHODS OF RINGING

Bells can be sounded in a number of different ways, and each will impart different stresses in the bell material.

A bell may be hung stationary and struck by an internal or external hammer, as in the case of clock chimes.

The bell may be swung through a small arc and checked at the end of each stroke so that the clapper hits the inside of the soundbow. This is termed swing chiming.

A further method is adopted in the case of rings of bells on which changes are rung. Here the bell rotates through a full circle and balances mouth uppermost at the end of each revolution. This is the severest test of the quality of the material in a bell, both in the force of the blow and the number of blows, which can be over 5,000 in three hours in the course of a peal.

Bells to be rung in this manner are very common in the British Isles, less common in the English-speaking world generally, and virtually unknown on the continent of Europe.

Fatigue is a phenomenon before the public eye in view of the recent Comet disasters, and it applies just as much to bells as to any other metal object. If the welding temperature stresses cannot be relieved sufficiently, or if there are small cracks remaining after welding, the continual vibration of the bell will sooner or later cause failure; sooner rather than later in the case of the soundbow zone, as the vibration is so much more intense there than in the crown of the bell.



FIG 1.—A fine Flemish bell cast by Peter van den Ghein I. of Mechlin in 1540 and now in Iona Cathedral Cloisters. The crack in the soundbow is clearly visible and was repaired by welding.

HOW A BELL BECOMES CRACKED

There are two main places where cracks originate, (i) in the crown or head of the bell, (ii) in the soundbow.

(i) Up till about 1850 the wrought iron staple from which the clapper hangs was fixed in the mould before the metal was run in. The bronze held it in position in use, but due to its nature the iron rusts and in doing so expands, which sets up stresses in the bronze where that metal is comparatively thin, and as a result a crack develops. This then has a habit of working its way down the side of the bell to the mouth. Unfortunately, though the crack is plainly visible over most of its length it is not generally possible to stop its spreading by drilling a hole across its path, as one cannot accurately determine its end.

A crack in the crown does not seriously impair the tone initially, but it is usually possible to know whether there is one of any magnitude by the speed at which the sound decays. As the crack works its way down through the waist to the soundbow, the tone is progressively lost until it reaches the lip, when the tone is so poor that the bell is general disused.

Old cast-in staples of this type should be drilled out from the crowns of old bells to prevent this, and new clapper support shafts fitted right through the crowns to finish with an external nut and split pin on the headstock.

(ii) A crack direct in the soundbow without first working down from the crown is more often than not due to downright carelessness and misuse. Any bell struck violently with a sledge-hammer will crack, but often the cause is not so blatant. On being struck the soundbow vibrates, and if it is restrained in any way, then due to the brittle material a crack will sooner or later develop at the point of restraint. Thus a clock hammer with a defective spring which allows the hammer to rest on the bell after it has struck, or the slovenly sexton who ties the rope to the clapper instead of the bell wheel, and pulls the clapper on to the bell and does not release it at once, are both potential causes of failure of a bell.

A cracked soundbow can result from wear, as the clapper tends to indent its way into the bell in time, so thinning and weakening it at the points of impact. In this connection the maladjustment of many clappers of ringing bells, especially large ones, frequently results in false clappering, i.e., the clapper falls back on to the rising lower side of the bell instead of striking by overtaking the rising top side.

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THE LADIES' GUILD

Western District

The annual meeting of the Western District was held at Bitton, Glos, on March 9th when, in spite of the drenching rain which now seems to be a regular feature of these meetings, a good attendance was recorded. The service was conducted by the Rector of Corston (the Rev. J. W. Tunwell) who gave an amusing and very apt address. Tea was taken in the Church Hall, and whilst the ladies' meeting was in progress three of the 'Ladies' Guild husbands and fathers' not only washed all the dishes but also undertook the more arduous task of looking after no less than seven youthful offsprings of members—there is no doubt that the Ladies' Guild in this part of the world is very much a 'family affair.'

At the business meeting the following officers were elected: Vice-president, Mrs. Parfrey; secretary, Mrs. de Jong; committee—Mrs. Bennett, Miss Johnson and Miss Williams; representatives to Ladies' Guild committee, Mrs. Bennett and Miss Johnson. Two new members were elected—Miss J...and Miss P. Stevens, from West Buckland.

It is hoped to hold the June meeting at Lyme Regis and the September meeting at Malmesbury, subject to the necessary permission being obtained. The usual coach will be run from the Bath/Bristol district to Lyme Regis.

At the conclusion of the meeting members returned to the tower for further ringing, ranging from rounds to Surprise Major methods.

M. de J.

West Midlands District

The pleasantly situated Church of St. Leonard, Clent, welcomed members and friends to the annual meeting of the West Midlands District on March 9th through steady rain; but once in the ringing room the weather was soon forgotten and attention was given to the ringing of rounds and Queens, and touches in various methods. Ladies' bands rang touches of Grandsire and Stedman and a course of Cambridge, while the help of the gentlemen was appreciated for Double Norwich and an attempted course of Yorkshire.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. G. John, who welcomed us to the church and gave some interesting details of the history of Clent and the dedication and craftsmanship of the church. He also joined us at tea, held in a conveniently situated cafe (the weather continuing unkind).

The business meeting was held in the north aisle of the church, and the following officers were elected for the coming year: Vice-president, Evelyn Fletcher; secretary and treasurer, Diana Perrins; central committee—Maureen Fellows, Mrs. Anne Speed; District committee—Stella Hughes, Elizabeth Yardley, Mrs. Anne Speed, Mrs. C. A. Barron.

The next meeting of the District will be held in Warwickshire on the first Saturday in June.

WELDING—Continued

The severe blow thus given is especially dangerous, particularly for an already thin and worn old bell. The remedy for this is quarter or eighth turning, and a clapper suspended from an independent crown staple which can be properly adjusted. This of course, as mentioned before, involves the removal of a cast-iron crown staple, if there is one. Rubber buffers in the clapper bells also assist the resonance of weak and thin bells and afford further protection.

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BY D. E. PARSONS

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Turning course 2 s9.

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5,000 first rung at Beddington on March 9th, 1957, conducted by the composer.

BEXLEY, KENT.—On Mar. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Grandsire, 780 Bob): C. H. J. Williams (first on working bell) 1. Brenda Foster 2. Jean Jones (first 'inside') 3. Mary Andrews 4. J. L. Morris (cond.) 5. For Evensong on Ash Wednesday.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Central Bucks Branch

A very successful meeting was held at the Church of St. Mary, Padbury, near Buckingham, on March 9th. There were touches of various Minor methods from 2.45 p.m. until the service at 4 p.m.

The Vicar of Padbury (the Rev. W. F. Garrod), who is new to the parish, showed his versatility by conducting the service, giving the address and playing the organ. About 45 members attended the service and afterwards had tea in the schoolroom, ably arranged by the local tower foreman, Mr. C. Gough.

The Rev. Canon G. Dixon presided at the quarterly meeting and was supported by the secretary, Mr. F. Gibbard. Several visitors were present, including the Guild librarian, Mr. L. Roper. Mr. V. Phillips proposed three new members. Some views were put forward regarding the annual festival at Oxford.

Afterwards quite a number of methods were rung, including London and Cambridge, with the help of enthusiastic visiting ringers.

One feature of this successful meeting was the large number of young ringers present, and this augurs well for the Central Bucks Branch, which is not by any means now the smallest Branch in the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

THE GLOUCESTER GUILD OF RINGERS

On March 9th, the Gloucester Guild held its first annual dinner, which was attended by 45 ringers and friends. After an excellent meal, the chief guest, Rev. Mr. Lanham, of Quedgeley, proposed the toast of 'The Guild,' and spoke of the tremendous revival of ringing in the Gloucester area as a result of the formation of the Guild. Other toasts were to 'The Visitors' and to 'The Entertainers,' and these were interspersed with entertainment from various sources. The evening concluded with dancing.

M. D. L.

WINDSOR, BERKS.—On Mar. 3rd, at St. John's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. S. T. Farr 1, Mary Buckingham 2, Monica M. Blagrove 3, K. Buckingham 4, A. J. Glass 5, B. L. Taylor 6, F. T. Blagrove (cond.) 7, J. Painter 8. For morning service.

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OBITUARY

MR. J. E. BURTON

Norwich has lost one of its oldest ringers by the death on March 12th of Mr. John Edward Burton, aged 80. He started his ringing career with J. Armiger Trollope, Charles E. Borrett and his brother, George P. Burton, all now passed on. These four were first-class handbell ringers and rang many peals 'in hand' in the later 1890's.

When the old band (Norwich Scholars) at St. Peter Mancroft broke up in 1907, John and George Burton with Charles Borrett formed the nucleus of a new band and remained together until 1923. With Mr. Burton's wholehearted support, the Mancroft Guild added a flat sixth, the 'Gabriel' bell, in 1910. During the first World War the Guild enlisted the services of five lady ringers, and later taught Miss G. M. A. George, a niece of the famous Rev. F. E. Robinson. Miss George became Mrs. Burton in 1922.

By profession John E. Burton was an architect and acquired quite a reputation for church restoration work, and his advice was much sought in connection with towers, bell frames, etc.

His active ringing ended after the first world war, brought about by ill-health and the demands of his practice, and in 1923 he became closely concerned with a large business concern. In spite of this his interest in ringing continued and when I last saw him he recalled a great many of his ringing experiences.

Like his brother, he was a first-class ringer and a splendid striker from treble to tenor, both of them being meticulous in everything they undertook. I rang in several peals with him (one of which he conducted) and do not remember him making a bad blow.

He could be depended on in any method. Although not a prolific peal ringer his knowledge of theory and method construction was very considerable; one of his peals of Bob Major is still rung.

When first meeting him he would give an impression of aloofness, but on knowing him better one would appreciate his quiet humour and a direct and searching mind. His interests outside his business and professional life were his church, ringing and sailing, more particularly on the Norfolk Broads.

John Edward Burton was a type of churchman and ringer whose example many of us would do well to follow. B. S. T.

MR. W. E. G. HEWSON

The ringers of St. Leonard's, Streatham, much regret to hear of the death of Mr. W. E. G. Hewson, the Irish gentleman, who died at his home at Askeaton, County Limerick.

He lived at Brixton Hill, London, for about 12 years, and joined the London County Association, the Surrey Association, and is believed to have been a College Youth. He took part in a few peals in London, ringing the tenor covering; for this he was good and kept an even beat. At St. Leonard's he got on well between the years 1927-37, and took part in quite a number of quarter peals by ringing a working bell to Stedman Triples.

He told me he was apprenticed as an engineer with the late Major J. H. B. Hesse, and that accounts for his knowledge of bell-hanging and casting. Mr. Hewson lost his wife by death in London in 1938, and since that year we here in London have heard no more from him, and concluded he had gone back to Ireland.

He was a devout churchman and always attended service Sunday mornings after ringing at Streatham, and we are very pleased to know the bells of Limerick Cathedral were rung half-muffled to his memory.

May God rest his soul. J. W. C.

MR. SIDNEY J. JESSOP

The ringers of St. Leonard's, Streatham, were greatly shocked to hear of the death of Mr. Sidney J. Jessop, of Boston, Lincs. We got the sad news from his brother at Streatham before it appeared in 'The Ringing World.'

Mr. Jessop often visited his brother at weekends, and always liked to ring at St. Leonard's for the Sunday services. He rang Grandsire well and liked to try a touch of Stedman. He was proud to talk about his Boston 'Stump' (St. Botolph's), where he rang for so many years. Every Christmas, these last 12 years or more, he sent the Streatham ringers a belfry calendar, accompanied by a large photograph of Boston Stump, each year taken at a different angle. He rang many quarter peals of Grandsire Triples at Streatham and we shall miss his visits. R.I.P. J. W. C.

MR. C. H. PAGE

It is with great regret that we record the death on March 13th, after a short illness, of Mr. Charles Herbert Page, aged 70, tower captain of the Parish Church of St. Peter-ad-Vincula, Stoke-on-Trent, officer and life member of the North Staffordshire Association.

In a short address at the funeral the Rector, Rev. F. A. R. Chapman, paid tribute to 'Charlie' Page, who would be remembered as a friend, communicant, and perhaps above all, as a bellringer. The Ringers' Hymn was sung during the service.

The bells of St. Peter's were rung half-muffled both before and after the service by officers and members of the North Staffs Association.

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Ruishton, Saturday, March 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please.—A. H. Reed, George Street, Taunton. 9926

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at Norbury (Hazel Grove), Saturday, March 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. For tea advise Mr. B. Jones, 11, Mill Street, Hazel Grove, Stockport. —C. K. Lewis. 9908

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Littlebourne, Saturday, March 30th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Quarterly meeting, Dover, Saturday, May 4th.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9884

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Wye, Saturday, March 30th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. W. Greenstreet, 3, Church Street, Wye.—C. T. Hills, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9929

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Annual District meeting, Willesden, Saturday, March 30th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea 5.15 p.m. Business to follow. All ringers and friends very welcome. 9900

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Annual District meeting at Willesden, Saturday, March 30th. Bells from 3 p.m. Nearest station, Neasden (Bakerloo line), or trolleybus routes 660, 656, alight at White Hart. All ringers and friends welcome. 9972

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Monthly meeting, Eastwood (8), on Saturday, March 30th, at 3 p.m. 9932

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MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION. — Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station) on Monday, April 1st, at 7 p.m.—T. J. Lock. 9968

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BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—Meeting on Saturday, April 6th, at Sharnbrook. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names must be given for tea by Thursday to Miss Phyllis Gray, 18, Durler Avenue, Kempston, Beds. 9970

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Next meeting at Tredington (please note change of venue) on Saturday, April 6th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by April 3rd, please.—H. M. Windsor, The Bakery, Long Itchington, near Rugby, Warks. 9938

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Eyam (6), Saturday, April 6th, 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—All welcome.—H. E. Taylor, Dis. Sec. 9953

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The dedication of the newly rehung and recast ring of eight by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. at Halstead by the Lord Bishop of Colchester at 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 6th. Tea afterwards. All ringers welcome.—Hilda G. Snowden. 9904

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HOMEWOOD SCHOOL RINGING SOCIETY.—Meeting at St. Mary's, High Halden, Kent, Saturday, April 6th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday, April 4th, please, to Miss A. Haldane, 6, The Chennells, High Halden, Ashford, Kent. All ringers welcome.—Violet I. Relf. 9941

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION — Tonbridge District.—Quarterly meeting at Edenbridge on Saturday, April 6th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by April 4th to Mr. E. Leigh, Holmesdale, Station Road. Edenbridge. 9889

LADIES' GUILD.—North Western District. —Joint meeting with Lancashire Association (Wigan Branch) at Southport (Christ Church), Saturday, April 6th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting after tea. Names for tea not later than April 3rd to Miss M. Ridyard, 16, Vaughan Road, Birkdale, Southport. No name, no tea. Please do your best to come.—Stella P. Wain. Hon. Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch.—Meeting at St. John's, Blackpool, on Saturday, April 6th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided 5 p.m. Business after tea.—J. F. Turner. 9965

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at Accrington on Saturday, April 6th. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., price nominal. Meeting to follow. For tea please notify not later than Wednesday Mr. R. Leigh 321, Willows Lane, Accrington.—Charles W. Blakey. 9958

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Meeting at Scorton, Saturday, April 6th. Bells from 2.30 to 7.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to S. Anderton, Springfield Farm, Scorton.—P. E. Eccles, Secretary. 9975

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SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch. —Maiden Newton, Saturday, April 6th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting follow. Names by April 3rd to Mr. J. Bishop, Church Street, Maiden Newton.—Hayne, Sec. 9973

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LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire District.—Annual meeting at Eagle, near Lincoln, Saturday, April 13th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names for tea not later than Monday, April 8th, to Mrs. A. Richardson, Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding, Lincs. 9971

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LADIES' GUILD.—North Eastern District. —Combined meeting with the Western District of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association at Chester-le-Street on Saturday, April 13th. Bells available 3 p.m. Names for tea by April 6th to Mr. S. C. Walker, 21, Avondale Terrace Chester-le-Street. 9945

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SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting at Charlwood (6), on Saturday, April 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by April 10th to Mr. A. J. Ede, Claremont Villas, Charlwood. 9951

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BATS IN THE BELFRY

ARE bell ringers 'bats' in the belfry? When I tell people I ring bells, they look at me agape. I do really believe they think I'm dotty, but of course they are much too polite to say so.

Perhaps bell ringers are crazy, but I find it a pleasant kind of craziness. I suppose to the layman, going out ringing church bells sounds a pretty curious business. And then, of course, they must think people are pretty mad to go out peal ringing for hours at a time. I have not yet aspired to that particular brand of eccentricity, neither have I any intention of doing so at present, but my more experienced colleagues tell me I will, sooner or later.

You know, I sometimes think that the layman is more 'bats' in the belfry than we ringers are. Someone told me the other day that the sound of the bells always made her want to cry. Mind you, I've heard bell ringing in my time that's made me want to cry, but that was only because the striking was a bit rough. Of course, she didn't mean that — like most of the uninitiated she doesn't appreciate the difference between good and bad ringing — doesn't know there is any good and bad really. I cannot help feeling that the best cure for this odd melancholia would be for her to go into a tower and learn to ring. She would then find bells and bell ringing a happy affair. Of course, she might feel like shedding a tear or two when she was first learning, but she'd soon get over that. like the rest of us. I must suggest it to her one day — we could do with some new recruits in our tower.

I don't really believe we are as daft as people might think and, even if we are, we seem to achieve a happiness and companionship that appears to be peculiar to the belfry. There you meet people, who are all sorts and conditions of men, brought together by one common denominator — a love of bell ringing. There is a wonderful satisfaction in being part of a team of ringers, whether you ring rounds, Grandsire or Surprise methods, and you cannot quite achieve the same spirit anywhere else.

Are we mad because at week-ends we go off to ringing meetings up and down the country? I for one don't really care if we are, because I have spent some very happy hours at these functions. There's not only the ringing, you know, but meeting and talking to people at tea time. Tea at a ringing meeting always seems to me to be an awfully important affair. You can talk about so many things. The iniquities of the Parochial Church Council who are loth to add two new trebles to a local ring of four bells . . . the way the so-and-so band have improved lately . . . reminiscences about old times . . . and the exciting discovery that your neighbour at the tea table, who has been ringing energetically all the afternoon, is eighty-four years old and rang his first peal in 1890. And then after tea back to the tower to spend another pleasant hour or so. And if that's being mad — I'm glad I am.

Is it crazy to have a hobby which allows you to have a friend in practically every part of the country? It is with a deep sense of gratitude that I realise, however far away from home I might be, I need never be lonely and without friends. All I have to do is find the nearest belfry, where there will be people who are ready to welcome me and make me feel at home. And that isn't so crazy, you know.

But when all is said and done, how can bell ringers be bats in the belfry when Sunday by Sunday it is their joyful duty and privilege to ring the bells to the praise and glory of God? And because they do this, how can they help but be happy, friendly people? All I can say is that I'm jolly glad I'm a bell ringer, and I only hope I shall be able to go on being one for a long time to come, bats in the belfry or not.

NANCY E. KEMPSELL.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., March 16, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 24 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in D.

MURIEL REAY .. .. .. *Treble*		A. FRANK UDALL	7
STELLA HUGHES	2	ARTHUR D. COOK	8
ALBERT WALKER	3	JOHN R. JOYNER	9
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ..	4	W. NORMAN PARK	10
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	5	GEORGE E. FEARN	11
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	6	FRANK E. HAYNES	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by J. FRANK SMALLWOOD.
A birthday compliment to A. Frank Udall.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

TIVERTON, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., March 2, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in D.

HORACE BUTT .. .. .. *Treble*		ARTHUR REED	5
E. MAURICE ATKINS	2	FREDERICK WREFORD	6
RICHARD BOWDEN	3	BRIAN PIDGEON	7
NORMAN MALLETT	4	WILLIAM GIGG	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 9, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation).
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

ROGER K. STRETTON .. .. *Treble*		*JOAN K. BROWN	5
ERNEST MORRIS	2	BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	6
JOHN M. JELLEY	3	ERNEST J. JELLEY	7
BRIAN G. WARWICK	4	ALBERT J. COOKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal in the method.

LOUGHBOROUGH. LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., March 13, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

G. RONALD EDWARDS .. *Treble*		PHYLLIS POOLE	5
*JOAN K. BROWN	2	†JOHN A. ACRES	6
BRIAN G. WARWICK	3	BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	7
ERNEST J. JELLEY	4	JOHN M. JELLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER (No. 4).
Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal in the method 'inside.' † 350th peal.

BARROW-ON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 16, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation).
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in F.

FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD .. *Treble*		MICHAEL W. CROWDER ..	5
ARTHUR W. HOODLESS ..	2	*SEPTIMUS NEAVE	6
STEPHEN BROMFIELD	3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	7
ARTHUR W. CROWDER ..	4	GWEN I. RUSBY	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal of Triples. The conductor's 600th peal.

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 16, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW, HAMPTON,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

*PATRICIA A. TURK .. .. *Treble*		GEOFFREY J. HEMMING ..	5
*DAPHNE L. R. TURK ..	2	ROBERT W. COLE	6
GERALD C. HEMMING ..	3	WILFRED J. NEWMAN ..	7
REV. ALBERT WEBB	4	JOSEPH E. NEWMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by GERALD C. HEMMING.
* First peal on eight bells. First peal of Major as conductor.
A farewell peal to Daphne L. R. Turk, who is leaving Evesham for South America.

MALDON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 16, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

*CECIL J. MANN .. .. .. *Treble*		ERNEST RICHARDSON	5
ARTHUR H. EVERETT ..	2	BERNARD MANN	6
SIDNEY R. LINNETT	3	FRANK B. LUFKIN	7
HARRY APPLETON	4	SYDNEY C. EASTER	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE WILLIAMS. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.
* First peal.
Rung fully muffled in memory of Horace J. Mansfield.

MALPAS, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 16, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb.

GEORGE F. SPERRING .. *Treble*		DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD	5
HAROLD F. WHITE	2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	6
*HENRY O. BAKER	3	*JOHN W. GRIFFITHS ..	7
F. HECTOR BENNETT ..	4	PERCY SWINDLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by HENRY O. BAKER.
* 300th peal.

OLVESTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.
On Sat., March 16, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5072 BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18¾ cwt.

MICHAEL T. SPRACKLING .. *Treble*		†PATRICK J. BIRD	5
*BRIAN J. WYLDE	2	DAVID HEIGHTON	6
ARTHUR R. WRIGHT ..	3	TUDOR P. EDWARDS ..	7
PATRICIA M. BOURN	4	FRANK D. MACK	*Tenor*

Composed by ALBERT M. TYLER. Conducted by PATRICIA M. BOURN.
* First peal on an 'inside' bell and on eight bells. † First peal on eight bells.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 16, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,
A PEAL OF 5088 JEDBURGH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 23 lb. in D.

ERNEST J. LADD .. .. .. *Treble*		ROBERT COLLINS	5
DORIS E. COLGATE	2	WILLIAM ROGERS	6
RAYMOND OVERY	3	FRANK H. HICKS	7
THOMAS E. SONE	4	WILLIAM T. BEESON	*Tenor*

Composed by R. F. B. SPEED. Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.
First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.
A birthday compliment to Doris E. Colgate and a 10th birthday compliment to Yvonne, grand-daughter of the conductor.

SUTTON COLDFIELD, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., March 16, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in E flat.

EDMUND MALIN .. .. *Treble*		ALFRED BALLARD	5
LEONARD TREVOR	2	FREDERICK E. WILSHAW ..	6
JOAN BERESFORD	3	ARTHUR PRITCHARD	7
J. EDWARD CAWSER	4	RALPH G. EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSER.

WARFIELD, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 16, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-THE-ARCHANGEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 BEDFORDSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb. in F.

PHYLLIS M. MAYNE .. .. *Treble*		WILLIAM WENBAN	5
ELSIE K. HART	2	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN ..	6
MARION J. SKINNER	3	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	7
JOAN M. WILCOCKSON ..	4	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Composed by DENNIS KNOX. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
First peal in the method by all the band, in the Diocese and for the Guild.

PAKEFIELD, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., March 18, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS AND ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in G.

*HORACE W. EASEY	*Treble*	EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	5
GEORGE W. HOWLETT	2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	6
BEN S. THOMPSON	3	JOHN W. G. KINDRED	7
*DOUGLAS MITCHELL	4	PETER KINDRED	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by PETER KINDRED.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.
In memoriam John E. Burton.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., March 20, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In two methods, consisting of 2,944 Yorkshire and 2,208 Cambridge, with 92 changes of method. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

BRIAN G. WARWICK	*Treble*	†JOHN M. JELLEY	5
ERNEST MORRIS	2	†JOHN A. ACRES	6
*PHYLLIS POOLE	3	†ERNEST J. JELLEY	7
†BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	4	†G. RONALD EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by SHIRLEY BURTON. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major. † First peal of Spliced Surprise. First peal of Spliced Surprise as conductor.
A birthday compliment to the conductor.

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., March 21, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, MANCROFT,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans' Four-part.
Tenor 37 cwt. 99 lb. in C.

WILLIAM LOVE	*Treble*	CLIFFORD BIRD	5
ARTHUR G. BASON	2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	6
F. CHARLES GOODMAN	3	BERT GOGLE	7
GEORGE SAYER	4	NOLAN GOLDEN	*Tenor*

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam John Edward Burton.

SHIRLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., March 21, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 6¼ cwt. in B flat.

GEORGE E. FEARN	*Treble*	H. DAVID HOLLAND	5
PAUL J. RIGBY	2	J. THOMAS GWILT	6
EDWARD T. LLOYD	3	VINCENT A. HEMMING	7
JOHN R. JOYNER	4	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	*Tenor*

Conducted by VINCENT A. HEMMING.
Rung half-muffled as a tribute to Arthur Morris, in the tower he so faithfully served for over 55 years.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., March 21, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

ALICK CUTLER	*Treble*	DENNIS KNOX	5
THOMAS J. LOCK	2	ALFRED J. HOUSE	6
*JAMES WALLMAN	3	JOHN R. MAYNE	7
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.
* First peal in the method.

LEYTON, LONDON.
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.
On Sat., March 23, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

NEVIL G. HOLLINGWORTH	*Treble*	CHARLES W. OTTLEY	5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER	2	LEONARD W. BULLOCK	6
CHARLES A. HUGHES	3	PETER J. HUTCHINGS	7
*LEWIS J. BATLEY	4	FRANK R. L. BLEWER	*Tenor*

Conducted by NEVIL G. HOLLINGWORTH.
* First peal in the method.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 23, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In 22 methods, being 480 Cambridge, 320 each of Bristol, Claybrooke, Lindum, London, New Gloucester, Pudsey, Rutland and Wordsworth, and 160 each of Acton, Apsley, Coddenham, Cray, Eastcote, Hitchin, Lincolnshire, Ripon, Superlative, Uxbridge, Yorkshire, Watford and Wembley, with 144 changes of method.
Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in B flat.

EDWARD JENKINS	*Treble*	C. KENNETH LEWIS	5
FRED DUNKERLEY	2	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	6
JOHN WORTH	3	BRIAN HARRIS	7
BASIL JONES	4	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER	*Tenor*

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.
The first peal in 22 Spliced Surprise Major methods by the Guild, in the county and by all the band.
A welcome to the Rev. E. P. Tyson; a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Worth, and a birthday compliment to the tenor ringer.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

HAWKSHEAD, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt.

*ERIC PEPPER	*Treble*	†LAWRENCE D. CLEMENT	4
ALAN CAPSTICK	2	W. NORMAN CAMPBELL	5
*BERYL MAYOR	3	NICHOLAS M. NEWBY	*Tenor*

Conducted by NICHOLAS M. NEWBY.
* First peal. † First peal in the method.

NEW BUCKENHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Feb. 22, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

WILFRED E. GARROD	*Treble*	C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO	4
WILFRED G. SAUNDERS	2	JOHN S. BARNES	5
ALBERT E. ROBINSON	3	FRANK C. J. ARNOLD	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN S. BARNES.
Rung on the eve of the wedding of Beryl A. Saunders, daughter of the ringer of the second, to Terence Cole-Wilkin.

NORTON ST. PHILIP, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., March 4, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 10 cwt.

*GRAHAM C. GRANT	*Treble*	PERCY BRAY	4
W. JOHN PHIPPEN	2	ERNEST E. BRAY	5
†LESLIE A. FEAR	3	*JACK GRIFFIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST E. BRAY.
* First peal. † First peal of Doubles.

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RINGWOULD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., March 11, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

*AMOS FURMINGER	*Treble*	PETER J. RYE	4
*EDGAR H. HARDING	2	FREDERICK A. RYE	5
†AUDREY BANKS	3	FREDERICK W. LAWRENCE	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK W. LAWRENCE.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor.

Rung as a farewell to the Rev. A. E. Sellers, on his retirement. Also rung to celebrate the augmenting of the original five to six by the adding of a new tenor.

FORNHAM ALL SAINTS, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Wed., March 13, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 20 extents of Grandsire (ten callings) and 22 extents of Plain Bob (four callings). Tenor 7 cwt.

*JOE PETTITT	*Treble*	ARTHUR W. ROLFE	3
KENNETH G. BROWN	2	DOUGLAS H. ROOKE	4
†LESLIE N. MELTON	*Tenor*		

Conducted by KENNETH G. BROWN.

* First peal of Doubles. † First of Doubles in two methods.

BIRKENHEAD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Wirral Branch.)
On Fri., March 15, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS, WOODCHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Bob, and one extent of Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in F sharp.

*D. JOHN POOLE	*Treble*	VIVIAN T. O. BOASE	4
ALEXANDER J. MARTIN	2	CHARLES B. PEMBERTON	5
*ROGER J. H. VEYSEY	3	ERNEST T. CARVELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES B. PEMBERTON.

* First peal.

GRESSENHALL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., March 15, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

*VERA M. NELSON	*Treble*	S. HARRY WATERFIELD	4
GEORGE T. BUNNING	2	JOHN S. BARNES	5
*JUNE E. NELSON	3	GEORGE P. ADAMS	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN S. BARNES.

* First peal.

Rung in memory of Mrs. Hall, wife of a former rector.

BITTESWELL, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 16, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods: (1) Childwall Bob, (2) St. Clement's Bob, (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Double Bob, (5) Kent Treble Bob, (6) Oxford Treble Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A flat.

J. HARRY COOK	*Treble*	BRIAN G. WARWICK	4
ERNEST J. JELLEY	2	BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	5
*ROLAND H. COOK	3	JOHN M. JELLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal in seven Minor methods.

BRANSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 16, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 12 methods, viz.: (1) St. Clement's, Childwall; (2) Primrose Surprise; (3) Double Oxford, Thelwall; (4) Cambridge and Bourne Surprise; (5) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob; (6) Single Oxford, Plain Bob; (7) Single Court.
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

WILLIAM E. GREEN	*Treble*	RONALD APPLEWHITE	4
*GERALD T. SPEED	2	JOHN F. PEARSON	5
AMOS INGALL	3	LOUIS WILLDERS	*Tenor*

Conducted by LOUIS WILLDERS.

* First peal in 12 methods. First in 12 methods as conductor.

Rung by a Sunday service band for the wedding of Mr. Charles Edward Woodcock to Miss Patricia Greensmith, which took place in the above church prior to the peal.

CATHERINGTON, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 16, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

*SAMUEL J. HARDING	*Treble*	ALAN H. STURGESS	4
JOHN A. G. BALL	2	FREDERICK W. BURNETT	5
†DAVID S. M. JONES	3	JOHN H. HUNT	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN H. HUNT.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal.

CLOWNE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 16, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven extents called differently. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

*RUTH DICKINSON	*Treble*	DENNIS A. SMEDLEY	4
SAM SCATTERGOOD	2	FREDERICK A. ADAMS	5
MARY E. BARLOW	3	WILFRED L. ROBINSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRED L. ROBINSON.

* First peal.

DISLEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 16, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

*WILLIAM H. DOWSE	*Treble*	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	4
*FRANK OSBALDISTON	2	*ROBERT SMITH	5
*BERNARD GROVES	3	*ALAN MCFALL	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN MCFALL.

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

GREAT TOTHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 16, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of London Surprise, Oxford Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob.
Tenor 7 cwt. 11 lb.

*ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON	*Treble*	PETER J. CAME	4
†MICHAEL EDWARDS	2	PATRICK W. SALTMARSH	5
MARY DOWSETT	3	JOE E. G. ROAST	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

* 75th peal. † First in seven methods 'inside.'

Rung as an engagement compliment to Mr. P. J. Eves and Miss Pamela Dowsett, the latter being the sister of the ringer of the third.

HELMDON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 16, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent each of Primrose, York, Carlisle, Beverley, Wells, London and Cambridge. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

GEORGE SHELLARD	*Treble*	MONTAGUE SAUNDERS	4
BARRY SAUNDERS	2	*ROGER KEELEY	5
WILLIAM J. CHESTER	3	WILLIAM A. YATES	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. YATES.

* First peal in seven Surprise Minor methods. 50th peal as conductor.

Rung on the eve of the christening of Richard William, infant son of the conductor.

LYDIARD MILLICENT, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 16, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in 16 methods, viz.: Two extents each of Reverse New Bob, Reverse Huntspill, Reverse St. Vedast, New Bob, Huntspill, St. Vedast, and three extents each of St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place, St. Remigius, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Osmund, Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob, Grandsire and Stedman. Tenor 8 cwt.

ANTHONY R. PEAKE	*Treble*	ERIC SUTTON	4
FRANCIS G. WILTON	2	*IAN H. ORAM	5
RAYMOND C. WESTNEY	3	†VICTOR GRIFFIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.

* 50th peal. † 25th peal.

The first peal in 16 methods by all the band and on the bells.

SPROUGHTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., March 16, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent of St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, and two extents of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. in A.

ROBERT E. LESTER .. .. *Treble*	LESLIE N. MELTON 4
JAMES BENNETT, SEN... .. 2	KENNETH G. BROWN .. 5
LEONARD S. SHARPE 3	*RONALD W. STEWARD .. *Tenor*

Conducted by KENNETH G. BROWN.
* 250th peal.

STOCKBURY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 16, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 12 120's of Plain Bob (four callings) and 30 120's of Grandsire (ten callings). Tenor 15 cwt.

*EMILY B. P. WALKER .. *Treble*	†FRANCIS J. CHEAL 3
†WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT .. 2	‡CHARLES E. J. NORRIS .. 4
ALBERT J. DUNK .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.
* First peal on five bells. † 50th peal together. ‡ First peal of Doubles, also on five bells.

WENHASTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., March 16, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 12 cwt. 6 lb.

C. JACK GIBSON .. .. .. *Treble*	JOHN W. G. KINDRED .. 4
MRS. J. W. BLYTHE 2	PETER KINDRED 5
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN 3	JOHN W. BLYTHE.. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.
Rung in honour of the marriage of Paul Blythe (brother of the conductor) and Miss Jean Gibson (daughter of the treble ringer), which took place earlier this day.

BLANKNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., March 22, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents: (1) London Surprise, (2) St. Clement's, (3) Oxford Treble Bob, (4) Double and Single Court, (5) Kent Treble Bob, (6) Oxford Bob and Plain Bob, (7) Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. *Treble*	GILES C. GALLEY 4
JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM .. 2	ROBERT W. PARKER 5
MICHAEL W. CROWDER .. 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

BRILL, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 23, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two extents of Reverse St. Bartholomew and ten each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob, April Day and Grandsire.
Tenor 10 cwt.

*FRANK CUSS .. .. .. *Treble*	WILLIAM A. GODWIN .. 4
A. C. MERVYN DAY .. 2	PATRICK A. BARTLETT .. 5
CYRIL H. KINCH 3	*ARTHUR W. CROZIER .. *Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. GODWIN.
* First peal.

BURBAGE, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 23, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being an extent each of Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oswald Delight, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford, College Exercise and Norbury Treble Bob. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

RONALD DAWSON .. .. *Treble*	ELIZABETH M. BAGSHAW .. 4
MRS. MARGARET FINLOW .. 2	JACK T. MARRIOTT 5
HERBERT E. TAYLOR 3	HENRY KIRK .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by HENRY KIRK.
Rung to congratulate the ringer of the fourth on her engagement to Mr. George Barton.

CAWTHORNE, BARNSLEY.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Barnsley and District Society.)
On Sat., March 23, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Violet, London Scholars, Sandal, Duke of York, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 9 cwt.

*JAMES W. BUXTON .. .. *Treble*	CYRIL RUSBY 4
*TREVOR TARBATT 2	HERMAN RUSBY 5
FRED COWLING.. 3	NOEL F. MOXON .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by NOEL F. MOXON.
* First peal in seven methods.
Rung half-muffled in memory of Jack W. Fish, ringer at Cawthorne for 48 years.

CHEDDINGTON, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 23, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5040 ALLENDALE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout.
Tenor 12 cwt.

PHYLLIS M. MAYNE .. .. *Treble*	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. 4
JOAN M. WILCOCKSON .. 2	JOHN R. MAYNE.. 5
WILLIAM WENBAN 3	STEPHEN J. IVIN .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
The first peal in the method.

COBHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 23, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
IN THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

RONALD C. BURNS .. .. *Treble*	GEORGE KENWARD 4
TERENCE BARTON 2	CYRIL S. JARRETT 5
BRIAN BLADON 3	RALPH BIRD .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by CYRIL S. JARRETT.

HANDBELL PEALS

NORWICH, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., March 7, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours,*
AT 27, CHALK HILL ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR
Being seven extents called differently.

EDWIN T. CHAPMAN .. .. 1—2	WILLIAM H. BARRETT .. 3—4
ARTHUR G. BASON .. .. 5—6	

Conducted by ARTHUR G. BASON.

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., March 12, 1957, *in* 1 *Hour and* 50 *Minutes,*
IN THE RINGING CHAMBER OF THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 720 each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place, Plain Bob, St. Simon's, St. Martin's and April Day.

D. MARGARET HAWLEY .. 1—2	EDWARD M. BRADLEY .. 3—4
JOHN POTTS.. .. .. .. 5—6	

Conducted by JOHN POTTS.
First peal as conductor.

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., March 13, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT 20, ELM GROVE LANE,
A PEAL OF 5120 BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

*GEORGE P. ADAMS .. .. 1—2	BERT GOGLE .. .. .. 5—6
NOLAN GOLDEN .. .. 3—4	ARTHUR G. BASON .. .. 7—8

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal of Major 'in hand.'

LEVERSTOCK GREEN, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., March 17, 1957, *in* 1 *Hour and* 58 *Minutes,*
IN THE SCHOOL.
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor size 13 in E.

GEOFFREY DODDS .. .. 1—2	WALTER AYRE .. .. .. 3—4
JOYCE DODDS .. .. .. 5—6	

Conducted by JOYCE DODDS.
First peal of Minor as conductor.
A birthday compliment to Mr. S. H. Ayre, eldest brother of the ringer of 3-4.

QUARTER PEALS

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Mar. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Linda M. Forrest 1, Pamela R. Gough 2, S. W. Brown (cond.) 3, Valerie Mepham 4, I. C. Forrest 5, R. D. Brown 6. The conductor has now called a different method from each bell in the tower. For Evensong.

ASHCOTT, SOMERSET.—On Mar. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Bagg 1, I. Hillburn 2, K. Prime (cond.) 3, W. Cavill 4, C. Norton 5, F. Cave 6. Rung on the occasion of the 21st birthday of the conductor, and for the wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. W. Cavill.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.—On Mar. 24th, 1,260 Bob Triples: B. Piper 1, E. A. Lewis 2, Kathleen Beasley 3, J. T. Symonds 4, P. J. Jackson 5, J. Hayns 6, D. G. Astridge (cond.) 7, H. H. Hayns 8. First in method by all. Rung for Evensong, and as a compliment to Miss Penelope Letter on the eve of her 21st birthday.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,320 Bob Minor: P. R. J. Lester 1, L. N. Melton (cond.) 2, G. R. Goodship 3, I. J. Prentice 4, R. E. Lester 5, W. S. Girling 6. For Evensong. The tenor ringer has now 'completed the circle' to quarter peals.

BATTLE, SUSSEX.—On Mar. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): G. A. Masters 1, Miss E. M. Foot 2, A. D. V. Hunt 3, Miss C. Whitfeld 4, Miss K. Stisted (first as cond.) 5, J. F. Whitfeld 6, I. S. Holland 7, G. Prodger 8. First quarter for 1, 2, 3, 6 and 7. First quarter on the bells since before the war. Rung by members of the Sunday service band. A birthday compliment to 2 and 7, and also to congratulate 2 on her engagement.

BECKINGTON, SOMERSET.—On Mar. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Teresa Jones 1, Mrs. Randall (first quarter) 2, P. Bray 3, J. Phippen 4, A. Fear 5, E. Bray (cond.) 6, G. Grant 7.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.—On Mar. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Tumber 1, H. T. Wilson 2, B. W. Willgress 3, T. Milsted 4, H. Luck 5, J. Russell (cond.) 6, A. Hinkley 7, T. Day 8. First quarter on the bells since rehanging. For Confirmation service by the Bishop of Dover.

BRENCHLEY, KENT.—On Mar. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Olive D. Couchman 1, G. Waghorn 2, E. Bromley 3, F. Bromley 4, C. A. Tester 5, R. E. Lambert 6, R. T. Lambert (cond.) 7, W. Fuller 8. For Evensong.

BUCKLAND, SURREY.—On Mar. 23rd, 1,260 Minor (360 Double Court, 360 Double Oxford, 360 St. Clement's, 180 Bob): Mrs. H. F. Oatway 1, L. A. Tidy 2, R. Davies 3, G. P. T. Peters 4, W. F. Oatway (first in four methods) 5, C. J. Champion (cond.) 6.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—At the Church of St. Leonard-at-the-Hythe, on Mar. 18th, 1,260 Bob Minor: Miss D. Fairhead (11, first quarter) 1, E. J. Butler 2, Miss E. Appleby 3, G. W. Barnes 4, F. G. Oliver 5, B. W. Fairhead (cond.) 6.

CLARE, SUFFOLK.—On Mar. 20th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: H. Honeyball 1, Miss R. J. Seabrook 2, O. C. Ballard 3, P. Mayle 4, S. J. Twitchett (cond.) 5, S. H. Honeyball 6, F. Kemp 7, F. Bensley 8. For the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Honeyball.

CRADLEY, WORCS.—On Mar. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Overton 1, H. Wyre 2, A. G. Hall 3, L. R. Hall 4, H. White 5, R. Dunn 6, H. J. Shuck (cond.) 7, W. Lloyd 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Arthur Wyre, leader in this tower for many years and a ringer for 50 years.

DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.—On Mar. 17th, at St. Cuthbert's Church, 1,264 Bob Major: Miss B. Cooke (first on eight bell) 1, Miss P. Dowse (first on eight bells) 2, E. Mashiter 3, Mrs. R. M. Cooke 4, T. Senior 5, D. Newton (first quarter) 6, T. Hill 7, T. Cooke (cond.) 8. A compliment to Dennis R. Airey (vice-captain of the local band) and Dorothy Johnson, married at this church the previous day.

DONCASTER, YORKS.—On Mar. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. C. Stacey 1, W. E. Critchley (cond.) 2, E. Dalingwater 3, E. Short 4, F. A. Staveley 5, H. Wagstaffe 6, J. McCluskey 7, D. A. Chapman 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Canon A. Ll. Davies, Vicar of Doncaster, 1935–1950.

ELLAND, YORKS.—On Mar. 21st, 1,260 Bob Minor: A. Hinchliffe 1, Miss C. Linfoot 2, P. Birkett 3, H. Renshaw (first quarter) 4, D. Smith 5, F. Linfoot (cond.) 6.

ELLESBOROUGH, BUCKS.—On Mar. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Hodges 1, A. Hodges 2, V. Phillips 3, H. Jones 4, B. Collins (cond.) 5, J. Cross 6. For Confirmation service.

FARNINGHAM, KENT.—On Mar. 16th, 1,440 Minor (Cambridge and Bob): R. Bird 1, Mary R. Andrews 2, P. G. K. Davies 3, J. L. Morris (cond.) 4, B. W. Aldridge 5, P. Mehew 6.

FLITTON, BEDS.—On Mar. 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, April Day, Reverse Canterbury, Bob and Garndsire): Anne Amor 1, Jennifer Davies 2, Angela Grainger 3, A. E. Butcher 4, P. Newing (cond.) 5, B. Grainger 6. First in five methods for all.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.—On Mar. 17th 1,260 Stedman Triples: L. A. Ainger 1, P. Green 2, P. J. Spencer-Phillips 3, P. J. Eves 4, D. Symonds 5, H. Carter 6, P. T. Spencer-Phillips (cond.) 7, F. Payne 8. Rung to commemorate Mr. George Green's 70 years as a ringer at this church.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—On Mar. 17th, 1,440 Bourne Surprise Minor: F. W. Croft 1, G. Cherry 2, S. H. Ashton (first in method) 3, L. Runnacles 4, K. C. Timbury 5, P. W. Croft (cond.) 6. For Evensong on St. Patrick's Day.

GRESSENHALL, NORFOLK.—On Feb. 26th, 1,264 Bob Major: Vera Nelson 1, G. T. Love 2, G. T. Bunning 3, B. Hammond 4, June Nelson 5, S. Marshall 6, R. C. Bunning 7, G. P. Adams (cond.) 8. First quarter 1 and 3. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. Hall, wife of a former Rector.

GRIMLEY, WORCS.—On Mar. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (10½ different callings): W. Collins 1, P. Bullock 2, C. Davis 3, F. C. Pugh 4, J. Gwilliam (cond.) 5, S. Abley 6. For evening service.

HANDSWORTH, YORKS.—On Mar. 15th, 1,264 Bob Major: Miss H. Archer 1, Mrs. D. E. Mattli 2, Miss S. Chaddock 3, N. Chaddock 4, Miss S. M. Schofield 5, Mrs. E. D. Kelly 6, Miss E. Bate (cond.) 7, Miss E. A. Wardill 8.

HESTON, MIDDLX.—On Mar. 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Saunders 1, M. V. Chilcott (cond.) 2, K. E. Weller 3, W. W. Webb 4, P. A. Ruch 5, P. Bettridge 6, G. Ruck 7, J. E. Ricketts 8. Rung before Evensong.

HOLLOWAY, N.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. A. Hales 1, Miss D. A. Deverill 2, T. H. Taffender 3, R. Newman 4, C. W. Ottley 5, F. P. Mead 6, P. J. Hutchings (cond.) 7, L. Batley 8.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Mar. 10th, 1,264 Little Bob Major: Mrs. D. M. Wright 1, S. Penfold 2, J. Carrott 3, Dr. C. E. Wright 4, M. Bland 5, J. Fowler 6, A. J. Salisbury 7, F. V. Gant (cond.) 8. A welcome home to Dr. C. E. Wright after two years' National Service in Hong Kong.

HUTTON, ESSEX.—On Mar. 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (720 Grandsire, 540 Bob): M. Baker 1, C. E. Hill 2, L. H. Turner 3, W. T. Hill 4, H. Turner (cond.) 5. Rung at the wedding of the grand-daughter of Hermon J. Oliver, an esteemed ringer in this district.

LONGWOOD, HUDDERSFIELD.—On Mar. 16th, 1,957 Kent Treble Bob Major: F. Popplewell 1, E. Pickles 2, D. Woodhead (longest touch) 3, W. Dransfield 4, F. Linfoot 5, A. Hinchliffe 6, J. Pearson (cond.) 7, J. Newton 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Hubert Armitage, upwards of 30 years a ringer at this church, interred March 15th.

LYMPSTONE, DEVON.—On Mar. 16th, 2,160 Bob Minor: S. H. Seager 1, Miss J. Addenbrooke (first quarter) 2, L. K. Dawe 3, R. T. Perry 4, S. Skinner (cond.) 5, J. Quick 6. Also 1,260 Doubles (720 Bob, 540 Grandsire): S. Skinner (cond.) 1, Miss J. Addenbrooke 2, J. Quick 3, S. H. Seager 4, L. K. Dawe 5, R. T. Perry 6.

MARSTON, OXON.—On Mar. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. May (first quarter) 1, B. C. Machon (first 'inside') 2, A. Gammon 3, C. H. Woodward 4, C. Holloway (cond.) 5.

MERROW, SURREY.—On Mar. 20th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: Valerie A. Bundy 1, P. A. Bird 2, Jill M. Lane 3, A. Pamela Warren 4, D. A. R. May (first as cond.) 5, P. G. Smart 6. For Evensong.

NASEBY, NORTHANTS.—On Mar. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Lane 1, W. Cridley 2, A. Flutter 3, C. Swann 4, D. Griffin (cond.) 5. For Evensong after the christening of Derek Lane, son of treble ringer.

NORTH BRADLEY, WILTS.—On Mar. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Ingram 1, Gillian Masters 2, D. Jones (first 'inside') 3, C. Simpson 4, T. B. Holloway (cond.) 5, L. Hitchins 6, F. Penn 7, A. Grist 8. First quarter for 1, 2, 4 and 8.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.—On Mar. 16th, 1,260 Bob Minor (on the front six): M. V. White 1, D. C. Jackson (first of Bob Minor) 2, P. W. M. Jones 3, Isobel Inman 4, R. E. Finch 5, Ruth A. Carey (first of Minor as cond.) 6. Rung by members of the Southampton University Guild as a 20th birthday compliment to the conductor, and as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss J. E. Exwood.

NORTON, HERTS.—On Mar. 24th, 1,260 Bob Minor: Miss J. Moss 1, A. Pound 2, H. Werrett 3, R. Day 4, Miss J. Sanderson 5, W. Hitch (cond.) 6. First of Minor for 1 and 2.

ROCHDALE, LANCS.—On Mar. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Smith (jun.) 1, S. L. Parry 2, B. Wild 3, A. Smith (sen.) 4, H. D. Mills 5, F. Appleton (cond.) 6, H. Hamer 7, C. Taylor 8. In memoriam James Knight, former ringer at Rochdale Parish Church.

RUARDEAN, GLOS.—On Mar. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 covering): W. Penn 1, Mrs. K. Smith 2, W. Beard 3, Mrs. D. Stafford 4, L. H. Jones (cond.) 5, R. Beard (first quarter) 6, H. Meek 7, W. J. Harper 8. A farewell to the Vicar (the Rev. R. C. Stebbing).

SAPCOTE, LEICS.—On Mar. 10th, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Mrs. M. E. Brown 1, Jennifer Stratford 2, Dorothy Stratford 3, Rita Stratford 4, R. F. Roe 5, M. E. Brown (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Mr. F. W. Abbott, 29 years churchwarden. Also on Mar. 14th, 1,440 London Surprise Minor: Mrs. M. E. Brown 1, Rita Stratford 2, Christine Stratford 3, Dorothy Stratford 4, M. Vernon 5, M. E. Brown (cond.) 6. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Dorothy Stratford. All Sunday service band except the ringers of the fifth.

STAMFORD HILL, N.—At St. Ann's Church, on Mar. 17th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: E. J. Rowe (cond.) 1, Miss P. Rowe 2, M. Cubitt 3, H. Howson 4, M. Rowe 5, L. Green 6. Also on Mar. 24th, 1,440 Surprise Minor (720 Stamford, 720 Rossendale): M. Cubitt 1, Miss J. Secker 2, Miss F. Secker 3, B. Bladon (cond.) 4, M. Rowe 5, E. J. Rowe 6. First in these methods by all.

STOKE BISHOP, BRISTOL.—On Mar. 3rd, 1,260 Bob Minor: F. Dixon 1, M. Hill 2, Dr. R. Brocklehurst 3, J. Lavers 4, W. Naylor 5, P. Gray (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

SUTTON-ON-HULL, YORKS.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Bob Minor: Janet Porter (first quarter, 13) 1, B. Clarkson 2, T. W. Thirkell 3, Mrs. R. Ducker 4, C. R. Robinson 5, R. Ducker (cond.) 6. Rung for the reception of the Deanery Book at Evensong.

TURNER'S HILL, SUSSEX.—On Mar. 10th, 1,260 Bob Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 covering): J. Bonnett 1, A. J. Butcher (first 'inside') 2, H. J. Wilde 3, C. F. Bonnett 4, I. A. C. Butcher (cond.) 5, F. Stone 6, E. J. Constable 7, M. McLeod 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Rev. G. S. Foss, Rector until January 7th, who died two weeks after emigrating to Australia.

TWYWELL, NORTHANTS.—On Mar. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (60 Grandsire, 1,200 Plain): Miss J. E. Baker 1, D. Edwards 2, C. R. Baxter (first quarter) 3, A. B. Clarke 4, P. G. K. Davies (first as cond.) 5. First of Doubles for 1 and 2. Rung for the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Baker.

WEST DIDSBURY, MANCHESTER.—On Mar. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (240 St. Simon's Bob, 240 St. Martin's, 360 Bob and 420 Grandsire): Anne B. Lucas 1, Barbara Kay 2, V. Griffin (first in four methods as cond.) 3, D. F. Manning 4, A. Bennion 5, P. J. Forrest 6. First in four methods by all the band except conductor. For morning service.

WESTON FAVELL, NORTHANTS.—On Mar. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. Margaret Edmonds (first quarter) 1, D. J. Edmonds (aged 12) 2, Miss G. A. Ashby 3, T. L. Pendred 4, P. Amos (cond.) 5. Rung for the wedding of Joseph Eric Thompson to Margaret Lillian Ives.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Mar. 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Tomsett 1, M. Sinden 2, M. P. Moreton 3, Susan Jacobs (first of Stedman) 4, P. Devenish 5, A. Bishop 6, F. Corfield (cond.) 7, E. Jacobs 8.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY

The March meeting of the Society was held at Penkridge on the 23rd. The weather was ideal for a country meeting, and the fresh green in the hedgerows and early spring flowers made an attractive setting for the fine parish church. A feature of the meeting was the large proportion of young ringers included in the attendance of 66. The service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. F. Wright), who also gave a most interesting address.

A bountiful tea was served in the Parish Hall, and Mr. E. Malin and his lady helpers deserve special thanks for their efforts in this connection. Ringing during the afternoon and evening was under the direction of Mr. George Hughes (Ringing Master), who in his usual manner saw that all ringers present were catered for according to their respective abilities.

The next meeting of the Society will be at Penn on May 25th. F. C. A. B.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

The annual meeting of the Sudbury District was held at Clare on March 9th, when there was an attendance of just over 30. The bells were kept going on various methods until 5 p.m., when a service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. F. S. Swithinbank).

At the business meeting Mr. S. J. Twitchett and Miss R. J. Seabrook were re-elected Master and secretary respectively.

It was decided to hold another supper and social this year, if possible at Lavenham.

The next meeting was provisionally arranged for Great Thurlow on June 1st. This is a ring of five recently restored by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

THE LADIES' GUILD
Kent Branch

A meeting of the Kent District held at St. Alfege's, Greenwich, on March 9th, provided the few members and friends who attended with the unusual opportunity of ringing on either the front or middle eight of a ring of ten, the clapper of the tenor having been broken (not by the ladies!). After the service, which was conducted by the Curate (the Rev. R. S. Gibson), an excellent tea was served by members of the local band, whose efforts were greatly appreciated. Despite the strenuous efforts of Mr. Jack Dafters, the 22 members and friends present found it impossible to dispose of all the food provided.

At the business meeting, presided over by Mrs. Mitchell, the secretary (Mrs. Jill Waters) tendered her resignation on account of the heavy amount of work imposed on her as a farmer's wife and the difficulty in getting to the more distant meetings. This was received with great regret, and the very sincere thanks of the Branch are due to Mrs. Waters for her work during her years as secretary. Because of the unrepresentative character of the gathering it was decided to defer the election of a new secretary until the next meeting, which it is hoped to hold in Maidstone on May 5th; but Mrs. E. A. Barnett agreed to act as secretary until then. Mrs. Mitchell was re-elected vice-president and Miss O. Couchman was elected to take the place of Mrs. Carter on the committee.

A feature of the occasion was the fact that the gentlemen (being few in number) were prevailed upon to do the washing up so that the local ladies could attend the business meeting. O. D. B.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

A successful meeting of the South and West District was held on March 16th. In the afternoon Chiswick was visited, and after a spate of weddings had cleared itself away the eight bells were set going to a variety of methods, from 'Stoney' to Surprise. Our own members were rather thin on the ground, but there were plenty of visitors to make up the deficiency.

Ringing finished here at 6 o'clock, and the majority of the company then went to Barnes, where we were welcomed by Mr. Hollingsworth, and where the ringing again ranged from rounds to Surprise. Bristol was unsuccessful, but we finished with a good course of Superlative.

Thanks are due to the respective incumbents, and to Mr. Turley at Chiswick and Mr. Hollingsworth at Barnes, for allowing us the use of their bells. Both these gentlemen are endeavouring to train bands of learners at their respective towers with very little assistance, and any help that could be given in that direction would be appreciated. W. T. C.

RINGWOULD, KENT, HAS SIX BELLS

On the first Sunday in March, the day he preached his farewell sermon, the Rev. Walter Sellers, Rector of Ringwould, Kent, dedicated a new tenor bell in his parish church.

Since 1638 Ringwould has had five bells, and it had always been the intention to have a sixth bell. The new bell, weighing 7¼ cwt., was cast by the Whitechapel Foundry and is the gift of Mrs. A. O'Callaghan, of Walmer, in memory of her husband, Major O'Callaghan.

The service was largely attended, and ringers from other churches in the locality were present.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Miss Audrey M. Bailey, who is in Canada, plans to leave Montreal on May 31st and travel home by a boat leaving Vancouver. She is looking forward to ringing at Victoria, B.C. On a recent visit to Quebec she was impressed by the progress of the local band, under the direction of Mrs. Pickles.

The Jasper Snowdon commemoration dinner will be held at Rotherham on October 25th.

Mr. Peter J. Roberts writes suggesting that the weight of Pershore tenor is 28 cwt.

We understand that the late Mr. G. F. Woodhouse left his ringing machines to the Lancashire Association.

Miss Jennie Armstrong, of Morpeth, adds to our list of 4-bell towers with Newbiggin-by-the-Sea.

A lament appeared in the 'Leicester Mercury' of March 22nd that ringers could not be found to ring for a wedding at North Kilworth Parish Church.

Mr. E. Weatherby, of Los Angeles, in a letter by this week's mail informs us that he has heard from Mr. Izard, of Victoria, B.C., that a ring of eight is to be cast for a tower in Calgary.

Ruardean ringers showed their appreciation of their vicar (Rev. R. C. Stebbing) not only by ringing a farewell quarter peal, but by presenting him with a walking stick, suitably inscribed. The tower leader, Mr. W. Beard, made the presentation.

Crewe is to have a bell tower with a 21¼ cwt. hour bell and four quarter bells. The bells have been provided by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank and the clock by Messrs. Thwaites and Reed, of London. It is expected that the clock will be in service by Easter. The bells are being hung dead.

Going overseas to South America is Miss Daphne L. R. Turk, of Evesham. She rang her first peal on eight bells in her farewell peal on March 16th.

The seven lady ringers who took part in the quarter peal at Handsworth, Yorks, on March 15th are grateful for the one gentleman standing in at the last minute.

Miss Gwen I. Rusby and Mr. A. W. Crowder have 'circled' to peals in Holy Trinity Church tower, Barrow-on-Humber. The event took place on March 16th.

Silver wedding congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. John Worth were rung at Macclesfield with a peal of 22 Spliced Surprise Major methods on March 23rd.

March 24th was a day Felmersham, Beds, ringers will remember. It was the first occasion a local band had rung a quarter peal. The bells were rung as a farewell to Mr. David Cook, who is leaving for Canada.

Mr. W. A. J. Knight is wrong in his conclusion that Nynehead, Somerset, was never a 4-bell tower; when Ellacombe visited the church on May 27th, 1872, that was the number he recorded. They consisted of a pre-Reformation tenor and three others by the Purdues.

A set of three new peal tablets will be dedicated in the Church of St. John-the-Divine, Leicester, during Evensong next Sunday, before being placed in the ringing chamber. Peals recorded are Kent T.B. Major for the 50th anniversary of the dedication of the octave, Grandsire Caters (half-muffled) in memory of the donors of the bells, and Stedman Caters for the centenary of the church. A special invitation is extended to those who took part in these peals to come and ring after the service.

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LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

Adventures at Hoby

IT has been said that if you wish to be safely directed you should place yourself in the hands of an older and more experienced person. Thus, two young members of the Leicester District should, in accepting the guidance of a vice-president of the Guild, have been in very safe hands. It could hardly be their fault if all three alighted from the bus a stopping-place too late. Indeed, they are to be admired for their enterprise in the face of adversity: rather than walk back along the main road they insisted that a walk across the fields and the railway line to Hoby church, which was well in sight, would be the best means of overcoming the vice-president's lapse in not recognising the proper bus stop.

It remains true that the shortest distance between two points is a straight line but, alas, if you walk across fields in a rainy season you must be prepared for well-concealed boggy patches of ground, the sort when, if you are unlucky, you may leave your shoe behind and go over your ankles in water. Readers will by now have guessed that such a tragedy did in fact occur on March 9th. However, gone are the days when belfries were like draughty barns, and Hoby, like all the more progressive belfries, is equipped with an electric fire, which is obviously intended solely for drying out the shoes of bog-engulfed ringers; and if the prospect of a young man wearing a pair of red carpet slippers several sizes too large for him is a little unusual in a belfry, at least he had the consolation and comfort of the brand new pair of socks that he had been able to buy from the village shop—they had the special merit of being dry.

The meeting was the usual happy and friendly occasion; and indeed if you knew the Rector of Hoby (Rev. T. Howell Evans) and the captain of the ringers (Mr. Jim Burnham) you would realise that no meeting at Hoby could be otherwise. The pleasant ring of five was put to good use to a variety of methods, both in the afternoon and evening. The Rector conducted an informal service, in which the hymns had to be specially selected to suit the limited repertoire of the volunteer organist, Mr. John E. Cook, whose reluctant efforts were much appreciated. (He is a bit of a dark horse really, when it comes to playing the organ.)

There was a tea such as only the Melton District can provide. (Hungry town-dwellers please note that the next meeting is at Wymondham on May 11th.) At the business meeting, presided over by the genial District chairman (Mr. Harry Cook), it was arranged that the District should hire a bus to enable members to attend a joint meeting with the Nottingham District of the Southwell Guild on June 1st at Cotgrave: arrangements would also be made to ring at other towers en route. There is to be a District meeting at Somerby, subject to permission, on July 6th, and a social function of some sort, possibly a dinner or possibly a social when you eat ordinarily, in Milton on December 7th. Members were also reminded of the annual meeting of the Guild in Leicester on the Saturday after Easter.

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CAPE TOWN NEWS LETTER

The year began when the tenor, freed from her 1956 muffle, proclaimed midnight, and we broke into open rounds. Afterwards, toasting each other, we wondered what was in the ringing to know.
store for us, and within three weeks we began

First came Pat Cahill, of Durban, home from a year of ringing in England, with tales to whet our appetites.

The last practice of January saw Nancy Butler, of Guildford, ringing here again as she passed through en route to Australia and New Zealand. The following practice was held on Monday for the visit of Frank Perrens. Everyone had a pull with him, and it was an illuminating lesson to watch Coventry's president in action; his words of advice and encouragement were much appreciated. We are only sorry that in his 36 hours here Table Mountain sulked under a steady downpour.

Ten days later, the Rev. Brother Alan Butler, S.S.M., an enthusiastic ringer, of Bournemouth, passed through to his new mission station up country. Although we did not manage to set eyes on him in the few hours between ship and shore, we managed to exchange letters, and entertain hopes for his vacation.

SUBSCRIPTION REMINDER

This week is the first issue of the new quarter and is an opportune time for new postal subscribers to enrol. Will readers whose subscriptions are due kindly remit without delay to Mr. J. E. Jeater, Greystones, Cusgarne, Truro, Cornwall. Rates: 3 months 7/6, 6 months 14/6, 12 months £1 8s.

Practice of February 19th was the occasion of the Rev. Mr. Healy joining the band; formerly of Bishop's College and St. Mary's Church, Cheshunt, he has now become a regular member, and will be a most useful asset to us. (Mr. Newnham please note.)

We had all been looking forward to the return of the Rev. and Mrs. Godley, of Yetminster, and when the ship arrived on March 10th even the weather showed off. Ringing was to start at 5.45 p.m., and a couple of anxious ringers waited impatiently for the tugs, Customs, port health and stevedores to finish, whilst the gap was just too much to shout across. When the gangway went down it was 5.10 p.m.

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild badge identified Mrs. Godley; and from then on a whirlwind rush to tea. Leaving the broken remains of speed limits behind us, we arrived safely at the tower. The bells were up as we galloped into the belfry, and it was not yet 6 p.m. when the bells went into changes. In the haste, no one had thought to open a window, and Bill left his tie on, so there were some pretty limp persons when 'This is all' signified the first quarter peal in Africa by a lady ringer. We offered our congratulations, and promptly decided to hold practice the following evening when Mrs. Godley astonished us by ringing a method new to her at the first attempt, bobs an' all, as she went along. This exhibition of basic reasoning, when explained, humbled us with its logic and simplicity.

Winchendon Place Bob, which had been our bête noire for some months, was brought to bay on March 19th. It was the first in the method by all, and in Africa, whilst the ringer of the fifth scored his first quarter on an inside bell.

The prospect for the future is promising, for recent intelligence from Chile (of all places) warns us to expect two visitors next month—sailors from H.M.S. 'Protector.'

We still feel that not many ringers know of the bells at Cape Town and Durban. Pat Cahill has some choice stories of belfries where this country was unknown! A. V. S.

AMERICAN IDEAS FOR HANDBELL RINGING

In the current issue of 'Overtones,' the quarterly magazine of the American Guild of English handbell ringers, the following ideas are given by Edward Johe, director of First Congregational Church, Columbus, Ohio, for improving technique of handbell ringing:—

Bell teaching, like writing music for bells, is a new frontier, and all directors are probably always searching for ways and means to teach their ringers how to improve their techniques. Here is something that occurred in one of our rehearsals which we now use constantly. In piano teaching it is called 'keyboard harmony'; in bell teaching it is called 'limbering up harmony.' Here is the gist of it and it's fun.

To limber up we improvise, using scales and chords as our mental materials. We will play up and down scales, varying the rhythm, the tempo and the nuance;; we call for various accents, crescendos and decrescendos, etc. Also, we devise elemental rhythmic figures (as in vocalising) to co-ordinate the tonal line of the bell ringers. Young people particularly like the challenge this sort of rehearsing brings and it helps *develop* real *ensemble*—the most difficult thing in any musical endeavour.

Another warming-up device is 'bell harmony,' which means calling out chord numbers (tonic-dominant, etc.), and with or without direction, have the ringers ring these chords in arpeggio and/or solid form. Since anyone participating in a musical organisation will profit by some knowledge of simple, elemental fundamentals of harmony, this pre-rehearsal technique is good mental arithmetic. Of course, an explanation on the blackboard of what all of this means is necessary before attempting to carry it on verbally.

Young people really like the challenge this limbering up offers, and it is one way that the bells can be used to teach music fundamentals. Some directors may say: 'This takes all the fun out of it for the kids.' The reaction here has been just the opposite. This is fun!

A USEFUL BOOK

Many requests reach 'The Ringing World' for more and yet more instructional articles for beginners in our Art. The Central Council has authorised a further book of instruction, and the committee which has been appointed will no doubt report progress at Whitsuntide. Efforts have also been made in other quarters to provide instruction for instructors. A very useful little book is 'Elementary Change-Ringing,' which is not generally known. The author is the Rev. F. F. Rigby, M.A., B.Sc., former president of the Lancashire Association. In this book, Mr. Rigby explains in simple language the various terms which puzzle beginners, and he gives instructions which can be easily understood, how to ring Plain Bob, Grandsire, Stedman and Treble Bob. At the end of each chapter there are exercises which the learner is called on to do: and it is stressed again and again that until these are mastered it is useless going on to the next step. The learner is told that he has to study at home, and be quite sure of what he is expected to do in the tower.

The author quite correctly condemns the practice of someone standing behind the learner and telling him blow by blow what to do. He advises rather that the learner should stand behind the more practised ringer and learn by observation. We commend his final advice: 'Remember, no method, either simple or advanced, sounds pleasing to the ear unless the striking is good.'

This book has been recently reprinted (2nd edition), is published by the S.P.C.K., and costs 3/6. Learners would do well to obtain a copy and will find it to be very helpful. J. F. S.

HELPFUL LISTS OF FOUR-BELL TOWERS

23 IN NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

Dear Sir,—With reference to previous correspondence on the above subject, there are, as far as I can ascertain, 23 towers in Nottinghamshire with four bells. I have very little information about the state of the bells, but I enclose the following list for what it is worth.

Arnold, St. Mary; Calverton, St. Wilfrid (dated 1623, 1667, 1879, the third being a gift from the vicar and the parishioners, intended to replace the bell taken from the church in the reign of King Edward VI. The fourth was added to commemorate the jubilee of Queen Victoria); Car Colston, St. Mary (one dated 1623); Epperstone, Holy Cross (1585); Farndon, St. Peter (ringable); Flintham, St. Augustine; Gedling, All Hallows; Gonalston, St. Lawrence (dated 1684 and 1853); Gringley-on-the-Hill, SS. Peter and Paul; Grove, St. Helen; Hawton, All Saints' (unringable due to unsafe floor); Laneham, St. Peter (dating from 1312); East Leake, St. Mary-the-Virgin (three recast and rehung in 1902); Normanton-on-Soar, St. James (recast 1897); Norwell, St. Lawrence (recently rehung in a steel frame for six); Osberton, St. John; Oxton, SS. Peter and Paul; Rolleston, Holy Trinity (three are inscribed, one dated 1697 and two others 1628 and 1778, rehung 1892 but now almost unringable); Saundby, St. Martin; Sibthorpe, St. Peter; East Stoke, St. Oswald (dated 1591); Upton, St. Peter (one recast in 1887, the others 1611, 1589 and 1589); Woodborough, St. Swithin (from 1612 to 1680).

There are also 56 3-bell towers, including some very old bells. The three at Thurgarton were rehung two years ago.—Yours faithfully,

W. L. EXTON.

Newark, Notts.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE AND RUTLAND

Dear Sir,—For the benefit of those seeking information upon 4-bell towers, here is a complete list of all inside Northants and Rutland, with a few others I have visited from time to time just outside these boundaries.

NORTHANTS.—Achurch, 5¼ cwt. Apethorpe, 8¼ cwt. Ashby St. Ledger (unringable, not had attention from a bellhanger since 1806, but very historical and once had another bell), 12 cwt. Bainton (unringable, third cracked, tenor 15th century), 11 cwt. Barby (good ringing order), 15 cwt. 3 lb. Braybrooke (shocking condition, not seen a bellhanger since 1806, only one with complete wheel), 7¼ cwt. Charwelton (third pre-Reformation), 11 cwt. Church Brampton (minor four, last rehung 1867, rung up till the last war), 10¼ cwt. Cold Ashby (good ringing order, in metal frame for five, second bell dated 1317 in Roman figures is the oldest in Northants and said by some to be the second oldest *dated* bell in England), 7 cwt. Cranford St. Andrew (unringable), 6¼ cwt. Crick (unringable), 11 cwt. Draughton (require spanner and oilcan each time before ringing, all by Joseph Eayre, 1767), 6 cwt. Easton-on-the-Hill (good ringing order, second early 16th century, by Mellor), 10¼ cwt. Edgcote (second 1592, by Atton, sounds very tinny), 8¼ cwt. Fawsley (all genuine Henry Jordon 15th century fine specimens, unringable, require new wheels to make ringable), 11 cwt. Fotheringhay (unringable, recent talk of rehanging, treble 1595, lantern tower, magnificent church, very historical), 11 cwt. Hargrave (not tuneful, tenor late 15th or early 16th century, by Robert Mellor), 7 cwt. Little Harrowden (totally unringable, believed not restored since 1732, tower leans, is cracked and unsafe: bells, however, good tone), 8 cwt. Hellidon (only just ringable, treble headstock weak), 9 cwt. Hemington (third and tenor Elizabeth I period), 5¼ cwt. Holcot (unringable, wheels removed from first three in 1900, when tenor added as a clock bell hung 'dead'; first three swing by levers, all sound notes of 1, 2, 3, 6 of a ring of six; treble 1703, one of Henry Penn's very first castings), 9½ cwt.

Kilsby (good ringing order), 10 cwt. 1 qr. 3lb. Lamport (require oilcan and spanner each time before ringing; last rehung 1872 in frame for five, tower big enough for eight), 8 cwt. Lutton (good, keen band hoping to get a fifth; ringable, last rehung 1892), 7 cwt. Newton Bromswold (unringable, main beams got deathwatch beetle, third believed by Richard Brayser, of Bury St. Edmunds, about 1430), 5¼ cwt. Pilton (only just ringable, require oilcan each time, and ringing with tight ropes; tenor assigned to Henry Jordon, 1442–1470, treble to Robert Newcombe, 1550), 8 cwt.; a beautiful church.

Scaldwell (all fittings got woodworm badly, not advisable to be rung, although been known rung of late; frame 1818, by W. Brown), 9¼ cwt. Stanion (restoration pending, second and tenor 16th century, one shown Madonna and Child), 9¼ cwt. Stowe IX Churches (rehung 1924, good ringing order, leaning tower, tenor 14th century, believed by Symon-de-Hazfelde; second by Edward Newcombe, 1590), 13 cwt., a minor four. Ufford (rehung 1896, third and tenor assigned to Sanders, of Reading, 1539–1559), 11 cwt. Wansford (unringable, deathwatch beetle frame, treble and tenor 1897; third 16th century), 3 cwt. Yarwell (rehung 1926 at same time as tenor added, in frame of steel for five; second assigned to John-de-Colsale), 5 cwt. 4 lb.

RUTLAND.—Ayston (rehung 1877; treble and second 16th century by Newcombe; third 1626), 12 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. Braunstone (rehung 1914, treble early Newcombe, about 1530; third, Francis Watts, about 1595), 10 cwt. 25 lb. Brooke (shocking condition, untouched by a bellhanger since 1811, by Robert Taylor; tenor 1811), 6¼ cwt. South Luffenham (unringable, treble earliest known Watts bell inscribed H. E. W. Watts, 1563, figures reversed as well as letters in casting; tenor assigned to Richard Brayser, of Bury St. Edmunds, about 1430; second and third recast 1886), 6 cwt. Lyndon (rehung 1889, treble assigned to Richard Benetlye, 1597), 7 cwt. Morcott (restored 1930, tenor believed by Brayser, 1430), 6¼ cwt. Ridlington (restored 1903, treble to make four added 1911; small tower, not room for five except by tight squeeze), 7 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. Tinwell (restored, in metal frame, 1883; belfry a kind of half-circle corridor), 9¼ cwt.

BEDFORDSHIRE.—Carlton (recast and rehung in frame for five, 1920; one of best rings of four to be heard anywhere), 9¼ cwt. Chellington (church with good steeple across fields by itself; second out of its bearings one side; frame not so bad as made out locally, but bells otherwise totally unsafe, of varying dates in the 17th century), 6¼ cwt. Bolnhurst (good ringing order; church stands by itself; two of the four by John Dier, 1587), 8 cwt. Melchbourne (minor four, require new bearings, although ringable at present; treble by local-born resident who went to London in 1764 to set up bell-founding), 13 cwt., not 16 cwt. as assumed locally. Yeldon (only just ringable, treble one of first castings of Thomas Eyre), 6¼ cwt. Dean (recently been restored and made five after several talks to the rector by the writer of this letter), second about 1555, period not mentioned at all by North; tenor 12 cwt.—Yours, etc.,

P. AMOS.

Weston Favell, Northants.

SOMERSET FOUR-BELL TOWERS

Dear Sir,—I have rung in 15 of the Somerset 4-bell towers and found most of these little rings in very good order, and some with regular bands. One or two are not so little though, as Withycombe, recently rehung I think, has a tenor of about 20 cwt.

To my knowledge, Aisholt (two bells, probably to be sold), Kilton, Thurlbere and Ilton (three bells on floor) are unringable; also, I believe, are Walton, Ile Brewers, Brompton Ralph and Beercrocombe.

As far as I know East Quantoxhead bells are not now rung owing to the state of the tower.—Yours faithfully,

R. SHORT.

Bridgwater.

There are two 4-bell towers near Dover, writes Mr. E. J. Walker—Alkham and East Langdon.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

A most successful meeting of the Luton District was held at Barton-le-Cley on March 23rd. Ringing commenced at 3.15 p.m. and continued until 4.30 p.m., when a short service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. A. H. W. Cleaver), who extended a very warm welcome to everyone present. He said that a ringing meeting had not been held there for at least five years.

A very nice tea, which had been arranged by the Rev. and Mrs. Cleaver, was served in the Church Hall. There being no business meeting the secretary (Mr. K. G. Spavins) proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar and all those who had helped with the tea, also to the organist (Mr. Maurice Lockey, of Maulden), who so often—and so ably—fills the gap when a local organist is not available.

The bells were once more set in motion about 5.45 p.m., when all tastes were catered for. During the evening it was quite amusing to see groups of people either coming or going at frequent intervals, as a meeting of the Hertfordshire Association was also taking place at Offley, only a few miles away, and ringers at both towers were obviously taking the opportunity of 'grabbing' two towers in one day.

Attendance was very good, there being about 45 visitors, including Mr. Pat Cannon, who said that this was his 2,058th tower. F. S.

If the ringer who left a pair of gloves at Worle, Somerset, on March 23rd will write to Mr. G. Prescott, Oakdene, 1, High Street, Worle, Weston-super-Mare, they will be forwarded to him.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

TURNED IN TENOR OF LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL

Dear Sir,—In reference to the last paragraph of the letter by Mr. C. T. Blundell on page 203, I did not have the permission of the ringer in question to give his name, as the matter was not mentioned to him. However, as there were about 50 ringers present I am sure the name will reach Mr. Blundell in due course. The whole point of the article was to stress the need for someone to be responsible for sending these news items to the Editor. Incidentally, the course of Cambridge Major may not have been rung, for one ringer broke a stay on the fourth or fifth. This only stresses what the chief ringer rightly demands, viz.: that all who desire to ring must be capable of handling.—Yours faithfully, E. R. MARTIN.

Preston.

ASSOCIATION'S 70th BIRTHDAY

Dear Sir,—The East Derbyshire and Notts Association is now on the eve of its 70th birthday, and its official birthday is Easter Monday. The meeting this year will be at its birthplace, Clay Cross, by kind invitation of the vicar, the wardens and ringers.

We have still with us several stalwarts of the early days of the Association who attend meetings when health and weather permit. To mention just a few: Mr. W. Dobb, past president, now vice-president, of Selston: Mr. H. G. Fretwell, now at Castle Donington, many years hon. secretary: vice-president Mr. A. Elliott, who rang in peals for the Association over 50 years ago. These I know are well on their way to celebrating their diamond jubilee as members. There is one life member of many years standing of whom we have no trace—Mr. Joseph Lord, one time of Derby. His many friends would appreciate news of him. May I close with saying how pleased we, as an Association, will be to see any old friends at our 70th jubilee. —Yours faithfully,

B. A. SOLLIS, Hon. Secretary.

Sutton-in-Ashfield.

PLAIN BOB

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. Spriggs' letter, I would like to point out that it is the word 'Bob' in 'Plain Bob' which indicates that the treble has a plain-hunting path, while the word 'Plain' refers to the method itself.

I agree that 'Reverse Bob' and 'Double Bob' are wrongly named. It would be more correct to refer to them as 'Reverse Plain Bob' and 'Double Plain Bob.'

Assuming that 'Double Norwich Court Bob Major' and 'Double Court Bob Minor' are different stages of the same method. 'Single Court' and 'Double Court' should be called 'Single Norwich Court' and 'Double Norwich Court.'—Yours sincerely,

WILLIAM HALL.

Belfast.

TRUMPINGTON TO HAVE A RING OF EIGHT

Dear Sir,—I think some of your readers may be interested to know that Messrs. John Taylor and Co. are completely restoring the bells at Trumpington, Cambridge. The fifth, dated 1450, is now on view in the church: she developed a crack in August, 1955. The other five bells have gone to Loughborough: more metal will be added to make a ring of eight. There is an excellent oak frame, put in the tower by Mr. White, of Appleton, in 1928: this, of course, is being used with the necessary additions for the two new bells. The five bells which are to be recast are a mixed lot and very unmusical.—Yours truly,

CATHERINE E. WILLERS.

Trumpington, Cambridge.

COMMENTS ON FOUR-BELL TOWERS

Dear Sir,—I am very pleased to see the interest that has been aroused by the letters from Mr. Paice and others over the matter of the very large number of 4-bell towers in this country; as may have been gathered already, I am one of those who are very interested in these towers, and I was pleased to see from Mr. Dove's letter that he is already beginning to accumulate information for what must be a very difficult task. I hope very much that he will one day be able to publish the list as an addition to his invaluable 'Guide.'

Mr. M. V. White's letter made very interesting reading, and it has prompted me to write again to make what is, I think, one correction to his list, and make a few additions and amplifications. I think that Mr. White will find that St. James', Devizes (Southbroom), is a 6-bell tower, tenor about 7 cwt. With regard to his second list, I can vouch for the 'ringability' or otherwise of some of the towers he mentions, as follows:—

Breamore, Hants.—Ringable and a good little ring, hung in a wooden belfry surmounting a Saxon central tower, and rung from the choir stalls.

Bury, Sussex.—Definitely unringable, in fact at least one bell has been taken down and lies on the floor of the tower.

Droxford, Hants.—Ringable, and quite a heavy ring. I believe that the late Mr. George Williams learnt to ring at this tower.

Fotheringhay, Northants.—Derelict at present.

Kirkwall, Orkney.—Quite unringable, and only clocked.

Oving, Sussex.—Unringable, owing to decay of fittings. The frame forms part of the spire timbers.

Peasmarsh, Sussex.—Barely ringable.

Wartling, Sussex.—Unringable; in fact here again at least one bell has been taken down.

I can also make a few additions to Mr. White's list of ringable fours, again as follows: Barby, Northants, tenor 15 cwt. 3 lb.; Fritwell, Oxon, tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr.; Kilsby, Northants, tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb.; and Randwick, Glos, tenor 7 cwt. Also I believe that the fours at Braunston, Rutland, tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb., and Cold Ashby, Northants, tenor 7 cwt., are ringable.

May I, in conclusion, add a few observations about a 4-bell tower in this district, which Mr. Holloway's letter concerning Stanford Dingley brings to mind. The tower in question is Danehill, Sussex. This is a case where, through the keenness of Mr. I. Butcher and his brother, local interest has been aroused, and a scheme is under way for the ring of four, tenor 7¼ cwt., by Taylor and Co., to be augmented to six. There is a very keen local band which rings at least twice every Sunday and holds a weekly practice night; in addition, boys from a local boarding school are being taught to ring in the tower, and they will, it is hoped, continue their interest in ringing when they move away. All congratulations are due to those who have been keen and interested enough to open up an excellent but long-unrung four—doubtless the local authorities would be pleased to receive contributions to the fund from anyone interested!—Yours sincerely,

PETER N. BOND.

P.S.—As I conclude this letter, two more towers come to mind, this time in my own county of Kent, namely Alkham (ringable, I believe) and Adisham (unringable and chimed by Ellacombe apparatus).—P. N. B.

Hildenborough, Kent.

STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dear Sir,—A very long time ago Mr. G. E. Symonds, of Framlingham, produced touches of the above method in every number of changes from 100 to something in excess of 200 changes, with the exception of 108.

Is it still as he found it—impossible to compose a true touch of 108 of Stedman Triples? —Yours faithfully,

T. C. RYDER.

Rotherham.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

Thirty-seven ringers and friends attended a meeting of the Newark District, held at All Saints' and St. Mary's Church, Bingham, on March 16th. The bells were raised in peal at 3 p.m. The 'go' was rather rough, the second causing considerable difficulty, but this improved with ringing.

A short service was conducted by the Rector (Bishop A. M. Gelsthorpe), who welcomed the ringers to Bingham. He also explained to the ringers all the interesting details of his fine church.

The business meeting followed tea, presided over by the District chairman, Mr. F. W. Midwinter. Elston was confirmed as the place for the meeting in May. The collection for the Bell Repair Fund realised 12s. 6½d. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to all concerned. Ringing was continued until 8.30 p.m.

W. L. E.

A VISIT TO SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE

The twin drawbacks of petrol rationing and pouring rain did not deter a party of ringers from Nailsea and district from spending a very enjoyable Saturday afternoon in South Gloucestershire on March 9th. The handicap of one Austin 7 between the party added to difficulties, but some careful research into the mysteries of the local bus services revealed that to a certain degree, by skilful planning, the journeys from tower to tower could be arranged to coincide with the running of the buses.

The first tower was Iron Acton (6, 13 cwt.) where, although a good rise took place, it became increasingly apparent, from the position of the sallies at backstroke, that the local ringers must be a race of giants. A few hassocks were hastily obtained for those who needed them. After ringing various Doubles methods, and a course of Double Oxford, we set off for Yate. What a magnificent tower this church has, and what a pleasure to find such a clean, well-kept and spacious belfry. The ring of six (tenor 20 cwt.) is very musical, although the 'go' of the bells is not quite up to the mark, and the record of a peal of Minor rung in 1950, which was given a casual glance on arrival, was regarded with a new respect when we left.

It was still raining when the bus took us across the bleak expanse of Wapley Common to Westerleigh, where the tower captain, Mr. Ferris, and his wife gave us a very warm welcome and a much-needed cup of tea. After a rest when 'ringing shop' monopolised the conversation, we walked across to the church of St. James-the-Great, with its long-draughted six (tenor 20 cwt.), for what proved to be the best ringing of the day. These lovely-toned bells were rung to a variety of methods, ranging from Cambridge to Stedman, although London proved to be a failure. Both the ringing and the rain ceased shortly after 8 p.m., and after a pause for some well-earned refreshment, the party split up to journey home by bus and car respectively.

J. B.

THE WELDING OF CRACKED BELLS

By R. W. M. CLOUSTON

(Continued from page 204)

THE METALLURGICAL PROBLEMS IN WELDING BELLS

THE casting of tin bronzes is a delicate operation and it is, therefore, not surprising that welding is tricky too. Most tin bronzes have a wide melting range and tend to be hot-short, a trouble accentuated by the presence of lead. This phenomenon is brittleness on cooling through certain elevated temperature ranges, so that stresses of any magnitude in the material as it passes through these temperature ranges can cause the metal to crack. Consequently tin bronzes are not easy to weld, and this is true in particular of gas welding. Moderate pre-heating to 200 degrees-300 degrees Centigrade is desirable before welding, and a low temperature heat treatment is required after welding to relieve the shrinkage stresses.

Two methods of welding tin bronzes apply to bells, namely, arc welding and gas welding. The former is recommended, as the latter can cause porosity if done with a neutral or reducing flame, and can lead to the formation of oxides which reduce the strength and corrosion resistance of the joint, if performed in an oxidising atmosphere.

In the case of arc welding, if zinc is present volatilisation will occur, whereas if lead is present, hot-shortness will result. The purity of parent metal in the bell is thus of considerable importance.

THE PRESERVATION OF OLD BELLS

Before dealing with the bells which have been welded, it will be convenient here to consider any alternatives to welding to produce a sound bell from a cracked one. In the past the only remedy was recasting; the old bell would be broken up with a sledge-hammer and the old metal used to cast a new bell. The old inscription could be reproduced in facsimile on the new bell, but borders, plaques, etc., are bound to lose detail in recasting. In addition, the loops on the crown of the bell are not used now, and new bells are cast with flat crowns. Thus any ornamentation on these loops in the way of heads, mouldings, etc., would be lost unless the founder casts the bell in the old manner at increased cost.

Considering the fine Flemish bell at Iona, it would be a very great antiquarian loss to have a bell of modern design with a flat crown instead of the original bell of 1540. A new bell may have a finer tone than the bell of 1540, but the genuine Flemish product would have been lost for ever.

Frequently the old cracked bell is disused and put on show in the church, museum or similar place, and a new bell cast to take on the duty in the belfry. This is to be encouraged, but welding in certain cases can enable such a cracked bell to be repaired and used as before, thus saving the considerable extra expense of providing a new bell.

BRITISH EXPERIENCE IN WELDING BELLS

One British firm has had considerable experience in welding bells, ranging over more than 20 years. A recent catalogue lists 32 bells which have been repaired: of these the writer has personal knowledge of nine, five of which were hung for change ringing. Four bells, the fourth, sixth, seventh and tenor in a ring of eight (tenor 25 cwt.), in St. Mary's Church, Woodbridge, Suffolk, cast in 1799, were found to have cracks in the crowns, and they were welded by this firm before the recent war. Subsequently two of these bells, the fourth and seventh, became cracked again and they were recast.

The seventh bell in the ring of twelve in St. Mary-le-Tower Church, Ipswich, Suffolk, an historic bell by the celebrated Colchester founder, Miles Graye I., cast in 1607, was also cracked and welded. Some years later the bell was again cracked and was recast.

The single bell formerly in Blythburgh Church, Suffolk, was welded by this firm and remained quite satisfactory until being recast to form one of the bells in the new ring of six bells.

Another bell repaired before the recent war was the 9¼ cwt. second bell in Metfield Church, Suffolk. This bell was cast in 1568 and was cracked from the mouth to half way up the waist. After some 20 years in use the weld is undamaged, but there are two horizontal cracks, one slightly above the end of the weld in the waist and the other in the thickest part of the soundbow. Both cracks are visible for about seven inches. However, neither seems to affect the tone unduly. This bell is swing-chimed.

The treble bell in Kettlebaston Church, Suffolk, was welded by this firm in 1934. This bell was cast by John Darbie, of Ipswich, in 1663, and was cracked in the crown and to half way down the waist. The repair remains entirely satisfactory. This bell is not swung, and is chimed with a hammer.

Since the recent war the interesting Flemish bell of 1540, noted earlier, which was cracked in the soundbow, has been welded by this firm. The writer is informed by the Rev. Dr. George McLeod, of the Iona Community, that the bell is not quite so resonant as formerly but is by no means 'dead,' and after two years' use has certainly not cracked again.

One of the 17th century bells in the ring of bells in Wingfield Church, Suffolk, was found to be cracked in the crown, and another firm repaired this bell by welding in 1948. Recent examination has shown that one of the five cracks was not entirely cut out, and has continued to spread.



FIG. 2.—Welding repair of bell from Wingfield Parish Church, Suffolk. This 9¼ cwt. bell, cast in 1602, was found to have five severe cracks in the crown, all emanating from the centre hole. The cracks were cut out and a hole 3/16 in. diameter drilled through the end of each crack. The first two inches of each crack was then filled up by arc welding, using 10-S.W.G. tin-bronze electrodes and the remainder of the grooves with 8-S.W.G. electrodes. After welding the bell was planished and tuned.

DUTCH EXPERIENCE

During the recent war there was considerable pillaging of church and other bells in Holland, many were melted down, others were recovered just in time but had been cracked or damaged in being transported. Two firms have been engaged in repairing these bells by welding, one in Amsterdam and the other in Rotterdam. The former had pre-war experience and handled all the bells up to 20 cwt., the remainder being repaired at Rotterdam. All the bells treated were only cracked, and it was deemed not worth while repairing bells in separate pieces.

Dr. E. W. von Heuven, who has kindly communicated the above information to the writer, in his thesis 'Acoustical Measurements on Church Bells and Carillons,' page 111, gives much useful information on the repairing of cracked bells and on judging the results. The main criterion of a satisfactory repair is the length of the reverberatory time which is very much shortened if cracks are present. Judging on this basis, the work of the Dutch firms may be summarised as follows:—

Welded at	Total Number	Successful Cases
Rotterdam	5	3
Amsterdam	14	10

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Welding of Cracked Bells.—Cont.

Of course, even the unsuccessfully welded bells may have been quite usable, though perhaps not as musical as they ought to be. Unfortunately, in all cases it was not known what the bells sounded like before being cracked: the reverberatory time used as a comparison was an average time associated with an average bell of that size and weight.

CONCLUSIONS

In considering the above evidence it seems that:—

1. Cracks in the crowns of bells can be repaired by welding with a fairly good chance of success.
2. Cracks in the soundbow can be welded, but the chances are that the reverberatory time will be reduced, and if the bell is in a ring of bells and swung in a full circle, that cracks will again develop after only a few years.

With the present rate of technological advancement generally, it is to be hoped that this subject will receive its due share and that the above unfavourable limitations will soon disappear.

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GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Farnham District

Another very successful Farnham District meeting was held at St. Michael's, Yorktown, on March 23rd. During the afternoon a variety of methods were rung, under the leadership of the Ringing Master, Mr. Rex Corke.

The ringers' service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. H. E. Paterson), with Mr. S. F. Medland as organist. Ringers formed the choir. A sumptuous tea, arranged by Mr. Farr and the local ladies, was served in the Church Hall, and this was followed by a short business meeting. Then it was either handbell ringing or back to the tower, where the bells were rung until 9 o'clock. M. A. C.

Chertsey District Progress

A welcome visitor to the Chertsey District meeting on March 23rd at Chertsey was Mr. J. F. Smallwood, who said how pleased he was to see so many of the same young people as he met on his last visit to the District a year ago. He told the meeting that unlike marriage, where the first 50 years were the worst, in ringing it was the first 18 months. He advised them to stick to it. The 40 ringers present included visitors from Leatherhead, Sutton, Reading, Kettering and Merrow.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. G. S. Archibald), who in welcoming the Guild to Chertsey said there was a hope that Chertsey bells would soon be rung once again by Chertsey ringers.

At the business meeting Mr. W. Shepherd was in the chair. Two new members from Ottershaw were elected. Members were reminded of the forthcoming A.G.M. at Guildford on April 27th, and urged to attend.

Methods during the day ranged from rounds to Cambridge Major, several ringers scoring (surprisingly) their first course of Oxford T.B. Major. R. C.

NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS, LANCS.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Wendy Ellam 1, David Aspden (first 'inside') 2, Jennifer A. Ellison 3, G. Lloyd 4, P. A. Millward (cond.) 5, D. Burgess 6.

OBITUARY

MR. J. W. FISH

A well-known ringer, Mr. Jack Fish, passed away at Cawthorne, South Yorks, on March 12th at the age of 81. He rang his first extent of Minor in 1903 and continued as a member of the local band until 1951, when he rang his last extent which was Violet, his favourite method. In 1954, when the bells of All Saints were rehung, he came up the tower for a short touch on the tenor which he had rung for so many years.

Jack rang but one peal, in seven methods, and although he could ring a good number of methods he always aimed at perfect striking. He took part in many contests and rang the tenor when Cawthorne won the Hoylandswaine Cup in 1925, 1926 and 1928. A man noted for his plain speaking, in his retirement he spared no feelings when he commented on our rough ringing.

Local ringers rang a half-muffled extent at the funeral at Cawthorne, and a peal in seven methods was rung by local and Shelley ringers the following Saturday. N. F. M.

MR. W. A. HUDSON

AN APPRECIATION

The news of the passing of Mr. William Arthur Hudson was received with regret by members of the Selby and District Society at their meeting at Eastrington on March 23rd.

Mr. Hudson commenced ringing at the age of 15 and in 1912 joined the Yorkshire Association. He had rung a total of 42 peals (conducted 17) for the Yorkshire Association, and in his earlier days was a very enthusiastic and helpful person. Unfortunately, during the last ten years, he had been afflicted with a heart complaint which prohibited him from ringing. He was, however, still interested in the art of change-ringing, and it was not unusual for him to sit in the vicinity of a church and listen to a whole peal of 5,040 changes being rung. He was a genial personality and one who would go out of his way to give advice and help to all ringers.

He passed away on February 23rd last, and he rests in the cemetery close to Hemingbrough Church, where he spent many years as an eminent and enthusiastic member of that band. L. M. W.

MR. ARTHUR WYRE

With the death of Mr. Arthur Wyre on March 19th, in his 69th year, Cradley has lost one of its stauchest workers at the Parish Church of St. Peter. He was a keen church worker the whole of his life and last year he completed 50 years as bellringer, during many of which he held the office of leader. He was also closely associated with the Sunday School, and served a long period as a member of the Parochial Church Council. He loved the bells and was proud of the fine record of Sunday service ringing which his band enjoyed. No sacrifice was too great for Arthur, and despite his indifferent health of late he continued with the work so near to his heart, to keep the bells ringing. His last visit to the belfry was on New Year's Eve, when he rang the 12 strokes of midnight, a job he carried out for over 40 years.

He was laid to rest on March 23rd, four of his band of ringers acting as bearers. The service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. H. L. Davies), assisted by the Rev. R. W. Yaxley, B.Sc., a former vicar of Cradley.

Mr. B. C. Ashford represented the Worcestershire Association and Mr. Arthur Peakman represented the Dudley and Districts Guild.

A half-muffled quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on the evening of the funeral by members of the local band. H. J. S.

MR. JOHN E. BURTON

AN APPRECIATION

Mr. John Burton, of Norwich, was the last of a quartet of unusually gifted ringers who, learning to ring at an early age, went on to make a great contribution to the Exercise both locally and nationally. They were his brother George Pestell Burton, Charles Edward Borrett and Jabez Armiger Trollope. As boys in their teens they met together frequently to master the art of handbell ringing, and their enthusiasm occasionally disturbed the serene atmosphere of the Norwich Scholars, as an entry in their minute book for 1894 testifies. Later on, in 1907, following the unfortunate dispute between the Vicar and the Scholars, and with Armiger Trollope residing at Ealing, they formed the nucleus of the new band and remained together until 1923. With Mr. Burton's wholehearted support the Mancroft Guild added a flat sixth, the 'Gabriel' bell, in 1910.

Elected a member of the Diocesan Association in 1892, John Burton rang his first peal on January 19th, 1893. It was a peal of Bob Minor 'in hand,' conducted by J. A. Trollope. That year four more handbell peal attempts were successful and two on tower bells. The first was at Framlingham, Suffolk, in August, and the second, his first as conductor, a seven-method peal of Doubles, the only peal ever rung on the five at St. Peter Parmentergate in the city of Norwich. The next year saw the ringing and publication of J. E. Burton's popular four-part peal of Bob Major. There followed a period of some years when Mr. Burton was comparatively inactive in the belfry.

Educated at the King Edward VI Commercial School in Norwich, he was articled to a well-known local architect. In the early years of the century John Burton designed several Norfolk schools, but he is best known as a specialist in church restoration which brought him often in contact with rings of bells. Two of his recent works in this connection were the Saham Toney tower previous to the rehanging of the bells, and the repairs, completed only a few weeks ago to Tacolneston tower, which with its derelict ring of five was in imminent danger of collapse.

Besides his interest in ringing Mr. Burton was enthusiastic about sailing, and he was a familiar figure on the nearby Broads.

Altogether, Mr. Burton took part in 65 peals for the Norwich Association, 19 of which were on handbells. His last was Stedman Triples in 1923, and it was fitting that the present members of the Mancroft Guild, whose Master once he was, should pay tribute to his memory with a half-muffled peal on the back eight of the bells which he loved so much.

NOLAN GOLDEN.

BARNSLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

Good use was made of the bells when the Barnsley District held their monthly meeting at Horbury on March 9th. Towers represented were Bolderstone, Cawthorne, Felkirk, Leeds, Rothwell, Sandal, Sherburn-in-Elmet, Sowerby, Shelley, Thornhill and Wakefield.

Following tea in the Church Room, the Rev. J. Seebold presided at the business meeting and gave a hearty welcome to the company present. Miss Eileen Womack, of Sandal, and Mr. W. F. Moreton, of Wakefield, were elected new members. The Vicar, wardens and local company were thanked on the proposition of Mr. N. Moxon.

EASTON MAUDIT, NORTHANTS.—On Mar. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (240 each of St. Martin's, Winchendon Place Bob, Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and 300 Grandsire): Miss C. Coleman 1, H. Wooding 2, E. Smart 3, N. Line 4, R. Line (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. W. G. Robinson, churchwarden for many years.

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WEDDING RINGING

The bells will be ringing on Easter Monday (D.V.) for the wedding of L/M (E) Edward S. Laker, R.N., and Miss Pamela M. Collins at St. Mary's, Balcombe, at 2 p.m., after which the bells will be available to any visiting ringers. Those requiring tea please let me know by Monday, April 15th.—A. E. Laker, 2, Woodside, Balcombe, Sussex. 10

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MISCELLANEOUS

UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.—The cost of the 1957 tour at Bingley, Yorks (July 26th to August 3rd) will now be 25/- per day for board and lodging at the College. Will all members who intended to come please inform Mr. W. F. Moreton, The Close, Hereford, whether they still so intend, in view of the charge. Will they also state a preference for either a seven- or an eight-day tour. 09

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The dedication of the newly rehung and recast ring of eight by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. at Halstead by the Lord Bishop of Colchester at 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 6th. Tea afterwards. All ringers welcome.—Hilda G. Snowden. 9904

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MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—St. Dunstan's, Stepney, Saturday, April 6th, at 3.30 p.m. Ship, Talbot Court, at 6.30 p.m.—A. B. Peck. 9963

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—A meeting will be held at Daresbury on Saturday, April 6th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—C. Raddon, Branch Sec. 19

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Eyam (6), Saturday, April 6th, 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—All welcome.—H. E. Taylor, Dis. Sec. 9953

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting at Swavesey (6) on Saturday, April 6th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Over (8) from 6 p.m.—D. E. R. Knights, Dis. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION — Tonbridge District.—Quarterly meeting at Edenbridge on Saturday, April 6th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. 9889

LADIES' GUILD.—North Western District.—Joint meeting with Lancashire Association (Wigan Branch) at Southport (Christ Church), Saturday, April 6th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting after tea. Please do your best to come.—Stella P. Wain, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9956

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, April 6th, at Handsworth Parish Church. Bells (8) available at 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwall Road, Hall Green, Birmingham, 28; 'phone SPR 1025. 9919

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Maiden Newton, Saturday, April 6th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting follow.—Hayne, Sec. 9973

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Monthly meeting, Carlton-juxta-Snaith, Saturday, April 6th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please provide own food, cups of tea only available.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 9994

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Ardingly (6), Saturday, April 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—I. Butcher, 14, Withypitts, Turner's Hill.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Quarterly meeting, Cheriton, Saturday, April 6th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in Parish Hall. 9921

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District.—Quarterly meeting, Whitchurch, Saturday, April 6th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., Parish Room. Laverstoke bells after tea. 9941

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dedication of new ring of six at Saxthorpe by the Lord Bishop of Norwich, Sunday, April 7th, at 6.30 p.m. Bells available after service for all who wish to ring. 9920

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A combined practice will be held at St. Martin's, Epsom, on Monday, April 8th, from 7.30 to 9.15 p.m. All are welcome.—W. Parrott, Hon. Sec. 9998

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT.—Meeting at Hoylandswaine, Saturday, April 13th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Bring own food. Cups of tea provided.—James W. Buxton, temp. Sec. 06

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—Meeting at Heniow, Saturday, April 13th. Bells (6) 2.45 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Let's have a good meeting.—L. H. Bywaters, Dis. Sec. 9978

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT RINGING SOCIETY.—Meeting at Driffield on Saturday, April 13th. Bells (6) available 2 to 9 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. T. H. Huddleston, 2, Wansford Road, Driffield. 17

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Withyham, Saturday, April 13th. Tea 5 p.m., Dorset Arms. Names to H. Vaughan, 17, Balls Green, Withyham.—C. A. Bassett. 08

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District. — Meeting at Cherryhinton, Saturday, April 13th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District. — Meeting, Saturday, April 13th, Hemingford Grey (6). Bells 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. After tea Hemingford Abbots (6).—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 14

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Walpole St. Peter, Saturday, April 13th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 07

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South Western District.—Quarterly meeting, West Ham, Saturday, April 13th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. J. McPhail, 12, Wingfield Road, E.15. 9969

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Blunsdon (6), Saturday, April 13th. Names for tea to Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Swindon. Tel. 3936. 9991

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth District.—Quarterly meeting at Quatt on Saturday, April 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea before Wednesday, April 10th, to H. Edge, 10, The Crescent, Much Wenlock, Salop. 9985

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting, Rainham, on Saturday, April 13th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. J. Cheal, 49, Ivy Street, Rainham, Gillingham, Kent, as early as possible.—Cyril S. Jarrett, Hon. Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire District.—Annual meeting at Eagle, near Lincoln, Saturday, April 13th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names for tea not later than Monday, April 8th, to Mrs. A. Richardson, Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding, Lincs. 9971

LADIES' GUILD.—Sussex District.—Meeting, Saturday, April 13th, at Cuckfield (8). Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting and further ringing. A good attendance, please, ladies and gentlemen. Names for tea by Wednesday, April 10th, to Miss Yeo, Hon. Sec., 118, Station Road, Hailsham.

LADIES' GUILD.—North Eastern District.—Combined meeting with the Western District of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association at Chester-le-Street on Saturday, April 13th. Bells available 3 p.m. Names for tea by April 6th to Mr. S. C. Walker, 21, Avondale Terrace, Chester-le-Street. 9945

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—Practice meeting, Flookburgh (6), Saturday, April 13th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Names to A. Edgar, Holker, Grange-over-Sands.—N. M. Newby, Branch Sec. 21

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting on Saturday, April 13th at St. Peter's Church, Woolton. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss Hackett, 40, Woolacombe Road, Liverpool, 16. —G. Howlett. 16

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—Meeting at Croston on Saturday, April 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names, please, by 10th to Mr. P. Ascroft, 19, Highfield Road, Croston. Buses 96, 98, 298, 367.—L. Walmsley. 9948

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at Christ Church, Healey, Rochdale, Saturday, April 13th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 1s. 6d. Please send names by Wednesday, 10th, to B. Coop, 123, Market Street, Whitworth, near Rochdale.—F. Pritchard. 9989

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Burbage, Saturday, April 13th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Old Schools 5 p.m. Names, please, by Wednesday previous, to F. Measures, 58, Lychgate Lane, Burbage, Hinckley.—M. Vernon, Dis. Sec. 9988

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting at North Kilworth on Saturday, April 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—L. W. Allen. 02

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Meeting, Barkby, Saturday, April 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in Village Hall 5 p.m. Names by previous Wednesday to Mr. R. D. Flowers, The Cottage, The Drive, Barkby. 9986

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD. — Next meeting, Ticknall, Saturday, April 13th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names to Mrs. Marriott, Estate Cottage, Ticknall, near Derby. 9995

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Titchmarsh (8), Saturday, April 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for teas by Tuesday previous, please.—L. Witten, 4, John Street, Thrapston, Kettering. 9997

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY and DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Joint meeting at Dronfield, 3 p.m., on Saturday, April 13th (not 6th). Names for tea must be sent by 11th to Mrs. Bliss, Green Dragon, Church Street, Dronfield.—A. B. Cooper, J. Seager, Secs. 9974

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Notts District.—Meeting at East Drayton (6), Saturday, April 13th. Brumptons bus from Anchor Inn, Retford, at 1, 3.15 and 4.15 p.m. No tea arrangements.—H. Denman. 12

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting at Charlwood (6), on Saturday, April 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by April 10th to Mr. A. J. Ede, Claremont Villas, Charlwood. 9951

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—Practice meeting at Amberley (5), 2.30 to 4.15 p.m., and Storrington (6), 6 to 8 p.m., on Saturday, April 13th. Tea, Storrington, 4.30. Names for tea, please, by previous Tuesday to G. Francis, Hook Cottage, Itchingfield, Horsham.—W. Leslie Weller. 13

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Basingstoke District. — Quarterly meeting at Church Oakley, Saturday, April 13th. Bells from 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, April 9th.—J. Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John, Basingstoke. 11

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—Practice meeting at Milford on Saturday, April 13th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Please notify by Wednesday, April 10th, Admiral Everett, Gillinghams, Milford-on-Sea, Hants. 9999

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at Wrington Easter Monday, April 22nd. Service 12 noon, followed by lunch and business meeting. Names for lunch tickets (enclosing S.A.E.) to Mr. H. W. Knight, Woolmer's, Cleeve, Bristol. Tea available also. Ringing at Wrington 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon, and 6 p.m.; Nailsea, 10.30 to 11.30 a.m., and 6 to 7.30 p.m.; Long Ashton, Chew Magna, Congresbury, Backwell and Wraxall, 6 to 7.30 p.m.; Yatton 6 to 8 p.m. —R. O. Fry, Gen. Sec. 9847

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Bedford, Easter Monday, April 22nd. St Paul's (majestic ten) 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. Lunch 1 p.m. at Dujon, followed by business meeting. St. Peter's (8) 2.30 to 4.30; St. Paul's 3 p.m. onwards. Reservations for lunch must be received before 16th by J. W. Sinfield, Malmsey House, Cumberland Street, Houghton Regis, Beds. 9984

DEVON GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—Annual meeting at Sidmouth on Easter Monday. Bells from 3 to 8 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., business after. Names for tea by April 17th to Mr. P. Davis, 8, Peasland Road, Sidmouth.—W. Webb, Hon. Sec. 9980

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting and 70th birthday on Easter Monday, April 22nd, to be held at its birthplace, Clay Cross, by kind invitation of the Vicar, wardens and local band. Bells ready 2 p.m. Thanksgiving service 4.15 p.m. Preacher, the Rev. Wynford Phillips, B.A., B.D. Tea 5 p.m.; business meeting afterwards. All welcome. Numbers for tea to Mr. B. Turvey, 147, Thanet Street, Clay Cross, Derbyshire. —B. A. Sollis, Hon. Sec. 9996

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Sevenoaks, Easter Monday, April 22nd. Service 12 noon. Lunch at Bligh's Hotel 1 p.m. Tickets: members 4s. 6d., others 6s. 6d., from Mr. B. W. May, Keithston, Keycol Hill, Bobbing, Sittingbourne, together with information leaflet. Morning ringing at Sevenoaks, Tonbridge, Seal Chart and Brasted. Same towers *after* meeting, together with Leigh and Westerham.—E. S. John Hatcher. 01

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Cardiff, Easter Monday. Bells 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow.—F. J. Hannington, 32, Surrey Street, Canton, Cardiff. 9987

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at Worcester, Easter Monday, April 22nd. Service in All Saints' at 11 a.m. General business meeting in College Hall at 12.15 p.m. prompt. Coffee obtainable in College Hall at 1.15 p.m. and tea arranged at 5 p.m. for all who notify me before Wednesday, April 19th. Please notify by this date. Bells available: Cathedral (12) 6 to 7.30 p.m., All Saints' (10) from 10 a.m., St. John's (8), Hallow (8) and Powick (6), all 2.15 to 4.30 p.m.—J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Cheltenham Road, Sedgeberrow, Evesham. 15

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Annual general business meeting, Newent, Saturday, April 27th, at the Stardens Country Club, 2 p.m. sharp Tea to follow, at 3s. per head. Notifications for tea not later than Monday, April 22nd, to Mr. R. S. Chew, Callow Farm, Dymock, Glos. No notification, no tea. Bells available: Newent, 11 a.m. to 12.45, p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m.; also the following upon application to the above—Blaisdon, Corse, Dymock, Hartpury, Huntley, Bromsberrow, Redmarley, Staunton. Divine service at Newent Parish Church 6 p.m.—W. F. Scudamore, Gen. Sec., Woolaston. 03

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION. — Quarterly meeting and six-bell contest, Liversedge, Saturday, April 27th. For teas please notify by April 13th G. Jones, 240, Halifax Road, Hightown, Liversedge.—A. Farrand, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Annual general meeting, Blackburn, Saturday, April 27th. Towers available: Blackburn Cathedral (10), Holy Trinity (8) (five minutes' walk from Cathedral), and the Church of St. Michael (8) (Wilpshire or Brownhill bus to Bastwill, 1½d. stage), all from 1 to 3.45 p.m. and 6.30 to 9 p.m. It would be desirable if local ringers could be in attendance to meet visitors. Service in the Church of St. Michael 4 p.m. Tea in St. Michael's School 5 p.m., 3s. 6d. per head. Names, together with remittance, by Wednesday, April 24th, to Mr. T. Wilson, 118, Langham Road, Blackburn. Tower secretaries are asked to make block orders for their towers. Meeting to follow at approximately 6 p.m. in St. Michael's School.—F. Dunkerley, Gen. Sec. 9993

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Ipswich, Saturday, April 27th. St. Margaret's 9.45 to 11 a.m., St. Mary-le-Tower 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. Business meeting, St. Stephen's Hall, 2.30 p.m. Service, St. Mary-le-Tower, 4 p.m. Tea, Co-op Restaurant, 5 p.m. St. Clement's, St. Margaret's, St. Mary-le-Tower, St. Matthew's—all available after tea. Names for tea by Saturday, April 20th, to me. —John Blythe, 29, Holton Road, Halesworth. 9992

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY (established 1623).—Preliminary notice.—The 334th anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 29th. Bells (12) available all day. Twelve-bell ringing guaranteed. Lunch and tea arranged for those notifying me.—L. E. Pitstow, 27, Highfields. Phone: 2074.

LATE NEWS

DEATH OF MR. E. C. S. TURNER

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Ernest C. S. Turner, hon. secretary of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild, which occurred at 6.30 a.m. on Tuesday at Edgware General Hospital, aged 47 years. He was taken to hospital early on Saturday morning. Mr. Turner had been a member of the Central Council since 1935, with a break of one year. Funeral, Friday, Stanmore, 11.15.

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CHARLIE TRIES SCIENTIFIC

BACK in Edwardian days Charlie was reserve tenor ringer in a call-change band with little hope of attaining promotion to the rank of regular ringer which entitled him to payment for Sunday ringing. He could handle a bell well, and when he managed to get the chance of taking hold of a rope he certainly proved himself reliable in maintaining a steady even beat. But Charlie became a bit tired of turning up twice every Sunday to find the regular eight ready for duty which meant his services were not required, therefore he could either sit in the ringing chamber and watch or stay outside and listen until service time.

At the weekly practice he was given a short turn on the tenor or a few call-changes on the 6th or 7th in order to keep fit when needed to take a rope on Sundays if one of the band failed through illness. After a while Charlie grew restless and wanted to get out of the rut, so it was a surprise to the writer when he received a visit from Charlie one evening, the purport of which was to tell of his experiences in trying to progress with ringing. Another surprise came when he asked if he could accompany me on my visits to neighbouring towers during the week in order to get experience with half-pull ringing on the tenor.

Our first trip, like many others, involved a lot of walking and I soon found that Charlie could walk and talk quite rapidly at the same time, especially when the roads were dark and lonely. His walk suffered somewhat on account of his bubbling exuberance, for he would press his shoulder to you and gradually work across the path from one side to the other, so if you happened to be walking inside you soon found yourself against a holly hedge, some fencing or a wall of some kind! If I happened to be the outside walker I became liable to be pushed off the kerb into the roadway.

On our arrival at the tower Charlie greeted each ringer profusely with a clap on the shoulder and a hearty handshake, after which he started to tell of his frustration at home, but he was cut short when Grandsire Triples was announced. Most of us expected he would need some help, but to the surprise of everyone he rang the tenor perfectly, using eyes and ears for ropesight and good striking. This was the first of many outings we had together and Charlie enjoyed his touches of Triples on various tenors until he was persuaded to try the treble for the plain course of Grandsire Triples. All went well during the time Charlie was enjoying his lead in rounds, but after the call of 'Go' he seemed to panic and go all hot and bothered, quite unlike the happy, smiling Charlie who rang the cover bell. It was quite clear he could not get away from lead and when instructions were given to him he held at backstroke for quite a time, then tried to get back to lead by missing his rope which, of course, ended the attempt. It was also the end of Charlie's enterprise on the treble, and he went back to his old favourite, the tenor for Triples, where he was in his element.

Soon afterwards he told me that our outings together would have to cease, because he had been appointed a regular ringer in his home tower and was therefore debarred from visiting other towers! Although we did not ring together, Charlie often sought me out for a chat on ringing, and he sometimes confessed what a joy it was when he was able to accompany me for a bit of scientific even though it meant walking several miles, yet it can be truthfully said Charlie was delighted and proud to say he was a fully qualified ringer in his own parish.

As the years passed by I saw very little of Charlie, but he remained a true member of his local call-change band for many years until the band broke up because recruits were lacking, so Charlie went into retirement and devoted much of his time to walking a certain distance every day in all kinds of weather.

For many years it was the custom in some places for half-pull ringers to refer to call-change ringing as 'Stoney,' 'Tombstone Surprise' or 'Churchyard Bob,' probably with the idea of causing laughter, but such names uttered within hearing of those who prefer the older style of ringing are apt to cause offence and annoyance to quite a large section of church workers who are keen to do their job well, even though they do not aspire to half-pull methods. After all, I have heard method ringing called many uncomplimentary names, such as 'Grand Slam,' which probably means a mix up or breakdown in a touch or peal.

How many years Charlie served as a ringer in his local tower cannot now be ascertained, for the attendance book seems to have been lost, but it was his proud boast that he was always on time twice every Sunday and at the weekly practice, a shining example of regular, punctual attendance.

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB ROYAL
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in G.

*HAROLD P. REED	*Treble*	A. PATRICK CANNON	6
†CEDRIC MURPHY	2	‡TREVOR A. CROSS	7
‡ADRIAN J. TUMBER	3	*‡GEOFFREY K. DODD	8
REGINALD W. REX	4	‡NORMAN HAYES	9
ALICE M. REED	5	REGINALD A. REED	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
* 25th peal together. † First peal of Royal. ‡ First peal of Bob Royal. The first peal on the ten bells since being recast by John Taylor and Co.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

DERBY.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 2, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,
A PEAL OF 5056 BOB MAJOR
Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in D flat.

PETER G. BELLAMY-KNIGHT	*Treble*	ERNEST J. JELLEY	5
*JOHN E. RYDE	2	BRIAN R. MANNING	6
†ERNEST H. JOHNSON	3	JOHN M. JELLEY	7
*DEREK SHAKESPEARE	4	DEREK P. JONES	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Major.

ROYSTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Thurs., March 14, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF 5184 BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

SUSAN JACKSON	*Treble*	T. REGINALD DENNIS	5
ANTHONY J. HOWARD	2	F. BRIAN COOKSON	6
*HUGH NEILL	3	DESMOND PAINTER	7
PETER F. WINDLEY	4	CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON	*Tenor*

Composed by R. F. B. SPEED Conducted by DESMOND PAINTER.
* First peal of Major.

BELPER, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 16, 1957. *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 26 lb. in F sharp.

FRANCIS R. LOWE	*Treble*	*WM. ARNOLD MORLEY	5
JOHN E. RYDE	2	VIVIENNE M. HORTON	6
GORDON A. HALLS	3	DENIS R. CARLISLE	7
PATRICIA A. M. FORSTER	4	DEREK P. JONES	*Tenor*

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by GORDON A. HALLS.
* First peal.

CHARLTON KINGS, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 16, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Washbrook's Variation. Tenor 20 cwt.

*SHIRLEY M. PARSONS	*Treble*	†FRANK A. STEPHENS	5
GEORGE W. SIMMONS	2	LESLIE BARRY	6
DAVID W. BEARD	3	†CYRIL A. WRATTEN	7
E. TREVOR NEWBURY	4	THOMAS BOREHAM	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID W. BEARD.
* 25th peal. † First peal of Stedman Triples. First peal of Triples in the method as conductor.

ABERAVON, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 23, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

ALFRED HANNINGTON	*Treble*	D WALFORD DAVIES	5
TREVOR M. RODERICK	2	ALBERT J. PITMAN	6
EDMUND J. MORRIS	3	WILLIAM T. PETTY	7
THOMAS YEOMANS	4	HAROLD PREECE	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT J. PITMAN.
The band wish to associate this peal with Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Roderick's silver wedding anniversary on March 26th.

COLE-ORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., March 23, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

MRS. S. H. JONES	*Treble*	JOSEPH WM. COTTON	5
BRIAN G. WARWICK	2	ERNEST J. JELLEY	6
*GORDON H. LANE	3	†DEREK P. JONES	7
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	4	JOHN M. JELLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
* First peal of Yorkshire. † 200th peal (conducted 77). First peal of Major on the bells since restoration. The composition rung for the first time.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 23, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5152 DERBY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13¾ cwt.

LEONARD STILWELL	*Treble*	DENNIS KNOX	5
MRS. T. J. LOCK	2	PHILIP MEHEW	6
EDGAR R. RAPLEY	3	WILLIAM T. BEESON	7
ALICK CUTLER	4	THOMAS J. LOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE. Conducted by THOMAS J. LOCK.
First peal in the method by all and for the Association.

CURDRIDGE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 23. 1957, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5088 PAINSWICK SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 25 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in D.

S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT	*Treble*	†ROBIN G. LEALE	5
ROGER BALDWIN	2	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD	6
*JUNE M. CLEMENTS	3	FREDERICK A. MUNDAY	7
E. WINIFRED KEYS	4	JOHN H. HURT	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by ROGER BALDWIN.
* First peal of Painswick 'inside.' † First peal in the method.
A 21st birthday compliment to Robin G. Leale.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., March 23, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5056 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21¼ cwt. in E.

HERBERT G. JILLINGS	*Treble*	GEORGE A. FLEMING	5
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY	2	JAMES BENNETT	6
PATRICIA M. CLARKE	3	ERNEST V. BLAKE	7
HARRY D. LISTER	4	CECIL W. PIPE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY.

METHERINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 23, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in A.

GEOFFREY PAUL	*Treble*	GWEN I. RUSBY	5
GEOFFREY R. PARKER	2	*GILES C. GALLEY	6
*JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM	3	FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD	7
MICHAEL W. CROWDER	4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal of London Surprise Major.

OVERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., March 23, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In two methods, consisting of 2,944 Yorkshire and 2,208 Cambridge, with 92 changes of method. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in A flat.

*FRANCIS R. LOWE	*Treble*	DEREK P. JONES	5
BRIAN G. WARWICK	2	JOHN M. JELLEY	6
*GORDON A. HALLS	3	ERNEST J. JELLEY	7
*ALAN G. FOSTER	4	*DENIS R. CARLISLE	*Tenor*

Composed by SHIRLEY BURTON. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise.
A compliment to Miss Norma M. Grice (daughter of Percival Grice, a local ringer) and W. Norman Wallis, who were married this day at this church.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 23, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in G.

GRACE BURCHNALL	*Treble*	WILLIAM L. EXTON	5
KATHERINE BURCHNALL	2	*ERNEST PRESTON	6
GEORGE E. FOSTER	3	WILLIAM H. DALE	7
*HAROLD DENMAN	4	GEORGE W. CREASEY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. HUNT. Conducted by GEORGE W. CREASEY.
* First peal in the method.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Tues., March 26, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5083 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

RUSSELL G. PARKER	*Treble*	FRANK RUFFLES	5
*MURIEL R. PIPE	2	CHARLES W. BEECROFT	6
WALTER W. MILLER	3	LESLIE G. BRETT	7
*HAROLD LEATHER	4	WALTER RUFFLES	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.
* First peal of Yorkshire. Mr. W. W. Miller has now 'circled the tower' to Yorkshire.
Rung as a compliment to the conductor and Mrs. Brett on the occasion of their silver wedding.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., March 26, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Being 1,536 Yorkshire, 2,208 Cambridge and 1,344 Superlative, with 132 changes of method. Tenor 8 cwt. 48 lb. in G.

THOMAS R. SIMMONS	*Treble*	*DAVID HEIGHTON	5
GEORGE SAYER	2	NOLAN GOLDEN	6
ARTHUR G. BASON	3	†JOHN S. BARNES	7
H. WILLIAM BARRETT	4	BERT GOGLE	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD.
Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise. † First peal in three Spliced Surprise.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., March 27, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In three methods, consisting of 1,472 Cambridge, 2,208 Yorkshire and 1,472 Superlative, with 115 changes of method.
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

*JOAN K. BROWN	*Treble*	†BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	5
BRIAN G. WARWICK	2	†JOHN A. ACRES	6
†PHYLLIS POOLE	3	†ERNEST J. JELLEY	7
†ERNEST MORRIS	4	†JOHN M. JELLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by SHIRLEY BURTON. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise. † First peal of Spliced Surprise in three methods.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Thurs., March 28, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation).
Tenor 28 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in D.

*BRIAN DAWSON	*Treble*	GEORGE L. ROOBOTTOM	5
†PAMELA PEARSON	2	ARTHUR R. WRIGHT	6
ALAN G. FOSTER	3	BARNABAS G. KEY	7
GORDON HARRISON	4	†ERIC EDGINTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.
* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Triples.
Rung in honour of the visit to Burton-on-Trent this day of H.M. Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh.

DONCASTER, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 30, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's Four-part variation of Thurstans'. Tenor 30¼ cwt.

JAMES THORLEY	*Treble*	HAROLD WAGSTAFF	5
MILTON C. FOWLER	2	J. FREDERICK MILNER	6
HOWARD SCOTT	3	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	7
*JOHN THORLEY	4	FREDERICK J. JACKSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
* First peal in the method.
Rung as a farewell peal to Mr. Dennis A. Chapman and Mr. Leonard Webb, both of whom are leaving the above tower to take up new appointments outside the county.

EARLS COLNE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 30, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5056 PAINSWICK SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt 15 lb. in F.

*ERNEST W. BRIGHT	*Treble*	HILDA G. SNOWDEN	5
LEWIS W. WIFFEN	2	JOHN WARNER	6
*BERNARD FAIRHEAD	3	*HARRY J. MILLATT	7
*ALLEN W. CANSDALE	4	WALTER ARNOLD	*Tenor*

Composed by HAROLD G. CASHMORE. Conducted by WALTER ARNOLD.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.
Rung for the wedding of Miss Shirley Wade and Mr. David Goodwin.

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FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

COMPTON BISHOP, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Feb. 24, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 22 six-scores of Grandsire and 20 of Plain Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

MARJORIE LEGG	*Treble*	ALBERT PETERS	4
GEORGE PRESCOTT	2	HAROLD HOOPER	5
SHEILA BANWELL	3	ALGY HOOPER	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.
The conductor has now 'circled the tower.'
Rung as a farewell to the Rev. P. A. Northam on his retirement.

SPONDON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 9, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH.
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in G.

*KENNETH BALLINGTON ..	*Treble*	P. G. BELLAMY-KNIGHT (15)	4
FRANCIS R. LOWE	2	JOHN F. MURFIN (14) ..	5
EDWIN WALKLATE (13) ..	3	DEREK P. JONES..	*Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
* First peal (four months after first lesson in handling a bell).
A 13th birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

HITCHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., March 11, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being 720 Oxford T.B., 720 Kent T.B. and two 720's each of Single Oxford, Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob rung alternately.
Tenor 6 cwt. 11 lb.

*MISS S. WICKENDEN ..	*Treble*	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM ..	4
ALAN HARTLEY	2	FREDERICK R. SCOTT.. ..	5
†HOWARD OGLESBY	3	GEORGE GILBERT	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT.
* First peal of Minor other than Plain Bob. † First in five methods.
Rung on the 70th birthday of the conductor.

OCKBROOK, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., March 13, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in nine methods, as follows: (1) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, (2) Double Oxford, (3) Thelwall Bob, (4) St. Clement's and Childwall Bob, (5) Cambridge Surprise, (6) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.

JOHN E. RYDE	*Treble*	PETER G. BELLAMY-KNIGHT	4
DEREK P. JONES	2	FRANCIS R. LOWE	5
PATRICIA A. M. FORSTER..	3	GORDON A. HALLS	*Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
First peal in nine methods by all except conductor. 75th peal as conductor.

NEWHALL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., March 16, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In five methods, being an extent each of Single Court, Single Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in G.

PAMELA J. PEARSON	*Treble*	FRANCIS R. LOWE	4
JOHN A. UNDERWOOD ..	2	WILLIAM F. WOODWARD ..	5
DEREK P. JONES	3	JOSEPH WM. COTTON ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

FINBOROUGH MAGNA, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Fri., March 22, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In eight methods, viz.: (1) Double Court, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Single Oxford, (4) Double Oxford, (5) St. Clement's, (6) Combined Kent and Oxford, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

*JOHN PRENTICE	*Treble*	URBAN W. WILDNEY ..	4
ROBERT E. LESTER	2	*LESLIE N. MELTON	5
DOUGLAS H. ROOKE ..	3	*KENNETH G. BROWN ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by KENNETH G. BROWN.
* First peal in eight methods.

BRABOURNE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 23, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR
Being seven extents (called differently). Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN COVENEY	*Treble*	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD ..	4
G. KEITH FINN	2	RAYMOND J. CARLTON ..	5
CRAWFORD T. HILLIS ..	3	JOHN R. COOPER	*Tenor*

Conducted by RAYMOND J. CARLTON.
An 80th birthday compliment to Leonard Finn, father of the ringer of the second, who for 66 years was a ringer at this church.

CHELFORD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 23, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR
In 35 methods: (1) Knutsford, Rostherne, Wilmslow, Bogedone and Ely Delight; (2) Skipton, Chepstow, Balmoral, Fotheringay and Dover Delight: (3) Peveril, Leasowe, Melandra, Beeston and Castleton Delight; (4) Crowland, Combermere, Vale Royal, St. Werburgh and Abbeyville Delight; (5) Willesden, Newdigate, College Bob IV, Old Oxford and Marple Delight; (6) College Exercise, Norbury, Ockley, Duke of Norfolk and Morning Star Treble Bob; (7) Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby and Braintree Delight. Tenor 8½ cwt.

MRS. A. RICHARDSON ..	*Treble*	ALEXANDER RICHARDSON ..	4
SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN.. ..	2	NEIL D. LOMAS	5
IVOR JENKINS	3	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.. ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.

GOLDINGTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 23, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in F sharp.

*ALAN J. WILLIAMS	*Treble*	ANN FUNDREY	4
E. LESLIE DUFFIELD ..	2	*JOHN H. L. BLICK	5
HILARY J. APPLETON ..	3	JAMES H. EDWARDS.. ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. EDWARDS.
* First peal. First peal as conductor.
Rung by the Sunday service band in honour of the hallowing and dedication of the extension to the church by the Lord Bishop of St. Albans, which took place on that day.

HANDLEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 23, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being an extent each of Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure and Kingston Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN S. DEAN	*Treble*	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	4
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.. ..	2	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD..	5
HENRY O. BAKER	3	PERCY SWINDLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

HELMDON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 23, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.
A PEAL OF 5040 ANNABLE'S LONDON SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

GEORGE SHELLARD	*Treble*	MONTAGUE SAUNDERS ..	4
BARRY SAUNDERS	2	ERNEST LINES	5
WILLIAM J. CHESTER ..	3	WILLIAM A. YATES	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. YATES.
First peal in the method by all the band and for the Guild.

MARCH, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 23, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WENDREDA,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being 720 changes each of St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and 2,160 changes of Plain Bob.
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in E.

F. S. PARSONS	*Treble*	R. F. BAKER	4
MISS D. ROBINSON	2	T. A. BEVIS	5
G. E. CRISP	3	H. S. PEACOCK	*Tenor*

Conducted by T. A. BEVIS.

PACKINGTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., March 23, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
At the Church of The Holy Rood.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents (C.C.C. Nos. 64-69, 59).
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in B flat.

J. Christopher Rigg ..	*Treble*	William F. Woodward ..	4
Derek P. Jones	2	Ernest J. Jelley	5
*John M. Jelley	3	Joseph Wm. Cotton ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by Derek P. Jones.
* 25th peal so far this year. The third Surprise peal this day by the ringers of 2, 3 and 5.
A birthday compliment to Miss Eileen Cotton, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Cotton.

PENGE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 23, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob.
Tenor 9¼ cwt.

John L. Morris	*Treble*	Brian Bladon	4
Ian H. Oram	2	*John W. Smith	5
Michael J. Rowe	3	Ralph Bird	*Tenor*

Conducted by Brian Bladon.
* First peal in seven methods. First peal on the bells since 1938.
A 21st birthday compliment to John L. Morris.

RAWMARSH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 23, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in five methods, viz.: One extent each of St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob, and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb.

Milton C. Fowler ..	*Treble*	H. David Holland	4
*Elizabeth A. Wardill ..	2	Ian M. Holland	5
W. Eric Critchley ..	3	Frederick J. Jackson ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.
* First peal of Minor.

ROTHLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 23, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin and St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 21 Pitman's 240's, all called differently.
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in F sharp.

Neil Bishop	*Treble*	B. Stedman Payne ..	4
Ernest Morris	2	Roger A. Brewin	5
Kevin Thompson	3	Maurice Bishop	*Tenor*

Conducted by Roger A. Brewin.
Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. M. Bishop, Mr. and Mrs. A. Stone and Mr. and Mrs. F. Thompson.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 23, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Denis,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Single Court, and two each of Single Oxford and Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

D. Henry Mettam	*Treble*	William R. Parker	4
Ronald Russell	2	Walter Weston	5
Percy D. Baldock	3	James H. Musson	*Tenor*

Conducted by James H. Musson.
A farewell peal to the Rev. T. J. Davies, with the good wishes of the band for a happy retirement

TETSWORTH, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD SOCIETY.
On Sat., March 23, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Giles,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's and Double Oxford, and two extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 4¼ cwt.

*Richard A. Jackson ..	*Treble*	Daphne R. Castell	4
*Christine M. Woodward	2	Frank A. Barrett	5
Charles Coles	3	Donald H. Niblett	*Tenor*

Conducted by Donald H. Niblett.
* First peal in six Minor methods. First peal in six Minor methods as conductor.

TOLLESBURY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 23, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

Ernest E. S. Johnson ..	*Treble*	Dennis A. S. Symonds ..	4
*Edward W. Roast	2	Howard W. Egglestone..	5
†Robert W. Leavett ..	3	Joe E. G. Roast	*Tenor*

Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.
* 25th peal. † First peal 'inside.'

WORMHILL, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 23, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Margaret.
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB DOUBLES
Tenor 1 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

Brian J. Woodruffe ..	*Treble*	†Frank Osbaldiston ..	3
*Alan McFall	2	*Bernard Groves	4
		*Robert Smith	*Tenor*

Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.
* First peal of Bob Doubles. † First peal of Doubles.

HANDBELL PEALS

COUNTESTHORPE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., March 18, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
At Beech Farm.
A PEAL OF 5024 BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 18 in G.

John M. Jelley	1—2	John A. Acres	5—6
Brian G. Warwick	3—4	Brian S. Chapman	7—8

Composed by Edwin J. Lindley. Conducted by Brian G. Warwick.

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., March 19, 1957, *in* 1 *Hour and* 55 *Minutes,*
In the Ringing Chamber of the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being three extents of St. Clement's Bob and four extents of Plain Bob.

D. Margaret Hawley ..	1—2	Edward M. Bradley ..	3—4
		Alan Sheppard	5—6

Conducted by Alan Sheppard.

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., March 22, 1957, *in* 1 *Hour and* 53 *Minutes,*
At 17, Queen Street,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor size 11 in G.

Stanley Huckle	1—2	Geoffrey Dodds	3—4
		Joyce Dodds	5—6

Conducted by Joyce Dodds.

LEVERSTOCK GREEN, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., March 24, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours,*
In the School.
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor size 13 in E.

Gerald Penney..	1—2	Walter Ayre	3—4
		Stanley Huckle	5—6

Conducted by Walter Ayre.

CLEATHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., March 26, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At Cleatham House Farm.
A PEAL OF 5068 SPLICED KENT TREBLE BOB AND KENT LITTLE COURT ROYAL
Tenor size 15 in C.

*Jack L. Millhouse ..	1—2	George E. Feirn	5—6
*John Freeman	3—4	Jack Bray	7—8
		C. Aubrey Harrison ..	9—10

Adapted from F. Dench. Conducted by George E. Feirn.
* First of Royal in these methods.

LEVERSTOCK GREEN, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., March 31, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours,*
In the School.
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 16 in B.

*Gerald Penney	1—2	Walter Ayre	5—6
Geoffrey Dodds	3—4	†Joyce Dodds	7—8
		†Stanley Huckle	9—10

Arranged and Conducted by Walter Ayre.
* First peal of Royal. † First peal of Royal 'in hand.'

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Mar. 24th, 1,260 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob Doubles: Linda M. Forrest 1, Pamela R. Gough (first in method as cond.) 2, June A. Grieveson 3, Diana M. Gough 4, S. W. Brown 5, I. C. Forrest 6. For Evensong.

BATTLE, SUSSEX.—On Mar. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): G. A. Masters 1, Miss E. M. Foot 2, Miss K. Stisted (cond.) 3, H. Ballard (first quarter) 4, Miss C. Whitfield 5, J. Brown 6, A. D. V. Hunt 7, G. Prodger 8. For the Feast of the Annunciation.

BEAMINSTER, DORSET.—On Mar. 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. W. Pearce 1, G. S. Morris (cond.) 2, R. Selway 3, A. W. Dyer 4, H. Keeley 5, W. E. Turner 6, J. T. Barrett 7, S. W. White 8.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.—On Mar. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. C. Burrough (15, Form 4C) 1, B. E. Matthews (Form 6A) 2, P. H. Langton (Form 6A, head prefect, cond.) 3, R. J. Elliott (Form 6B, first quarter) 4, M. A. Richardson (Form 6B) 5, R. A. Brown (Form 6A) 6. All are members of Collyer's Grammar School. Rung as a farewell to the headmaster (Mr. P. A. Tharp) and as a welcome to the new headmaster (Mr. D. J. Coulson).

BRAILSFORD, DERBYS.—On Mar. 20th, 1,260 Doubles (480 each St. Simon's, St. Martins, 120 Bob, 180 Grandsire): K. Ballington (13) 1, P. Bellamy-Knight 2, Patricia Forster 3, R. H. Dove 4, D. P. Jones (cond.) 5, F. Murfin 6. First quarter on the bells since restoration and addition of new treble.

CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA.—At St. Mary's, Woodstock, on Mar. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: V. Sheppard 1, Mrs. Margaret Godley 2, J. Riley 3, L. Hewitt 4, W. Smith (cond.) 5, J. Ernstzen 6. Also on Mar. 16th, 1,260 Winchester Place Bob Doubles: O. Lamb 1, J. Wood 2, W. Smith (cond.) 3, L. Hewitt 4, V. Shepherd 5, J. Ernstzen 6. Both rung half-muffled in memoriam the Archbishop of Cape Town.

CARLISLE, CUMBERLAND.—At the Cathedral, on Mar. 7th, 1,260 Bob Minor: E. A. Palmer 1, S. Hodgson 2, R. Briggs 3, J. Ling 4, A. Forsyth 5, J. Boustead (cond.) 6, J. Grieves cover. For Evensong. Also on Mar. 25th, 1,260 Bob Minor: E. A. Palmer 1, B. V. Porter 2, S. Hodgson 3, R. Briggs 4, J. Butterfield 5, J. Ling (cond.) 6, J. Boustead cover.

CHARLBURY, OXON.—On Mar. 23rd, 1,440 Bob Minor: A. Leach 1, W. Lewis 2, E. Edginton 3, R. Pratley 4, J. Benfield 5, I. Harris (cond.) 6. A compliment to Ethel Joan, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Keyte, on the occasion of her marriage, which took place earlier in the day.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—On Dec. 31st, at St. Peter's Church, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: E. J. Butler 1, B. W. Fairhead 2, W. J. Brunt 3, C. Rouse 4, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 5, E. P. Duffield 6, F. G. Oliver 7 (cover bell). For Watch Night service. Also on Mar. 3rd, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Brenda M. Balls 1, E. J. Butler (78) 2, A. E. Leggett 3, I. Cooper (first in method) 4, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 5, E. E. Davey 6. Rung after meeting short for Cambridge Major.

CRANFORD, NORTHANTS.—On Mar. 24th, 1,272 Minor (552 Kent and 720 Bob): Miss J. Baker (first of Minor) 1, A. Sansom 2, C. H. Newell 3, P. G. K. Davies 4, D. Perkins (first of Minor) 5, D. W. James (cond.) 6. First of Minor in two methods by the band. For Evensong at the Church of St. John.

DAVENTRY, NORTHANTS.—On Mar. 26th, 1,320 Bob Doubles: Frances Johnson (aged 13, first quarter) 1, Hilary Johnson 2, A. J. Hobley 3, H. Johnson 4, S. Webb (cond.) 5, M. Chown 6.

EBBW VALE, MON.—On Mar. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss B. Stephens 1, R. Stephens 2, Miss A. Evans 3, B. Werry 4, Miss D. Evans 5, J. Alsop (cond.) 6, A. Evans 7, T. Stephens 8. For Confirmation service.

EWELME, OXON.—On Mar. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Busby (first quarter) 1, F. Godden 2, R. H. Baker 3, J. Godman (cond.) 4, R. Tuckwell 5, H. T. Winfield (sen.) 6. Rung for Mothering Sunday, also for the first wedding anniversary of the ringer of the third.

FINCHLEY, MIDDLX.—On Mar. 23rd, 1,388 Little Bob Major: A. Richardson 1, W. Rose (first in method) 2, Miss N. Savage 3, A. Goodall 4, A. Warren 5, M. Carter 6, B. Willis (cond.) 7, L. Tubb 8. For Evensong.

QUARTER PEALS

FELMERSHAM, BEDS.—On Mar. 24th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: P. Payne 1, D. Cook 2, C. Payne 3, C. Lovell 4, M. Podd (cond.) 5, T. Hensman (first quarter) 6. First quarter ever by the local band.

HADDENHAM, CAMBS.—On Mar. 31st, 1,320 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: Mrs. J. Lant 1, H. Collings 2, D. E. R. Knights (cond.) 3, L. Norfolk 4, G. A. Walker 5, A. Yarrow 6. For Mothering Sunday service.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.—On Mar. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. L. Bowden 1, F. Bowden (cond.) 2, J. McDermott (first quarter) 3, Mrs. K. E. E. Bowden 4, Miss E. Pearson 5, Miss M. P. Goode 6, H. Gauntlett 7, A. Queen 8. For Mothering Sunday family service.

HASTINGS, SUSSEX.—On Mar. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. J. Downing 1, Margaret Wilson 2, Joan M. Downing 3, Daphne Lester 4, J. A. Downing (cond.) 5, E. P. Bryant 6. For Mothering Day children's service.

HUNTINGDON.—At All Saints' Church, on Mar. 3rd, 1,260 Bob Minor: A. T. Howes 1, Miss B. Spicer 2, Miss D. Robinson 3, J. R. G. Spicer 4, A. J. Davey 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. Also on Mar. 28th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Miss L. Allen 1, W. J. Ridgman 2, Miss D. Robinson 3, J. R. G. Spicer 4, P. Coles 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam J. W. Hatchett, churchwarden for 25 years.

IXWORTH, SUFFOLK.—On Mar. 10th, 1,260 Doubles (two extents each of St. Osmund, St. Remigius, St. Hilary, Blackburn Place and Westminster II. and 60 Bob): L. Pierce 1, K. G. Brown (cond.) 2, L. Sharpe 3, E. Bishop 4, D. Rooke 5, H. King 6. For Evensong. Also on Mar. 24th, 1,320 Minor (720 Bob, 600 Single Oxford): H. Ivings 1, H. King 2, L. Pierce 3, D. Rooke 4, L. Sharpe 5, K. G. Brown (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

KENILWORTH, WARWICKS.—On Mar. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Wragg 1, J. Royal 2, P. Merry (first 'inside') 3, J. Voyce 4, J. Webb (cond.) 5, S. Bayliss 6. Rung as a farewell to J. Webb, who is leaving for Germany with the R.A.F.

LAUNTON, OXON.—On April 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. W. Ancil 1, H. A. Massey 2, F. Sharpe (cond.) 3, D. Penn 4, G. Gregory 5, H. Gregory 6. First quarter by 1 and 4. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Lucy Marriott.

LONDON.—At St. Olave's Church, Hart Street, on Mar. 31st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss M. F. Harte (first in method) 1, Mrs. M. Thirst 2, Miss E. Wooldridge 3, A. J. Frost 4, A. F. Thirst 5, J. Armstrong 6, W. T. Cook (cond.) 7, H. Neill 8.

MERRIOTT, SOMERSET.—On Mar. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Abbott 1, F. England (first 'inside') 2, A. Best 3, P. Hamlin 4, A. Robinson (first as cond.) 5, W. England 6. First quarter 1, 4 and 6. For Evensong.

NORTHILL, BEDS.—On Mar. 22nd, 1,500 Grandsire Doubles: S. H. Wallis 1, S. J. Cooper 2, C. J. Smith 3, F. Hull 4, B. F. Sims (cond.) 5, L. Norman 6. Rung as a 90th birthday compliment to Mr. John Humphries, 68 years a ringer and chorister at St. Mary's, Northill.

NUTFIELD, SURREY.—On Mar. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Harwood (first quarter) 1, Nancy Kempsell 2, Betty Saggers 3, G. Olliver 4, A. Streeter (cond.) 5, A. R. C. Clarke 6. Rung for Evensong on Mothering Sunday, and to commemorate the ordination at Bury St. Edmunds that day of Jack Bernard Smith, a friend of Nutfield.

PRESTBURY, GLOS.—On Mar. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Rev. G. W. Ruming (first quarter) 1, C. Rouse 2, W. Richards 3, R. Dowdeswell (cond.) 4, H. Webb 5, D. Griffin 6, F. Pendry 7, R. Wasley 8. To celebrate Mrs. L. Stevens 100th birthday. Many happy returns.

RATTLESDEN, SUFFOLK.—On Mar. 24th, 1,320 Bob Minor: Mrs. R. E. Lester 1, F. Borley 2, E. A. Cracknell 3, H. Mitson 4, P. Underwood (first quarter) 5, R. E. Lester (cond.) 6. Rung after Evensong.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Mar. 24th, 1,280 Bob Major: Miss B. Crossman 1, W. Ward (first 'inside') 2, H. Warboys 3, G. Sandwell 4, E. Blower 5, G. Blower 6, R. Tomsin 7, A. House (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

READING, BERKS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Mar. 24th, 1,280 London Surprise Major: K. Cotterell 1, N. J. Diserens (cond.) 2, A. Diserens 3, B. C. Stirland 4, R. H. Begrie 5, J. N. Diserens 6, F. W. Lewis 7, R. F. Diserens 8.

ROYDON, ESSEX.—On Mar. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Frost 1, F. Wright 2, W. Sams (cond.) 3, A. Livings 4, B. G. Barton 5, J. Terry 6. A wedding compliment to Miss Frances Bowsell, a member of the local band, and Mr. Eric Howells.

SAXILBY, LINCS.—On Mar. 25th, 1,320 Minor (720 Single Oxford, 600 Bob): Kathleen Yardley 1, W. G. Baker 2, J. Nicholson 3, J. M. Blaikie 4, H. W. Cox 5, J. B. Nicholson (cond.) 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Nicholson on the birth of a daughter (Margaret).

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On Mar. 10th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: R. K. Stretton 1, Mrs. B. G. Warwick 2, Joan K. Brown 3, B. S. Chapman 4, J. M. Jelley 5, A. E. Bodycote 6, E. J. Jelley 7, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—At St. Thomas's Church, on Mar. 3rd, 1,264 Bob Major: Mrs. R. Smith 1, A. L. Dunn 2, F. V. Nicholls 3, Elizabeth Yeld 4, Jill Tombs 5, R. Cooper 6, J. N. Lindon 7, R. Smith (cond.) 8. For Evensong, and as a birthday compliment to Miss Jill Tombs.

TEMPLECOMBE, SOMERSET.—On Mar. 23rd, 1,260 Doubles in three methods (Bob, Grandsire and Stedman): Mrs. D. J. Howcutt 1, F. J. Hazzard 2, J. F. Hatchley 3, F. Priddle 4, H. P. Sparks (cond.) 5, L. McCreedy 6.

THETFORD, NORFOLK.—On Mar. 19th, 1,264 Bob Major: G. Peck 1, W. Bowers 2, J. Sharpe 3, Miss D. M. Reeve 4, N. Watson 5, T. Stagg 6, H. Fuller 7, J. Paul (cond.) 8. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 6th.

TOTTERNHOE, BEDS.—On Mar. 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Sinfield 1, Jane Gladman 2, Joyce Dodds 3, J. Jordan 4, G. Dodds 5, A. Rushton (cond.) 6, R. Kendall 7, F. Cook 8. Rung in honour of the marriage of Mr. F. Lander and Miss Vera Newman.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—At St. Mary's Church, on Mar. 24th, 1,264 Bob Major: F. W. Sykes (first of Major) 1, C. T. W. Coles 2, F. C. Maynard 3, K. Lumsden (first of Major 'inside') 4, B. Downes (first of Major 'inside') 5, E. E. Holman 6, R. J. Chapman (cond.) 7, A. J. N. Boyack 8. For Evensong.

WESTON-SUPER-MARE, SOMERSET.—On Mar. 28th, 1,264 Bob Major: H. A. Stiles (first quarter) 1, Marion Macfarlane 2, D. E. Cobb 3, D. H. White 4, P. W. M. Jones 5, D. C. Jackson 6, D. G. Wright 7, E. D. Mann (cond.) 8. First of Bob Major for all except the conductor. Rung to celebrate the induction of the Rector as Prebendary of Wells Cathedral.

WHITTLEBURY, NORTHANTS.—On Mar. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Linnell (first quarter) 1, Mrs. W. A. Yates 2, R. Hinton 3, P. Foster 4, W. A. Yates (cond.) 5. Believed to be the first quarter on the bells.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLX.—On Mar. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Cleaver 1, Elsie Lankester 2, C. E. Lankester 3, A. Cutler 4, E. H. Kilby 5, J. Golding 6, D. Knox (cond.) 7, H. A. Martin 8. First quarter by 1, 6 and 8.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Mar. 27th, 1,264 Bob Major: J. Tomsett 1, Anne Garnett 2, M. P. Moreton 3, Susan Jacobs 4, M. Sinden 5, A. Bishop 6, N. Bagworth 7, F. Corfield (cond.) 8. For Confirmation service.

WINCHESTER, HANTS.—At the College of St. Mary, on Mar. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. J. Verity 1, M. H. Keen 2, J. G. Pusey (first 'inside') 3, D. J. Road 4, B. D. Threlfall 5, R. Rawlence (first quarter) 6. The first quarter peal on the bells, and the first by a school band on their own bells.

WING, BUCKS.—On Mar. 14th, 1,260 Bob Minor: I. Pett 1, R. Woodruff 2, A. Butcher 3, H. Whitney 4, P. Newing (cond.) 5, K. Spavins 6.

WOBURN, BEDS.—On Mar. 10th, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob, 540 Bob, with 7, 8 covering): B. Grainger 1, M. G. Hooton 2, Angela Grainger 3, Anne Spavins 4, K. G. Spavins 5, P. Newing (cond.) 6, A. E. Butcher 7, I. N. Pett 8. First in two Minor methods for 1, 3 and 4. For Evensong.

WOODDITTON, CAMBS.—At Sunny View, on Mar. 26th, 1,280 Bob Major, on handbells: T. F. Varney 1-2, A. E. Austin 3-4, J. R. Heath 5-6, A. R. Mann (first as cond.) 7-8.

THE LADIES' GUILD

Central District Have New Officers

The annual meeting of the Central District was held at Willesden on March 30th, and was attended by a large number of members and friends. During the afternoon and evening the bells were kept going in rounds, the standard methods and various Surprise methods. The ringing included a touch of Bob Major and a course of Cambridge Surprise Major by bands of ladies.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, who gave the ringers a warm welcome, and the lesson was read by the president of the Guild (Mrs. T. J. Lock). After the service came tea. The ringers were most fortunate, as the Vicar and his wife had kindly allowed the local ringers and their ladies to prepare tea in the Vicarage, and one of the ladies had made a splendid iced cake decorated with silver bells.

At the business meeting the secretary's report gave an interesting account of the District during 1956, with special reference to two peals rung for the Guild. The financial report showed a balance in hand. In the election of officers a number of changes were made. Mrs. E. Savory is now vice-president of the District in place of Mrs. T. J. Lock; Mrs. L. W. Bullock has replaced Mrs. M. Andrews as secretary and Mrs. F. E. Collins, Mrs. N. O. L. Manchip, Mrs. G. Hart and Mrs. M. Hodgson form the committee. Four new ringing members and one honorary life member were elected. Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar and his wife, Mr. A. Cutler for the use of the bells, and to the ladies and gentlemen who prepared and served tea.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION

Meeting at Leckhampton

The March quarterly meeting of the Cheltenham Branch was held at Leckhampton on March 23rd, when some 30 ringers enjoyed ringing on the light eight. Divine service was conducted by the Rev. E. J. White, assisted by Canon G. F. Helm. Mr. White spoke of the great work which ringers did for the church, and expressed his pleasure at being able to welcome ringers to his church.

At the business meeting which followed tea (a generous gift to the ringers), the Rev. White was elected an honorary member, and new members were also elected from Leckhampton and Bishop's Cleve.

Eighty-two years old Mr. F. Pratt, of Leckhampton, the oldest performing member of the Branch, was unable to attend owing to illness, and the secretary was asked to write to him wishing him a speedy recovery.

It was agreed to hold the June quarterly meeting at Winchcombe and the May meeting at Badgeworth. There would be no meeting on April 27th, that being the date of the Association annual general meeting at Newent.

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the Eastern Branch of the Cumberland and North Westmorland Association ringers was held at Penrith on March 23rd. Mr. A. Forsyth (Carlisle) was elected secretary, Mr. J. Brownrigg (Keswick) Ringing Master, and Mr. J. B. V. Porter (Brampton) as press secretary. A decision was taken to hold monthly ringing meetings at various towns and villages in East Cumberland. B. P.

A KENT WEDDING

Mr. D. J. Parr—Miss A. E. Boulden

The wedding took place at All Saints' Church, Lydd, Kent, on March 30th, of David John, only son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Parr, of Sanderstead, Surrey, and Anne Elizabeth, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Boulden, of Lydd. The bridegroom was at one time captain of the Coulsdon band of ringers and secretary for the Surrey Association (Southern District) during 1956. The bride was Lydd Club Day Queen (1954), the third young lady to be chosen from the Lydd belfry. The Rev. G. A. Finch officiated at the choral service, with Mrs. K. Mannering at the organ.

Given away by her father, the bride was attired in a white heavy figured brocade dress, a long, embroidered veil, held with a coronet of pearls and net leaves, and carried a shower bouquet of deep red roses. She was attended by the bridegroom's sister, Ruth, who wore a dress of pale blue net over taffeta with a matching headdress and carried a posy of mixed anemones.

Mr. D. G. Foster, school friend of the bridegroom, was best man; John and Eric, brothers of the bride, were ushers.

As the couple left the church the bride was presented with a silver horseshoe by Jane Anne Prior, bride's cousin, and the local ringers pealed the bells.

Among the many gifts were a clock from the Lydd ringers and a set of trays from the Coulsdon ringers. Sixty guests attended the reception held at the George Hotel. A delayed honeymoon will be spent touring Scotland.

A peal attempt of Grandsire Triples on the following Wednesday was, unfortunately, unsuccessful.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

A reunion of some of Tom Lock's touring party took place recently in Sussex. The gathering was really arranged to recover a debt incurred during the Derbyshire tour last year, when an attempt for a peal of Derby Surprise Major failed at Darley Dale. The meeting place was Crawley, where a well-struck peal was accomplished. The thanks of the band are extended to the Rev. C. H. Butler (Vicar) and to Mr. George Jennings (local captain) for permission to ring the peal at their tower.

Mr. F. W. Wicks, former member of the Wimbledon band, is in the Sheppard Ward of St. Luke's Hospital. He has had one operation, which has proved successful, and has hopes for equal success in his second.

The baby's father, grandfather and Auntie Kathleen all took part in the quarter peal at Saxilby on March 25th. And since Mummy is also a ringer, we fully expect to see Margaret's name in our peal columns before long.

The Rev. G. W. Ruming, curate of Prestbury, is to be congratulated on his first quarter, at short notice, through the indisposition of Carol Lewis (14), whose first it was to have been. Bad luck, Carol. Your turn will come soon.

With reference to the meeting of the Middlesex Association at Barnes, Surrey, Mr. F. A. Finch, secretary of the South and West District, has received a most friendly letter from the secretary of the Surrey Association, asking him to ignore the complaint.

Collyer's Grammar School started ringing in 1949. On March 23rd the School company rang their first quarter peal, at Billingshurst, as a farewell to their headmaster (Mr. P. A. Tharp) and a welcome to his successor. (Mr. D. J. Coulson).

It's not bats in the belfry, but mice, at Burghill, Hereford. The appearance of one scampering along the floor on Sunday led to the band seeing, when they arrived for practice the following Tuesday, a large cocoa tin containing a bluish 'Quaker-oat-like-' substance on the table. On the lid was 'Mouse Bait—harmless to bellringers — and other domestic animals.'

Bradford Cathedral band honoured Mr. E. H. Simpson's 50 years' membership of the Yorkshire Association with a quarter peal on March 24th. Comments our correspondent, 'And no star yet.' Apparently this veteran has not had 'owt for nowt.'

After the peal at Hitcham a surprise awaited the conductor and his band when they were met by other friends, and a fine iced birthday cake had to be cut to the tune of 'Happy Birthday to You.' Our grateful thanks to Mrs. Oglesby (mother of the 3rd ringer) for her very kind thought and good wishes.

Mr. C. Tovell, hon. secretary of the Western Branch of the Norwich Diocesan Association, asks us to make two corrections in the report of the Branch's annual meeting (page 202). The next annual meeting will be held on February 22nd, and the late Rev. P. E. Hall was for many years Rector of Gressenhall, and not Sculthorpe.

Mr. Derek P. Jones, of Derby, made sure of his 200th peal by ringing three peals of Surprise for the Midland Counties Guild on March 23rd, conducting two of them, the other being conducted by Mr. B. G. Warwick. The peals were arranged by the Guild secretary, Mr. J. W. Cotton, and Mr. Ernest Jelley and Mr. John Jelley also took part in all three, the latter ringing his 25th peal so far this year.

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A GREAT LOSS TO THE EXERCISE

AS briefly announced in our last issue, the death of Mr. Ernest C. S. Turner, general secretary of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild, occurred on Tuesday, April 2nd, at Edgware Hospital, at the age of 46.

Over the last three or four years ill health has been his constant companion. After enduring lung tuberculosis for over 18 months, he looked as though he would be restored to reasonable health, and in the spring of 1955 he resumed business. His heart was not up to the strain, however, and many weary weeks in hospital followed, alternated by periods of convalescence at home. But the full recovery we all waited for was not to be, and he collapsed and was taken back to hospital two days before he died.

We took a final farewell of his mortal remains last Friday, a lovely spring day on which the warm sunshine gave promise of summer days to come. Over 30 of his ringing friends, many business colleagues and associates and other friends gathered at Stanmore Parish Church shortly before 11 a.m. The bells were rung half-muffled under the direction of the Association Ringing Master (Mr. T. Price), concluding with an excellent course of London Surprise Major, which ended as the cortège entered the church, and was rung by W. G. Wilson 1, Mrs. T. J. Lock 2, C. W. Woolley 3, M. Hodgson 4, E. A. Barnett 5, A. W. Coles 6, T. J. Lock 7, T. Price 8.

The simple service was conducted by the Curate (Rev. A. Vickers) in the unavoidable absence of the Vicar (Rev. H. Loasby). The family mourners included his widow, his father, mother, sister and brother. As the funeral party left the chancel steps a beautifully-struck course of Bob Major was rung at an impressively slow beat by T. J. Lock 1-2, E. A. Barnett 3-4, W. G. Wilson 5-6, C. W. Woolley 7-8.

'SELFLESS AND DEVOTED SERVICE'

Many of the congregation went on to the cremation at Golders Green Crematorium, where the president of the Middlesex Association (Rev. G. C. Taylor), Rector of St. Giles-in-the-Fields, London, recited the final committal and spoke a few appreciative words of Ernest's life and work, and words of hope and comfort about his future life with his Maker. The service finished, we went out into the beautiful gardens, ablaze with daffodils and drenched with warm sunshine. The breathtaking beauty of it assuaged our sorrow for the moment and gave us a little time to admire the numerous floral tokens of the affection and esteem held for Ernest. The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild 'remembered with gratitude Ernest's selfless and devoted service,' whilst the bands at Stanmore and St. John's, Hillingdon, together with many individual ringers, also sent their tributes. The Exercise at large paid tribute through the flowers from the Central Council. Altogether, over 40 such tributes were on view.

Among those present were Mr. K. B. Hutton and Mr. J. P. Thompson, Ernest's partners in the firm of Maurice Thompson and Co., Incorporated Accountants, and members of the staff.

The Middlesex Association was represented by the president, the two vice-presidents (Messrs. W. H. Coles and H. G. Hart), Master (Mr. T. Price), treasurer (Mr. F. W. Goodfellow), assistant secretary (Mr. W. N. Genna), N. and E. District Master (Mr. A. Cutler), and secretary (Mr. T. J. Lock) and many members. The Central Council was represented by its secretary (Mr. E. A. Barnett), 'The Ringing World' by Mr. J. F. Smallwood, and the Surrey Association by Mrs. W. Oatway.

Other ringers present included A. W. Coles, Mrs. H. G. Hart, Mrs. P. M. Mayne, Mrs. T. J. Lock (president of the Ladies' Guild), W. G. Wilson, E. J. Leversuch, M. Hodgson and Mrs. Hodgson, E. H. Kilby, Mrs. E. A. Barnettt, C. W. and Mrs. Woolley, W. Wenban, T. Collins, C. E. Lankester, H. J. Eldred and J. H. Crampion. Mrs. Genna was also present.

Several peals in memory of Ernest have been attempted, and it is known that four were successful, viz.: at Chislehurst, Willesden, Feltham and Stanmore.

F. W. G.

HIS EARLY DAYS

Mr. Wilfrid G. Wilson writes:—

'We were at Ealing County School together from 1922 to 1928. In the summer of 1927, soon after I had rung my first peals, I introduced Ernest, then 16-17, to Grandsire Doubles—on paper—during a rest on a cycling trip. Briefly I showed him a plain course and how to obtain the standard 120 changes. The next day he brought me the six complete 120's on that plan, all accurately written out. At that time he had never seen a bell rung and had no idea how it was done.

'This immediate understanding of the fundamentals of change ringing was fully exemplified during the next few years—no method was too difficult for him to learn or ring or conduct or compose. If a good composition was not readily available he produced one, and not even the earliest were like the amateur first efforts of we more ordinary ringers.

'One great advantage he had. I was then a pupil of the late J. Armiger Trollope and was able to introduce my school friend to perhaps the finest instructor he could have had. Not only had J. A. T. a fine understanding of the technicalities of change ringing, but he had also the wide range of knowledge and interests of a well-educated man. All this was of the greatest possible benefit to two young schoolboys.

FIRST PEAL WITHIN THREE MONTHS

'In October, 1927, within three months of that first lesson on paper, and when he could just about handle a tower bell, Ernest rang his first peal. Even that was no ordinary one. He rang 1-2 to seven different 720's of Bob Minor 'in hand,' with J. A. T. ringing 3-4 and me on 5-6. We conducted two 720's each in turn round the circle and ended with a non-conducted one. A week later we were joined by Mr. E. M. Atkins, then of Kilburn, for a peal of Bob Major, in which Ernest rang 1-2 and conducted an arrangement of his own! In December he rang his first tower bell peal—Bob Major at Willesden.

'If at that time we had had a regular fourth for our handbell band, we might have gone some way towards achieving what Ernest was able to do many years later as one of the Bushey handbell band. As it was, in 1928 a handbell peal in seven different Minor methods was rung, and in 1930 Grandsire Doubles, conducted by Ernest on 3-4 and containing no separate 120's. About this time, too, the first 720's in some of the Spliced Alliance and Little methods were rung, all conducted by Ernest, and the Alliance methods given local Middlesex names.

'In 1932 he rang his 50th peal—double my score, though I had started a year before him. This peal was Oxford Treble Bob Minor, 'in hand,' a one-part composition of 5,040, which he called from 3-4. A few months later he rang an inside bell to Spliced Surprise Major in five methods. At this time he was studying hard for his professional qualifications, but his ringing feats continued to expand until the outbreak of the war. I can only pick out a few examples from my own peal book, such as St. Clement's Bob Triples in 1930, Double Court Triples in 1933, Isleworth Bob Royal in 1938, and Double Coslany Court Major in 1939. All conducted by Ernest, the last two being the first peals in the methods.

HIS LITERARY WORK

'He was of tremendous help to J. A. T. in his literary work for the Exercise, being associated with the second edition of the Central Council's "Collection of Doubles and Minor Methods" (1931) and a member of the Methods Committee which issued the third edition (1939). His help with "Stedman" (1938) and "Standard Methods" (1940) in the Snowdon series is acknowledged in the prefaces to those books, while in 1948 he and I completed and prepared for publication the current Snowdon work on "Grandsire."

'During his youth he was shy and diffident in manner, except in the ringing chamber, where he was completely confident of his abilities. To a large extent he grew out of this diffidence, but from the start he was always completely reliable. In all the years we were members of the same band at Ealing I never knew him to be absent or late without warning from service ringing, practices or meetings.

'I must leave it to others, more qualified, to write about his later work for the Exercise and especially for the Middlesex Association as its general secretary and for the Central Council since 1935, but I have always considered that whatever else I may have been able to do for ringing and ringers, the most useful was to introduce that shy mathematical genius, Ernest Turner, to change ringing.'

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Further details of Mr. Turner's career, together with the impressive analysis of his 490 peals, will be published in a subsequent issue.

A 1915 MEMORY

Dear Sir,—In 1915, whilst stationed at Sutton Veny (Wilts), I, together with Bert Prewett, a young ringer named Sone and another whose name I cannot now remember other than it was 'Bill,' and that he came from my native county (Northamptonshire), used to practise on handbells which were loaned to us from the Minster Church at Warminster.

We, together with four others from Bert Prewett's regiment (whom he had trained) also used to ring the tower bells at the same church before the Division went overseas, and we became separated.

I have never seen any of these fellows since (I am aware, of course, of what happened to Bert Prewett, and what a great loss his early death was to the Exercise), but I now have reason to believe that the Thomas E. Sone, who is still ringing peals, is the one and the same as mentioned above and I am hoping that this will catch his eye or otherwise be brought to his notice.

Then, Mr. Sone, if you would care to drop me a line to 36, St. James' Crescent, Bexhill-on-Sea (where I am now living in retirement), I shall be very pleased to hear from you and shall look forward to meeting you again in the very near future.—Yours faithfully,

J. G. DOWNING.

Bexhill-on-Sea.

BRADFORD, YORKS.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Peter, on Mar. 24th, 1,264 Bob Major: M. J. Thurmott 1, Gillian Schofield 2, Mrs. H. B. Schofield 3, Mrs. M. Evans 4, E. H. Simpson (cond.) 5, F. Rayment 6, A. Ashton 7, H. B. Schofield 8, P. Pedder covering. Rung as a 17th wedding anniversary to Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Schofield, and a 47th wedding anniversary to Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Simpson; also to mark Mr. E. H. Simpson's 50 years as a paying member of the Yorkshire Association.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE

Memorial Peal Tablet to J. W. Parker

Joseph Watson Parker died in 1945, and for some years the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association has met on a date near his birthday at his own tower, St. Ignatius', Sunderland. When that meeting was held this year on March 16th, the Vicar of St. Ignatius' (Rev. G. H. Marshall) dedicated a peal board which records the half-muffled peal of Double Norwich C.B. Major that followed the funeral of J. W. Parker. The board itself was given by the son of the late R. L. Patterson, and records, too, his association in ringing over many years with J. W. Parker at St. Ignatius', Sunderland. The lettering will be charged to the J. W. Parker Memorial Fund, and a balance will remain, which as yet has not been allocated.

The peal of Double Norwich was 'composed by J. W. Parker and conducted by W. H. Barber,' and thus makes yet another memorial in recording a fruitful association of a great composer with a great conductor, which had produced such outstanding performances as the first peal of Erin Triples at Gateshead, to quote but one example.

Thus, future visitors to St. Ignatius', Sunderland, will see a definite memorial in addition to the ordinary peal boards recording the loyal service as ringers and churchmen over many years of Joseph Watson Parker and Robert Leonard Patterson, for J. W. Parker was that as well as an outstanding composer, whose fame extended far beyond St. Ignatius', Sunderland.

The attendance at the meeting was rather less than usual, but those present made good use of the bells.

At the meeting, which followed tea, the president (Mr. K. Arthur) paid tribute to the memory of J. W. Parker. He asked those present who knew and had rung with Mr. Parker to stand, and said that the increasing proportion of the younger generation in the short space since his death showed the need for some permanent memorial, which he was pleased to see had now been achieved.

It was announced that a special meeting had been arranged for Saturday, August 31st, to be held in Durham Cathedral, to commemorate the founding there on August 25th, 1877, of the Association. On advice from the architects, the Dean and Chapter have greatly curtailed ringing at Durham Cathedral, and this will provide one of the few opportunities for a visitor to ring there. Arrangements for a dinner to be held in the evening are not completed yet but full details will be announced soon. D. A. B.

A NEW QUARTERLY

Mr. W. Butler's new quarterly, 'The Ringers' Magazine,' will, we are sure, be favourably received by the Exercise. Its appeal is wide and the writers to it are all well-known personalities in ringing spheres, such as Leonard Stilwell, Wilfrid G. Wilson, Nolan Golden, William Butler, Ernest Morris, Frank T. Blagrove, C. Kenneth Lewis and William Shepherd.

Nolan Golden gives the first of a series of famous composers, with 12 peals of Charles Henry Hattersley; C. Kenneth Lewis writes on composing Minor extents, and a series of articles for beginners is being contributed by Wilfrid G. Wilson. It fulfils its title 'The Ringers' Magazine.'

ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

A Visit to the Master's Tower

One of the most successful quarterly meetings of the Society since the war was held at Erith on March 30th. Ringing took place during the afternoon on the good octave at the Old Church in methods up to Bristol; this was followed by handbell ringing in the churchyard, in methods up to Double Norwich and Stedman Caters, during a wedding. A most enjoyable service was conducted by the Vicar of St. John's (Rev. Philip Lea), with singing led by the organist and choir boys.

Over 40 sat down to an excellent tea, and the business meeting was held in the Church Guild Room, with the Master (Mr. F. J. Cullum) in the chair. Before leaving to carry out another engagement, the Vicar extended a hearty welcome to the Society and said how pleased he was to see his tower captain (Mr. Cullum) in the proud position of Master of the Society. This was received with applause.

Arising from the minutes, the secretary gave details of the dinner; the misgivings as to attendance expressed at the Harrow meeting had failed to materialise, and the function had been a great success: a small deficit had been settled anonymously.

SUBSCRIPTION REMINDER

This week is the second issue of the new quarter and is an opportune time for new postal subscribers to enrol. Will readers whose subscriptions are due kindly remit without delay to Mr. J. E. Jeater, Greystones, Cusgarne, Truro, Cornwall. Rates: 3 *months* 7/6, 6 *months* 14/6, 12 *months* £1 8*s*.

The following new members were elected: Messrs. A. S. Harris (Leatherhead), D. K. and S. Walklate (Derby) and H. W. Rogers (Isleworth).

The secretary explained that it had been thought that it would be a very nice gesture to the Master to accept his invitation to visit Erith for this meeting: the secretary and all present were very pleased that so many had come along to support Mr. Cullum at a meeting at his own tower. The next quarterly meeting would be held at Loughton on July 13th, but members were asked to note that they were specially invited to a joint meeting with the London County Association at Twickenham and Isleworth on Saturday, June 22nd. The Ancient Society of College Youths had been invited to share in this joint meeting, and their decision was awaited.

The assistant secretary (Mr. J. L. Morris) announced that the annual dinner would be held at the Old Bell, Holborn, on Saturday, Feb. 1st, 1958, and members were asked to book the date.

Finally, a very hearty vote of thanks was passed with acclamation to all those who had helped so materially to make the meeting such a success, especially the Master, who had undertaken most of the organisation. The Master said that he hoped everyone had enjoyed the afternoon, and it was a very real pleasure to him to welcome the Society to Erith.

During the evening ringing continued at St. John's and also at Christ Church in various plain and Surprise methods.

QUARTER PEAL AT WINCHESTER COLLEGE

A quarter peal, at Winchester College on March 23rd, is almost certainly the first on the bells, which were last rung for any length of time when King Charles II visited Winchester. They were unringable throughout the 18th century, and although the tower was rebuilt in the 1860's the bells were seldom rung, and in 1915 a total ban was placed on them.

In 1952 Mears and Stainbank rehung five bells and replaced the cracked 14th century third, but the tower was feared to be unsafe. Since then the outside of the tower has been cleaned and the cracks examined, and the College architect was present during the ringing to observe the motion of the tower, which is considerable as the bells are about 80 ft. from the ground (with a draught of 50 ft.). The architect was fortunately not alarmed, and it is hoped that a band of Old Wykehamists may soon ring the first peal on the bells.

The quarter peal was the first by a school band on their own bells, although Canford have rung at their parish church of Canford Magna. The band, which included the captain of the College ringers, Mr. J. G. Pusey, was led by Mr. B. D. Threlfall.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

High upon one of the westernmost spurs of the Chilterns stands Offley, where Offa, who was King of Mercia about 790, had his palace. Those who came to ring the six bells on March 23rd were warmly welcomed. After ringing with us the Vicar (Rev. H. Sinar) conducted a short service before tea.

Four new members were elected—the Vicar of Offley, R. Haynes (Baldock), W. Munson and D. Taplin (Stevenage). Arrangements for the A.G.M. in April, when seven towers will be open, were announced. An important item on the agenda will be whether subscriptions should be raised.

Chiltern Treble Bob, the special method, was not a great success, but many other methods were rung to suit everyone. J. S.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The February meeting of the South and West District took place at St. Margaret's, Uxbridge, resulting in one of the best-attended monthly meetings for some time. The bells, under the supervision of the Master (Mr. W. T. Cook), assisted by the Deputy Master (Mr. D. Fowles), were rung to a variety of methods, to suit all tastes.

A beautiful service, fully choral, was conducted by the Vicar, and enjoyed by some 60 members and friends. The collection was put to the Church Restoration Fund.

A sumptuous tea was provided by the ladies, the Vicar, church officers, organist and choir joining the ringers. Nine new members were elected. Votes of thanks by Mr. W. H. Coles were accorded the Vicar and all those who helped with this very successful meeting, with a special word for Mr. H. Impey, tower captain of St. Margaret's, who with his wife had organised everything.

Further ringing was carried on until 8.30.

F. A. F.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION AT BARNES

Dear Sir,—As captain of Barnes Parish Church band I would like to make some comment in reply to Mr. Bagworth's letter questioning the visit of the Middlesex Association to a tower in Surrey.

I do not know for a fact if the Surrey Association were asked for their views on the proposal, but they certainly had no right to be. Apart from holding a District meeting at Barnes some two years ago, the Surrey Association have not since the reopening of the bells in 1953 made any effort to recognise the existence of the tower. They would have been welcomed, as all Associations are welcomed at Barnes. None of the local band is a member of the Surrey Association; they are all, with the exception of two or three recent recruits, members of the London County Association.

The London County Association was not approached either. Application was made to the Rector, who gave consent to the meeting subject to my agreement, which in my opinion is the proper way of arranging a meeting. May I point out that the tower and bells of St. Mary's, Barnes, do not 'belong' to any Association of bellringers. They belong to the church, which allows us ringers to use them.

If the Surrey Association wish to come for a meeting to Barnes they will, while I have any influence there, be welcomed, subject, of course, to local arrangements permitting, and provided the request is made to the proper person and not through the correspondence columns of 'The Ringing World.'—Yours faithfully,

NEVIL G. HOLLINGWORTH.

Richmond, Surrey.

DERBYSHIRE FOUR-BELL TOWERS

Dear Sir,—I wish to thank all those who have responded, with information and constructive suggestions, to my proposal for a 4-bell supplement to Mr. Dove's 'Guide.' If I know Mr. Dove, the supplement may be in our hands at a much earlier date than he humbly leads us to believe. In the meantime I am keeping a list, with many others, of the details which have appeared.

I am searching for such towers in Derbyshire, and so far can name Marston-on-Dove (ringable) and Elvaston (derelict). In Herts there is Wyddial (8 cwt., need a little attention) and possibly Stanstead Abbots. In Beds there is Steppingley (ringable), and Mr. T. R. Dennis has confirmed my suspicions of a four in Cambridge—St. Botolph's (9 cwt., ringable shortly before the war).—Yours faithfully.

Derby. D. P. JONES.

FOUR BELL TOWERS IN WARWICKSHIRE

Dear Sir,—Towers in Warwickshire containing rings of four bells are as follows: Anstey (tower too small to hold more), Ashow, Churchover, Cubbington, Ettington, Long Itchington, Lighthorne, Offchurch (front four of five), Seckington, Upper Shuckburgh, Weston-under-Weatherley (second and third badly cracked), Withybrook, Radford Semele, Sheldon (Birmingham).

Alveston, near Stratford-on-Avon, was once casually mentioned to me as having four bells, but I have no proof that the tower contains more than three!—Yours, etc.,

WILLIAM A. STOTE.

Coventry.

There was an error in the footnote of the peal rung at Norton (page 179). The new curate is the Rev. Gerald Rutter, not Butler, as was sent in due to a misunderstanding.

TRIPLES METHODS

Dear Sir,—With regard to two recent first performances of Triples methods, the correct titles should be Mulbarton Imperial Bob and St. Stephen's Imperial College Bob.

The complete classification of the methods published in 'The Ringing World,' August 17th, 1956, is as follows:—

(1) Bob methods are 1 to 6, 9, 11 to 16, 20, 22, 26 to 32, 35, 37 to 40.

(2) College methods are 2, 3, 4, 11, 12, 15, 16, 30, 31, 39 and 40.

(3) Imperial methods are 1, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10, 12, 15 to 19, 21 to 26, 28, 29, 31, 34, 37, 39, 41 to 44, 46, 48 to 52.

(4) Court methods are 7, 33, 36, 45 and 47 (i.e., methods not falling into the other groups).

I have also received inquiries about compositions in groups C and D, the no-place L.E. methods. The following are examples having only two singles each. There are many compositions possible with call at 7th in and out in each course, but these need at least about 20 singles per peal.

5,040 TRIPLES. GROUP C.

Plain L.E. 1243657—1426375.
Bob L.E. 1243657—1423567.
Single L.E. 1243657—1423657.

23456	In	Out
35246	—	
46523	—	—
23654	—	—
54362	—	—
62435	—	—
23645	—	
45362	—	—
56432	—	
63542	—	
42356	—	—

Repeat five times, doubling by means of singles for bob at e.g. In the second course of two parts one half peal apart.

5,040 TRIPLES. GROUP D.

Plain L.E. 1537264—1352746.
Bob L.E. 1537264—1357624.
Single L.E. 1537264—1357264.

23456	Out	In
23564	—	3
62435	—	2
53264	—	—
46352	—	—
25643	—	—
42356	—	2

Repeat five times, doubling by means of singles for bob at e.g. Out in the first course of two parts one half peal apart.

I hope that the above classifications and peals will prove useful and that there will be some news of the new Triples collection at this year's C.C. meeting.—Yours sincerely,

F. T. BLAGROVE.

Windsor.

AUNSBY'S THREE BELLS

Dear Sir,—After cleaning out the bell chamber of St. Thomas-of-Canterbury Church, Aunsby, Lincs, I noted the following inscriptions on the three bells:—

Treble.—Tobias Norris cast me 1684. Dobs.

Second.—'Sweetly tolling men do call to taste on meats that feed the fools. 1612.'

Tenor.—'God Save the King. 1669.'

By its sound the treble appears to be cracked. The oak frame is in good condition but the wheels are in a bad way.

It would take quite a lot of attention to make them ringable.—Yours faithfully,

HENRY P. COLLIN.

Silk Willoughby, Lincs.

THE SPEED OF A PEAL

Dear Sir,—In his recent leading article on the above subject, P. A. C. makes several statements which call for comment.

Whilst I personally prefer moderately fast ringing to very fast ringing, I cannot agree that it is absurd to suggest a fast peal is a good one. The fact that a peal is fast must indicate a good one, as bad ringing would obviously slow up the peal.

Ringing (especially peal ringing) can be compared with eight-oared rowing. In the case of rowing, the crew must work perfectly together to produce the rhythm and speed necessary for smooth running of the boat, the rate of striking being set by the stroke.

Similarly, in the case of ringing, the band must work perfectly together to produce the rhythm necessary for a good peal, and in this case the rate of striking is set by the tenor man.

He then goes on to criticise two recent peals which he did not hear and therefore is in no position to criticise. I can only write of one of these, namely, the Ely peal, in which I took part. No attempt was being made to ring a fast peal or any claim to such. It so happened that the rhythm and generally good ringing produced that result. Neither can I agree with P. A. C. about the hum of these bells, and I think I know them as well as he does. Every bell could be distinctly heard in the ringing chamber during the whole of the peal.

It is interesting to note that in the same copy of 'The Ringing World' is published a peal of Lincolnshire Surprise Major at St. Mary-de-Castro, Leicester. The tenor is 2¼ cwt. lighter than Ely tenor, the number of changes rung is the same and the time taken is eight minutes less, and the man who turned the tenor in is none other than P. A. C. The respective rates of striking were:—

Ely.—28.088 changes per minute.

Leicester.—29.395 changes per minute.

Finally, to quote P. A. C.: 'For my part, I have never yet come across a higher standard than some of the peals I was privileged to ring in North Essex immediately before the war.'

It is quite possible and highly probable there have been peals rung in other parts of the country which have been of as high a standard as any P. A. C. has rung, and probably higher.—Yours sincerely, H. L. MARTIN.

Cambridge.

PEAL OF 5,000 STEDMAN CATERS

Dear Sir,—Re the peal of 5,000 Stedman Caters printed on page 205: you did not state from rounds your course-end 213547698 was produced from hand strokes or back strokes. This isn't new: the record handbell peal was started from backstroke.

Mr. Roberts, of Barry, Glam, should know that all Sundays are red-letter days in all churches of the world—no muffled bells.—Yours faithfully,

WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.

Gillingham, Kent.

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HOLIDAY IN DEVON

POINTS TO REMEMBER WHEN RINGING WITH CALL CHANGE BANDS

(This article has been written at the request of several change ringers who want to make the most of their visits to West Country call change towers.)

I DON'T know what is the proper collective noun for an invasion of touring ringers—a 'buspealing' perhaps, or maybe a 'charagrab.' Whatever it may be, Devonshire is well acquainted with the phenomenon, as each ringing tour season comes round. The bright coaches from distant places parked outside the churchyard to the tune of unfamiliar ringing are quite an accepted part of the summer scene for the natives. But in addition to those who come in 'charagrabs' or 'buspealings,' there are a good many ringers who come to Devon just for the holiday, with their families, and hope for a bit of ringing by the way in the county most blessed in England with bells. It is for these, rather than the touring parties, that this article is intended; as far as the latter are concerned, my only plea is that they don't unsplice the ropes and that they ring as musically as they are able.

Many holidaying ringers who call in to Devon towers find that there is call change ringing in progress, and for some of them call change ringing is a mystery. So much so that they may hesitate to take a rope when it is offered, or, if they do, make a mess of the ringing because the words of command and style are wholly unfamiliar. Although one does hear stories of visiting ringers who have been refused a rope—or not offered one—when the locals discovered them to be 'scientific,' this very seldom happens, and when it does there may be some reason behind it. Certainly it's never likely to happen at a practice, for Devonshire ringers are as hospitable as any, but Sundays are different. I think it's true to say that in a Devon village the local people, non-ringers, are far more critical of ringing than they are elsewhere. Like the ringers, they have a great love of bell music and a keen ear for good striking, and you can be pretty sure that if the Sunday ringing in a good tower, St. Giles-in-the-Wood or Down St. Mary or West Alvington, or almost half the villages in Devon, is marred by bad striking or a jangled rise or lower, the fact will not go unnoticed down the street, and the captain will hear about it, if only from Mrs. Captain. If the local ringers seem to be diffident about offering the visitor from 'up the line' a rope on a Sunday, it may very well be that the last visitor who took a rope accepted it casually or even patronisingly, and then revealed the fact that he had no notion of the local style of rising and falling in peal, and did not understand the meaning of the calls. The resulting nasty noise would be remembered for a long time in a small community, and the locals would be careful before they risked its happening again.

I've said before that as far as Devon is concerned call change ringing is not the sign of a backward or lazy band. In other parts ringers may ring call changes because they haven't the skill or the initiative to learn methods; in Devon they ring call changes because they like them, and **it has to be learnt.** Still more does this apply to rising and falling in peal. In my experience it is only the visitor with superior air of a 'finished ringer' who is treated with restraint; the wise man tells the local band that he has never rung Devon-style call changes before, and asks the locals to teach him. This may come hard to a ringer with a long list of good peals to his credit, but it is the only sure way to enjoyable ringing for himself and the local band. If he is humble enough to do it, he can assure himself of an educative and entertaining evening. It's the lesson all over again of Our Lord's parable about the man invited to the wedding; take the lowest place, and when people see your value they'll soon move you up. Assume you know it all and that no bell and no kind of ringing can defeat you, and you'll find yourself ringing with the most critical band you ever met. Ask them to teach you how they ring, and they will overlook your mistakes and admire your successes. Humility always transforms all human relationships.

Well, let's assume you're in the tower and have been offered a rope. Very likely the bells will be down—if they're light they will not often be set, as Devon ringers enjoy the music of a good fall and rise—so if you're not sure of your rising and the locals aren't short-handed, it's a good idea to sit and watch the first 'peal,' and make note of the words of command, because many of them will be unfamiliar. When you do take a rope, it's best to take one which is obviously vacant—Devon ringers like to stick to their own bell—or take one near the light end of the middle. It's best not to take the treble, because leading up and down needs great skill and experience, and the treble man usually does the calling. Nor, until you know the band well, is it wise to grab the tenor, because you may set a pace which the band aren't used to. If you're offered either of these, as may happen, be quite sure you know what you're doing, because on either bell you are strategically placed to ruin the ringing.

THE RISE

Before the rise begins, you'll probably notice the other ringers being most meticulously careful about taking their coils; you'll be well advised to follow suit, for when the bells go up they will probably go up fast—very fast if they're light—and a coil slipped on the wrong way can become a half-hitch and put you badly out. The ropes may be long, and when the bells are in rounds many Devon ringers are left with a coil in hand—bad practice normally, but with the bells well down there's not much danger from broken stays. For rising and falling in peal Devon ringers usually face round the circle, every faculty concentrated on the matter in hand.

It's a good thing to ask, before the bells go up, on which sway the bells are to speak. On a light ring they will be pulled once silently and chimed straight in on the second sway; every bell must speak in this first chiming round. On heavier bells there will be two or sometimes three silent pulls before the bells are chimed in, and the captain will say, if anyone asks, or if there's any doubt, 'Second sway' or 'Third sway' as the ringers stand-to for the rise. If he says 'Third sway,' each ringer pulls his bell, lets her swing once with only a slight pull unless she's at the back and no check at all, and then checks her to make her speak as this swing ends. This is known as 'pitching' the bells, and if they are pitched properly they will all, as they chime the first round, be swinging at the same period. A bad pitch will very rarely straighten out into a decent rise, so that a great deal of care and experience is put into perfecting the pitch, which varies a great deal for every ring of bells.

Words of command for the rise vary from tower to tower, but the most usual ones are 'Ready . . . Treble's gone' and 'Go . . . here they go.' On the executive order all the bells are pulled away almost simultaneously, so that when they are chimed in they all speak in a very rapid round which is beautiful to hear when well done. Once pitched, they go straight up; there is no time spent in chiming or sorting-out. They still keep very close together, the treble keeping wide of the tenor so that when she finds her tongue at handstroke she's right in her place and the other bells can fit their handstroke blows in behind her as they get them. There is no jumbled transition between chiming and ringing, such as is bound to happen when the bells are chimed in even rounds without any gap at the treble's lead. Strangers to this style of rising almost invariably get left behind, and even if you're pretty used to it you are often surprised at the speed at which a light six can go up: so be warned, and if the captain tells you to be quicker, do so even if it doesn't seem right and even if, as often happens with one captain I know, he tells you before any bell has spoken!

Once the pitch is done, the rest of your rise is mainly a matter of keeping your ears very keenly open for your own bell and the rest, and keeping your bell very well under control, watching your next ahead—and his next ahead as well; even Devon ringers get under sometimes. Most Devon ringers slide the rope through their fingers after the handstroke all the time, which is a doubtful custom, but it certainly helps some ringers to keep their bell under the very tight control necessary during a rise and lower.

ROUNDS AND CALL CHANGES

In many towers the bells are not often set, as we've seen, so once the bells are up and in rounds (going pretty fast, with the tenor about 45 degrees above frame height) you'll probably go straight off into call changes when the captain is satisfied that the rounds have settled to a good pace and rhythm. You'll already have noticed the absence of any handstroke gap, the treble leading tight over the tenor exactly the same at both hand and back. This may impart a slightly unfamiliar 'feel' to the ringing as well as an unfamiliar sound; you'll find the sally going up a little less at hand, and your bell may need more work at hand than you're accustomed to giving it. This shorter rise of the sally at hand with the bells well off the balance is another reason for the custom of sliding the rope through the fingers; in a small, crowded tower, an orthodox handstroke can allow the rope to fly dangerously on a light bell, for the length of the handstroke pull is barely enough for the ringer to 'throw' the sally.

The warning command which prefaces going into the call changes is usually 'Look out.' So if you hear the captain shout this, don't look wildly round or run for the stairs—just turn and face the middle of the tower and remind yourself which bell you're ringing. When a change is called only the two bells which actually change places are called, so that you must always notice not only which bell you are ringing after but also which he is ringing after. The call is made at the handstroke and takes effect on the next handstroke; from rounds, a call of 'Four to Five' will bring up the change 123546, at the next handstroke. (N.B.—The word 'to' in a call means 'after.') 'Two to Three' brings 132546; the man on the 5th must keep awake at this change, because he's affected although his bell is not called. Although he must not change his stroke, he is now ringing after the 2nd instead of the 3rd. 'Two to Five' brings the bells into 'Thirds,' 135246. On eight the equivalent is naturally called 'Queen's.'

When the bell at the front is called away and another takes the lead, the command is usually followed by the word 'Lead' as a reminder. If we're ringing 'Sixty on Thirds,' the next call after 135246 will be 'Treble to Three — Lead.' When your turn comes, you'll have to keep very much on your toes if you're used to an open lead at handstroke; it's surprisingly easy

to forget, and to the ears of the locals a gap at handstroke is the same as any other gap—a fault.

Don't think you can relax and go to sleep ringing call changes; many change ringers find it requires more concentration than ringing a well-known method.

SETTING THE BELLS

If the bells are to be set, the operation is not quite so simple as it is with the bells rung at a usual change-ringing pace. So the first word of command is 'Upwards,' on which the bells are gradually rung up a little more 'stiff' until after three or four whole pulls they're up at the balance. The captain then calls 'Set,' or 'Stand next handstroke,' or 'Next Sally,' and the bells set in in the usual manner. You aren't likely, in these days of progress and standardisation, to hear the celebrated command 'Stand at forestroke not the next forestroke nor the forestroke arter but the forestroke arter 'e.' (I hope A. A. H. will pardon my use of this, one of his—and my—favourite stories.)

THE LOWER

The universal word of command for lowering the bells is, charmingly enough, 'Downward,' and on it the ringers face round the circle as they did for the rise. Except for the ending, the lower follows normal practice, except that, of course, there is no handstroke gap—and here let it be said that the best method-ringers I've ever known for leading down in peal always close the handstroke gap, for it's much easier to get a good lower that way. However, because of this, it isn't wise to do what many change ringers do and let the sally look after itself on the way down. The sally should be handled until it ceases altogether to bob, and some Devon experts maintain that even after that it should be given a slight pull—it needs nice timing but it can be done—as it helps to keep the bell double-clappering until the very last moment. Unless you're very badly behind, you should not do any violent or sudden checking until you pull in for the last chiming rounds, as this may make the bell 'lose her tongue' at the very moment when a good lower is at the height of its excitement and beauty—the tenor almost down and the bells racing round in tremendously rapid rounds just audible above the single hum of the whole ring.

When the tenor is down the other bells are pulled in pretty rapidly but not too rapidly for every bell to be brought accurately and at once into her place in the final chiming rounds. There are not many of these: as soon as the bells are chiming properly the captain will call 'One . . . two . . . three' on successive rounds, the third being the last, or else he calls 'Next Time,' or in a light-belled tower he may merely stamp his foot—quite a common practice in South Devon. Some bands I have rung with stop their bells by telepathy, I think, but it's very efficient. Devon ringers never finish a lower in a way much admired by change ringers—letting the bells swing silent for one round and then stopping them in the final round. As either a blow missed or a blow extra is a whole fault, this in a competition would count as six (or eight) faults, though whether for six blows too few or six blows too many would be a knotty point for the judges to decide!

IN GENERAL

Most of this probably applies to Cornwall, but most Cornish bands ring only rounds and nothing else—why?—because they like rounds! Perfectly struck rounds on good bells can be a real thrill. (One of the most enjoyable and exciting pieces of ringing I ever had was about eight minutes' filling-in between the end of a touch and service time on the back eight of St. Albans Cathedral—eight minutes' faultless rounds.) Cornish ringers also set their bells even less often than Devon ringers, and there may still be a few towers in Cornwall where they have never had stays; I know there were some before the war.

It may be that the band you're visiting on practice night—and practice night is by far the best time at least for your first visit—is practising for a competition. Whether you agree with competitions in principle or not, don't expect more than one ring; they may be nice enough to give you more, but they are about a serious business, especially if they're a County Shield-class band.

You can get a pretty good idea of the quality of the band you're visiting by the certificates on the walls of the belfry. If you see a great number of recent ones, you are among men who are, in their own chosen field, experts, and remember that you are to a great extent a stranger in that field and must be duly humble. They aren't a bit interested in that peal of Yorkshire Royal you rang last week 'up the line,' and they don't expect your first attempt at their style of ringing to be brilliantly successful—unless by taking a patronising attitude you give them to believe that you've nothing to learn from them. If you show them that you think you're a first-class ringer, they'll expect you to be one—in **their** style—and that means that they'll expect you to raise, ring and lower your bell without the smallest perceptible irregularity from 'Here they go' to 'Next time,' and that at a pace you're unused to, in a strange rhythm, and on unknown bells. If you really can do that—well, the College of Campanology would be glad of you as an exhibit!

The only way in which you can enjoy yourself in a call change tower, if you aren't a call change ringer, is to admit to the locals, **and to yourself,** that they can teach you something. If you do that, you will have a good evening in any band, you will have a welcome ever after, and the local ringers will enjoy your visit as much as you do.

A PERSONAL NOTE

I am well aware that some change ringers fully believe that I have been converted entirely to the cause of call change ringing. I may say here that this is not true in the slightest degree. I shall always be by preference and inclination a change ringer, but there are, I believe, two causes greater than the cause of change ringing for all of us. They are the regular ringing of all church bells as well as they can be rung, and the cause of Christian charity and goodwill among those who ring. In pursuit of these aims I am honoured to have many call change ringers among my friends. Nobody, least of all myself, would say that there is nothing in call change ringing open to criticism from either a ringing or a Christian standpoint. But then—which of our leading Surprise towers is going to be bold enough to cast the first stone in a south-westerly direction? J. G. M. S.

QUARTER PEALS

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On Mar. 24th. 1,287 Stedman Caters: A. J. Clayton 1, J. F. Galyer 2, Miss K. E. Weller 3, J. Pink 4, Mrs. J. A. Parsons 5, D. E. Parsons (cond.) 6, F. D. Jennings 7, F. Jones 8, E. G. Talbot 9, L. A. Reece 10. For patronal festival.

KINGSBURY, WARWICKS.—On Mar. 24th. 1,260 Doubles (240 each of Reverse Canterbury, April Day and Bob and 540 Grandsire): E. Drake (first quarter) 1, S. Perry 2, D. K. Lane 3, W. G. Lane 4, G. H. Lane (cond.) 5.

OTTERSHAW, SURREY.—On Mar. 24th. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss B. Loveland (first quarter) 1, Miss H. Hancock 2, R. Monk 3, D. Wright 4, J. Ribbons (first as cond.) 5, H. Kingston 6. For Evensong, and for the birth of a grandson to the ringer of the tenor.

OBITUARY

MR. C. TRIBE

As briefly announced in 'The Ringing World,' Mr. C. Tribe passed away recently, aged 99 years.

Charles Tribe came to Kent in the closing years of the 19th century. He came from East Hampshire or West Sussex and lived in the village of Wittersham for some time and would travel from there to Rye frequently, where he gave valuable assistance to the local band.

A change ringing band had already started when Mr. Tribe moved to Tenterden, about 1900, and he found a good company there and threw in his weight with such splendid strikers as Bob Edwards, F. Edwards, A. Hinds, G. Cramp, H. Holdstock, F. Burden and, later on, Charlie Player. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Baker, A. Allen and Harry Parkes. If you rang a peal with the old Tenterden band you were certain you'd taken part in a meritorious performance for immediately a hitch occurred 'Stand!' was called. It had to be a good peal or no peal at all!!

Charles Tribe taught numerous pupils to handle a bell and coached many in the art of change ringing besides ringing many peals.

He was the first secretary of the old Romney Marsh and District Guild (now disbanded) and was a founder member of that Guild; later he became Master of the Guild.

He was Ashford District representative on the Kent County General Committee and also at one time District Secretary.

For many years Mr. Tribe was afflicted by cataracts and was nearly blind, but in spite of this he was of a genial disposition and used to organise outings by cycle. One of these is recalled by Harry Parkes, when six 6-bell towers were visited and a 720 rung in each with one exception.

He rang about 300 peals, mainly of Grandsire, Stedman, Bob Major and Kent Treble Bob. In 1930, at the age of 72, he took part in six peals—a feat of no little merit as he was by then practically blind.

Besides being a ringer, Mr. Tribe was also a bailiff for Tenterden Police Court for some years, also he had been a chorister and would delight his friends by singing a ditty 'Who's Your Hatter?' or 'The Old Tile.'

Charlie Tribe will be remembered with affection by those who knew him, and it is to be hoped that he spent his latter days in peace and within earshot of some bells. May his soul rest in peace. W. W. R.

LEEDS & DISTRICT SOCIETY

Many members and friends attended the Society's meeting held at Hunslet on March 30th. This was a joint meeting with the Yorkshire District of the Ladies' Guild and the first meeting of the Society to be held at St. Mary's since 1952.

The bells were not raised until well after 4 o'clock owing to the large number of weddings taking place that day. However, for the whole of the time available for ringing the tower was more than comfortably full. A break was made at five o'clock for tea, and again at 6.30 p.m. for the business meeting, both of which were held in the nearby schools.

The vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens and local company included special mention for the very young members of the Hunslet band, who had looked after the visitors at tea. The following nominations were received for the officers for 1957-58:—President, Mr. I. Slack: vice-presidents, Messrs. H. Lofthouse, F. Rayment and J. M. Thorley: Ringing Master, Mr. L. Drake: secretary and treasurer, Mr. J. F. Hodson: auditors, Messrs. C. F. Sutcliffe and R. Bettly-Cooke.

The business concluded, ringing followed for the remainder of the evening, the bells being lowered in peal at 9 p.m.

THE 'GRAB' THAT NEARLY WASN'T

The green depth of Warwickshire was the venue for the 'half-term grab,' and it was indeed a pity that everything did not go as planned. The first misfortune that the Birmingham people had was that the train left Birmingham late and, owing to a derailment, came to a halt at Hatton. At Gaydon we made the fatal mistake—one group stopping to do repairs while the others went on.

Nevertheless, at Cropredy, Oxon (6, 16 cwt. in E) the advance party met the Oxford people as arranged, even if a little late! Having finished ringing at Cropredy, and giving up hope of ever seeing the missing three again, we crossed the Cherwell Valley in weather which was fantastically warm for February.

At Chipping Warden, Northamptonshire, we found a 'crash-helmet' five with a tenor of 14 cwt. However, the Rector (the Rev. J. N. Robertson-Glasgow) assured us that all was safe, and we carried on towards Farnborough none the worse for experience.

To save time we took a 'short cut' to Farnborough, on the advice of C. R. C. C., which involved wading through mud, inches deep, across the Cherwell meadows. Having de-mudded the bicycles we rang at St. Botolph's, Farnborough, Warwickshire, where the rest of the party were waiting for us. Here there is a pleasant five (tenor 7 cwt.), but owing to shortage of time our stay had to be short. The Vicar (the Rev. A. J. Partridge), himself a ringer, warned us of the hills between Farnborough and Burton Dasset, which we were to encounter. However, it was well worth the climb over the Dassett Hills to see the lowland appearing on all sides as one climbed higher. To the right lay Northamptonshire and the model village of Fenny Compton; to the north, Warwickshire, which looked extremely flat; while to the west lay Edge Hill and the scene of Cromwell's famous battle.

The Rev. H. Hill and a local ringer met us at the lonely Church of All Saints, Burton Dassett, which is, perhaps, unique in the way which the floor of the church climbs from west to east in a series of steps owing to the slope of the land. We had been told how picturesque the local ringers here looked from the church, ringing in candlelight on the other side of the balcony. Since it was rapidly becoming dark we lit the candles and had the unusual experience of ringing by candlelight ourselves.

The three of us who climbed to the tower roof were well rewarded with a wonderful view. Even though the sun was setting and the sky was not too clear the Malverns, 40 miles distant, and the Black Mountains, even further away, could clearly be seen. However, we were not the first people to stand on Burton Dassett tower. In 1642 Oliver Cromwell watched King Charles' armies assembling from this point, and was, apparently, in such a hurry to join his own troops that he slid down a bell-rope!

The Oxford party left us at Burton Dassett for Fenny Compton, while the rest of us started on the twelve miles journey back to Warwick, and thence four more miles to our train at Hatton.

On the whole it was an enjoyable day, but if the saying that one learns by mistakes is true, the next 'grab' should not be surpassable.

S. H.

LATE NOTICE

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Meeting at Brandon, Saturday, April 27th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting, St. Peter's tower, 6 p.m.—E. M. Peachey, Dis. Sec. 54

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MISCELLANEOUS

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The annual outing will be held on Saturday, June 29th. Ringing at six towers in Kent. Price approximately £1, including lunch and tea. Everyone welcome. Further details.—P. J. Hutchings, Brockwell School House, Tulse Hill, S.W.2. Tul. 0800. 32

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—North and East District.—There will be no meeting held during April.—T. J. Lock. 27

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—The meeting arranged at All Souls', Bolton, for Saturday, April 20th, *is now cancelled*.—Thornley, Sec. 52

PEAL CARDS & QUARTER PEAL CARDS can now be ordered at 5s. a set of 12, post free (minimum charge). Order and remittances must be sent with peal report. For quarter peals write separate copy in same style as peals.

MEETINGS

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Withyham, Saturday, April 13th. Tea 5 p.m., Dorset Arms. —C. A. Bassett. 08

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District. — Meeting at Cherryhinton, Saturday, April 13th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District. — Meeting, Saturday, April 13th, Hemingford Grey (6). Bells 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. After tea Hemingford Abbots (6).—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 14

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Walpole St. Peter, Saturday, April 13th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 07

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South Western District.—Quarterly meeting, West Ham, Saturday, April 13th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. 9969

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting, Rainham, on Saturday, April 13th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m.—Cyril S. Jarrett, Hon. Sec. 9979

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD. — Next meeting, Ticknall, Saturday, April 13th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names to Mrs. Marriott, Estate Cottage, Ticknall, near Derby. 9995

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch. — Practice, Mapledurham, Saturday, April 13th, and Bradfield, Saturday, April 27th, at 6 p.m.—R. G. Burton. 50

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY and DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Joint meeting at Dronfield, 3 p.m., on Saturday, April 13th (not 6th).—A. B. Cooper, J. Seager, Secs. 9974

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Basingstoke District. — Quarterly meeting at Church Oakley, Saturday, April 13th. Bells from 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. —J. Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John, Basingstoke. 11

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Quarterly meeting, Woburn, Saturday, April 20th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Town Hall 5 p.m. Business in church vestry afterwards. Names, please, to 8, London Road, Woburn. All ringers invited.—K. G. Spavins, Dis. Sec. 22

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at Wrington Easter Monday, April 22nd. Service 12 noon, followed by lunch and business meeting. Names for lunch tickets (enclosing S.A.E.) to Mr. H. W. Knight, Woolmer's, Cleeve, Bristol. Tea available also. Ringing at Wrington 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon, and 6 p.m.; Nailsea, 10.30 to 11.30 a.m., and 6 to 7.30 p.m.; Long Ashton, Chew Magna, Congresbury, Backwell and Wraxall, 6 to 7.30 p.m.; Yatton 6 to 8 p.m. —R. O. Fry, Gen. Sec. 9847

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Bedford, Easter Monday, April 22nd. St Paul's (majestic ten) 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. Lunch 1 p.m. at Dujon, followed by business meeting. St. Peter's (8) 2.30 to 4.30; St. Paul's 3 p.m. onwards. Reservations for lunch must be received before 16th by J. W. Sinfield, Malmsey House, Cumberland Street, Houghton Regis, Beds. 9984

DEVON GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—Annual meeting at Sidmouth on Easter Monday. Bells from 3 to 8 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., business after. Names for tea by April 17th to Mr. P. Davis, 8, Peasland Road, Sidmouth.—W. Webb, Hon. Sec. 9980

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting and 70th birthday on Easter Monday, April 22nd, to be held at its birthplace, Clay Cross, by kind invitation of the Vicar, wardens and local band. Bells ready 2 p.m. Thanksgiving service 4.15 p.m. Preacher, the Rev. Wynford Phillips, B.A., B.D. Tea 5 p.m.; business meeting afterwards. All welcome. Numbers for tea to Mr. B. Turvey, 147, Thanet Street, Clay Cross, Derbyshire.—B. A. Sollis, Hon. Sec. 9996

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Cambridge, Easter Monday. Ringing at Horningsea (5) 10 to 11 a.m., Fen Ditton (5) 11 a.m. to 12 noon, St. Andrew's (8, just restored) 11 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 to 2 p.m., Cherryhinton (5) 12 noon to 1 p.m., Roman Catholic (8) 12 noon to 1 p.m. and 6.30 to 7.30 p.m., St. Bene't's (6) 2 to 4 p.m., Great St. Mary's (12) 2 to 4 and 7.30 to 8.30 p.m., Chesterton (6) 7 to 8.30 p.m. Service, Great St. Mary's, 4. Tea, followed by business meeting, Houghton Hall, 5 p.m.—W. J. R. 45

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Seale (6) on Easter Monday from 6 to 9 p.m.—C. J. Beadle, Hon. Dis. Sec. 40

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Sevenoaks, Easter Monday, April 22nd. Service 12 noon. Lunch at Bligh's Hotel 1 p.m. Tickets: members 4s. 6d., others 6s. 6d., from Mr. B. W. May, Keithston, Keycol Hill, Bobbing, Sittingbourne, together with information leaflet. Morning ringing at Sevenoaks, Tonbridge, Seal Chart and Brasted. Same towers *after* meeting, together with Leigh and Westerham.—E. S. John Hatcher. 01

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Cardiff, Easter Monday. Bells 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow.—F. J. Hannington, 32, Surrey Street, Canton, Cardiff. 9987

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at Worcester, Easter Monday, April 22nd. Service in All Saints' at 11 a.m. General business meeting in College Hall at 12.15 p.m. prompt. Coffee obtainable in College Hall at 1.15 p.m. and tea arranged at 5 p.m. for all who notify me before Wednesday, April 19th. Please notify by this date. Bells available: Cathedral (12) 6 to 7.30 p.m., All Saints' (10) from 10 a.m., St. John's (8), Hallow (8) and Powick (6), all 2.15 to 4.30 p.m.—J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Cheltenham Road, Sedgeberrow, Evesham. 15

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Glaston Branch.—Meeting at West Pennard on Saturday, April 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Please notify for tea before Tuesday, 23rd.—W. Marsh, 4, Dovecotes, Street. 39

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting will be held at Southam on Saturday, April 27th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting following immediately after tea. Bells available after meeting until 8.30 p.m. Please notify by April 23rd Mr. A. J. Hobley, Coventry Street, Southam (phone Southam 316) if you require tea.—J. L. Garner-Hayward, Hon. Sec. 41

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Annual general meeting, Derby, Saturday, April 27th. Further details to follow.—A. B. Cooper. 51

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N. W. District.—Meeting at Stansted Mountfitchet (8) on Saturday, April 27th, at 3 p.m. Service conducted by Canon Lake at 4.30 p.m., to be followed by tea in the Central Hall. Names, please, to G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 30

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Guildford, Saturday, April 27th. Bells of Cathedral Church and St. Mary's in afternoon. St. Nicolas and Stoke after meeting. Service, St. Nicolas, 4 p.m., followed by tea and meeting in Congregational Hall, North Street. Numbers for tea by April 24th to Miss W. Oliver, 36, North Place, Guildford, please.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec. 25

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION. — Quarterly meeting and six-bell contest, Liversedge, Saturday, April 27th. For teas please notify by April 13th G. Jones, 240, Halifax Road, Hightown, Liversedge.—A. Farrand, Hon. Sec.

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

CLEATOR MOOR

On Easter Monday, April 22nd

Bells 1 p.m. Service 4 p.m.

Tea 4.30 p.m. A.G.M. to follow.

Imperative that those requiring tea inform Miss E. Birney, 27, Princes Street, Cleator, on or before April 17th, as there will be no other means of obtaining refreshment. 29

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Hitchin, Saturday, April 27th. Ringing: Knebworth (8), St. Ippolyts (6) and Stevenage (8), 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.: Baldock (8) and Graveley (6) 2 to 4 p.m.; Norton (8) 1.30 to 2, 2.15 & 3 to 4 p.m.: Hitchin (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Preacher: Rev. G. O. Walsh (Vicar). Tea at St. Saviour's Hall, 5.15 p.m. Special business: committee recommendation for subscription to be raised to 3s. 6d. Names for tea by Wednesday, April 24th, to M. Chalkley, 19, Millard Way, Hitchin.—H. V. Frost, Hon. Gen. Sec. 48

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Quarterly meeting, West Wickham, Saturday, April 27th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea not later than Tuesday, 23rd, to A. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting, Saturday, April 27th. Service at Cathedral 4.15 p.m. Tea in St. John's Schoolroom, Albion Street, 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Names for tea essential by Wednesday, April 24th, to undersigned, as accommodation strictly limited. Ringing arrangements later.—B. G. Warwick, 12, Dorothy Avenue, Glen Hills, Leicester (tel. Wigston 3244). 43

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting, Lincoln, Saturday, April 27th. Evensong 3.45 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m., Cathedral Cloisters, only to those who notify by Wednesday previous Mr. J. A. Freeman, 95, Sincil Bank; this is most important. Business meeting will follow in Consistory Court. Usual ringing arrangements. 24

MAIDSTONE GRAMMAR SCHOOLS' SOCIETY.—Quarterly meeting at Barming on Saturday, April 27th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. and after tea. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. All members are welcome and non-members cordially invited.—Pamela J. Butcher, Sec. 20

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION — Western Branch.—Interim meeting at North Elmham on Saturday, April 27th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to G. Love, Holt Road, Elmham, Norfolk.—C. F. Tovell, Hon. Sec. 18

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Somerton (6), Saturday, April 27th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. All welcome. Please notify H. L. Roper, Adderbury, Banbury, Oxon. 37

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting, Bray, Saturday, April 27th. Ringing 3 p.m. Russell memorial dedication 4.20. Guild service 4.30. Tea 5. Meeting 6 p.m. Names for tea by 23rd to W. Butler, 17, Forest Road, Windsor. 42

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—Annual meeting, Faringdon, Saturday, April 27th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, April 24th, to R F. J. Gilling, Branch Sec., Fernham, Faringdon, Berks. 47

PETERBOROUGH GUILD. — Wellingborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Earls Barton (8) on Saturday, April 27th. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Miss J. Packwood, 104, Wellingborough Road, Earls Barton, Northants. 31

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Ipswich, Saturday, April 27th. St. Margaret's 9.45 to 11 a.m., St. Mary-le-Tower 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. Business meeting, St. Stephen's Hall, 2.30 p.m. Service, St. Mary-le-Tower, 4 p.m. Tea, Co-op Restaurant, 5 p.m. St. Clement's, St. Margaret's, St. Mary-le-Tower, St. Matthew's—all available after tea. Names for tea by Saturday, April 20th, to me.—John Blythe, 29, Holton Road, Halesworth. 9992

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—Quarterly meeting, Beverley, Saturday, April 27th. Bells: Minster (10), 2 to 4 p.m.; St. Mary's (10), after meeting till 8 o'clock. Service in St. Mary's 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in St. Mary's Church Hall. Names by April 25th to Mr. A. T. Taylor, 28, Albert Terrace, Beverley.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec. 35

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Joint meeting with Southern District Durham and Newcastle Association, Richmond, Saturday, April 27th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, Parish Room, 5 p.m. Names by 25th to Miss D. M. Killingley, High Pottergate, Richmond.—Edward Hudson, Hon. Sec. 36

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting at Yeovil, Saturday, May 4th. Train, Waterloo, 9 a.m. Ringing at Yeovil, 12 noon to 1.30 p.m. Lunch at 1.30. Meeting in School Rooms 2.30. Ringing at Queen Camel 3.30 to 4.30 and at Sherborne Abbey 4.30 to 5.30. Return train from Yeovil 7 p.m. Names for lunch by April 20th, please, to Mr. T. J. Setter, 109, Middle Street, Yeovil.—A. B. Peck. 46

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS — South West Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Lifton, Saturday, May 4th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by April 29th to T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth. All ringers welcome. 38

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, May 4th, Norwich. Bells at St. Peter Mancroft, St. Giles and St. George, Colegate, available 1.30 to 4 p.m., and after business meeting up to 9 p.m. Service, St. Peter Mancroft, 4.15. Address by the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow. Tea 5, Chantry Hall. Business meeting 5.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, May 1st, to W. Love, 52, Spencer Street, Norwich. Bells of St. John de Sepulchre, Ber Street Gates (8), and St. Miles, Coslany (8), will be made available to complete companies on application to the Ringing Master, Mr. H. W. Barrett, Fernhill, Bungay Road, Loddon, Norfolk, or at St. Peter Mancroft on the day of meeting. 28

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—Preliminary notice.—A meeting will be held at Lyme Regis on Saturday, June 8th. Will those wanting seats in coach running from the Bath/Bristol district please get in touch as soon as possible with Mrs. de Jong, 6, Beresford Close, Saltford, Bristol. 26

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THE TRIUMPH AND JOY OF EASTER

By The Rev. A. S. ROBERTS

THE last verse of one of our Easter hymns begins 'Easter triumph, Easter joy,' and how truly do they express the very substance of our faith at this season. Lent has gone by, but it is linked to Easter by that unforgettable day — Good Friday. During the past few weeks some may have curtailed their ringing, but Sunday ringing, practices, meetings and peals have gone on in greater or lesser degree, and with a general increase of weddings in Lent there have probably been plenty of wedding bells too. To the outside public or the passer-by there has been no difference — the bells have just been ringing. In fact, many a peal attempt brings someone asking, 'Has there been a wedding?' and many a practice, 'What are the bells ringing for?' There seems little or no reason why ringing should not go on normally into Lent with a gradual lessening after Mid-Lent Sunday (except on Sundays) until the great silence of Holy Week, and then the solemn tolling of one bell each day has a special significance. This should be the only sound on Good Friday also. That great authority on all matters liturgical, the late Bishop Frere, when Bishop of Truro, expressed a wish for one bell to be tolled on Good Friday in place of half-muffled ringing, and this has become the custom there. It would seem correct. Christ is not dead. We are remembering the challenge of Calvary and the events of the first Good Friday, and drawing men's minds to them. Half-muffled ringing might well be made more use of at the time of death. It has a remarkable effect on people generally, and should not be neglected as the last token of respect.

The significance and solemnity of Holy Week brought to the ears of parishioners by the slow ringing of the biggest bell once or twice daily where a ring of bells is the custom at least once during the week can be very real. The week is made a memorable one. It is something unusual in the Church's Year. It is the warning, too, of a great outburst. Easter Eve is our day of preparation. On Easter morning very early the great stone was rolled away, not as a means of exit for our Lord, but as a way of entry for those who came. It was a moment of mystery, but very soon the triumph was known, and joy filled many hearts. If there had been bells then surely they would have burst forth unaided to proclaim the power of God for 'God raised Him from the dead.'

What a tremendous privilege ours is. The yearly proclamation of the fact of the Resurrection is in our hands. The Church has committed to us who are ringers the high duty of making known with iron tongues what the Apostles proclaimed with human voices, 'The Lord is Risen indeed.' We do it early, some perhaps when it is yet dark, but all of us as the rest of the faithful are hurrying to church to meet their Lord at the altar. As they kneel in preparation we go quietly from tower to nave, or sanctuary or chancel, whatever our further duties may be, to join in one great act of worship. Let none of us fail in this.

Easter sets the bells ringing together again in rhythmic beauty, after a week at least of sombre silence. As this great Festival is one of new life we should be inspired for all that lies ahead. With Easter, in a very real sense, begins a new season of ringing — annual meetings, outings, tours of all kinds, holiday visits to other towers, fresh planning of peal attempts to inspire progress and to raise one's own standard of ringing, and within a matter of weeks the importance of the Central Council gathering for a new session. The supreme responsibility in all these things lies with those who will be ringing on Easter morning and throughout the day (one remembers four quarter peals at St. Albans Cathedral one Easter Day some years ago). With few exceptions now the parish provides the local band, local bands form the guilds and associations, and these in turn form the Central Council. It is the parish then that provides for each and every ringing occasion or excursion, and the bells that send out at Easter a triumphant and joyous message are the same bells we shall be called and trusted to ring on every occasion we take rope in hand in company with those whose intention is the same. We have laid upon ourselves a duty which we are to perform to the Glory of God. He accepts our offering. The more perfect the offering the greater the joy in each human soul. Sometimes we call it pleasure, and this surely God does not deny to us. If we are loyal servants of the Church what better can we do than take our pleasure upon the very instruments that proclaim the Resurrection, but first we must see to it that we offer ourselves to the full in the life of the Church. Easter could never have been without Good Friday. Our Lord's offering of Himself was the greatest for all time. His Resurrection saw the Victory complete. We proclaim it, and we must go on to increase and to share the fullness of life as it can only be found in the Risen Christ.

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On Sat., April 6, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,
A PEAL OF 5002 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 48 cwt.

*†MRS. OLIVE L. ROGERS	*Treble*	ANTHONY E. COX	7
THOMAS J. LOCK	2	WILLIAM D. GRAINGER	8
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*†WILFRID G. WILSON	4	*LEONARD W. BULLOCK	10
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WILLIAM BUTLER	6	WALTER LEE	*Tenor*

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* First peal of Cinques. † 50th peal together. ‡ First peal on 12 bells.
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TEN BELL PEALS

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THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.
On Sat., March 23, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN, STEPNEY.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qr. in C sharp.

*D. PRIESTLEY (University)	*Treble*	P. K. WILLIAMSON (Imp.)	6
A. F. THIRST (Imperial)	2	J. ARMSTRONG (Lon. Hosp.)	7
D. W. BEARD (King's)	3	N. J. DISERENS (External)	8
P. M. J. GRAY (Imperial)	4	R E. PRICE (U.C.H.)	9
R. KEELEY (King's)	5	D. BERESFORD (King's)	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by D. BERESFORD.
* First peal of Royal. First peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal for the Society. First peal of Royal as conductor.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., March 25, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB ROYAL
Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

MAY LOMAS	*Treble*	GERALD FARRER	6
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LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., April 3, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5029 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

ERNEST MORRIS	*Treble*	JOSEPH W. COTTON	6
BRIAN G. WARWICK	2	PETER J. STANIFORTH	7
PHYLLIS POOLE	3	JOHN A. ACRES	8
*BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	4	ERNEST J. JELLEY	9
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Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal of Stedman Caters.
In memoriam Frederick E. Wilson, of Aylestone, Leicester, who passed away on April 1st, 1957.

CLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 6, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 64 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

R. GEORGE MORRIS	*Treble*	*F. BRIAN COOKSON	6
REGINALD WOODYATT	2	†PAUL W. WEBB	7
*J. DESMOND PAINTER	3	THOMAS W. LEWIS	8
SUSAN JACKSON	4	DAVID BEACHAM	9
GEORGE E. EVENDON	5	JOHN J. STANIER	*Tenor*

Composed by RICHARD F. DEAL. Conducted by REGINALD WOODYATT.
* First peal of Grandsire Caters. † First peal on ten bells.
A welcome to the Rev. C. H. G. Carver.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 6, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 BRISTOL SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER	*Treble*	C. KENNETH LEWIS	6
FRED DUNKERLEY	2	JOHN WORTH	7
BASIL JONES	3	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	8
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A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in F.

ROBERT C. KIPPIN	*Treble*	MAURICE J. BUTLER	6
*JEAN POWELL	2	ADRIAN J. TUMBER	7
DANIEL T. MATKIN	3	CHARLES H. KIPPIN	8
JESSIE M. KIPPIN	4	J. MICHAEL LAKIN	9
NELIA M. LEAHY	5	R. ROGER SAVORY	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by R. ROGER SAVORY.
* First peal of Cambridge Royal. First peal of Royal as conductor.
A birthday compliment to Maurice J. Butler.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE R.C. CATHEDRAL OF ST. CHAD,
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in F.

STELLA HUGHES	*Treble*	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	5
MURIEL REAY	2	JOHN PINFOLD	6
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	3	RALPH G. EDWARDS	7
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by W. BARTON. Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.

SHERFIELD ENGLISH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8¼ cwt.

*ROBERT C. KIPPIN	*Treble*	J. MICHAEL LAKIN	5
MARGARET E. BEAMISH	2	MAURICE J. BUTLER	6
*JEAN POWELL	3	ADRIAN J. TUMBER	7
R. ROGER SAVORY	4	FRANK C. PRICE	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by ROBERT C. KIPPIN.
* First peal of Cambridge Major. First peal of Surprise as conductor.

GREAT BENTLEY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 23, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 BOB MAJOR
Tenor 7¼ cwt.

ROY DUESBURY	*Treble*	*H. FRANK PIKE	5
ARTHUR G. BUTTON	2	*BERNARD FAIRHEAD	6
FELIX H. ERITH	3	GEORGE N. ORMAN	7
MICHAEL A. MILLS	4	ALAN R. ANDREWS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.
* First peal of Bob Major.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Thurs., March 28, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in G.

WILLIAM WOODWARD	*Treble*	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY	5
ERNEST MORRIS	2	J. FREDK. MILNER	6
PHYLLIS POOLE	3	JOSEPH W. COTTON	7
JOHN A. ACRES	4	PETER J. STANIFORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.
Rung on the occasion of the visit of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II to Repton School during their fourth centenary celebrations.

CLAYBROOKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 30, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Comprising 1,824 Bristol, 1,344 Cambridge, 1,152 Superlative, 768 London, with 98 changes of method. Tenor 14 cwt. in E flat.

MRS. PHYLLIS POOLE .. *Treble*	MICHAEL D. STANIFORTH 5
ALFRED BALLARD 2	*WILLIAM A. LACEY 6
LEONARD TREVOR 3	*JOHN A. L. THOMPSON .. 7
PETER J. STANIFORTH.. .. 4	PHILIP A. CORBY .. .. *Tenor*

Composed by H. G. CASHMORE (C.C.C. 10).
Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major.

CLIFFE-AT-HOO, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 30, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5056 BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in E flat.

*JOHN C. S. BENSON .. .. *Treble*	†CYRIL S. JARRETT 5
*MICHAEL J. ROWE 2	‡RALPH BIRD 6
RONALD C. BURNS 3	‡BRIAN BLADON 7
†TERENCE BARTON 4	GEORGE KENWARD .. .. *Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by RALPH BIRD.
* First peal of Major. † 25th peal together. ‡ 50th peal together.

ENDERBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Hinckley District.)
On Sat., March 30, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. in G.

*O. STANLEY UNDERWOOD *Treble*	GRAHAM T. BALL 5
JOHN VERNON 2	JOHN H. BAILEES 6
A. MAXWELL LINDSEY .. 3	MICHAEL VERNON 7
†RODNEY RICHARDSON .. 4	FREDERICK WATSON .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by MICHAEL VERNON.
* First peal and first attempt. † First in the method 'insde.'
A birthday compliment to Mrs. William Salt, of Enderby.
Rung, with the exception of the tenor ringer, by a service band from St. Michael's, Stoney Stanton.

EWHURST, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 30, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb.

WILLIAM ROGERS .. .. *Treble*	FREDERICK W. BURNETT.. 5
WILLIAM T. BEESON 2	E. WINIFRED KEYS .. 6
EDGAR R. RAPLEY 3	FREDERICK A. MUNDAY.. 7
THOMAS E. SONE 4	*C. ERNEST SMITH .. .. *Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by C. ERNEST SMITH
* 50th peal of Bristol.

GOLDHANGER, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 30, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8¾ cwt.

WILLIAM J. WHITE .. .. *Treble*	EDWARD W. ROAST 5
ARTHUR HUBBLE 2	CECIL BARKER 6
HARRY R. APPLETON.. .. 3	FRANK B. LUFKIN 7
BERNARD C. MANN 4	SYDNEY C. EASTER .. .. *Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.
First peal on the augmented bells.

HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield and District Society.)
On Sat., March 30, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Brook's variation of Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

*SUSAN CHADDOCK (14) .. *Treble*	JOHN J. L. GILBERT.. .. 5
IAN HOLLAND 2	HERBERT O. CHADDOCK .. 6
*MRS. N. CHADDOCK.. .. 3	NORMAN CHADDOCK .. 7
JOHN E. TURLEY 4	*JOHN N. D. CHADDOCK .. *Tenor*

Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.
* First peal in the method. The conductor's 100th peal as conductor for the Yorkshire Association.

HATFIELD BROAD OAK, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 30, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5088 PAINSWICK SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

MARY DOWSETT .. .. *Treble*	PATRICK W. SALTMARSH .. 5
ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON .. 2	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE 6
*JOE E. G. ROAST 3	PETER J. EVES 7
BRIAN J. HOWARD 4	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. *Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.
* 125th peal and 75th as conductor. First touch in the method by all except the ringer of the second.

HIGHWORTH, WILTSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 30, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5184 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Comprising 2,880 Superlative and 2,304 Cambridge, with 126 changes of method. Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

*PETER ANGER .. .. .. *Treble*	PHILIP M. J. GRAY .. 5
*CHARLES COLES 2	*VICTOR GRIFFIN 6
SHIRLEY V. RYMER .. 3	GEORGE F. BURTON.. .. 7
*ANTHONY R. PEAKE.. .. 4	ALAN R. PINK .. .. .. *Tenor*

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major.

KENWYN, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 30, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUBY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in F.

ANTHONY LOCKE .. .. *Treble*	ARTHUR F. BURLEY.. .. 5
P. RUTH HOSKEN 2	V. MARY MATTHEWS .. 6
HARRY HARPER 3	*ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD.. 7
ALAN CARVETH 4	DAVID N. PENROSE .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD.
* 50th peal.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., March 30, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5280 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in E.

JACK PILGRIM .. .. .. *Treble*	JOHN W. G. KINDRED .. 5
*A. WILLIAM BIRD 2	†EDWIN T. CHAPMAN .. 6
JAMES M BAILEY 3	PETER S. BEDFORD.. .. 7
ALAN R. BRIDGES 4	*†PETER KINDRED .. .. *Tenor*

Composed by F. NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by PETER KINDRED.
* 25th peal together. † 50th peal.
A wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Bridges.

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LYE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 30, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 26 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's variation. Tenor 3½ cwt.

HENRY H. FEARN	*Treble*	TERRY R. HAMPTON	5
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	2	MURIEL REAY	6
NORMAN J. GOODMAN	3	H. DAVID HOLLAND	7
ELIZABETH M. YARDLEY	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.

MICKLETON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 30, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.

JOHN THOMAS	*Treble*	WILLIAM H. MALE	5
MRS. J. THOMAS	2	DONALD H. NIBLETT	6
FRED C. LYNE	3	FREDERICK G. KINCHIN	7
HAROLD HUXLEY	4	FRANCIS POWELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by DONALD H. NIBLETT.
First peal in the method as conductor.
A birthday compliment to the conductor.

MILTON ABBAS, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 30. 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. SAMPSON,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

HERBERT A. MITCHELL	*Treble*	*LEWIS F. COBB	5
FRANK L. HARRIS	2	*PHILIP N. TUBBS	6
WILLIAM T. GODFREY	3	MICHAEL J. BEST	7
FRED PRICE	4	RONALD N. HARLOW	*Tenor*

Composed by J. THORP. Conducted by MICHAEL J. BEST.
* First peal in the method.
A birthday compliment to Lewis F. Cobb.

MORECAMBE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 30, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5024 BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE	*Treble*	HERBERT RAINFORD	5
ROLAND F. ECCLES	2	WILFRED BOLTON	6
MRS. ROLAND F. ECCLES	3	FREDERICK SCHOFIELD	7
LAWRENCE D. CLEMENT	4	ALAN CAPSTICK	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE.
A wedding compliment to Miss Marion Hayton, a former ringer at this church, and Mr. Robin C. Hewlett, of Kingston-on-Thames, who were married on the same day at this church.

TODMORDEN, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 30, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE UNITARIAN CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5056 BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

*ROGER MAHER	*Treble*	ROGER LEIGH	5
JOHN PEARSON	2	GEOFFREY CHEETHAM	6
PETER SCHOLFIELD	3	NORMAN SMITH	7
J. COLIN ASHWORTH	4	VERNON BOTTOMLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by VERNON BOTTOMLEY.
* First peal on eight bells.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., April 2, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5056 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb.

BRIAN BLADON	*Treble*	PETER P. BROWN	5
JOHN L. MORRIS	2	RALPH BIRD	6
FREDERICK J. CULLUM	3	THOMAS J. LOCK	7
BEVERLEY A. THOMPSON	4	PHILIP MEHEW	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS. Conducted by JOHN L. MORRIS.
In memoriam Ernest C. S. Turner.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

STANWELL, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 16, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in ten methods, viz.: (1) Amersham Alliance and Little Bob, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Oxford Treble Bob, (4) Kent Treble Bob, (5) Double Court and St. Clement's Bob, (6) Single Oxford Bob and Double Oxford Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

JAMES BROOKS	*Treble*	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM	4
MONICA BLAGROVE	2	PETER A. LAWRENCE	5
FREDERICK R. SCOTT	3	FRANK T. BLAGROVE	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK T. BLAGROVE.

EARLS CROOME, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 23, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents of St. Clement's, two of Single Oxford and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 14 lb.

*ALAN J. HAINES	*Treble*	ROBERT J. COLE	4
MRS. A. A. JOPP	2	ARTHUR A. JOPP	5
COLIN B. LONGMORE	3	ERIC T. LEE	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERIC T. LEE.
* First peal.

HARROLD, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., March 25, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt. 6 lb. in F sharp.

*RODNEY WALKER	*Treble*	*RICHARD GRICE	4
HENRY W. GAYTON	2	†COLIN PAYNE	5
*IRIS WALKER	3	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.
* First peal. † First peal other than of Doubles.

PAKENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., March 25, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being one 240 and 20 extents of Grandsire (ten callings) and 20 extents of Plain Bob (four callings). Tenor 13 cwt.

ARTHUR W. ROLFE	*Treble*	RICHARD ROSE	3
KENNETH G. BROWN	2	LESLIE N. MELTON	4
DOUGLAS H. ROOKE	*Tenor*		

Conducted by KENNETH G. BROWN.
Rung for the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

BUXTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., March 26, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 12½ cwt.

HERBERT G. SMITHSON	*Treble*	JOHN R. SMITH	4
IVAN SMITHSON	2	D. E. RUST ANDREWS	5
WALTER C. MEDLER	3	*WILLIAM R. CATCHPOLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM R. CATCHPOLE.
* 25th peal on the bells. First peal as conductor.
Rung as a compliment to Walter C. Medler, who took part in the first peal on these bells in 1911 and has now completed 50 years as a member of the Norwich Diocesan Association.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., March 26, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 10 lb. in F sharp.

*KENNETH ELLISON	*Treble*	RONALD DAWSON	4
†E. ANNE CHARLESWORTH	2	ALEX. RICHARDSON	5
MRS. GLADYS RICHARDSON	3	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.
* First peal. † First peal in the method.

MISTLEY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 30, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being extents of Hereward, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, Double Court, Court, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

ALAN R. ANDREWS	*Treble*	GEORGE N. ORMAN	4
ALFRED E. HONEYWOOD	2	H. FRANK PIKE	5
ROY DUESBURY	3	CHARLES A. ANDREWS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

NORTH MARSTON, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 30, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DURHAM SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb. in F.

PHYLLIS M. MAYNE	*Treble*	WILLIAM WENBAN	4
KENNETH R. DUNSTAN	2	ROY WOODRUFF	5
JOAN M. WILCOCKSON	3	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

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

SNODLAND, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 30, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents: (1) Hereward and Oxford Bob; (2) Killamarsh Treble Bob; (3) Double Oxford, Thelwall, Childwall and St. Clement's; (4) Cambridge Surprise; (5) Oxford Treble Bob; (6) Kent Treble Bob; (7) Plain Bob, Double Bob and Fulbeck. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.

TERENCE BARTON	*Treble*	JOHN L. MORRIS	4
CYRIL S. JARRETT	2	RALPH BIRD	5
MICHAEL J. ROWE	3	BRIAN BLADON	*Tenor*

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

BUNWELL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., March 31, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court, Kent Treble Bob and St. Clement's, and two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

H. WILLIAM BARRETT	*Treble*	FRANK C. J. ARNOLD	4
WILFRED G. SAUNDERS	2	HENRY TOOKE	5
T. CHARLES BROWNE	3	C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. Ronald E. Burt and Miss Pearl Skipper, which took place the previous day at All Saints', Shipdham.

OVER WALLOP, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sun., March 31, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being four extents of Southrepps Pleasure, 12 of Plain Bob (four different callings) and 26 of Grandsire (ten different callings). Tenor 7 cwt. in B flat.

*JANE GOODYEAR	*Treble*	*TERRY A. TARRANT	3
GEOFFREY K. DODD	2	*MAURICE J. DODD	4
A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*		

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* First peal in three methods. First peal on the bells.

MARSTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., April 2, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Comprising three extents each of (1) Boxford, (2) Union, (3) New, (4) Huntspill, (5) Reverse St. Bartholomew, (6) All Saints', (7) Stedman, (8) St. Simon's, (9) St. Martin's, (10) St. Nicholas', (11) Winchendon Place, (12) Reverse Canterbury, (13) Plain Bob, (14) Grandsire. Tenor 6 cwt.

ALEC GAMMON	*Treble*	HARRY P. FLOYD	3
DOUGLAS O. WILKS	2	*DONALD H. NIBLETT	4
ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*		

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* 100th peal. First peal in 14 Doubles methods (different plain courses) by all the band.

Rung as a compliment to the Vicar, the Rev. G. D. Savage, on his appointment as Archdeacon of Buckingham.

SHIRLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., April 4, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 6¼ cwt.

*ANTONY PLOWS	*Treble*	R. THOMAS GWILT	4
†DIANA PERRENS	2	ROBERT E. TALLIS	5
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	3	DAVID J. HOLLAND	*Tenor*

Conducted by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

ALDEBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., April 6, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven different extents in three methods, viz.: Two each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12¼ cwt. in F.

JOHN W. G. KINDRED	*Treble*	PETER S. BEDFORD	4
JACK PILGRIM	2	EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	5
RAY PECK	3	PETER KINDRED	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER KINDRED.

A compliment to the Rev. R. C. R. Godfrey, M.A., Vicar of Aldeburgh, upon his appointment as an Hon. Canon of Bury St. Edmunds Cathedral.

BOXLEY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 6, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN AND ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven 720's in 15 methods: (1) Cambridge and Ipswich; (2) Killamarsh Treble Bob; (3) Hereward and Oxford Bob; (4) Double Court; (5) Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's and Childwall; (6) Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob; (7) Double Bob, Fulbeck and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in F sharp.

A. PATRICK CANNON	*Treble*	JOHN L. MORRIS	4
CYRIL S. JARRETT	2	RALPH BIRD	5
BRIAN BLADON	3	PHILIP MEHEW	*Tenor*

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

First peal in 15 methods on the bells and by all the band except the conductor.

Rung to celebrate Mr. W. C. Gosling's (local captain) 52nd year of membership of the Kent County Association.

HANDBELL PEALS

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., March 25, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 17 in A.

ERNEST MORRIS	1—2	JOHN M. JELLEY	5—6
JOHN A. ACRES	3—4	BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	7—8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

First peal ' in hand ' as conductor.

LONDON, S.E.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., March 29, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE COUNTY HALL,
A PEAL OF 5016 SPLICED ROYAL

Being 3,880 Bob and 1,136 Little Bob, with 114 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.

THOMAS J. LOCK	1—2	JAMES WALLMAN	5—6
EDWIN A. BARNETT	3—4	WILFRID G. WILSON	7—8
		*DENNIS L. HALL	9—10

Arranged and Conducted by WILFRID G. WILSON.

* First of Royal.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., March 31, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor size 15 in C.

WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	1—2	PETER J. STANIFORTH	5—6
MRS. P. J. STANIFORTH	3—4	ALFRED BALLARD	7—8
		TERRENCE A. THORNBER	9—10

Composed by W. PYE. Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.
Umpire: JOHN A. ACRES.

Rung to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the first peal of Cambridge Royal on handbells (March 30th, 1947). Also a wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Staniforth.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Mar. 31st, 1,260 Reverse St. Bartholomew: I. C. Forrest 1, Pamela R. Gough 2, Valerie Mepham 3, Diana M. Gough (first in method as cond.) 4, R. D. Brown 5, S. W. Brown 6. For Mothering Sunday.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.—On Mar. 30th, 1,264 Bob Major: B. Piper 1, E. A. Lewis 2, Kathleen Beasley 3, Brenda Payne 4, J. Symonds 5, J. Hayns 6, P. J. Jackson 7, D. G. Astridge (cond.) 8. First of Bob Major 1, 2, 4 and 6. First of Bob Major by the Sunday service band. Rung for Confirmation service. Also on April 7th, 1,260 Bob Minor, with 6–8 covering: D. G. Astridge (cond.) 1, E. A. Lewis 2, Kathleen Beasley 3, B. Piper (first 'inside') 4, J. Hayns 5, H. H. Hayns 6, P. J. Jackson 7, C. R. Dormand 8. For Evensong.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.—On Mar. 24th, 1,260 Bob Minor: H. Mitson 1, J. J. Prentice 2, Miss M. I. Goodship 3, A. Brett (first quarter) 4, R. E. Lester (cond.) 5, G. R. Goodship 6. For Evensong.

BERGH APTON, NORFOLK.—On Mar. 23rd, 1,320 Bob Doubles (one calling): P. Tovell (15, first quarter) 1, T. G. Page (16, first quarter) 2, A. F. Ellis (15) 3, T. N. J. Bailey (15) 4, P. D. T. Cattermole (15, cond.) 5. Rung on the eve of Mothering Sunday, and as a compliment to Dr. Geoffrey Soden on his induction to the living of Hindolveston-with-Guestwick.

BEXLEY, KENT.—On Mar. 31st, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Miss B. Foster 1, Miss D. M. Ward 2, Miss S. Nicholson (first in method) 3, Miss B. A. Thompson 4, Miss M. R. Andrews 5, D. Beresford (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also on April 5th, 1,260 Bob Minor: C. H. J. Williams (first quarter on working bell) 1, Miss J. Jones (first of Minor 'inside') 2, Miss M. R. Andrews 3, Miss B. A. Thompson 4, E. A. Barnett 5, P. P. Brown (cond.) 6. Rung for a special service at which the Bishop of Rochester commissioned a team to conduct a mission in the parish.

BRIDGWATER, SOMERSET.—On April 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with treble leading): F. Ashman (first quarter) 1, M. Stone 3, E. Chapman 4, C. May 5, D. Miller 6, R. Short (cond.) 7, G. Burge 8. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. Greedy. Mr. Greedy was 33 years' ringer at St. Mary's, and late tower captain.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.—On April 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. T. Norris 1, H. Hodgetts 2, E. Ashby 3, C. E. Evans 4, Miss M. Carnochan 5, C. Cook 6, T. Norris (cond.) 7, F. Morris 8. For Confirmation service by the Bishop of Bedford.

BILLINGBOROUGH, LINCS.—On April 4th, 1,260 Bob Minor: Miss E. S. Nickolson (first quarter) 1, G. S. Collishaw 2, A. Chilton 3, G. Creasey 4, S. R. Wilson 5, L. P. Wilson (cond.) 6.

CHECKENDON, OXON.—On April 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. M. Baughan 1, R. K. Russ 2, M. L. Baughan (cond.) 3, B. Wakefield 4, E. L. Baughan 5, C. M. Baughan 6. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. G. Hearns (tower captain) to Miss L. Slade, also a member of this tower.

CLERKENWELL, E.—On Mar. 31st, at St. James' Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: B. Lunn 1, Miss A. Garnett 2, Miss M. Prockson 3, H. Belcher 4, W. D. Prockson 5, M. Moreton 6, John Phillips (cond.) 7, James Phillips 8.

CLIFTON, BRISTOL.—On April 1st, at the Church of Emmanuel, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Gillett (first quarter) 1, C. Rawlings 2, F. G. Leaker 3, W. H. Cole 4, A. W. T. Cleaver (cond.) 5, D. G. Mayell 6, W. F. Bonner 7, F. Dickson 8. Rung with the best wishes of the band to Charles Rawlings on his 68th birthday.

CONSETT, CO. DURHAM.—On Mar. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Wall 1, K. Arthur (cond.) 2, C. N. Lea 3, C. T. Lamb 4, W. Tyson 5, R. B. Skelton 6, J. A. Ainsworth 7, R. Oliver 8. Rung to celebrate the silver wedding anniversary of the Vicar (the Rev. J. Talbot) and Mrs. Talbot.

CRESWELL, DERBYS.—On Mar. 31st, 1,264 Bob Major: P. Richardson 1, G. Chambers 2, R. Fletcher 3, Miss M. Barlow 4, D. Smedley 5, L. Barlow 6, L. Bacon 7, W. Robinson (cond.) 8. First of Major for 1 and 3. For Mothering Sunday service.

CROYDON, SURREY.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, on April 7th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss A. Wooller (first of Caters) 1, E. Razzell 2, Mrs. W. F. Oatway 3, G. Cartwright 4, N. G. Steere 5, F. E. Mitchell 6, R. Abbott 7, G. H. Humphries 8, W. F. Oatway (cond.) 9, R. Davies 10.

QUARTER PEALS

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: E. J. Jenner 1, S. Jenner (first of Surprise) 2, B. V. Collison 3, Miss H. Oakshett 4, E. J. Ladd 5, M. F. Oakshett 6, Miss D. Colgate 7, R. Collins (cond.) 8.

HANDSWORTH, BIRMINGHAM.—On April 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. C. Willday 1, Diana Perrins 2, M. Hall 3, Elizabeth Yardley 4, A. N. Stubbs (first as cond.) 5, J. L. Martin 6. First quarter for 3 and 6. Rung on the occasion of the farewell visit to the parish of the Rev. and Mrs. J. R. Harwood before their departure for Nigeria.

HANSLOPE, BUCKS.—On Mar. 16th, 1,260 Bob Triples: Mrs. G. F. Roome 1, Miss D. M. Miller 2, G. F. Roome 3, K. D. Perkins 4, Miss J. A. Downing 5, R. A. Eldridge 6, I. J. Dickin (cond.) 7, A. G. Keeves 8. Rung for the wedding of Alan C. Cozens to Shirley Simons.

HEYWOOD, LANCS.—On Mar. 24th, 1,260 Bob Minor (with 7, 8 covering): A. Crabtree 1, P. J. H. Hudson 2, R. Maher (first 'inside') 3, Mrs. P. J. H. Hudson 4, J. P. Partington 5, G. S. Mills (first as cond.) 6, C. Taylor 7, W. Chadwick 8. For Evensong.

HOLYWELL, HUNTS.—On Mar. 30th, 1,440 Ipswich Surprise Minor: D. E. R. Knights 1, R. F. Baker 2, G. E. Crisp 3, V. Chamberlain 4, G. A. Lucas 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6.

HORRINGER, SUFFOLK.—On Mar. 31st, 1,264 Bob Major: Wm. Stannard (cond.) 1, F. Cooper 2, J. Kerry 3, J. G. Stannard 4, D. Everett 5, G. Jennings 6, F. Buckle 7, J. W. Banks 8. For morning service.

KELVEDON, ESSEX.—On Mar. 25th, 1,320 Treble Bob Minor (720 Cambridge, 600 Oxford): J. Papworth 1, P. Elliott 2, Miss W. Elliott 3, R. Pye 4, C. Burton (cond.) 5, A. R. Elliott 6. For St. Mary's Day.

KEMPSTON, BEDS.—On Mar. 31st, 1,260 Bob Minor: Miss M. Gilbert (first quarter) 1, K. Fleming 2, Miss M. Stephens 3, C. Izzard 4, R. Stephens 5, M Stephens (cond.) 6. Rung by members of the local band for Mothering Sunday service.

LANE END, BUCKS.—On Mar. 31st, 1,260 Doubles (720 Grandsire, 540 Bob): B. Hawkins (first quarter) 1, A. Free 2, K. Seymour (cond.) 3, R. Hazell 4, S. Smith 5, C. Hagger 6. For Evensong.

LINTON, KENT.—On Mar. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (from the Original): W. Grice 1, W. Manser 2, G. Cantrell 3, F. Leason 4, L. Honess 5, W. Rich 6, L. Head (cond.) 7, P. Town 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Dowager Lady Cornwallis, interred at Linton this day.

LLANDOVERY, CARMS.—On Mar. 31st, 1,320 Bob Doubles: R. W. Howells 1, O. M. Slaney 2, R. W. Williams 3, J. H. H. James 4, H. M. Evans (cond.) 5. Rung as a farewell to Dr. G. O. Williams, warden of Llandovery College, and Bishop-Elect of Bangor.

NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS, LANCS.—On Mar. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Wendy Ellam 1, D. Rapden 2, K. Edwards 3, G. Lloyd 4, D. Burgess (first as cond.) 5, D. Hull (first quarter) 6. For Evensong on Mothering Sunday, and as a 15th birthday compliment to Miss Jennifer Ann Ellison, a local ringer.

NORTHAMPTON.—At the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, on Mar. 31st, 1,344 Bob Major: K. D. Perkins 1, A. C. Cozens 2, R. A. Eldridge 3, Miss J. A. Downing 4, Miss D. M. Miller 5, I. J. Dickin 6, B. Linnell 7, G. F. Roome (cond.) 8. A 21st birthday compliment to Ivor J. Dickin.

NUTFIELD, SURREY.—On April 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Margaret Mayne (first quarter) 1, Nancy Kempsell (first as cond.) 2, H. Harwood 3, G. Olliver 4, A. R. C. Clarke 5, K. Matthews (first quarter) 6. For Evensong.

OCKBROOK, DERBYS.—On Mar. 28th, 1,260 Doubles (720 Reverse Canterbury, 240 Bob, 300 Grandsire): D. P. Jones (cond.) 1, E. Walklate (13) 2, F. R. Lowe 3, P. Bellamy-Knight 4, Miss V. M. Horton 5. For Confirmation by the Bishop of Derby.

PENTRE, GLAM.—On Mar. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Owen (first quarter) 1, J. Lovatt 2, J. L. Thomas (first 'inside') 3, J. Edwards 4, K. Hartnol 5, K. Jones 6, T. Edwards (cond.) 7, H. Crabb 8. For Evensong and a wedding compliment to Mr. Roy Davies, a local ringer, who was married the previous Saturday.

PRESTBURY, GLOS.—On April 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Carol Lewis (first quarter, 14) 1, M. Clifford 2, W. Richards 3, C. Rouse (cond.) 4, R. Dowdeswell 5, Rev. G. W. Ruming 6, F. Pendry 7, R. Wasley 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Charles Robinson, former churchwarden, after his funeral.

PRESTON, SUFFOLK.—On Mar. 19th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: D. A. Alderton 1, C. Poulson 2, F. Hunt 3, W. R. Shorter 4, R. Chambers 5, H. Hollocks (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

RADLEY, BERKS.—On Mar. 17th, 1,260 Doubles (360 each Canterbury Reverse and St. Simon's, 240 Bob and 300 Grandsire): Pearl M. Goodwin (aged 12, first quarter) 1, M. R. Cross 2, Daphne J. Pollard (aged 13, first in four methods) 3, C. J. B. Taylor (first in four Doubles methods) 4, R. G. Cross (cond.) 5, Susan A. Alexander (aged 14) 6. For Evensong. Also on Mar. 23rd, 1,320 Bob Doubles: Daphne J. Pollard 1, R. Raven (first quarter) 2, M. R. Cross (cond.) 3, Susan A. Alexander 4, S. Lester (first in method) 5, A. Hamilton (first quarter) 6. The ringers of 2, 5 and 6 are members of Radley College Campanological Society. First time three members have rung a quarter together. Also on Mar. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (720 Bob and 540 Grandsire): A. Hamilton (first on a working bell) 1, M. R. Cross (cond.) 2, S. Lester (first in two methods) 3, Susan A. Alexander (first in two methods 'inside') 4, R. Raven (first in two methods) 5, Daphne J. Pollard 6. Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter (Susan) to Mr. and Mrs. R. Stoughton-Harris, of Radley College.

RAVENINGHAM, NORFOLK.—On Mar. 23rd, 1,440 Bob Doubles (four callings): P. M. Adcock 1, A. F. Ellis 2, P. D. T. Cattermole (cond.) 3, T. N. J. Bailey 4, R. W. Bickers 5. Rung for the wedding this day at Hellesdon of Mr. Jack Myall and Miss Betty Reeves, and also as a 15th birthday compliment to A. Frederick Ellis (Norwich).

ROYDON, ESSEX.—On April 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Sams (first quarter, 14) 1, F. Wright 2, W. Sams (cond.) 3, H. Livings 4, B. Barton 5, J. Terry 6. A compliment to Mr. H. J. Shaw on completing 43 years as organist at Roydon Parish Church.

SHARDLOW, DERBYS.—On Mar. 30th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: Miss P. J. Kinsey (first quarter) 1, Miss M. M. Grime (first quarter) 2, S. J. Knighton 3, A. Whiting 4, J. E. Collins (first as cond.) 5, J. Forster 6. A wedding compliment to Miss S. Kinsey and Mr. M. Paxton, who were married earlier in the day.

SHIPBOURNE, KENT.—On Mar. 31st, 1,440 Bob Minor: Miss J. French 1, Miss M. Ladd 2, E. J. Ladd 3, E. J. Brunger 4, S. Jenner (cond.) 5, G. Fry 6. For Mothering Sunday.

SHIPTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD, OXON. — On Feb. 28th, 1,264 Bob Major: H. Pratley 1, J. Keyte 2, J. J. Benfield 3, W. Lewis 4, P. F. Coombes 5, B. Hall 6, E. J. Townsend 7, I. Harris (cond.) 8. First of Major for 1, 4, 6 and 7. A compliment to the wife of the fourth ringer on her birthday, also for Mr. A. Miles, a local ringer for many years, who has been very ill but is now making steady progress.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.—On Mar. 31st, 1,264 Bob Major: D. M. Putnam (first quarter) 1, V. S. Connell 2, Miss E. C. Pettitt 3, M. H. R. Glover 4, S. Dace 5, A. Bareham 6, J. H. Brett 7, E. W. Pye 8. For Mothering Sunday.

STEPNEY, E.—On Mar. 31st, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles (10 callings): P. W. Shute 1, L. J. Fox (cond.) 2, Jill Cook 3, G. J. Boomsma 4, H. G. Weedon 5, S. Smith 6. For Evensong and Mothering Sunday.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTS.—On April 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss R. E. Roworth 1, Mrs. F. G. Wilton 2, Dr. C. G. Roworth 3, M. B. Kemp 4, R. C. Westney 5, F. G. Wilton 6, E. Sutton (cond.) 7, E. Vincent 8. An 85th birthday compliment to Mr. C. J. Gardiner, of Christ Church, Swindon.

TRURO, CORNWALL.—At the Cathedral, on April 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss H. Davey (first quarter) 1, A. Carveth (cond.) 2, Miss R. Hoskin 3, B. A. Parkin 4, W. H. Southeard 5, A. Burley 6, D. Burnett 7, R. Tall 8.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On April 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Jacobs 1, J. Tomsett 2, M. Sinden (cond.) 3, Susan Jacobs 4, N. Bagworth 5, A. Bagworth 6, F. Corfield 7, H. Cox 8. Rung immediately after the wedding of Jill Bradley, a former ringer at this tower, to Patrick Richardson.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

The March monthly meeting of the Fylde Branch was arranged to coincide with the half-yearly meeting of the committee of the Association. The combined meetings had the pleasure of ringing together at St. Anne's Church, St. Anne's-on-Sea, an 8-bell tower with a fine ring of bells and a commodious and well-appointed ringing chamber. The bells were kept going in various methods from 2.30 to 7.30 p.m. with an interval for tea.

Amongst ringers present were the president of the Association (the Rev. R. D. St. John Smith), the Hon. Secretary of the Association (Mr. F. Dunkerley) and the Fylde Branch Ringing Master (Mr. John Nevin). Thanks are due to the incumbent for the use of the bells and to the local ringers and some of their wives, namely: Mesdames W. H. Ratcliffe, A. Preston and H. Preston, for providing an excellent tea.

J. F. T.

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A CYCLING HALF-DAY IN WORCESTERSHIRE

A band drawn from Aston and Handsworth (Birmingham), Little Aston, Shareshill, St. Luke's, Wolverhampton, and Lichfield Cathedral had a half-day's cycling tour of Worcestershire on March 30th.

The party met at St. Peter's Church, Cookley, where they found the bells somewhat noisy and the fifth and tenor 'odd struck.' The bells were cast by Mears and Stainbank in 1849, but rehung by Charles Carr and Co. in 1895.

The six in the neighbouring village of Wolverley were also rehung by the same firm. They are a reasonable six to handle, and the ringing room somewhat reminiscent of a farm building with its whitewashed walls and large oak beams spanning the roof. The Italian-styled church is perched on a large sandstone rock.

After a meal at Bewdley, we ascended the Georgian tower of St. Anne's Church. A novelty was that instead of the common type of boxes, large sections of tree trunks have been adapted for the seventh and tenor. The bells, a good eight (tenor 16½ cwt.), are somewhat spoilt by a rocking tower.

The last tower of the day, St. Peter's, Upper Arley, are a good six originally cast by A. Rudhall in 1753, but rehung by Charles Carr and Co. in 1896. The Vicar made the party more than welcome and showed them features of the 800-year-old church. Thanks are expressed to incumbents and local ringers who made us so welcome.

C. M. S.

RIPLEY, DERBYS.—On Mar. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Marshall 1, F. Hill 2, P. Sewry 3, R. Stretton (cond.) 4, J. Faulkner 5. For morning service.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD
Devizes Branch

Some 50 ringers, including visitors from Chippenham, Frome, Salisbury, Watford, Swindon, Nailsea, Clutton, Radstock, Leicester, Bournemouth and Milford-on-Sea, were attracted to the quarterly meeting of the Devizes Branch at Trowbridge. The Guild service was conducted by the Rector, who gave an inspiring address, and tea was served in the Co-op Hall.

The next three meetings were fixed for Chirton, West Lavington and Bradford (Christ Church). Ten new members were elected and also seven life ringing members. Votes of thanks were passed to the Rector for the use of the bells and for taking the service. Methods rung ranged from rounds on the 12 for the many young ringers there, to Stedman Cinques.

MORETON-IN-MARSH

Familiar to many ringers are the bells of Moreton-in-Marsh, Glos. The Parochial Church Council have entrusted the work of recasting the eight bells and rehanging them in a steel frame to Messrs. John Taylor, of Loughborough. The cost, including some necessary work to be done locally, will come to about £1,700.

This is a large sum for the parish to find, especially as it comes so soon after efforts with regard to the restoration and redecoration of the church. The generous help of all who love church bells is invited, and donations may be sent to the Rector or churchwardens or paid direct to the Manager of Lloyds Bank, Moreton-in-Marsh. Cheques should be made payable to 'Moreton Church Bells Fund.'

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BELFRY GOSSIP

By a peal at Handsworth, Yorkshire, on March 30th, Mr. Norman Chaddock joined the very select band of resident members who have conducted 100 peals for the Yorkshire Association. Other members are Messrs. W. Barton, P. Johnson, L. W. G. Morris, D. Smith and W. E. Critchley. This was Mrs. Chaddock's first peal of Stedman, and she rang it without making a single mistake.

The length of the peal of Bedfordshire rung at Warfield on March 16th was 5,024, and not 5,040 as published.

Mr. A. H. Hutton, after 58 years of loyal service to Holy Trinity Cathedral tower, Guildford, has retired from active ringing and has accepted honorary membership of the tower.

The Editor thanks 'Joshua Entwhistle, C.I.E.,' for his letter. It cannot be considered for publication without his correct name and address. He feels certain that 'Mr. Charles Melford' and 'Mrs. Alma Haycock' will be disappointed.

Church bells were rung at Moreton Hampstead in the early hours of April 2nd when news reached the Dartmoor town that 15-year-old David Wills had won the international schoolboy boxing championships in London the previous day.

Canon R. de C. Murley, Rector of Ludgvan, near Penzance, writes in this month's Penwith Deanery Magazine: 'The great news this month is that we have been promised the whole of the money estimated by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough.' This gift is from the two daughters of the late Andrew Lawrey, at one time churchwarden. The front five bells are to be recast, the tenor having been recast by the same firm in 1929. The bells are also to be generally rehung, and are at present being dismantled.

The peal rung at Christ Church, Macclesfield, on March 25th was rung to celebrate various happenings amongst belfry members, all of which took place within a few days of each other. They were: the engagements of Pat Sellars to Roy Booth and Pamela Crowder to Donald Pearson; the 21st birthdays of May Lomas, Edward Potts, John Greenwood and Barbara Booth; the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. John Worth.

Boxley was Mr. A. P. Cannon's 100th tower in Kent for a peal, and he informs us that he is the first ringer to reach this total in Kent. The peal was rung on April 6th.

The Guild of Clerical Ringers are holding their ringing week from April 29th to May 3rd, with headquarters at the Kinbourn Hotel, Bristol. Twenty members have signified their desire to be present.

The ten bells of Bath Abbey have been taken down and are now at the Loughborough foundry to be retuned and rehung with all new fittings throughout. The work is estimated to be completed in the autumn.

Mr. Peter Shipton, of St. Paul's, Bedford, who is doing his National Service in the R.A.F. (Medical Branch), would like to thank most sincerely all his ringing acquaintances in Lancashire in the Manchester area, while 'square bashing' at Padgate, and in the Preston area while on medical training at Warton. He would like to record especially his gratitude for much advancement with his ringing to the Preston Parish Church band, led by Mr. Cyril Crosthwaite and Mr. E. Roger Martin. Finally, to all ringers in the Swindon, Wilts, District, particularly Mr. Eric Sutton and Christ Church, Swindon, band for their friendly welcome on his posting to R.A.F., Wroughton Hospital.

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ERNEST C. S. TURNER: HIS LIFE AND PEALS

A Master in All Branches of Change Ringing

BY the death of Ernest Charles Seymour Turner, the Exercise has lost one of its most able members. A brilliant composer and an excellent practical ringer and conductor, he was nevertheless a most modest man who could be made to talk of his prowess only with much persuasion. He was a truly Christian gentleman, as revealed during these last few years of ill health, when his patience and forbearance and his thought for others in spite of his own sufferings were most remarkable.

He was born on May 23rd, 1910, and lived most of his life in Ealing. He was educated at Ealing County School, and when he was 18 or so entered the firm of Maurice Thompson and Co., Incorporated Accountants. He remained with them for the rest of his life and became one of the partners. He was much respected and liked by his employees and clients alike. He was for some years treasurer of Ealing Chess Club and a keen player.

He married on August 1st, 1946, and continued to live at Ealing until some four years later, when he took up residence at Stanmore.

The early days of his ringing career, his association with J. Armiger Trollope and its fruits, have already been dealt with by Wilfrid Wilson. Ernest was always interested in the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild, as was his mentor, and served it well. He was very delighted and proud when after his first peal as conductor—Bob Major on handbells—the District secretary, W. H. Hollier, presented him with a framed certificate of membership!

WORK FOR THE MIDDLESEX

Over the years, he occupied several offices in the Association, commencing as Master of the South and West District in 1932, and held this office again in 1936. He was a trustee since 1938, in which year he became assistant general secretary, when the new rules abolished the offices of joint general secretaries then held by C. T. Coles and F. W. Goodfellow. The former became the new general secretary. Upon Mr. Coles' retirement in 1945, Ernest was elected as general secretary, and he was happy to know that in spite of his health, the members wanted him to keep in office, which he did until death. After serving as an honorary member of the Central Council, he became an elected representative of the Association from 1948.

He was of the opinion that a knowledge of the theoretical side was essential if the maximum amount of enjoyment was to be derived from ringing, and he suggested that the Association should arrange a mid-week evening meeting from time to time for a discussion of theoretical matters. He put this into practice and gave several talks himself.

He was always most willing to help others to advance in the art, and he had a long list of the names of those ringers whom he had helped through their first peal.

His business and ringing took him about the country, and he made many friends in the various towers he visited. He became a member of many ringing associations and guilds, including St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, Ely Diocesan Association, the Lincoln, Chester, Oxford, Guildford and Truro Diocesan Guilds, the Hertford County, Surrey, Sussex, Essex, North Wales, Irish and North Staffordshire Associations, and the Ancient Society of College Youths.

Reference has already been made to some of Ernest's activities on the Central Council, to which he was elected an honorary member in 1934, becoming a member of the Methods Committee immediately! He was also elected to the Standing Committee in 1939. He ceased to be a member of the Council in 1948 and the following year returned as an elected representative of the Middlesex County Association. He was re-elected to the Standing Committee in 1954.

AS A PEAL RINGER

The record of the peals rung on tower-bells and handbells by Ernest Turner are given below. They total 491 in all, of which 157 were rung on handbells, and altogether form a most impressive and unique collection. He was the first conductor to call his own composition of Spliced Surprise Major and to call Spliced Surprise Major in five methods from a non-observation bell. His performances on handbells were outstanding. Hear what his old friend Christopher Woolley has to say about this side of his ringing career:—

'I had the pleasure of ringing in well over 50 peals with him, nearly all of these being on handbells. Ernest was a really remarkable handbell ringer; he was most versatile and seemed equally at home in any method and on any pair, in spite of a rather excitable temperament. He handled his bells in a manner which was entirely his own, and could set an excellent beat. Although a first-class conductor, he was always happy to leave this to others.

'In December, 1945, he rang 5-6 to peals of Superlative and Cambridge in the course of an afternoon and evening; in the first of these the tenorman scored his first peal of Surprise Major "in hand." A fortnight later, with the same band, Ernest called a peal of Spliced Surprise in the four standard methods. Having called a similar peal in the tower the day before, he set out to call the same composition; but when this would not go, there being too much Bristol, he decided to change the composition and, after a very few minutes' study, he called the peal. Ernest had rung peals of spliced "in hand" prior to this, but I do not think he had ever conducted. The band had not practised it together before; the tenorman had rung little or no London Major and no Bristol. Apart from Harold Cashmore, no one else has yet called a peal of Spliced Surprise Major in hand.'

'When he came to live at Stanmore, Ernest quickly filled a vacancy in our Spliced Surprise band, which had then rung up to eight methods. It seemed a waste to put a man of his ability on any but an inside pair, so he was given 3-4, on which he rang in peals in 9, 12, 14 and 16 methods. Through a slight error the first peal in 12 turned out to be false and had to be rung again. He also took part in silent peals of London and Cambridge.

'As a conductor he called peals in a variety of methods. He called Holt's Original a number of times; also the record peal of 13,664 Double Norwich. In May, 1939, he called Carter's Odd-bob peal of Stedman Triples from 5-6, which was rung in the very quick time of 2 hours 9 minutes. It would be hard to imagine a career of more brilliant and outstanding achievement.'

Ernest's tower-bell peals were rung in 25 counties of England, Wales and Ireland in 120 towers. He rang peals at 34 Middlesex towers. His best years were those immediately preceding the last war, when he rang 119 peals between 1936 and 1939. He rang 40 of these in 1938, his biggest annual total. His last tower-bell peal was London Surprise Major, at Feltham on September 26th, 1953, and his last peal was Oxford Treble Bob Major on handbells, at Bushey Heath on September 11th, 1955.

He rang four peals, the compositions of which were later proved to be false. They were three of Kent Treble Bob Major and one of Stedman Cinques.

HIS 491 PEALS

TOWER BELLS

Doubles.—Grandsire 1 (cond. 1).

Minor.—Plain Bob 3 (2), Cambridge Surprise 2 (2), 2 methods 1 (1), 4 methods 4 (2), 7 methods 7 (5), 7 Surprise Methods 2, 10 Surprise 1, 14 Surprise 2 (1), 15 Surprise 1, 28 Surprise 1.

Triples.—Double Court 1 (1), Grandsire 21 (19), St. Clement's Bob 1 (1), Stedman 25 (13).

Major.—Little Bob 1 (1), Plain Bob 22 (9), Double Bob 1 (1), Double Coslany Court 1 (1), Double Norwich Court 23 (11), Edmonton Bob 1 (1), Kent T.B. 14 (9), Oxford T.B. 4 (1), Spliced Oxford and Kent T.B. 1 (1).

Surprise Major.—Bristol 12 (2), Cambridge 30 (8), Ealing 2, Lincolnshire 1, London 15 (4), Rochester 1, Rutland 2 (1), Eastcote 1, Staffordshire 1, Ashtead 1, Superlative 29 (12), Yorkshire 5 (1), Wembley 1, Pinner 1, 4 Spliced 22 (11), 5 Spliced 3 (1), 6 Spliced 2 (1), 7 Spliced 2 (1), 9 Spliced 1 (1).

Caters.—Grandsire 6 (5), Erin 1 (1), Stedman 16 (4).

Royal.—Isleworth Bob 1 (1), Plain Bob 2 (1), Kent Treble Bob 2 (1), Cambridge Surprise 11 (2), Yorkshire Surprise 2 (1).

Cinques.—Stedman 17 (2).

Maximus.—Cambridge Surprise 1, Kent Treble Bob 1, Little Bob 1 (1).

Total: 334 (145).

HANDBELLS

Doubles.—Grandsire 1 (1).

Minor.—Plain Bob 2, Oxford T.B. 1 (1), 7 Methods 1.

Triples.—Grandsire 22 (17), Stedman 8 (6).

Major.—Little Bob 7 (4), Plain Bob 16 (13), Richmond Bob 1 (1), Avalon Court 1, Cambridge Court 1, Lavenham Court 1 (1), Highbury Bob 1 (1), Reverse Bob 1 (1), Double Norwich C.B. 20 (10), St. Clement's Bob 1 (1), Kent T.B. 10 (4), Oxford T.B. 7 (3), Spliced Kent and Oxford T.B. 2 (1), Gainsborough Little Bob 1, Spliced Plain, Little and Double Bob 1.

Surprise Major.—Bristol 1, Cambridge 6 (1), New Cambridge 1, London 4 (1), Superlative 3, 2 Spliced 1, 4 Spliced 3 (1), 5, 9, 12, 14 and 16 Spliced, one each.

Caters.—Grandsire 5 (2), Stedman 10 (7).

Royal.—Plain Bob 2 (1), Little Bob 1 (1), Kent T.B. 6 (5), Oxford T.B. 1.

Cinques.—Stedman 2.

Total: 157 (84).

PROTEST TO B.B.C.

Mrs. Ruth Miller, of Kirklington, Newark, Notts, has sent the following letter of protest to the B.B.C.:—

'Dear Sir,—I feel that I must write and *complain* about your everlasting commentaries whilst bells for service are being rung; an outstanding example of this took place on television from St. Giles', Northampton.

'Not only is it quite unnecessary—it could very easily be done before the commencement of the service—but it is extremely rude and in the worst possible taste to let the announcer go on jabbering away, so that neither he nor the bells can be heard properly.

'As the wife of a very talented ringer—and I say this in all sincerity—your present attitude towards bell ringing is deplorable and most infuriating.

'Do you not realise that the art of ringing is one of our ancient customs, and I for one hate to hear it desecrated in this manner. It happens every time there is a service which is introduced by bells.

'*Please*, I implore you, have all announcements given out prior to the bells in future, so that we can relax and listen to the very beautiful music made by them.

'Could you imagine details being given out during an organ recital, or during the singing of an anthem?'

10th ANNIVERSARY OF FIRST HANDBELL PEAL OF ROYAL

Successful Repeat Performances

Ten years ago, on Sunday, March 30th, 1947, the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal on handbells was successfully rung at The Wayside, 150, Narborough Road South, Leicester, conducted by that eminent ringer, the late Harold J. Poole. It seemed very fitting that this great achievement should be celebrated in a like manner again this year.

Three of the original band (Jill Poole—now Mrs. P. J. Staniforth—Walter P. Whitehead and Alfred Ballard), together with Peter J. Staniforth and Terrence A. Thornber, began practising three weeks ago, and very quickly became in 'peal ringing form.' It was arranged that a start for the peal would be made at 1.45 p.m. on March 31st. Punctually to time, four of the band were waiting at The Wayside with crossed fingers, hoping that the fifth member was on his way. At 2 p.m. a telephone call informed us that he was still waiting some 12 miles away to be picked up! Luckily he had enough petrol to enable him to proceed 'under his own steam,' and eventually arrived at 2.25 p.m. No time was lost in proceeding to the bedroom (where the first peal was rung), and all settled down to make a start.

'Go, Cambridge Royal' was called at 2,31 p.m. A very steady first course was rung in 11¼ minutes, then a gradual speed-up to an average of 11 minutes per course. This beat was held throughout the peal and the striking was above reproach. Needless to say, there were no major trips and only very occasionally a slight misblow. To listen to Cambridge Royal being tapped like this was an education and a real pleasure. Every lead-end was religiously checked off by me and a check kept on the coursing order throughout. I also made a graph of the time taken for each course, which varied barely 30 seconds after the first 'warming up' course.

After the last bob at 'Wrong,' a sigh of relief was heard as the bells came into the plain course, and the peal came back into rounds at exactly 5.5 p.m. Congratulations were accorded to all on a first-class peal, a worthy tribute to H. J. P., without whose groundwork and tuition it may not have been possible.

A total of nine peals of Cambridge Royal 'in hand' has now been rung, and to their credit all by the Leicester band, who have the added distinction of also ringing the only peal of Yorkshire Royal 'in hand.' Three of the company are the only ones who have completed Cambridge Surprise from Minor to Maximus, on both tower- and handbells. The tenth anniversary of the first (and only) peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus 'in hand' occurs on September 28th this year. I wonder if there is a possibility of 'completing the double'?

Grateful thanks are expressed to Mrs. Poole for entertaining us after the peal, a most enjoyable evening being spent (guess what) handbell ringing! A course of Cambridge Royal was rung for the benefit of the umpire to have a go, and a nice touch of Stedman Cinques. An attempt at tune-ringing 'four in hand' brought a most pleasant day to a close, reminiscent of the many happy days spent at The Wayside in years gone by.

JOHN A ACRES, Umpire.

OBITUARY

MR. H. E. FLEWELLING

The passing of Mr. Harold Ewart Flewelling, of Wootton Bassett, Wilts, on March 29th was a great shock to the local ringers. He had been in hospital for treatment, and to all appeared to be good for many years of service. He was 74 years of age.

His first connection with ringing was in 1911. Harry heard a peal of Grandsire Triples rung for the Coronation of George V. He approached me saying he would make an oak peal board to put on record this special peal if I would undertake to teach him the art of ringing. I took him on, and in 1914 he and his brother rang in the first local peal on the bells, conducted by myself.

He was a very keen ringer and also very good in theory, but being of a rather nervy temperament could not make full use of his knowledge; anyway, he rang six peals—Grandsire (3), Stedman, Plain Bob and Treble Bob. He was very proud of the Treble Bob peal, and it is recorded on a handsome board in the tower; also there is a board of the first peal of Superlative in the county of Wilts by a local band.

Altogether he was with us off and on for 46 years. His only son, also a ringer, was killed in Italy in the last war, and he was anxious to do something for the Church in memory of his son. In 1950 the opportunity came, when he was responsible for the planning of the new ringing chamber. He was able to do the oak work from the old seats which had been removed from the church. From these he also made a chest for the Communion clothes, a chest of drawers and cupboards for the Vicar's vestments in the vestry, and several other jobs in the church. Thus he left ample evidence of his interest in the church, all without anything to show by whom it was done, leaving it all, as he used to tell me, in the hands of his Maker.

I myself and fellow ringers have lost a good friend. Muffled peals were rung before and after the funeral service by his ringing friends from his own tower and Swindon. The service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. John Goodman), assisted by Canon H. V. White, chairman of the Calne Branch of Ringers. May he rest in peace. L. A. W.

MR. J. G. POWELL

Hawkhurst, Kent, has lost an esteemed ringer of 37 years' service by the death recently in St. Mary Abbot's Hospital, Kensington, of Mr. James Geoffrey Powell, aged 52. A fencing contractor, he was taken ill while carrying out a contract in London, and died in hospital.

Mr. Powell started ringing in 1920 as a pupil of Mr. G. Billenness, of Hawkhurst, who always regarded him as the best pupil he ever had. His control of the bell was perfect, and he became a successful conductor. His peal book records 74 peals, but it is known that he rang over 80. The last entry is a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major at Rotherfield, when he rang the tenor.

Most of his relatives are ringers. His wife, who died in 1955, was a ringer; his daughter, Anne, aged 19, has rung one peal. His son-in-law, Mr. D. Cocking, rings at Hawkhurst, and his two brothers-in-law, Messrs. T. Field and J. Field, at Pevensey, Sussex.

The bells of Hawkhurst Parish Church were rung half-muffled on Sunday, April 7th, and the funeral took place at All Saints' Church, Hawkhurst, the following day. The Vicar (Rev. A. S. M. Leese) to the large congregation referred to 'Jim's' activities in the church and parish. He was a parochial church councillor, a sidesman and cadet superintendent for the area of the St. John Ambulance Brigade (and members and cadets of St. John formed a guard of honour on either side of the church path). There were 32 floral tributes.

In the evening the bells of the Parish Church were rung half-muffled to Stedman Triples by R. E. and R. T. Lambert (Horsmonden), J. Brown (Benenden), C. Tester (Brenchley), W. Gorringe (conductor), L. W. Jarvis, A. H. Kemp and E. Baker (Hawkhurst).

THE LATE MR. FREDERICK E. WILSON

The bells of St. John-the-Divine, Leicester, were rung half-muffled before and after Evensong on Sunday, April 7th, as a tribute of respect to Mr. F. E. Wilson, whose name appears on one of the peal tablets dedicated at the service.

This provided an opportunity for many to pay their tribute to one who was greatly loved and respected. A large number of ringers were present for the after-service ringing. S. H.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Dorchester Branch

Some 30 members attended the spring meeting of the Dorchester Branch at Maiden Newton, where they were welcomed by the Rector (Canon D. F. Slemeck), who conducted the service and gave an impressive address. The Branch chairman (Rev. S. P. Rowcroft) read the lesson.

Tea was served in the School by Mrs. Bishop and her lady helpers. At the business meeting a letter of thanks was read from Canon Markby for the presentation of a garden seat. Master Gerald Cornick, of Preston, was elected a member.

It was regretted that following the annual meeting no experienced ringer was present at Fordington St. George, and no tuition for learners was possible. Mr. A. J. Slade, deputy Ringing Master, explained that there was no surplus of ringers at St. Peter's on that occasion, but promised some improvement, if possible, at future meetings.

Branch practices arranged were Abbotsbury, April 20th; St. Peter's, Dorchester, May 4th; Upwey, May 25th; Milton Abbey, June 1st; and Bradford Peverell, June 15th. The next Branch meeting will be held early in June at Wool, and the Guild annual festival at Salisbury on May 18th. A warm welcome was accorded the Rev. A. F. and Mrs. Godley on their return from Kenya.

Cattistock and Frampton bells, as well as those of Maiden Newton, were available in the evening. Methods up to Kent and Oxford T.B. Minor were rung, under the direction of Messrs. J. W. Rose and A. J. Slade.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A FOUR-BELL TOWER EXPERIENCE

Dear Sir,—The present correspondence in 'The Ringing World' with regard to 4-bell towers prompts me to record my only visit to such a tower, and the telling, I am afraid, does not throw a lot of credit on some members of the Exercise.

Some two or three years ago one of our ringers was married at a somewhat remote village church in the south of England, and my son and I were guests at the ceremony.

We found on arrival at the church that there were four bells in the tower rung from the ground floor, and on inspection we noticed that the rope of the third was broken off just under the sally, and the bell apparently set at back stroke with the sally up in the rope guide. As we were then awaiting the arrival of the bride we could do nothing about the set up bell but, through his verger who was present, we asked the Rector if we might chime the three bells which were left.

The Rector was extremely dubious about letting us touch the bells for he said a party of ringers had borrowed his bells a week or two before and that not only were they unable to handle them properly but, what was worse, the third rope broke and they all went away leaving the bell set up at back stroke. Those visiting ringers excused their bad ringing by saying the draught was too long and the bells were too light for them. They do not seem to have offered any excuse for going away and leaving the bell with the broken rope still set up.

The verger was an old man and incapable, he said, of climbing the somewhat fearsome-looking perpendicular iron ladder in the corner of the tower which gave access to the bell chamber. We told the Rector, of course, that if he had a ladder long enough to reach the rope guides we would get the bell down without the necessity of climbing to the chamber.

We also managed to convince him that we were quite capable of ringing his bells and, accepting our assurances, and in spite of his previous experience of visiting ringers, he very kindly allowed us to chime the 1, 2, 4 as the bride and bridegroom left the church.

After the wedding and while the photographer was busy in the churchyard, we got a ladder from the adjoining Rectory garden, tied a fresh tail-end to the broken rope and lowered the bell. Incidentally, we rang the 1-2-4 up and to us all the bells went perfectly. My son, if I remember correctly, set the tenor after ringing it up, but we did not try to set either the treble or the second fearing that they might be minus their stays and, as a coach was waiting to take us to the wedding reception some miles away, we should have had no time to disentangle ropes or rethread them through the guides had one of the bells gone over.

Thus were we able, we hope, to erase the bad impression left by the previous tyros and leave the Rector and his verger with happier memories of visiting ringers than they previously had had. I might add that the 4-bell tower referred to is not among those which so far have been mentioned in 'The Ringing World.'—Yours, etc.

EQUUS.

Name and address supplied.

IN EAST ANGLIA

Dear Sir,—Little Bromley, Essex, and Stowlangtoft, Suffolk, both have four bells in ringing order, tenors probably about 7 to 8 cwt. I have heard that there is a ringable four at Iken, Suffolk, but have no personal knowledge.—Yours, etc.,

U. W. WILDNEY.

Kirby-le-Soken.

ORIGINAL METHOD NAMES

Dear Sir,—Both Mr. Spriggs and Mr. Hall appear to be confusing modern terminology with original method names.

Two of our oldest methods are 'Grandsire Bob' and 'Double Court.' The first is the correct title for 'Plain Bob,' 'Grandsire' being the name and 'Bob' a common appendage in days of early ringing.

In the latter, 'Court' was originally the name of the method, 'Double' being added to indicate that the method was double. Thus 'Double Court' is not a nameless method. The correct and original title for 'Single Court' is 'London Single,' and also 'Reverse Court' was known as 'St. Bride's Pleasure.'

We also find reference to 'Grandsire Double Bob' and 'Grandsire Reverse Bob.' Then the 'Grandsire' was dropped and in the first half of the 18th century we find the titles 'Plain Bob,' 'Double Bob' and 'Reverse Bob.'

'Double Norwich Court' is not the extension of 'Double Court,' it being the Norwich extension, other extensions being 'Double London Court' and 'Double Annable's Court.' Since 'Double Court Minor' is older than 'Double Norwich Court Major,' it would be wrong to use the title 'Double Norwich Court Minor.'

Finally, I should like to point out that the Central Council definition of 'Bob' is as a method classification. Therefore, their use of the title 'Bob Major' is meaningless and takes us back to days of their 'consistency only in their inconsistency.' Everyone knows what is meant by Plain Bob, Reverse Bob, Double Bob, Double Court and Double Norwich, so let us have no unnecessary renaming, and return to the days of 'Plain Bob.'—Yours sincerely,

F. T. BLAGROVE.

Windsor.

N.B.—Double London Court is -18-36-18-; 38; 16. Double Annable's Court is -14-18-58-; 18; 18.

PLAIN BOB

Dear Sir,—With reference to Mr. W. Hall's reply to Mr. J. Spriggs' letter on Plain Bob, I feel that *I* should point out that he has not got all his facts quite correct.

Firstly, it is the word 'Plain' and not 'Bob' that indicates that the treble has a plain hunting path. We are told in the Central Council Handbook and in 'The Ringing World,' dated July 1st, 1955, that 'Bob' methods 'have the Plain Bob place either before, or behind, or both, the place being made by the working bell coming in front of the treble.'

Secondly, his assumption that 'Double Norwich Court Bob Major' and 'Double Court Minor' are different stages of the same method is not correct. In the Central Council's 'Collection of Plain Major and Cater Methods' we are told that the following method is 'Double Court Major,' but is not suitable for ringing!

12345678
21436587
24163857
42613587
46231857
42638175
46283715
64827351

We are also told that 'Double Norwich Court Bob Major' is produced by adding 'Shipway's Court' and 'Lavenham Court' (the reverse of 'Shipway's Court'), and not, therefore, by extending 'Double Court Minor' to Major.—Yours faithfully,

S. CEDRIC MURPHY.

Eastleigh, Hants.

THE PLOT THICKENS

Dear Sir,—I think your readers would have been told who rang Liverpool Cathedral tenor to the course of Cambridge long ago if anyone could have remembered who the rest of the band were, which would be only fair. Out of many ringers present, eight came forward, and nothing much was thought of it at the time. The stay breaking had nothing to do with it, having occurred previously in what was to have been a course of Caters.

The course of Cambridge Major was rung, and the tenor man got his backstrokes in the right place. If anyone will name the ringers of the front three bells, I can name the back five.—Yours, etc.,

P. LAFLIN.

Stockport.

PALM SUNDAY

Dear Sir,—Regarding the letter by Mr. Roberts, I am sorry to read his suggestion that ringing on Palm Sunday should be muffled. Firstly, of course, Palm Sunday is not in Lent as there are 40 days in Lent, apart from the Sundays in that season, which are set apart for rejoicing and praising God.

Palm Sunday is no exception, indeed it was the day that our Lord was welcomed in Jerusalem with palms and great rejoicing.

If we were to muffle the bells would we not be like the Pharisees who, rebuking the multitude, were themselves rebuked by our Lord, saying: 'If these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out'?—Yours faithfully,

DEREK G. ASTRIDGE.

Ashtead, Surrey.

ALL GAUL

Dear Sir,—Having somewhat fading memories of 'De Bello Gallico,' I trust the composition of the quarter peal in commemoration of the death of Julius Cæsar, recently rung at Cambridge, was 'divided into three parts.'—Yours faithfully,

E. A. B.

Crayford, Kent.

NOT ACCORDING TO SNOWDON

Dear Sir,—I do not know what authority Mr. William Hall has for his statement that the word 'Bob' in 'Plain Bob' indicates that the treble has a plain hunting path, but this does not seem logical to me, and certainly does not agree with Snowdon's 'Standard Methods,' in which all the methods where the treble has such a path are given under the headings of Plain Methods (on six, seven or eight bells), while those in which the treble dodges continuously are shown under the heading of *Treble Bob* Methods.

The dropping of the word 'Plain' leads to difficulty when one wishes to refer to the method generally, regardless of the number of bells.—Yours faithfully,

G. A. PECK.

Rugby.

SOMERSET FOUR-BELL TOWERS

Dear Sir,—Apparently still the best way to find out the true facts is to write to 'The Ringing World' and wait to be corrected! Since writing, I have been corrected on the true state of the bells at Brompton Ralph and East Quantoxhead. Happily, it seems, both of these rings are able to be rung.

With regard to the latter, I had a letter only 24 hours after the 'R.W.' was delivered! The bells have been rung all the winter and the tower now has four learners.—Yours sincerely,

R. SHORT.

Bridgwater.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

MINUTES OF THE LEICESTER MEETING, 1956

MINUTES of the third session of the twenty-second Council (59th Annual Meeting), held in the Council Chamber, Leicester, on Whitsun Tuesday, May 22nd, 1956.

A welcome was extended to the Council by the Lord Bishop of Leicester and by the President of the Leicester Diocesan Guild. The thanks of the Council were expressed by the President, who recalled his attendance at the previous meeting in Leicester in 1911.

PRESENT:—

Life Members.—Mr. E. H. Lewis, Mr. E. A. Barnett, Mr. F. Sharpe, Mr. G. W. Fletcher, Mrs. G. W. Fletcher.

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Hertford County Association.—Mr. W. Ayre, Mr. R. G. Bell, Mr. E. Edmondson, Mr. C. W. Woolley.

Irish Association.—Mr. F. E. Dukes, Mr. J. T. Dunwoody, Miss J. Stewart.

Kent County Association.—Mr. T. Cullingworth, Mr. T. E. Sone.

Ladies' Guild.—Miss D. E. Colgate, Mrs. A. Richardson, Mrs. P. J. Staniforth.

Lancashire Association.—Mr. F. Dunkerley, Mr. J. Ridyard, Rev. R. D. St. J. Smith, Mr. A. Tomlinson.

Leicester Diocesan Guild.—Mr. S. Burton, Mr. P. A. Corby, Mr. A. E. Rowley, Mr. P. J. Staniforth.

Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—Mr. G. E. Feirn, Mr. J. Freeman, Mr. J. A. Freeman.

Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association.—Miss J. S. Evans, Mr. T. M. Roderick.

London County Association.—Mr. H. W. Rogers, Mrs. H. W. Rogers, Mr. W. G. Wilson.

Middlesex County Association.—Mr. T. J. Lock, Mr. R. F. B. Speed, Mr. E. C. S. Turner.

Midland Counties Guild.—Mr. J. W. Cotton.

North Staffordshire Association.—Mr. R. S. Anderson.

Norwich Diocesan Association.—Mr. H. W. Barrett, Mr. F. N. Golden, Mr. N. V. Harding.

Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Mr. A. D. Barker, Mrs. A. D. Barker, Mr. A. E. Lock.

Oxford Society.—Mr. F. A. H. Wilkins.

Oxford University Society.—Mr. R. B. Meadows, Mrs. P. C. Wright.

Peterborough Diocesan Guild.—Mr. P. I. Chapman, Mr. G. W. Jeffs, Mr. E. Nobles, Mr. W. Rose.

St. David's Diocesan Guild.—Mr. J. A. Hoare.

St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—Mr. G. E. Fearn, Mr. F. E. Haynes.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—Mr. G. H. Harding, Mr. W. C. West.

Scottish Association.—Mr. R. St. C. Wilson.

Sheffield and District Society.—Mr. N. Chaddock.

Shropshire Association.—Mr. G. L. Hewitt.

Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.—Mr. P. N. Bond, Mr. F. E. Hawthorne.

Southwell Diocesan Guild.—Mr. B. M. Buswell, Mr. J. W. Raithby, Mr. J. Segar.

Stafford Archdeaconry.—Mr. B. G. Key, Mr. C. Wallater.

Surrey Association.—Mr. F. E. Collins, Mr. W. F. Oatway, Mr. H. N. Pitstow.

Sussex County Association.—Mr. R. G. Blackman, Mr. F. H. Dallaway, Mr. H. Stalham, Mr. L. Stilwell.

Swansea and Brecon Guild.—Mr. G. I. Lewis.

Truro Diocesan Guild.—Mr. D. Burnett, Mr. A. Carveth, Miss M. Lidgey, Mr. H. Miles.

Universities Association.—Miss M. R. Cross.

University of London Society.—Mr. D. N. Layton.

Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.—Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, Mr. C. H. Kippin, Mr. G. Pullinger, Mr. F. W. Rogers.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—Mr. B. C. Ashford, Mr. W. B. Cartwright.

Yorkshire Association.—Mr. W. E. Critchley, Mr. P. J. Johnson, Mr. L. W. G. Morris, Mr. S. F. Palmer.

SUMMARY:—

	Assoc.	Members Present	Members Absent
Wholly Represented ..	33	76	—
Partially Represented ..	17	40	25
Not Represented ..	5	—	8
	55	116	33
Life Members ..		5	2
Hon. Members ..		14	4
		135	39

REPORT AS TO MEMBERSHIP

The Hon. Secretary reported that 54 Associations were affiliated entitled to 150 members. The Rules provided for 24 Honorary Members and there were 7 Life Members, making a total membership of 181. There were vacancies for two Representative and five Honorary Members. All affiliation fees had been paid except those of the East Derby and Notts Association. (It was later found that these had been lost in transit.)

APPLICATIONS TO AFFILIATE

Applications had been received from the University of London Society and the New South Wales Association. The affiliation of the former as a non-territorial society was agreed on the proposition of Mr. W. Ayre, seconded by Mr. N. Chaddock, and of the latter on the proposition of Mr. R. S. Anderson, seconded by Mr. L. W. G. Morris.

It was noted that the New South Wales Association was the first overseas Society to affiliate with the Council.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Messrs. F. D. Boreham, J. Bray, T. R. Butler, W. Cathrall, P. A. F. Chalk, G. H. Cross, Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, Messrs. T. H. Francis, R. O. Fry, F. W. Goodfellow, Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Rev. J. Kingdon, Messrs. G. J. Lewis, J. E. Lilley, T. G. Myers, H. S. Peacock, C. W. Roberts, Rev. J. G. M. Scott, Mr. C. J. Sedgley, Mrs. P. J. Steeples, Messrs. G. E. Symonds, T. H. Taffender, B. D. Threlfall, Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, Messrs. J. J. Webb, J. Willis, J. R. Worrall and E. A. Young.

TELEGRAM TO MR. E. ALEXANDER YOUNG

The President said that a telegram of congratulation and good wishes was being sent to Mr. E. Alexander Young, a former Secretary of the Council, whose 91st birthday occurred that day.

PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS TO THE PRESIDENT

The following were presented: Messrs. B. M. Buswell (Southwell Diocesan), A. Carveth (Truro Diocesan), D. N. Layton (University of London), A. J. Pitman (Honorary), B. F. Sims (Bedfordshire) and P. J. Staniforth (Leicester Diocesan).

ELECTION OF HONORARY MEMBERS

The following retiring members were re-elected on the proposition of Mr. L. W. G. Morris, seconded by Mr. J. T. Dunwoody: Mrs. O. D. Barnett, Messrs. F. I. Hairs, C. K. Lewis, W. A. Osborn and A. J. Pitman.

LOSS OF MEMBERS THROUGH DEATH

The President reported the death of the following members and past members of the Council, the assembly standing in silence: Messrs. J. Ashmole (Chester), W. H. L. Buckingham (St. James' Society and Middlesex Association), Rev. W. W. Covey-Crump (Ely), Messrs. C. Glenn (Yorkshire and Southwell Diocesan), A. W. Groves (Sussex), S. J. Hughes (Dudley and District), J. W. Jones (Llandaff and Monmouth), W. E. Longman (Chester), J. Maddock (Bath and Wells), J. C. Mitchell (Honorary), H. J. Poole (Midland County and Leicester) and Mrs. A. S. Roberts (Truro).

Tributes were paid to the memory of Messrs. Buckingham, Mitchell, Jones and Poole.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes as published in 'The Ringing World' of March 16th, 1956, were adopted on the proposition of Mr. C. K. Lewis, seconded by Mr. E. C. S. Turner.

REPORTS

These have been published as shown:—

HON. SECRETARY AND TREASURER

('Ringing World,' June 1st, 1956, page 346)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. F. I. Hairs.

HON. LIBRARIAN

('Ringing World,' June 8th, 1956, page 361)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. F. Sharpe, seconded by Mr. L. W. G. Morris, with thanks to the President for his gift of foreign books on bells.

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

('Ringing World,' June 1st, 1956, page 346)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. A. A. Hughes. Arising from this, the President announced that the Council had been bequeathed £805 15s. 5d. by the late Clement Glenn, and that a sub-committee consisting of the officers of the Council had been appointed to consider the use of the money. It had also been decided to send ten guineas to the appeal for the restoration of Bow Bells.

TRUSTEES OF THE CARTER RINGING MACHINE

('Ringing World,' June 1st, 1956, page 348)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. A. A. Hughes, seconded by Mr. A. Walker. A recent

diagram made by the machine was passed round for inspection.

STANDING COMMITTEE

The formal report of the Standing Committee was adopted on the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. F. W. Perrens.

(*a*) Handbook Sub-Committee.

('Ringing World,' June 8th, 1956, page 361)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. C. K. Lewis.

'RINGING WORLD' ACCOUNTS

('Ringing World,' June 1st, 1956, page 347)

Adopted subject to audit on the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. F. I. Hairs. The following comparative weekly circulation figures were given: April 22nd, 1955—Rolls House, 3,406; Postal, 2,144; others, 22; total, 5,572. April 27th, 1956—Rolls House, 3,276; Postal, 2,078; others, 17; total, 5,371.

'RINGING WORLD' COMMITTEE

('Ringing World,' June 1st, 1956, pages 347-8)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. J. F. Smallwood, seconded by Mr. R. S. Anderson.

NOMINATION COMMITTEE

('Ringing World,' June 8th, 1956, page 361)

On the proposition of the Rev. R. D. St. J. Smith, seconded by Mr. E. C. Shepherd, the Council endorsed the Committee's view that a badge of office for the President was unnecessary. Mr. R. S. Anderson moved and Mr. A. A. Hughes seconded that the Council approve the recommendation that a Vice-President be appointed and that the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow be nominated for that office. This was agreed.

The report was adopted on the proposition of Mr. F. W. Perrens, seconded by Mr. R. S. Anderson.

The Hon. Secretary gave notice of motion to amend the appropriate Rules of the Council accordingly.

BROADCASTING AND TELEVISION COMMITTEE

('Ringing World,' June 8th, 1956, pages 361-2)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. H. J. Sanger, seconded by Mr. J. T. Dunwoody.

LITERATURE AND PRESS COMMITTEE

('Ringing World,' June 8th, 1956, page 363)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. E. C. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. F. E. Dukes.

BIOGRAPHIES COMMITTEE

('Ringing World,' June 8th, 1956, page 362)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. A. C. Hazelden, seconded by Mr. W. H. Viggers. It was noted that two past members shown as over 90 years of age had died and that a third, Mr. F. G. May, had not yet reached this age.

RECORDS COMMITTEE

('Ringing World,' June 15th, 1956, page 377)

Adopted on the proposition of Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, seconded by Mrs. C. C. Marshall.

PEALS COLLECTION COMMITTEE

('Ringing World,' June 8th, 1956, page 362)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. C. W. Woolley, seconded by Mr. W. E. Critchley. It was agreed that the Collection of compositions of Stedman Caters and Cinques, when complete, would be printed.

PEALS ANALYSIS COMMITTEE

('Ringing World,' June 8th, 1956, page 362)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. W. Ayre, seconded by the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead.

METHODS COMMITTEE

('Ringing World,' June 15th, 1956, page 377)

Adopted on the proposition of the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, seconded by Mr. F. W. Rogers. The Committee took note of the motion on the Agenda, which was not voted upon, stressing the desirability of reprinting as soon as possible the Collection of Minor Methods and the Collection of Triples Methods.

PEAL BOARDS COMMITTEE

('Ringing World,' June 15th, 1956, page 377)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. J. W. Clarke, seconded by Mr. W. Ayre.

TOWERS AND BELFRIES COMMITTEE

('Ringing World,' June 15th, 1956, pages 377-8)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. F. Sharpe, seconded by Mr. J. W. Clarke.

ALTERATION OF RULE 11

Mr. E. A. Barnett proposed and Mr. C. K. Lewis seconded that Rule 11 (Committees) be amended by the addition of the following clauses:—

'(ii) The Standing Committee shall consist of

(*a*) Past and Present holders of the office of President, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, and Honorary Librarian of the Council.

(*b*) Honorary Auditors and Conveners of Committees ex-officio.

(*c*) Twelve elected members (chosen by ballot if more than 12 are proposed). The 12 retiring members to be the first names to be proposed.

The Committee shall have power to co-opt not more than two other members of the Council.

(iii) At the Annual Meeting next after each Triennial Election members of any Committee who have not been re-elected to the Council shall (when such Committee has a report to present) have the right to attend and speak on any matter arising exclusively out of that report.'

An amendment proposed by Mr. P. A. Corby and seconded by Mrs. P. J. Staniforth to delete from clause (ii) (*c*) the words 'The twelve retiring members to be first to be proposed' was carried.

The amended rule, as further amended, was carried.

MOTIONS

(*a*) Proposed by Miss M. R. Cross, seconded by Mr. R. F. B. Speed, and carried:—

'That the Central Council publication "Hints to Instructors and Beginners" be revised in the light of recent advances and experiments in teaching technique, and that such revision should contain not only sections intended primarily for instructors on the teaching of handling a bell, instruction in ringing rounds and method ringing in its early stages, but also a section on these matters which can easily be understood by beginners.'

It was agreed that a Committee be appointed consisting of Miss M. R. Cross (convener) and Messrs. J. T. Dyke, R. F. B. Speed and W. G. Wilson to draw up a book on the lines suggested.

(*b*) Proposed by Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. C. K. Lewis:—

1. 'That no peal of Doubles or Minor shall be recognised in which, for any reason, the bells strike in rounds other than

(i) at the beginning and end of the peal;

(ii) at the beginning of each extent;

(iii) when round blocks of two or more extents are used, at the appropriate places in the round blocks.

2. That no peal on higher numbers of bells shall be recognised in which, for any reason, the bells strike in rounds other than at the beginning and end of the peal.'

After discussion, the Council passed on to the next item on the proposition of the Rev. R. D. St. J. Smith, seconded by Mr. P. J. Johnson.

(*c*) Proposed by Mr. J. Segar and seconded by Mr. P. A. Corby:—

'That this Council disapproves of the twin bob mark "X" being used to indicate one bob only in compositions printed in "The Ringing World".'

The motion was lost.

(*d*) By permission of the Council, the following motion, not on the Agenda paper, was proposed by Mr. H. W. Rogers:—

'Following the report of "The Ringing World" Committee to the effect that under present circumstances and circulation a deficit is likely to be encountered in 1957, the Council urges

1. That all ringers, and particularly Association officers and peal ringers, endeavour to increase circulation by encouraging many more ringers to purchase regularly copies of "The Ringing World."

2. That all peal ringers should be asked to send voluntary subscriptions with peal reports.'

Mr. R. G. Blackman seconded the motion, which was carried.

PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

Invitations had been received from the Oxford Diocesan Guild and the Essex Association. On the proposition of Mr. F. E. Dukes, seconded by Mr. E. C. Shepherd, it was decided to visit Essex, the actual meeting place being left to the Association.

VOTES OF THANKS

A vote of thanks to the President was proposed by Mr. R. S. Anderson, who mentioned that the meeting was the last at which Mr. Lewis would preside, and carried with acclamation. The President expressed his thanks.

On the motion of the President, the thanks of the Council were expressed to the Lord Mayor and Corporation of Leicester for the use of the Council Chamber; to the Lord Bishop of Leicester and the President of the Leicester Diocesan Guild (Mr. P. L. Taylor) for their welcome; to the Provost for officiating at Holy Communion that morning; to the Leicester Entertainment Committee for local arrangements, Mr. Shirley Burton for arranging peal attempts, and all local incumbents and steeplekeepers for the use of their bells.

CIVIC RECEPTION

A civic reception was afterwards given by the Lord Mayor, at which the President expressed the Council's thanks. Later, a social and dance was given by the Leicester Diocesan Guild at the Bell Hotel.

AT THE FOUNDRY

A new treble is to be added to the existing ring of five at Stanwick, Northants. The work has been entrusted to the Loughborough Bell Foundry and is expected to be completed by Easter. Two 18th century bells from the disused church at Faxton have gone into the making of the new bell.

The ring of eight bells of Holy Trinity, Street, are under repair by Mears and Stainbank, of London. The headstocks and fittings have been sent to the foundry. The bells will be overhauled and rehung on ball-bearings and a rope guide will also be fitted to overcome the long draught.

LATE NOTICES

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Meeting at Prestbury (8) on Saturday, April 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, 5.15 p.m., will be provided for all who notify me by Thursday, 25th.—B. Corbishley, Hon. Sec., 9, Meadow Way, Macclesfield.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Joint meeting at Richmond, Saturday, April 27th. Please see Yorkshire Association advertisement.—E. P. Rock. 90

DURHAM COLLEGES' SOCIETY.—Ringing Day, Saturday, May 4th, 2.30 p.m. Afternoon: St. Aidan's, Blackhill (8), and R.C., Blackhill (8) (if available). Evening: Consett (8). All visitors welcome. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to J. R. Worsdall, Hatfield College, Durham. 93

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—Meeting, Winterton, Saturday, May 4th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by May 1st to G. E. Brumpton, West Street, Winterton, Scunthorpe. 91

NOTICES

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FORTHCOMING MARRIAGES

The marriage between Jeanette M. Simpson and David S. Harris will take place at St. Mary's Church, Anstey, Leicester, on Easter Monday, April 22nd, at 11 a.m. All friends are welcome. 57

The marriage of James W. Haw, of Peterborough, and Ruth Morgan, of Swanage, will take place at St. Mary's Church, Swanage, Dorset, on Saturday, April 27th, at 2.30 p.m. All ringing friends will be very welcome. 94

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MISCELLANEOUS

FRAMED PEAL NOTICES, written by hand, including glass and wood frame, approx. 13"×10", 25s. plus postage. Sample will be forwarded on receipt of a S.A.E.—Box No. 76, 'The Ringing World' Office, Guildford. 76

PEAL CARDS & QUARTER PEAL CARDS can now be ordered at 5s. a set of 12, post free (minimum charge). Order and remittances must be sent with peal report. For quarter peals write separate copy in same style as peals.

INDEX FOR 1956.—Copies of this index for those who desire to bind their copies of 'The Ringing World' will be forwarded on the receipt of a stamped addressed envelope.

MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at Wrington Easter Monday, April 22nd. Service 12 noon, followed by lunch and business meeting. Names for lunch tickets (enclosing S.A.E.) to Mr. H. W. Knight, Woolmer's, Cleeve, Bristol. Tea available also. Ringing at Wrington 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon, and 6 p.m.; Nailsea, 10.30 to 11.30 a.m., and 6 to 7.30 p.m.; Long Ashton, Chew Magna, Congresbury, Backwell and Wraxall, 6 to 7.30 p.m.; Yatton 6 to 8 p.m. —R. O. Fry, Gen. Sec. 9847

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Cambridge, Easter Monday. Ringing at Horningsea (5) 10 to 11 a.m., Fen Ditton (5) 11 a.m. to 12 noon, St. Andrew's (8, just restored) 11 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 to 2 p.m., Cherryhinton (5) 12 noon to 1 p.m., Roman Catholic (8) 12 noon to 1 p.m. and 6.30 to 7.30 p.m., St. Bene't's (6) 2 to 4 p.m., Great St. Mary's (12) 2 to 4 and 7.30 to 8.30 p.m., Chesterton (6) 7 to 8.30 p.m. Service, Great St. Mary's, 4. Tea, followed by business meeting, Houghton Hall, 5 p.m.—W. J. R. 45

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Seale (6) on Easter Monday from 6 to 9 p.m.—C. J. Beadle, Hon. Dis. Sec. 40

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Sevenoaks, Easter Monday, April 22nd. Service 12 noon. Lunch at Bligh's Hotel 1 p.m. Tickets: members 4s. 6d., others 6s. 6d., from Mr. B. W. May, Keithston, Keycol Hill, Bobbing, Sittingbourne, together with information leaflet. Morning ringing at Sevenoaks, Tonbridge, Seal Chart and Brasted. Same towers *after* meeting, John Hatcher. 01
together with Leigh and Westerham.—E. S.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at Worcester, Easter Monday, April 22nd. Service in All Saints' at 11 a.m. General business meeting in College Hall at 12.15 p.m. prompt. Coffee obtainable in College Hall at 1.15 p.m. and tea arranged at 5 p.m. Please notify by this date. Bells available: Cathedral (12) 6 to 7.30 p.m., All Saints' (10) from 10 a.m., St. John's (8), Hallow (8) and Powick (6), all 2.15 to 4.30 p.m.—J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Cheltenham Road, Sedgeberrow, Evesham. 15

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Nunney, Saturday, April 27th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 75

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Meeting, Chew Magna, Saturday, April 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 4.30. Service 6 p.m.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 86

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Quarterly meeting, East Brent, Saturday, April 27th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, Brent Knoll Inn, 5.15 p.m. Meeting to follow.—E. C. Wickham, Hon. Branch Sec., Waverley, Cheddar. 87

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—Spring meeting, Tarvin, Saturday, April 27th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea (2s. 6d. per head) reserved for those notifying by first post, April 24th.—Crewe, 24, Elmwood Avenue, Hoole, Chester. 64

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Birkenhead, St. Mary's, Saturday, April 27th Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., provided *free* for those notifying by Wednesday previous.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 66

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Audlem, Saturday, April 27th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea must be received by April 24th.—W. Kerr, 102, Moreton Road, Crewe. 79

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting will be held at Southam on Saturday, April 27th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting following immediately after tea. Bells available after meeting until 8.30 p.m. Please notify by April 23rd Mr. A. J. Hobley, Coventry Street, Southam (phone Southam 316) if you require tea.—J. L. Garner-Hayward, Hon. Sec. 41

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Annual general meeting, Derby, Saturday, April 27th. Further details to follow.—A. B. Cooper. 51

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Annual meeting, Derby, Saturday, April 27th. Committee 3.30 p.m. Tea 5. General meeting 6, St. Peter's Church Hall. Service 4.30 p.m. Ringing arrangements: Cathedral and St. Peter's, 3 to 4.15 p.m.; 7 to 8.30 p.m.—A. B. Cooper. 80

DEVON GUILD. — Mid-Devon Branch.—Moretonhampstead, Saturday, April 27th. Names for tea required.—A. L. Bennett, Cornerways, Buckfastleigh. 72

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District. — Meeting at Stansted Mountfitchet (8) on Saturday, April 27th, at 3 p.m. Service conducted by Canon Lake at 4.30 p.m., to be followed by tea in the Central Hall. Names, please, to G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 30

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Annual general business meeting, Newent, Saturday, April 27th, at the Stardens Country Club, 2 p.m. sharp Tea to follow, at 3s. per head. Notifications for tea not later than Monday, April 22nd, to Mr. R. S. Chew, Callow Farm, Dymock, Glos. No notification, no tea. Bells available: Newent, 11 a.m. to 12.45, p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m.; also the following upon application to the above—Blaisdon, Corse, Dymock, Hartpury, Huntley, Bromsberrow, Redmarley, Staunton. Divine service at Newent Parish Church 6 p.m.—W. F. Scudamore, Gen. Sec., Woolaston. 03

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Guildford, Saturday, April 27th. Bells of Cathedral Church and St. Mary's in afternoon. St. Nicolas and Stoke after meeting. Service, St. Nicolas, 4 p.m., followed by tea and meeting in Congregational Hall, North Street. Numbers for tea by April 24th to Miss W. Oliver, 36, North Place, Guildford, please.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec. 25

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Hitchin, Saturday, April 27th. Ringing: Knebworth (8), St. Ippolyts (6) and Stevenage (8), 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.; Baldock (8) and Graveley (6) 2 to 4 p.m.; Norton (8) 1.30 to 2.15 & 3 to 4 p.m.; Hitchin (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Preacher: Rev. G. O. Walsh (Vicar). Tea at St. Saviour's Hall, 5.15 p.m. Special business: committee recommendation for subscription to be raised to 3s. 6d. Names for tea by Wednesday, April 24th, to M. Chalkley, 19, Millard Way, Hitchin. —H. V. Frost, Hon. Gen. Sec. 48

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Quarterly meeting, West Wickham, Saturday, April 27th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea not later than Tuesday, 23rd, to A. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual meeting, Leeds Parish Church, Saturday, April 27th Bells available 3 p.m. Business meeting 7.30 p.m. in belfry. Own arrangements for tea.—J. F. Hodson, Hon. Sec. 89

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting, Lincoln, Saturday, April 27th. Evensong 3.45 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m.. Cathedral Cloisters, only to those who notify by Wednesday previous Mr. J. A. Freeman, 95, Sincil Bank; this is most important. Business meeting will follow in Consistory Court. Usual ringing arrangements. 24

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. —Meeting at Heston, Saturday, April 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business; further ringing. Names for tea by Wednesday, April 24th, to Mr. G. W. Golding, 88, Gordon Road, Ealing, W.13.—F. A. Finch. 78

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting on Saturday, April 27th. Speen bells available 2.30 p.m., followed by Service at 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., Shaw Parish Hall, followed by business meeting. Ringing at Shaw after tea. Names for tea to Miss P. A. Gaunt, 38, Bath Road, Thatcham, Berks. 95

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting in Leicester, Saturday, April 27th. Ringing arrangements: St. Mary's (8), 3 to 4; All Saints' (8), 2 to 3.30; St. John's (10), 2 to 4; St. Margaret's (12), 2 to 3.15; Cathedral, 3.15 to 4.15 p.m. Service at Cathedral 4.15. Tea in St. John's Schoolroom, Albion Street, 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Names for tea must be received by Wednesday, April 24th, as accommodation is strictly limited. We can provide only for those who notify. Good attendance requested as there are numerous revisions to the rules and increase in annual subscription to be discussed.—B. G. Warwick, Hon. Gen. Sec., 12, Dorothy Avenue, Glen Hills, Leicester (tel. Wigston 3244). 63

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting. Saturday, April 27th. St. Botolph, Bishopsgate (8), 3.30 to 5 p.m. Tea, own arrangements. Meeting in belfry 6 p.m., and further ringing. Practice meeting, Wednesday, May 1st, St. Maryatte-Bow (8), 6.30 to 8 p.m. A good attendance requested. Everyone welcome.—L. Bullock, Dis. Sec. 67

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Interim meeting at North Elmham on Saturday, April 27th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to G. Love, Holt Road, Elmham, Norfolk.—C. F. Tovell, Hon. Sec. 18

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Wargrave on Saturday, April 27th, at 6 p.m.—B. C. Castle. 69

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Somerton (6), Saturday, April 27th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. All welcome. Please notify H. L. Roper, Adderbury, Banbury, Oxon. 37

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting, Bray, Saturday, April 27th. Ringing 3 p.m. Russell memorial dedication 4.20. Guild service 4.30. Tea 5. Meeting 6 p.m. Names for tea by 23rd to W. Butler, 17, Forest Road, Windsor. 42

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—Annual meeting, Faringdon, Saturday, April 27th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, April 24th, to R F. J. Gilling, Branch Sec., Fernham, Faringdon, Berks. 47

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Culworth Branch.—Meeting at Sulgrave on Saturday, April 27th. Service 4 p.m. Notify by Tuesday previous those requiring tea.—A. E. R. Walker, Eydon, Rugby. 71

SALISBURY GUILD.—Calne Branch.—Meeting, Calne (8), Saturday, April 27th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea.—Mr. E. Buckeridge, Grip House, West Hill, Calne. 61

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Meeting at Symondsbury, Saturday, April 27th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names by 22nd, please. —Mrs. Pannell, 35, Clay Lane, Beaminster. 53

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Meeting, Bottesford (8), Saturday, April 27th, at 3 p.m. Tea reservations by previous Wednesday. Write Mr. L. Box, 6, Belvoir Road, Bottesford, Notts.—K. Wagstaff, Sec. 85

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Ipswich, Saturday, April 27th. St. Margaret's 9.45 to 11 a.m., St. Mary-le-Tower 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. Business meeting, St. Stephen's Hall, 2.30 p.m. Service, St. Mary-le-Tower, 4 p.m. Tea, Co-op Restaurant, 5 p.m. St. Clement's, St. Margaret's, St. Mary-le-Tower, St. Matthew's—all available after tea. Names for tea by Saturday, April 20th, to me. —John Blythe, 29, Holton Road, Halesworth. 9992

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Meeting at Brandon, Saturday, April 27th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting, St. Peter's tower, 6 p.m.—E. M. Peachey, Dis. Sec. 54

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, Saturday, April 27th, at 'The Cathedral of the Downs' (Alfriston, 6). Look up Double Court. Names for tea to H. Reynolds, Sec., 10, Eastern Avenue, Polegate. 55

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Southampton District.—Practice meeting on Saturday, April 27th, at North Stoneham. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea by April 23rd to M. J. Butler, 8, St. Peter's Road, Southampton. 70

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting, Swanmore, Saturday, April 27th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. —Alan Sturgess, Hon. Dis. Sec. 82

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Quarterly meeting, Beverley, Saturday, April 27th. Bells: Minster (10), 2 to 4 p.m.; St. Mary's (10), after meeting till 8 o'clock. Service in St. Mary's 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in St. Mary's Church Hall. Names by April 25th to Mr. A. T. Taylor, 28, Albert Terrace, Beverley. —H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec. 35

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Joint meeting with Southern District Durham and Newcastle Association, Richmond, Saturday, April 27th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, Parish Room, 5 p.m. Names by 25th to Miss D. M. Killingley, High Pottergate, Richmond.—Edward Hudson, Hon. Sec. 36

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting at Yeovil, Saturday, May 4th. Train, Waterloo, 9 a.m. Ringing at Yeovil, 12 noon to 1.30 p.m. Lunch at 1.30. Meeting in School Rooms 2.30. Ringing at Queen Camel 3.30 to 4.30 and at Sherborne Abbey 4.30 to 5.30. Return train from Yeovil 7 p.m. Names for lunch by April 20th, please, to Mr. T. J. Setter, 109, Middle Street, Yeovil.—A. B. Peck. 46

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Eastern Division.—Meeting at Galleywood (8), Saturday, May 4th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Numbers for tea, please, to A. H. Everett, Cornerway, Plantation Road, Boreham. 59

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—South West Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Lifton, Saturday, May 4th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by April 29th to T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth. All ringers welcome. 38

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Tonbridge District) and HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Joint meeting, Saturday, May 4th, at Cranbrook. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (3s.) 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by May 1st with cash, please, to Miss D. Colgate, 38, Buckhurst Avenue, Sevenoaks. 62

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Dover, Saturday, May 4th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 3.45 p.m Tea 2s. per head. Names, with cash, please, not later than Wednesday, May 3rd, to Mrs. C. George, 11, Farthingloe Road, Maxton, Dover. Note: Service half-an-hour earlier.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 49

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Meeting, Silk Willoughby (6), Saturday, May 4th, 2 p.m. Service 4. Tea and meeting 4.45 p.m. Names for tea by Saturday, April 27th, to J. H. Musson, 3, Cornish Units, Gorse Lane, Silk Willoughby, near Sleaford, Lincs.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 77

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, May 4th, Norwich. Bells at St. Peter Mancroft, St. Giles and St. George, Colegate, available 1.30 to 4 p.m., and after business meeting up to 9 p.m. Service, St. Peter Mancroft, 4.15. Address by the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow. Tea 5, Chantry Hall. Business meeting 5.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, May 1st, to W. Love, 52, Spencer Street, Norwich. Bells of St. John de Sepulchre, Ber Street Gates (8), and St. Miles, Coslany (8), will be made available to complete companies on application to the Ringing Master, Mr. H. W. Barrett, Fernhill, Bungay Road, Loddon, Norfolk, or at St. Peter Mancroft on the day of meeting. 28

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bedfordshire Association and Peterborough Diocesan Guild.—Joint meeting at Olney, Bucks, Saturday, May 4th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in Church Hall. Orders for tea by April 29th, please, to Mr. M. Cook, 45, Newton Street, Olney, Bucks.—Phyllis Gray, G. F. Roome, R. H. Howson, Secs. 68

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Hindon, on Saturday, May 4th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, 30th, please, to Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 73

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Annual meeting, Southwell, Saturday, May 4th. Minster bells 2 p.m. Evensong 3.15. Tea 5 p.m. in Trebeck Hall for those who notify by Wednesday previous Mr. Fred Pickard, 47, Westgate, Southwell. Business meeting following tea. Farnsfield bells available 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m.—J. W. Raithby. 84

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly District meeting will be held at Christ Church, Epsom, on Saturday, May 4th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea by May 1st to Mr. F. J. Oakshott, Downsview, Lewins Road, Epsom. The special business at the meeting includes the committee's report on a striking competition.—W. Parrott, Hon. Sec. 60

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A.G.M., Saturday, May 4th, The Good Shepherd, Brighton. Ringing: The Good Shepherd, 3 to 4.15; St. Peter's and St. Nicholas', 2.30 to 3.45 and 7.30 to 8.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Individual names for tea not later than Wednesday, May 1st, and nominations for Master—both to R. W. R. Percy, 24, Oldfield Road, Willingdon, Eastbourne. 83

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A combined practice will be held at Ewell on Tuesday, May 7th, at 7.30 p.m. All welcome.—W. Parrott, Hon. Sec. 60

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual festival at Hartford (near Northwich) on Saturday, May 11th. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting in Church Hall 5 p.m. Tickets for tea (4s.) obtainable from Branch secretaries (3s. if purchased *before* May 4th). Towers available: Hartford, from 2 p.m. and after the meeting; Witton, 1.30 to 3.15, and afterwards till 8.30; Davenham, 2 to 3.30 p.m. Bands desiring to ring at Witton are requested to notify by May 10th Mr. H. Parker, 64, Church Road, Northwich.—J. Kingdon, Hon. Sec. 81

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at Huddersfield on Saturday, May 11th. Bells available: Parish Church (10), 2 to 4.30 p.m. and after meeting till 9 p.m.; Almondbury (8), 2 to 4 p.m. Bus No. 30-33 from near Parish Church. Service in Parish Church 4.30 p.m., followed by tea in Parochial Hall, Springwood Street, 5 p.m. Names by May 7th to Mrs. W. Littlewood, 26, Kingston Avenue, Dalton, Huddersfield. General meeting immediately afterwards. Subscriptions are due and reports will be available. Very important business includes a motion affecting the annual subscription rate and ancillary matters which will come up for discussion and settlement. A large and representative gathering is specially requested.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford, 9. 65

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A FEW ROUNDS FOR BEGINNERS

'WELL, anyway, Beryl, you know what men are like when they've made their minds up, though there was a smashing film about Death and Romance in Mexico on at the Ritz. So when Frederick wanted me to go to this meeting I wasn't too keen, but I thought "Anything for a quiet life," only I was a bit scared, you know, because it's not as if I've done anything much, only ring rounds a bit and bump the tenor for them sometimes, and I have hunted the treble to Grandsire (that's some of our technical terms, dear; you wouldn't understand if I explained).

'So Saturday lunchtime Frederick came for me in the car—and where he gets the petrol from I'm sure I don't know; he's very cagey about it—and Mum was a bit stiff with him at the door; and he said as we were driving down the road: "I wish your mother wouldn't stand at the door and shout to you to be sure and get back early—all the neighbours will think she doesn't trust me to look after you." So I said: "Please don't pass remarks about my mother," and he sulked for a bit: but I will say for Frederick, he doesn't bear malice long, and he was quite all right again when we got to where the meeting was.

'It was quite different from our belfry; it had nice broad stone steps, and the ringing chamber was much bigger, and the bells sounded different, too, but I expect that was because there were eight, not six like ours. There were more people there, too, and a man telling everyone what to do: I suppose he was the foreman there, rather nice-looking, but older and fatter than Frederick. Well, I got stuck in a corner, and I couldn't see Frederick anywhere, and then the man said: "Let's have some rounds first," and I thought, "Well, I can do that, anyway"; and when I looked there was only one bell left, and it had a box behind it, so I got on the box and caught hold of the rope, and the man said: "That's the tenor, my dear. Are you sure you can manage her—she sets rather deep?"; and I said: "Oh, yes, I've often rung the tenor at home." There was a little boy on the treble, and he shouted: "Treble's going, she's gone!", and I pulled, and Beryl, dear, I could have died—I couldn't move the silly thing! I tugged away at it, and the other bells went round without me several times; and then I saw Frederick sitting down with his head in his hands, and I was going to call him to come and help but the man in charge took my rope from me and told me to go and sit down. So I went and sat by Frederick, and all he would say was "There's a bit of difference between 4 cwt. and 24 cwt.", and put his head back in his hands again. So I went into the churchyard and walked about for a bit.

'After ringing, they had tea, and the man who took the rope from me came and sat by me, while Frederick had gone to get me another cup of tea, and he said: "Don't let it worry you, my dear, but mind and ask the weight of a tenor in a strange tower before you ring it"; and he asked me how long I'd been ringing and said I ought to get on well, and patted my hand and started eating Frederick's sandwiches. We were having quite a nice chat, when Frederick came back looking as black as thunder, and he said: "I didn't say anything when you left me out of that peal of Royal, Bert, but swiping my sandwiches and holding my young lady's hand is quite another thing!" And the room got as quiet as quiet; honestly, it reminded me of that poem I learnt for prize day about the Burial of Sir John Moore, and I thought they were going to take their coats off to one another, but a fat man came up and patted them both on the back, and said: "Now, lads, we can't have the two best ringers in the county at odds like this. Think of the Exercise!" So then they shook hands, and Bert asked Frederick to stand in a peal of something next Saturday, and Frederick offered him a sandwich, and they were quite friendly for a bit; in fact, when Frederick found that the back lights had gone on the car, Bert offered to run us both home, and he dropped Frederick first, and Mum was at the door, looking out for me; and what with one thing and another, Beryl, I'm afraid she's getting wrong ideas about ringing altogether.' D. R. C.

TEN BELL PEALS

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., March 30, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in F sharp.

ERNEST STITCH	*Treble*	ARTHUR R. WRIGHT ..	6
SAMELA R. P. THOMAS ..	2	J. DENNIS HOLDEN ..	7
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ..	3	FRANCIS BROTHERTON ..	8
WILLIAM J. V. CONDUCT..	4	GEORGE W. HUGHES ..	9
STELLA HUGHES..	5	*DEREK PARKER..	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by GEORGE W. HUGHES.
* First peal.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 13, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

ROBIN G. TURNER	*Treble*	GORDON A. HALLS	6
FRANCIS R. LOWE	2	DENIS R. CARLISLE	7
ERNEST MORRIS	3	G. RONALD EDWARDS ..	8
ALBERT E. THOMPSON ..	4	DEREK P. JONES	9
*PATRICIA A. M. FORSTER	5	VIVIENNE M. HORTON ..	*Tenor*

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* First peal of Stedman, and first peal on ten bells.

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LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., March 28, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-DE-CASTRO,
A PEAL OF 5152 BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

*E. CHARLES TURNER ..	*Treble*	HERRICK B. BOWLEY ..	5
*REDVERS F. ELKINGTON..	2	*WILLIAM A. LACEY ..	6
*RICHARD F. PRIME.. ..	3	JOHN E. COOK	7
*VERNON GREEN	4	†WILLIAM J. ROOT	*Tenor*

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by REDVERS F. ELKINGTON.
* First peal in the method. † First of Major in the method.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 30, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB TRIPLES
Hubbard's Five-part Reversed. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

*DOROTHY A. MOSEDALE	*Treble*	PAMELA J. PEARSON ..	5
BRIAN R. MANNING ..	2	JOHN F. MURFIN	6
EDWIN WALKLATE	3	DAVID K. WALKLATE ..	7
P. G. BELLAMY-KNIGHT	4	†BARRY BRADLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID K. WALKLATE.
* First peal. † First on eight bells.
Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Murfin, of Etwall, and a birthday compliment to Miss B. A. Manning, of Alvaston.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD
On Thurs., April 4, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5152 ADELAIDE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

ERNEST H. KILBY	*Treble*	DENNIS KNOX	5
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY ..	2	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ..	6
THOMAS J. LOCK..	3	ALFRED J. HOUSE	7
ALICK CUTLER	4	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
First peal in the method in the county and for the Association, and by all the band except the ringer of the fourth.
In memoriam Ernest C. S. Turner.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., April 5, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5024 EALING SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ..	*Treble*	RALPH BIRD	5
ARTHUR G. MASON	2	BRIAN BLADEN	6
FREDERICK J. CULLUM ..	3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	7
JOHN L. MORRIS..	4	PHILIP MEHEW	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.
First peal in the method by all the band and on the bells.
In memoriam Ernest C. S. Turner.

FELTHAM, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., April 6, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. in F.

RICHARD G. OUSTON ..	*Treble*	JOSEPH WM. COTTON ..	5
MARION J. SKINNER	2	ALICK CUTLER	6
ELSIE K. HART	3	FRANK C. PRICE	7
H. GEORGE HART	4	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
Rung in memory of Ernest C. S. Turner.

GREAT BENTLEY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 6, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5056 BRAUNSTONE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

EDWARD W. ROAST	*Treble*	PATRICK W. SALTMARSH ..	5
ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON ..	2	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS ..	6
*HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE	3	JOE E. G. ROAST	7
BRIAN J. HOWARD	4	*PETER J. EVES	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.
* 25th peal together. First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Association.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 6, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5056 BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

*MONICA BARRETT	*Treble*	RICHARD E. DEAN	5
ROLAND BIGGS..	2	DAVID CORNWALL	6
ARTHUR FOXALL	3	E. DENNIS POOLE	7
*MICHAEL SWIFT	4	JOHN D. KAPE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by JOHN D. KAPE.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

NEWCHURCH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 6, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

*SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. ..	*Treble*	DEREK TAYLOR..	5
†IVOR JENKINS	2	†GEOFF. D. FEARNEHOUGH	6
BRIAN A. TOMLINSON ..	3	NEIL D. LOMAS	7
TREVOR TAYLOR	4	*DENIS MOTTERSHEAD ..	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.
* 50th peal together. † First peal in the method.

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STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 6, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 19 lb.

John E. Rootes	*Treble*	Roy Stoddard	5
Jean A. Darmon	2	Christopher W. Woolley	6
*Margaret B. Mesley ..	3	Kenneth R. Dunstan ..	7
Joan M. Wilcockson ..	4	Stanley E. Darmon	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. Martin (adapted).
Conducted by Christopher W. Woolley.
* First peal in the method.
Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of Ernest C. S. Turner.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., April 6, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Matthew,
A PEAL OF 5056 BOB MAJOR
Tenor 26 cwt. 18 lb

*M. Jill Fisher	*Treble*	John A. Anderson	5
Christopher Wallater..	2	Paul J. Rigby	6
Stella Hughes	3	Frederick G. Handley ..	7
Arthur R. Wright ..	4	George W. Hughes ..	*Tenor*

Composed by John R. Pritchard. Conducted by George W. Hughes.
* First peal of Major.
Rung after Confirmation service by the Lord Bishop of Stafford.

WHITTLESEY, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 6, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt.

*Dorothy A. Robinson ..	*Treble*	Frederick Parsons.. ..	5
James W. Haw	2	Frank Newman	6
*Lucy Allen	3	†Harold S. Peacock ..	7
Trevor Bevis	4	John H. Bluff	*Tenor*

Composed by Ernest Morris. Conducted by John H. Bluff.
* First peal of Bob Major. † 125th peal for Ely Association.
This composition is rung for the first time.

WIRKSWORTH, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 6, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in F.

Benjamin Greatorex ..	*Treble*	*Brian R. Manning ..	5
Patricia A. M. Forster..	2	Gordon A. Halls	6
Albert E. Thompson ..	3	Derek P. Jones	7
Francis R. Lowe	4	Jack Bailey	*Tenor*

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by Derek P. Jones.
* First peal of Treble Bob.

WOMBOURN, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., April 6, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Benedict Biscop,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb.

Alan A. Elsmore	*Treble*	*P. George Golder	5
J. Dennis Holden	2	Eric E. Speake	6
Arthur Pritchard	3	Derek J. Tranter	7
Fredk. E. Wilshaw ..	4	Harry Griffiths	*Tenor*

Composed by Charles J. Sedgley. Conducted by Eric E. Speake.
* First peal in the method.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., April 10, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
At the Bell Foundry Campanile,
A PEAL OF 5024 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

G. Ronald Edwards ..	*Treble*	John A. Acres	5
*Joan K. Brown	2	Phyllis Poole	6
†Brian G. Warwick ..	3	‡Ernest J. Jelley	7
†Brian S. Chapman.. ..	4	John M. Jelley	*Tenor*

Composed by Charles H. Martin. Conducted by Brian G. Warwick.
* First peal in the method. † 100th peal together. ‡ 200th peal.
In memoriam Mrs. A. B. Lea (mother of J. W. Cotton), of Overseale, who died April 9th, 1957.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., April 11, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5088 PERSHORE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10¼ cwt

Vivien Barnes	*Treble*	Ralph Harris	5
Joseph D. Johnson.. ..	2	Harry Plumb	6
Mrs. J. Thomas	3	Patrick Harris..	7
John Thomas	4	Joseph E. Newman ..	*Tenor*

Composed by J. A. Trollope. Conducted by Joseph D. Johnson.
First peal in the method by all except the conductor.
Rung to mark the 75th anniversary of the foundation of the Association—April 10th, 1882.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 13, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.

Chris. M. P. Johnson	*Treble*	†Hugh Neill	5
*Robin N. Pittman.. ..	2	William T. Cook	6
Susan Jackson	3	John Armstrong	7
J. Desmond Painter ..	4	Michael P. Moreton ..	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Chris. M. P. Johnson.
* First peal of Yorkshire. † First peal of Surprise. First peal in the method as conductor.

HEADINGLEY, LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 13, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Six-part. Tenor 20¼ cwt. in E.

Sheila M. Schofield ..	*Treble*	J. Martin Thorley ..	5
*Alexander E. Marsh ..	2	Leonard Drake	6
George Robinson	3	*Roy Bettley-Cooke ..	7
Percy J. Johnson	4	†Brian J. Withill	*Tenor*

Conducted by Roy Bettley-Cooke.
* First peal of Grandsire Triples. † First peal. First peal in the method as conductor.
Rung to welcome home the tenor ringer after service with the R.A.F.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., April 13, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19¼ cwt.

William J. Button.. ..	*Treble*	*Allan R. Bridges.. ..	5
Muriel R. Pipe	2	†Leslie G. Brett	6
Ernest S. Bailey	3	Walter Ruffles	7
James M. Bailey	4	*Peter S. Bedford	*Tenor*

Composed by G. C. Middleton. Conducted by Leslie G. Brett.
* First peal of Cambridge Surprise. † 100th true peal on the bells.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

FORNCETT ST. PETER, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 16, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being ten six-scores each of Grandsire, St. Simon's and St. Martin's, and 12 six-scores of Bob Doubles. Tenor 13 cwt. 12 lb.

C. Blake	*Treble*	Wilfred G. Saunders ..	3
C. Frank W. Phillippo ..	2	Frank C. J. Arnold ..	4
H. William Barrett ..	*Tenor*		

Conducted by H. William Barrett.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Mr. Peter Blake, son of the treble ringer.

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION
On Sat., March 23, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of Immanuel,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt.

Roger Leigh	*Treble*	James Walsh	4
*J. Barry Pickup	2	†David Gilbert	5
Philip Dunderdale ..	3	‡Norman Smith	*Tenor*

Conducted by Roger Leigh.
* First peal. † First peal of Minor. ‡ 50th peal.
Rung for the wedding of Brian H. Wood (a former ringer at this church and at Accrington) to Miss J. M. Taylor.

CRADLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 30, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's. Tenor 11 cwt.

*JEAN A. QUILL	*Treble*	‡JOHN A. ANDERSON	4
†ELIZABETH M. YARDLEY	2	PAUL J. RIGBY	5
STELLA HUGHES	3	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

* First peal. † First peal of Bob Minor. ‡ First peal of Minor.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Arthur Wyre, tower captain of Cradley and a ringer at this church for 50 years.

ASTON-ON-TRENT, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., April 3, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 14 methods, as follows: (1) Single Court, Double Court; (2) London Surprise; (3) Double Bob, Plain Bob, Reverse Bob; (4) St. Clement's, Childwall, Double Oxford, Thelwall Bob; (5) Oxford and Kent Treble Bob; (6) Cambridge Surprise; (7) Single Oxford Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in F sharp.

P. G. BELLAMY-KNIGHT	*Treble*	GORDON A. HALLS	4
DAVID K. WALKLATE	2	FRANCIS R. LOWE	5
PATRICIA A. M. FORSTER	3	DEREK P. JONES	*Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

The greatest number of methods to be rung to a peal by all the band, and on the bells.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., April 3, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 40 120's (ten callings) and one 240 Morris' arrangement.

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in A.

*JANET J. BROWN	*Treble*	D. HENRY METTAM	4
HENRY P. COLLIN	2	JAMES H. MUSSON	5
WALTER WESTON	3	*JOHN F. WRIGHT	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

* First peal and first attempt.

Rung half-muffled as a last token of respect and esteem to Mrs. A. Mitchell, for many years a faithful worshipper at St. Denis' Church.

LAMAS, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., April 4, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 21 six-scores of Grandsire and 21 six-scores of Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

*IVAN G. SMITHSON	*Treble*	†‡HERBERT G. SMITHSON	3
WALTER C. MEDLER	2	†D. E. RUST ANDREWS	4
†WILLIAM R. CATCHPOLE	*Tenor*		

Conducted by WILLIAM R. CATCHPOLE.

* First peal of Doubles. † First in two Doubles methods. ‡ First peal of Doubles 'inside.' First peal of Doubles as conductor.

Rung as an appreciation of the services to this church of Mr. Alfred Savage, who has relinquished his duties as verger, and as a welcome to his successor, Mr. Albert C. Farrow.

BRANT BROUGHTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 6, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in E flat.

GEOFFREY R. PARKER	*Treble*	*WALTER TOMLINSON	4
LOUIS WILLDERS	2	GEOFFREY PAUL	5
W. ROBERT PARKER	3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Tenor*

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by GEOFFREY R. PARKER.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

BROAD HINTON, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., April 6, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-AD-VINCULA,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

*FRANCIS G. WILTON	*Treble*	‡MICHAEL B. KEMP	4
†PETER J. SHIPTON	2	*RAYMOND C. WESTNEY	5
*MRS. F. G. WILTON	3	*ANTHONY R. PEAKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.

* First peal of Surprise Minor. † First peal in the method. ‡ First peal of Surprise. First peal of Surprise as conductor.

Rung as an 85th birthday compliment to Mr. C. J. Gardiner, of Swindon.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 6, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

In 26 methods: (1) Combermere, Vale Royal, Crowland, Abbeyville and St. Werburgh Delight; (2) Duke of Norfolk, Morning Star, College Exercise, Ockley and Norbury Treble Bob; (3) Neasden, St. Albans, Charlwood, Braintree and Wragby Delight; (4) Old Oxford, College Bob IV, Newdigate, Marple and Willesden Delight; (5) Marple Delight; (6) Oxford, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Capel and Kingston Treble Bob; (7) Kent Treble Bob; 31 changes of method.

Tenor 12 cwt. 10 lb. in F sharp.

*FRANK OSBALDISTON	*Treble*	*ROBERT SMITH	4
*BERNARD GROVES	2	WILLIAM A. SMITH	5
*ALAN MCFALL	3	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

* First peal in 26 methods. 25th peal as conductor.

HINXWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(Baldock Guild.)
On Sat., April 6, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Plain Bob and Kent T.B. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*K. PATRICIA HUTTON	*Treble*	*DAVID SUTCLIFFE	4
EDWIN G. BUCK	2	†COLIN A. S. HARWOOD	5
*J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE	3	JACK S. DEAR	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK S. DEAR.

* First peal in seven methods. † First in seven methods 'inside.' First as conductor in seven methods.

Rung as an 81st birthday compliment to Mr. E. Bradfield, of Sandon.

WATERINGBURY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 6, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in B flat.

PHILIP MEHEW	*Treble*	RALPH BIRD	4
CYRIL S. JARRETT	2	BRIAN BLADON	5
JOHN L. MORRIS	3	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

First peal in nine methods on the bells, and the quickest peal of Minor rung in the county.

LANGLEYBURY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
On Wed., April 10, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
A PEAL OF 5040 IPSWICH SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout.

Tenor 8 cwt. 13 lb. in A.

KENNETH R. DUNSTAN	*Treble*	WILLIAM WENBAN	4
*JOAN M. WILCOCKSON	2	JOHN R. MAYNE	5
DENNIS LAUD	3	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

* 50th peal. First peal in the method by all the band, in the county, and for the Association.

ETWALL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 13, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 22 extents Reverse Canterbury, six extents and three 240's Grandsire and eight extents Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in A flat.

*CLIVE WALKLATE (12)	*Treble*	†DAVID K. WALKLATE	4
PAMELA J. PEARSON	2	JOHN F. MURFIN	5
EDWIN WALKLATE	3	PETER BELLAMY-KNIGHT	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID K. WALKLATE.

* First peal, three months after first lesson. † 50th peal for the Association. The conductor has now 'circled the tower.'

OCKBROOK, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., April 10, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 19 methods, as follows: (1) Fulbeck, Reverse Bob, Plain Bob, Double Bob, Canterbury Pleasure; (2) Hereward Bob, Single Oxford Bob; (3) Single Court, Double Court; (4) St. Clement's, Childwall, Double Oxford, Thelwall Bob; (5) London and Wells Surprise; (6) Cambridge and Primrose Surprise; (7) Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.

P. G. BELLAMY-KNIGHT	*Treble*	PATRICIA A. M. FORSTER	4
DAVID K. WALKLATE ..	2	FRANCIS R. LOWE	5
GORDON A. HALLS	3	DEREK P. JONES ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

The greatest number of methods to be rung to a peal by all the band, and on the bells.

FARNINGHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 13, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being an extent each of London, York, Bourne, Beverley, Surfleet, Norwich and Cambridge. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

*BEVERLEY A. THOMPSON	*Treble*	BRIAN BLADON	4
*PETER P. BROWN	2	JOHN L. MORRIS	5
†RALPH BIRD	3	PHILIP MEHEW	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN L. MORRIS.

* First peal of Surprise Minor. † 400th peal. First peal of Surprise Minor as conductor.

HORSHAM ST. FAITH, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 13, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in four methods, viz.: Two extents each of Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, and one extent of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

*JOHN E. FIDDY	*Treble*	DERICK W. PARDON	4
WALTER C. MEDLER ..	2	JOHN R. SMITH..	5
RAYMOND W. BALLS ..	3	WILLIAM R. CATCHPOLE ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM R. CATCHPOLE.

* First peal other than Plain Bob. First peal in four methods as conductor.

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. Arthur F. Roberts, on his appointment as Vicar to the vacant living of Horsham St. Faith.

CAPEL, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 13, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 6¼ cwt.

*PAULINE F. SPRACKLING	*Treble*	ALBERT H. HARMAN.. ..	4
GEORGE L. GROVER ..	2	ALAN J. SMITH	5
EDWARD G. L. COWARD	3	ARTHUR H. SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN J. SMITH.

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

STAMFORD HILL, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 13, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANN,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being an extent each of Stamford, Rossendale, Durham, York, Wells, London and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

MARTIN CUBBITT	*Treble*	BRIAN BLADON	4
JANET F. SECKER	2	MICHAEL J. ROWE	5
FRANCES E. SECKER.. ..	3	ERNEST J. ROWE	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN BLADON.

First peal of Surprise by all except the conductor. First of Surprise as conductor.

Rung by resident Sunday service band.

WENHASTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., April 13, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 12 extents of Grandsire, ten extents of St. Martin's and 20 extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 6 lb.

*DENNIS GIBSON	*Treble*	†TREVOR BAILEY	4
MRS. J. W. BLYTHE ..	2	JOHN W. BLYTHE	5
C. JACK GIBSON	3	‡COLIN SPENCE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

* First peal on a hunting bell. † First peal of Doubles 'inside.' ‡ First peal.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 15, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

ERNEST MORRIS	*Treble*	P. G. BELLAMY-KNIGHT (15)	4
*KENNETH BALLINGTON (13)	2	JOHN F. MURFIN (14) ..	5
PETER J. SKINNER (16) ..	3	DEREK P. JONES ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

* First peal 'inside.'

HANDBELL PEALS

CLEATHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., April 5, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT CLEATHAM HOUSE FARM,
A PEAL OF 5184 BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

MRS. J. BRAY	1—2	JACK BRAY	5—6
*A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL..	3—4	GEORGE E. FEIRN	7—8

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

* First peal of Major 'in hand.'

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., April 5, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT 11, BOWLEY AVENUE,
A PEAL OF 5017 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor size 15 in C.

MRS. P. J. STANIFORTH ..	1—2	PETER J. STANIFORTH ..	5—6
MRS. JOHN THOMAS.. ..	3—4	JOHN THOMAS	7—8
JOHN A. ACRES	9—10		

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.
Witness: MRS. P. A. CORBY.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 8, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT 100, HINCKLEY ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5555 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor size 15 in C.

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WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ..	3—4	ALFRED BALLARD	7—8
MICHAEL VERNON	9—10		

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

Rung as an 80th birthday compliment to Mrs. Ballard (mother of the ringer of 7-8) which occurred on the above day.

UPPER NORWOOD, S.E.
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On Wed., April 10, 1957, *in* 1 *Hour and* 44 *Minutes,*
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R JAMES COOK	1—2	*ROBIN G. LEALE	3—4
WILLIAM T. COOK	5—6		

Conducted by WILLIAM T. COOK.

* 100th peal.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On April 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: I. C. Forrest 1, June A. Grieveson 2, Pamela R. Gough (first in method as cond.) 3, J. P. Martin (first in method 'inside') 4, Diana M. Gough 5, D. A. Hibbitt 6. Rung to congratulate Stella and Ken Knight on the birth of their first baby (Paula Margaret).

BECKINGTON, SOMERSET.—On April 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Grant 1, Miss Eunice Overend 2, G. Massey 3, J. Phippen 4, K. Moon 5, D. Robertson 6, E. Bray (cond.) 7, L. Fear 8.

BOSHAM, SUSSEX.—On April 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. E. M. Keys (first quarter) 1, Mrs. G. W. Tamplin 2, Miss P. M. Saxton 3, Miss E. W. Keys 4, H. W. Stovold (cond.) 5, W. G. Challen 6. Rung for the wedding of Miss S. Nightingale and Lieut. M. Bridgman, R.N.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTS.—On April 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Grant (first of Triples) 1, P. Harding 2, F. Slatford 3, J. Phippen 4, E. Hitchins 5, L. Hitchins 6, E. Bray (cond.) 7, L. Fear 8.

BRISTOL.—On April 3rd, at St. Werburgh's Church, 1,260 Bob Minor: J. J. Freestone (first quarter) 1, S. G. Riches 2, Mrs. D. G. Mayell 3, A. H. True 4, A. A. Hilliar 5, D. G. Mayell (cond.) 6.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.—On April 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Gilbert 1, H. Oglesby 2, Miss M. R. Jaycocks 3, G. W. Limmer 4, P. R. Aslett 5, E. D. Poole 6, R. E. Dean (cond.) 7, W. Henley 8. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

BUSHEY, HERTS.—On April 14th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. Parslow 1, J. E. Rootes 2, Jean A. Darmon 3, T. J. Clark 4, C. W. Woolley (cond.) 5, N. Jenkins 6, T. W. Sheppard 7, S. E. Darmon 8. For Evensong and rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. Stobbart, wife of the curate-in-charge of St. Paul's.

CARLISLE, CUMBERLAND.—At the Cathedral, on April 7th, 1,260 Bob Doubles (on the middle five): J. Hodgson 1, E. A. Palmer 2, S. Hodgson (first 'inside of Doubles) 3, R. Briggs (first of Doubles) 4, J. Ling 5, A. Forsyth (cond.) 6, J. Boustead 7. For Evensong.

COWLEY, OXON.—On April 7th, 1,260 Bob Minor: Mrs. L. Busby 1, L. Busby 2, W. Fern 3, C. Bennett 4, D. Norris (first of Minor) 5, W. Holloway (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to D. Norris.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.—On April 7th, 1,264 Bob Major: Miss M. Jennings 1, Miss A. Miles 2, R. Elliott 3, Mrs. P. Cracknell 4, G. Jennings 5, S. Arnold 6, E. Roberts 7, B. Cracknell (first as cond.) 8. First in the method for 1, 3, 4 and 6. For Evensong on Passion Sunday.

CROMER, NORFOLK.—On April 5th, 1,260 Bob Minor: A. C. Wells 1, C. Pooley 2, N. J. A. Pumphrey 3, D. W. Pardon 4, R. W. Balls (cond.) 5, W. H. Holdom 6. For Confirmation service by the Bishop of Thetford.

EALING, MIDDLX.—At Christ Church, on April 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss F. G. Brown 1, Mrs. M. M. Price 2, W. G. Wilson 3, Miss B. Nolder 4, Miss D. Luke 5, Miss J. Scrutton 6, Squire Croft (cond.) 7, S. H. Price 8. For Palm Sunday Evensong.

EPPING, ESSEX.—On April 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): J. Statham (cond.) 1, Miss B. McClelland 2, R. Moore 3, C. Moore 4, J. Aldridge 5, A. Freeman 6, D. Freeman 7, E. Freeman 8. First quarter for 2 and 8. For morning prayer.

EWELL, SURREY.—On April 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. Pauline Spittle (first quarter) 1, J. Hill 2, Gladys Anderson 3, Marjorie Hunter 4, C. W. Munday 5, R. Spittle 6, D. Spittle (first as cond.) 7, J. E. Beams 8. Rung to celebrate the wedding in this church this day of Ida Phyllis, daughter of Harry E. Good, senior member of the local ringers, to James Hyslop, of the Isle of Man.

FRESSINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.—On April 14th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: C. Barber 1, Miss B. Syrett 2, A. E. Head 3, L. E. Etheridge 4, G. Gower 5, R. Plummer 6, L. Last 7, W. J. Flatt (cond.) 8. A birthday complimenet to the ringer of the 5th.

GOSFORTH, NORTHUMBERLAND.—On April 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. Hedley (first of Stedman) 1, C. McGuiness 2, G. S. Deas 3, W. Robson 4, B. M. Buswell (cond.) 5, P. M. Giles 6, E. N. Harrison 7, N. S. Robson 8.

QUARTER PEALS

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.—On April 7th, 1,260 Bob Minor: Mrs. C. R. Lovett (first quarter) 1, C. R. Lovett 2, R. W. Pipe (cond.) 3, F. J. Crapnall 4, J. Bennett 5, C. W. Pipe 6. For Evensong.

HAVERING-ATTE-BOWER, ESSEX.—On April 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Cecil 1, Miss M. Davies 2, G. W. Cecil (cond.) 3, B. Branch 4, J. W. Stephenson 5, J. Brice 6. First quarter for 1 and 2.

HATFIELD, HERTS.—On April 7th, 1,440 Bob Minor: E. Edmondson 1, D. J. Wilsden 2, D. Wellington 3, R. A. Cochrane 4, J. M. Page 5, S. Huckle (cond.) 6, S. Cull 7. Rung in honour of the Rector of Hatfield on his appointment as a Canon of St. Albans Cathedral; also in honour of the birth of a daughter to the ringer of the 5th.

HAYES, KENT.—On April 4th, 1,260 Bob Minor: F. J. Keech 1, J. W. Smith 2, Miss H. Oakshett 3, D. M. Randall 4, R. J. Brown 5, M. F. Oakshett (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled as a last tribute to the father of the fifth ringer, Mr. Henry Brown, who died on March 31st and whose funeral was this day.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLX.—At St. John's Church, on April 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. C. Turley 1, T. G. Bannister 2, W. H. Coles 3, M. Palmer 4, F. W. Goodfellow (cond.) 5, A. R. Twinn 6, F. C. Price 7, C. Ashpool 8. In memoriam E. C. S. Turner.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On Mar. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss C. Wilson 1, R. Biggs 2, D. Cornwall (cond.) 3, A. Foxall 4, N. Cornwall 5, A. E. Cox 6, J. D. Kape 7, R. Schofield 8.

KEWSTOKE, SOMERSET.—On April 9th, 1,320 Bob Minor: E. Dorothy France (first quarter) 1, P. W. M. Jones 2, D. H. White 3, D. Wright 4, D. C. Jackson 5, M. V. White (cond.) 6.

LAUNTON, OXON.—On April 10th, 1,260 Bob Minor: D. Mole 1, E. J. Smith 2, J. Marriott 3, H. A. Massey 4, F. Sharpe (cond.) 5, G. Gregory 6. First of Bob Minor by 1, 3, 4 and 6.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—On April 14th, 1,260 Bob Royal: Pauline Sprackling (first on 10) 1, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 2, H. S. Blackett 3, Pat Smee (first of Royal) 4, G. Marriner 5, A. Smith 6, A. S. Harris (first of Royal) 7, B. Hawkins 8, A. H. Smith 9, H. V. Young 10.

LINSLADE, BUCKS.—On April 3rd, 1,320 Bob Doubles: J. H. Vincent (first quarter, 17) 1, Angela Grainger (first as cond., 18) 2, Anne Spavins (first of Doubles, 13) 3, P. Chandler (first quarter, 16), 4, P. Newing 5, D. A. Wheeler (first quarter, 18) 6. All except Mr. P. Newing are pupils of the Cedars School, Leighton Buzzard.

LITTLE HOUGHTON, NORTHANTS.—On April 7th, 1,260 Doubles (120 St. Simon's, 120 Chase, 240 Old, 240 Canterbury, 180 Grandsire, 360 Bob): C. Merritt (first quarter, aged 13) 1, M. Brason 2, J. Kightley (cond.) 3, R. Henman 4, A. Ford 5.

LYDD, KENT.—On April 14th, 1,344 Bob Major: H. S. Humphrey 1, Violet Relf 2, Maisie Vantom 3, Elizabeth Marshall 4, W. W. Ring (cond.) 5, Olive Boulden 6, W. C. Marshall 7, R. Swift 8. First of Bob Major for 2 and 4. For Confirmation.

MERROW, SURREY.—On April 3rd, 1,260 Bob Doubles: Joan E. Probert 1, P. A. Bird 2, Jill M. Lane (first as cond.) 3, A. Pamela Warren 4, D. A. R. May 5, L. Bond (first quarter) 6. For Evensong. Also on April 10th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: N. Ann Lepper 1, Jill M. Lane 2, A. Pamela Warren 3, P. Smart (first away from tenor) 4, G. M. Battersby (first as cond.) 5, D. A. R. May 6. For Evensong.

NUTFIELD, SURREY.—On April 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Nancy Kempsell 1, Freda Hankey 2, A. R. C. Clarke 3, A. Streeter (cond.) 4, G. Olliver 5, H. Comber 6. For Evensong; also to commemorate that Mr. W. Cheesman first became a full member of the Nutfield band on February 13th, 1906.

ROADE, NORTHANTS.—On Mar. 31st, 1,260 Doubles (240 each of Southrepps, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, April Day, Old and 300 Bob): W. Richardson 1, H. E. Curtis 2, Miss P. A. Needham 3, J. E. King 4, A. G. Osborne (cond.) 5. A 21st birthday compliment to Ivor J. Dickin, of Blisworth.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On April 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Mills 1, Miss S. Chaddock 2, Miss E. A. Wardill 3, Mrs. N. Chaddock 4, J. N. D. Chaddock 5, F. Fisher 6, N. Chaddock (cond.) 7, P. Walker (aged 14) 8. For Evensong.

SADDLEWORTH, YORKS.—On April 9th, 1,320 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: J. Smith 1, G. Perrin 2, C. Henshaw 3, F. White 4, L. Dawson (cond.) 5, A. Farrand 6. Rung as a 93rd birthday compliment to Mr. Jonathan Pilling, a ringer at this church.

SEND, SURREY.—On April 14th, 1,260 Doubles (780 Grandsire, 480 Bob): P. A. Bird 1, Hazel Hancock 2, Jill M. Lane 3, R. Collins 4, D. A. R. May (cond., first 'inside' in two methods) 5, Eileen Exall (first quarter) 6. For Confirmation service.

SHIPTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD, OXON. — On April 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Keyte 1, W. Lewis 2, P. F. Coombes 3, L. G. Pittaway 4, E. J. Townsend 5, B. Hall 6, I. Harris (cond.) 7, A. Leach 8. First of Stedman Triples for all except 1 and 7.

SHIRLEY, WARWICKS.—On April 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jean Procter 1, V. A. Hemming (cond.) 2, K. R. Foot 3, Barbara Wilson 4, J. Foot 5, Jocelyn Bland 6. First quarter 1 and 6.

SHOREDITCH, E.—At St. Leonard's Church, on April 14th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: Mrs. R. F. Deal 1, A. R. Ling 2, J. Phillips 3, T. H. Francis (cond.) 4, C. A. Hughes 5, F. E. Hawthorne 6, F. D. Bishop 7, B. L. Taylor 8, B. F. Baker 9, V. Williams 10. For Evensong.

SOMERTON, SOMERSET.—On April 14th, 1,260 Bob Minor: C. Gratton 1, D. Sweet 2, Stella Allen 3, Mrs. L. Crocker 4, F. J. White (cond.) 5, A. Bown 6. Rung before Evensong as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. E. C. Rolls on their ruby wedding (April 9th). Mr. Rolls has been verger at this church for 25 years, and was a sidesman for a previous 25 years.

SOUTHGATE, N.—At Christ Church, on April 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Stanyon (first of Triples) 1, Miss A. Aldridge (first of Triples 'inside') 2, Miss A. Rodwell 3, J. Wallman (cond.) 4, S. G. Peck 5, R. Motton (first of Triples) 6, C. Aldridge 7, J. Perrett 8. Rung for Evensong and to mark the 80th birthday of W. J. Bowden, with best wishes for his speedy recovery.

STAMFORD HILL, N.—At St. Ann's Church, on Mar. 30th, 1,320 St. Simon's Doubles: Miss P. Rowe 1, Miss L. Hawes 2, M. Cubitt 3, E. J. Rowe 4, M. J. Rowe (cond.) 5, L. Green 6. Also on April 7th, 1,440 London Surprise Minor: Miss L. Hawes 1, Miss P. Rowe (first in method, aged 12) 2, B. Bladon (cond.) 3, M. Cubitt 4, M. J. Rowe 5, E. J. Rowe 6.

STAVELEY, DERBYS.—On April 14th, 1,260 Bob Minor: Miss R. Dickinson 1, F. A. Adams 2, H. Paddison 3, A. Swift (first quarter) 4, W. Dickinson 5, J. Ford (first as cond.) 6.

TALGARTH, BRECON.—On April 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. James 1, W. G. Smith 2, S. V. Edwards 3, W. Chick 4, D. H. Bennett (cond.) 5, R. Rees 6. Rung as a wedding compliment to the conductor.

THORPE-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.—On April 7th, 1,260 Minor (720 St. Clement's, 540 Bob): Marian Mills (cond.) 1, Heather Stewart 2, I. Cooper 3, P. Mills 4, M. Mills 5, W. Downs 6. For morning service, and as a birthday compliment to Mrs. W. Downs.

UPPER CLAPTON, E.—At the Church of St. Matthew, on April 7th, 1,280 Bob Major: Miss N. Hales 1, Mrs. D. Neal 2, W. F. Jarvis 3, J. A. Hales 4, J. Hales 5, R. K. C. Wilkings 6, D. W. Gray 7, D. Neal (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. E. C. S. Turner.

WESTON FAVELL, NORTHANTS.—On Mar. 31st, 1,260 Doubles (600 each of Canterbury and Bob, and 60 Grandsire): E. Rudkin 1, T. L. Pendred 2, Miss G. A. Ashby 3, L. Earl 4, P. Amos (cond.) 5. For Mothering Sunday. Also on April 6th, 1,260 Doubles (720 Chase, 360 Old, 180 Grandsire): E. Rudkin 1, D. J. Edmonds 2, Miss G. A. Ashby 3, T. L. Pendred 4, P. Amos (cond.) 5. For the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Sharpe, esteemed members of the Parish Church.

WOBURN, BEDS.—On Mar. 31st, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob, 540 Bob, with tenor covering): Ann Spavins 1, Angela Grainger 2, M. G. Hooton 3, I. N. Pett 4, A. E. Butcher 5, P. Newing (cond.) 6, F. F. Bloxham 8. For Mothering Sunday.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION

Over 80 ringers attended the annual meeting of the Southern District of the Irish Association at Limerick on March 18th. Officers elected were: District chairman, Mr. C. W. Galbraith; District Ringing Master, Mr. G. H. Ellis; District secretary and treasurer, Mr. G. Bingham; assistant secretary, Mr. P. Hanly. Doneraile was selected for the 1958 meeting and Cherry Cup competition.

Seven teams competed in the Cherry Cup contest for best striking, the judges being Mrs. McCormack, Messrs. D. Benson and F. E. Dukes. Winners were Mount St. Alphonsus 'A' with 20 faults, the perfect open handstroke lead and the excellent rhythm being a delight to listen to. Second were St. Mary's, Limerick, with 47 faults. Other teams competing were Mount St. Alphonsus 'B,' Doneraile, Ballymodan, Cork and Kilkenny. The Mayoress of Limerick (Mrs. Russell) presented the Cherry Cup to Mr. L. Benson for the winners and the attendance shield to Mount St. Alphonsus, Ballymodan and Drogheda each having received 100 per cent. attendance (a full turn out for each Sunday and Christmas Day throughout the year. Eighteen new members were elected and presented with membership certificates.

Unfortunately, a gloom overcame the proceedings due to an accident on the previous day to the Spiritual Director of the Confraternity (Rev. Father Russell), who succumbed later in the day, but by special wishes the proceedings were continued. At the funeral service and at all services during the week the bells were rung half-muffled by the ringers of Mount St. Alphonsus as a token of respect to a much-loved friend.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD

The meeting of the Northern section at St. David's, Brecon, on April 6th was very successful, with some 50 ringers attending. The Rev. C. E. Jones conducted the service, and the address was given by the Vicar (Rev. D. Wilkinson).

At the business meeting, which followed a very fine tea provided by the ladies of the parish, the Vicar presided.

It was with regret that the company heard that through ill health Mr. Ralph Evans Sparkes, now 69, of Builth Wells, had to give up ringing after 52 years as a ringer and as captain of St. Mary's, Builth Wells. Mr. Sparkes started ringing in 1904 when the bells of St. Mary's were recast and rehung. His father, two brothers and a sister were ringers and he learnt the art of change-ringing from the late Mr. T. J. Dickson, at St. Gwendoline's Church, Talgarth. Mr. Sparkes had rung in nine peals, including the longest peal in Wales rung at St. Peter's, Glasbury. He is a life member of the Hereford Guild, apart from a long association with the Swansea and Brecon Guild. The secretary was instructed to send a letter thanking him for his past services to the Guild.

The vote of thanks to the Vicar and ladies who prepared tea was moved by Mr. A. House and seconded by Mr. O. King, and a collection for the restoration fund amounted to £1 10s. 6d. Ringing afterwards took place at St. David's and St. Mary's Churches.

STAGSDEN, BEDS.—On Mar. 30th, 1,380 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob, 660 Bob): P. Newing 1, Angela Grainger 2, Phyllis M. Gray 3, Ann Fundrey 4, J. B. Long 5, R. G. Corby (cond.) 6.

A SOUTH OXFORDSHIRE WEDDING

The wedding of Mr. George J. Hearns and Miss Lucy E. Slade took place in the Chapel at Stoke Row, near Henley-on-Thames, on April 6th.

Mr. Hearns is foreman of the tower at Checkendon, and his bride also rings. There were over 50 guests, including all the local ringers. Before and after the ceremony handbells were rung at the Chapel door by E. L. Baughan 1-2, M. L. Baughan 3-4, P. Dyke 5-6.

The bride, who was given away by her brother, Mr. John Slade, wore white with a full-length veil, and her two bridesmaids, Miss Julie Brown and Miss Ann Winfield, were in pale blue The best man was Mr. William Slade, also a brother of the bride.

The happy couple are quite well known in the district, and among the telegrams received was one from an absent local ringer, Mr. Roger Green, now serving in the Navy.

Further handbell ringing then took place, in which the bridegroom participated, and later a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles (reported elsewhere) was rung at Checkendon by the local band to mark the occasion.

KIRBY BELLARS, LEICS.—On Mar. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (240 each St. Simon's and Bob, 780 Grandsire): Miss C. Wheeler 1, D. Morris 2, J. H. Cook (cond.) 3, E. J. Jelley 4, J. M. Jelley 5. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Peter John Rippin and Miss Maisie Burton.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

In April, 1945, Mr. Cheney, of South Wigston, Leicester, had the pleasure of tolling the bells of Bethlehem. It has come to light that Mr. H. Gorton, of the Lancashire Association, had a similar pleasure in February, 1918, whilst he was stationed near there with the 3rd Battalion Light Armoured Car Brigade. Mr. Gorton has been a ringer for 53 years, and his father before him was a ringer for 66 years. No doubt Mr. Cheney could contact Mr. Gorton, who lives at 152, Deane Road, Bolton, when probably each would be able to pass interesting news.

The peal of Cambridge Surprise at Helmingham was L. G. Brett's 100th on the bells. He has also completed his century at Framsden. Congratulations to Ernest L. Bailey for the superb way he rang throughout, being 76 years young. The Leiston rhythm is still maintained.

With a view to stimulating local interest in ringing and with the object of getting recruits for the belfry of St. Mary Magdalene, Holloway, Mr. Richard Newman writes in the parish magazine an interesting article on bells and ringing. The new Vicar (Rev. R. E. Simpson) takes an interest in his bells and the few survivors of the Sunday service band of recent years.

The first of an experimental series of combined practices was held at St. Martin's, Epsom, on April 8th. The local captain (Mr. E. J. Lindley) was in charge, and 20 ringers from six towers attended. Touches were arranged in groups of three—rounds, Grandsire and a more advanced method. These included Stedman Caters, Double Norwich and Kent. The bells were kept going steadily and an enjoyable evening was spent.

From Northampton we have received a quarter peal card of a 'performance' in the following 'methods': Graveside Symphony, Clockwinders' Jingles, Churchyard Bob, Queen's Variations and Wayside Charm, supposed to have been rung on April 7th for evening service at St. Edmund's Church. The so-called methods tell their own story.

Definition.—A campanologist is a camper who sleeps in a bell tent!

The ringer of the fourth in the peal rung at Gressenhall on March 15th (page 212) was Samuel H. Waterfield, and not as published.

Philip Walker, aged 14, is the youngest to ring Rotherham tenor (34¾ cwt.) to a quarter peal. This was accomplished on April 14th.

The quarter peal at Finchley is forwarded to remind Mr. 'Bill' Norton that the band are still going strong. 'Best wishes, Bill—from the old 'uns.'

Two Norfolk ringers, Mrs. Joyce Callaby, of Scarning, formerly of Gressenhall, and Mr. Frederick Shingfield, captain of the Rockland, All Saints', band, are recovering from prolonged illnesses. To both we offer our best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Mr. E. Bradfield, of Sandon, Herts, climbs the 44 steps at Baldock for practice every Wednesday night at the age of 81. At the beginning of the century he was ringing at Bury St. Edmunds, and did not do any ringing for a long time after coming to Hertfordshire. A District meeting was held at Sandon five years ago and revived his interest. On June 1st an outing will take him, all being well, back to his old home town.

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KENT ANNUAL MEETING AT SEVENOAKS

MAIDSTONE BELLS TO BE RECAST

SEVENOAKS proved to be a popular meeting place for the annual meeting of the Kent County Association on Easter Monday, and upwards of 200 members were present. The last visit of the Association to Sevenoaks was in 1924.

The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. E. M. T. McLellan) and the lesson read by Mr. B. Collison, of Tunbridge Wells. The importance of a controlled life in Christ was stressed by the Rector in his address, and he took as a simile a bell under perfect control being rung. The collection was devoted to the roof repair fund of Sevenoaks Parish Church and amounted to £7 8s. 3d.

Mr. John Willis (vice-president) presided at the luncheon held at Bligh's Hotel. Guests included Miss Parrott, vice-chairman of Sevenoaks Urban Council, the Archdeacon of Tonbridge (the Ven. E. E. Maples Earle) and the Rector of Sevenoaks. At the request of the chairman they all extended their greetings to the Association.

Mr. John Willis was also in the chair for the business meeting, and he was supported by Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher (hon. general secretary), Mr. B. W. May (hon. treasurer), Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Barnett and Mr. G. H. Spice.

Apologies were received from Mr. F. M. Mitchell, Mr. E. H. Lewis (who was in Scotland), Mr. Bert Luck and Mr. Mark Lancefield (peal secretary).

THE ANNUAL REPORT

The annual report stated two events characterised 1956—the retirement of Mr. F. M. Mitchell and having their president in person at the Association dinner. The work of Mr. Mitchell as hon. secretary and treasurer for 17 years, and later as treasurer, was recalled, and the presence of Dr. Fisher at the annual dinner, which was only the second time that the presidential duties had been discharged by the Archbishop himself, the other being at the golden jubilee meeting in 1930. Dr. Fisher did so with an eager friendliness and with an obvious love for bells and ringers.

MEMBERSHIP. — In 1956, 1,051 practising members paid their subscriptions, a net loss of four. As 183 new members were elected this represented a real loss of 187, being a broad measure of 'wastage.' New members were elected as follows: Ashford District, 26 adults and 5 juniors; Canterbury 20 and 17, Lewisham 28 and 7, Maidstone 19 and 17, Rochester 17 and 4, Tonbridge 9 and 14. During the year Burmarsh, Little Chart, Cudham and Stoneham were added to the list of affiliated towers, and Great Chart, Ruckinge, Herne, Penge, Hollingbourne and Hunton deleted.

DEATHS.—Since the last report the following members had died: F. Crook (Folkestone), A. C. Philpott (Canterbury), J. Walker (Whitstable, formerly Wickhambreaux), I. Emery and E. Horton (Bromley), G. D. Daynes (Deptford), H. Brasher (Lee), J. R. Homewood (Aylesford), W. Manser (Barming), D. T. Hill and S. Shellock (Chatham), W. Leigh (Edenbridge) and G. Edwards (Penshurst). A former committee member until he left the county, Mr. Stafford H. Green died at Tiverton; another old member, W. Shimmans, recently died at Sidcup. He was one of the distinguished Greenwich band at the turn of the century.

Non-resident members who died in 1956 were Benjamin A. Knights (Chesterfield), C. C. Mayne (Harrow), L. C. Wightman (Framsden), J. C. Mitchell (St. Albans) and J. W. Jones (Newport).

Members stood in silence to their memory.

Presenting the report, Dr. Hatcher mentioned that Mr. Waddington had collected for publication in the printed report details of long touches rung for Sunday services. The qualifying length was 720 changes. They had no longer any membership certificates left and he suggested and the general committee approved that members be invited to submit a new design. They welcomed Mr. B. W. May as hon. treasurer and Mr. Mitchell had been made a vice-president.

The report was adopted on the proposition of Mr. Collison, seconded by Mr. Walter Dobbie.

HEALTHY FINANCES

The income and expenditure account showed a balance of £143 18s. 9d. (against £140 3s.); the Belfry Repair Fund £199 against £172 6s. 9d., the only grant during the year being £5 to St. Mary's, Bexley); the Tenterden Bellrope Fund £7 5s. 9d. (£5 19s. 3d.); the Benevolent Fund £189 19s. 8d. (£167 9s. 7d.). Total assets of the Association at purchase price were £1,327 5s. 2d. Mr. Arthur Richards proposed and Mr. R. Sells seconded the adoption of the report.

The hon. auditor (Mr. W. L. Rayner) called attention to the cost of the printed reports in the annual accounts. Last year the reports cost £90 and they received back only £17, he said.

The chairman said each copy of the report cost 3s. 6d. to produce and was sold for 2s.

The report of the peal secretary (Mr. Mark S. Lancefield) stated that 116 peals were recorded during 1956, seven more than the previous year. Thirty members rang their first peal, 14 more than the previous year. There were 39 conductors, six more than in 1955, including two 'first as conductor.'

The peals included the first for the Association in Doubles in 13 methods, Dorchester Surprise Major, Fordcombe Surprise Major and Spliced Surprise Major in nine methods. In addition to the peals rung for the Association the following were rung in the county by other Associations: Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, two; Universities Association and East Grinstead and District Guild, one each. The report was adopted on the proposition of Mr. J. R. Cooper, seconded by Mr. Macey.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

After the president and vice-presidents had been re-elected, the chairman moved that Mr. E. A. Barnett, secretary of the Central Council, be invited to become a vice-president. Dr. Hatcher seconded and the motion was carried with acclamation. Accepting the honour, Mr. Barnett said he felt very proud to be elected to the office.

Other officers re-elected and thanked for their past services were: Hon. secretary, Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher; hon. treasurer, Mr. B. W. May; trustees—Messrs. F. S. Macey, G. H. Spice and J. Willis; hon. auditor, Mr. W. L. Rayner. Mr. Tom Cullingworth was elected peal secretary in place of Mr. Mark Lancefield. In thanking Mr. Lancefield for his services, Dr. Hatcher said: 'A more conscientious peal secretary one could never have.'

Messrs. E. Barnett, G. J. Butcher, W. L. Rayner and J. A. Russell were elected to the general committee.

There were five nominations for four vacancies on the Central Council—Messrs. J. R. Cooper, T. Cullingworth, Dr. Hatcher, T. E. Sone and J. Willis. Mr. Willis withdrew his nomination because of the illness of Mrs. Willis and the difficulty of attending meetings. He promised, however, to complete the work he was doing for the Biographies Committee. The members expressed regret at hearing of Mr. S. Willis' indisposition, and expressed their hopes for a speedy recovery. The other four nominees were then elected.

PEAL BOOKING FEE ADJOURNED

A keen debate followed a motion of the general committee that a peal booking fee of 6d. be payable by each ringer taking part in a peal, the responsibility for collection being with the conductor.

The chairman said the necessity for the motion was largely brought about by the fact that for years the printing of peals in their annual report in the form dating from the early 1700's was a very costly business. A charge of 6d. a ringer for peals would bring in £20 to £25.

Opposition was particularly strong from the Tonbridge District, who had not supported the motion. Mr. Peter Bond said he could see no reason for the fee as they were one of the richest Associations in the country.

The hon. treasurer replied that the balance on the general account did not present a true picture, as he had since the account was drawn up paid £17 to 'The Ringing World' for notices. Without a surplus on the general account they would not be able to help the Benevolent Fund or the Belfry Fund.

A member declared that if the motion was passed there would be no peals rung at Northfleet for the K.B.A.

Mr. Collison asked what would happen if only two who rang in a peal paid the booking fee. Would the other six bells have blank names against them in the annual report?

Mr. Knight commented that sixpence for an afternoon's pleasure was not much; it would not be dear at 1s. with another 6d. for 'The Ringing World.'

Eventually, on the proposition of Mr. Bond, seconded by Mr. Ladd, the matter was referred to the general committee.

Mr. G. H. Spice, former hon. general secretary, congratulated Dr. Hatcher on having the printed report available for the annual meeting and on its attractiveness.

A NEW CERTIFICATE

Dr. Hatcher, reporting on the decision to have a new membership certificate, invited members to submit designs in time for the November committee meeting.

The chairman said there were three dioceses in the area of the Association, and he suggested that the three cathedrals should be incorporated in the design. When he received his certificate the general secretary dated it 1996 instead of 1896.

MAIDSTONE BELLS

The general secretary reported that the bells of All Saints', Maidstone, were to be recast and a steel frame provided. The Mayor had launched an appeal and £3,500 had been raised. The contract had been placed with Messrs. John Taylor and Co., and it was hoped to have the job completed by All Saints' Day. The general committee had voted £20 towards the cost.

AN ANNUAL DINNER

Mr. B. Collison questioned the recommendation of the general committee not to hold an Association dinner in 1957.

Dr. Hatcher replied that it was felt by the general committee to be a bad thing to get into the routine of holding annual dinners. If an annual dinner was wanted it should be arranged by the District in which it was held.

Mr. Collison thought it was rather a dictatorial attitude on the part of the general committee to say that a dinner be not held. He moved that a dinner be held, and this was carried by the meeting.

The principle was afterwards accepted that the dinner should be held annually in the district where the annual meeting was held. The arrangements for the 1957 dinner were left to Miss Colgate, of the Tonbridge District.

The thanks of the gathering to all who had contributed to the success of the meeting, with a special vote of thanks to Miss Colgate, concluded the function.

THE BELLS OF CASTON, NORFOLK

TWO hundred years ago, on March 10th, 1757, six bells rang out for the first time from Caston tower. We learn of this from a notice in the 'Norwich Mercury' dated March 5th, 1757, and inserted by Roger Tallbot, the landlord of the Red Lion (see 'R.W.', Nov. 23rd, 1956, p. 747), to the effect that he was providing a dinner for the occasion. There was undoubtedly great excitement in the village that day with visiting ringers in the tower, Mr. Tallbot serving dinner in the Red Lion, and, on the green separating church from public house, the village folk gossiping as they listened to their new bells.

The tower had housed bells prior to 1757, but all that is known is that in 1553 there were three and that from 1706 to 1756 there were five.

For the back five of the new ring Caston was a second home. Prior to 1553 and until 1726 there had been a ring of three at West Harling, but in 1726 Joshua Draper, a parishioner, 'had them new runned' (recast) and added two new ones. It is not known who did this work for there is nothing on the bells and at Caston no churchwardens' accounts exist. The old third had borne the inscription 'Virgo coronata due nos ad regna beata,' an inscription used by 15th century Norwich founders, and thus suggesting that some of the metal now at Caston came from Norwich.

By 1756 West Harling tower had proved itself unable to support the weight of its new ring, and the parishioners obtained a faculty to dismantle the tower and spire and sell four of the five bells. However, all five were purchased by Joseph Mallos, an East Dereham founder, who added a treble and hung them at Caston.

By 1907 the second had become cracked and was recast by Warners, and together with the other five, which were also quarter-turned, was rehung by Day, of Eye. Minor repairs, which included through bolting the treble and strengthening the frame, were carried out by Bowell, of Ipswich, in 1932.

Weight and inscriptions of the present ring are as follows:—

Treble.—Joseph Mallos of East Dereham, Fecit 1756; 3 cwt. 2 qr.

Second.—Cast by John Warner & Sons, London. In Longum Aevum Resonemus Laudes. Joshuae Draper Qui Dono Dedit Ann Dom 1726. Day Eye Hung Us. Recast 1907, Walter H. Partridge, Rector; 3 cwt 3 qr. 18 lb.

Third.—In Longum Aevum Resonemus Laudes. Joshuae Draper Qui Dono Dedit Ann Dom 1726; 4 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.

Fourth.—Ditto; 5 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.

Fifth.—Ditto; 6 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.

Tenor.—Ditto; 8 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

Several attempts have been made to form a change-ringing band. The earliest of these were described by the late Mr. E. J. Banham, father of the present tower captain, in an account written in 1909. Referring to the purchase of a new set of handbells in 1867-68, he wrote that although the old set did not belong to the church 'those who formed the company for one have also manipulated the other. The primary purpose . . . of the handbells was as the ringers were in the habit of ringing the church bells periodically and receiving no remuneration, it was thought if a set of handbells were obtained, and the residences of some of the influential persons visited they would perhaps contribute something for their services rendered in the church tower. Secondly . . . they might become more efficient before trying their work on the church bells for the public to hear.'

Mr. Banham named those who owned shares in 1867-68 and gave complete details of the way in which the shares changed hands. (During the last war the bells were placed in a sale to help the war effort and were bought eventually by the Church for about £3. They number 15 and are in a poor condition and repairs, including some recasting, would now cost £30.)

There follows a description of the band's achievements:—

'Previous to 1875 they rang 5-bell work with the tenor behind; from 1875 to 1899 they rang a course . . . from that time to the present they have only rung rounds with slight changes, but they are desirous of improving their work and have restarted the old course of 6-bell work.' Describing the band's method of learning as useless, the account concludes: 'It would be a great advantage if we could secure a competent man to give a proper system under which to work. The great drawback is, as frequently happens, as soon as a company gets in working order some of it removes from the parish. This disadvantage would be reduced to a minimum if they were educated, as they would then be able to take their place among the company to where they removed, and by other parishes doing the same we might from time to time benefit.'

Between 1909 and 1945 several unsuccessful attempts were made to form a band, but in 1946 when Mr. C. E. G. Banham returned from the war, he set to work and to date has taught 18 people to handle. Of these, six are still ringers.

Fourteen peals have been recorded on the bells. The first, of Bob Minor, was rung by a visiting band in 1912, and the remainder, all of Minor, have been rung since 1946 in from one to eight methods. Unfortunately, an attempt made on the 200th anniversary of the opening came to grief after 70 minutes' ringing because of a shift. The important thing was that the day had not passed unnoticed.

JOHN S. BARNES.

BISHOP DEDICATES PEAL BOARDS

After a Confirmation service at St. Margaret's Church, Dunham Massey, on April 5th, the Bishop of Chester proceeded to the ringing room and there dedicated two peal boards on which are recorded the two peals which have been rung on these bells. The first was in 1875 and the second 80 years later, and was rung for the enthronement of the Lord Bishop.

After the dedication ceremony, which was attended by the local band and friends from the neighbouring tower of Bowdon, the Bishop said he was very pleased to be able to carry out the dedication since it was exactly two years that day that he became Bishop of Chester at a service of Confirmation in York Minster.

Before leaving the tower the Bishop took part in rounds on the ten bells, and thus added a further tower to the list of those in his diocese in which he has rung. C. K. L.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Members of the Ashford District met at Wye on March 30th. The service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. A. E. Pearce), who welcomed the congregation to his beautiful old church with its fine ring of eight bells. Mr. W. P. Garner was at the organ, a position he has so often and so ably filled, and the lesson was read by Mr. Alan Berry.

About 40 people sat down to a generous tea, provided by the Wye ringers and friends. The Vicar was in the chair at the short business meeting which followed, when two new members were elected. Tribute was paid in the traditional manner to the memory of Mr. Charles Tribe, one-time secretary of the District. On behalf of the meeting, Mr. T. Cullingworth thanked all those who had helped to make the gathering such a happy one.

Courses of Bob Major and Grandsire Caters were rung on handbells. Ringing in the spacious and well-kept tower was under the supervision of the Ringing Master (Mr. John R. Cooper), and ranged from rounds to three Spliced Surprise. C. T. H.

Tonbridge District

The quarterly meeting of the Tonbridge District at Edenbridge on April 6th was well attended, including a large number of young recruits. As usual, these were well catered for by the Ringing Master (Mr. Colin Tester). What a contrast to the old days when learners were kept in the background!

The service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. A. E. Graham), who also presided over the meeting at Church House. The local ringers and their wives provided a very substantial tea.

The standard of ringing was quite good, especially the striking in a course each of Superlative and Bristol. Rounds, Grandsire, Plain Bob, Stedman and Double Norwich provided a choice for all. A. F. W.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

A meeting of the Stockport, Bowdon and Mottram Branch was held at Norbury (Hazel Grove) on March 30th, when some 50 members and friends were present. The eight bells were in good use from early in the afternoon until service in church, conducted by the Vicar (Rev. Ernest Taylor), who also gave a very interesting address.

Tea was served in the schools, and when full justice had been done to the excellent meal, the business meeting was held. The chair was taken by the Vicar, who repeated the warm welcome he had extended in church. Reference was made to the death of an old and respected member of the Branch, Mr. W. W. Wolstencroft, who was for many years its chairman, and the meeting stood for a moment in silent tribute to the memory of one who had done much for the Guild. The following new members were elected: Miss Eileen Fern, Michael Martin, Samuel Bradbury, Bernard Burgoyne and James Blowers.

Details of the arrangements for the annual festival of the Guild at Hartford on May 11th were given and the meeting decided to write to Mr. S. Hough, senior, who was in hospital but progressing favourably. The thanks of the meeting were accorded to the Vicar and wardens, the local ringers, and the ladies who prepared and served tea. C. K. L.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A NOTE TO OUTING ORGANISERS

Dear Sir,—We are approaching the season of outings. I happen to be tower leader at an 8-bell tower, which being on a main highway and easy of access is fairly frequently chosen by organisers of outings. Some write to me in the first place, but quite a few have written direct to the Rector, ignoring the fact that there are such people as local ringers.

Now we have a noisy tower, the subject of vehement complaints from neighbouring residents if there is any ringing outside the usual practice night and service ringing, and the Rector grants permission to ring outside these times very sparingly indeed. In addition, he is inclined to be a trifle absent-minded and forgetful, and sometimes does not answer very promptly.

Last year, after he had forgotten all about a party who had written to him and asked me at very short notice to meet them, I told him that unless he left the correspondence with visitors to me I would not turn up to open the tower, and he has decided that unless I do or vouch personally for the capabilities of visitors he will not permit strangers to ring.

However, the same thing happened again a few weeks ago. A party of ringers from a town relatively near to us applied direct to the Rector, and he forgot all about them until a few days before they were due. Then he told me when I complained of the short notice that he had asked the organiser to get into touch with me. This that gentleman certainly did. On the day preceding their intended visit I had a letter warning me of the hour of arrival!

My heart melted, of course, and in spite of my resolution I turned up to meet the party, at some little inconvenience to myself and my family, I might add, to say nothing of postponing my mid-day meal until nearly tea time. Very mildly I remonstrated with the party, and the excuse was that they did not know my address, an excuse, of course, that courtesy forced me to accept but with the mental reservation that I am not unknown to ringers south of London at any rate; there are such things as Guild reports and, to upset any real attempt at excuse, one of the party was an old friend of mine.

I mention this matter not in any spirit of resentfulness but merely to point out to intending visitors that it is a little inconsiderate to say the least to do such things, and I will say no more as in the world of ringers it is my fervent desire to live in peace and charity with all.

For the benefit of all who contemplate outings this year, may I conclude by calling to mind one great truth that I heard when on a ringing tour some years ago. The band in whose company I was were all competent ringers capable of ringing well even though conditions were not ideal, and they always chose their towers and their company carefully. We were walking down the approaches to a church when one of our party addressed himself to an aged local inhabitant who was seated at his cottage door, and said: 'What sort of a ring of bells have you got here, guv'nor?' 'Ah,' said the aged local inhabitant, 'that all depends on who rings 'em.'—Yours, etc.

EQUUS.

FOUR-BELL TOWERS IN WALES

Dear Sir,—There are three 4-bell towers in the Swansea and Brecon Guild's area: Llangyfelach, Llangasty, Llanfihangel-Talyllyn. The bells at these towers are being rung for Sunday service.—Yours sincerely,

J. A. HOARE.

Swansea.

LET IT BE A WARNING!

Dear Sir,—Even if there are times when there are not enough ringers for all the bells in our deanery, there are always plenty of willing helpers when it comes to doing a job of work about the tower or on the bells themselves.

So it was that when the stay of the third bell got cracked Bill Longood volunteered to fit another if the tower would pay for the wood. That was agreed to, and after ringing on Sunday evening he went up into the bell-loft and took the cracked stay for a pattern. Apart from dropping a spanner on to the tenor during the sermon and waking up the whole congregation, all went well.

Early on Monday Bill went round to the timber yard to get a new stay cut out. That was an easy job, but as the wood was a wee bit green he had it cut two inches too long so as to allow for shrinking. He had noted that the old stay just reached the slider and no more. By 4 o'clock Bill had everything finished—the new stay fitted, the bells oiled and the ringing chamber brushed, dusted and all set for practice.

Promptly at 7.30 p.m. a goodly band of ringers had assembled in the churchyard and within moments the door was unlocked, jackets hung on the pegs and ropes neatly coiled ready for a good 'raise.' The first few rounds went well until suddenly there was a loud thud and the third bell dropped out. Quickly all the bells were lowered and, as it turned out, it was as well that they were.

What Bill had not noticed, and what almost every other ringer would have failed to notice, was that there was no more clearance between the axle boxes and the crossbeam than between the axle and the slider. The stay on the third must just reach the slider and no more, otherwise it will catch the crossbeam. That is what had happened. But to make matters worse the cap of the axle box had not been properly fastened, so that when the beam stopped the stay the bell just bounced out of its bearing. Fortunately no damage was done, though if ringing had continued the fourth bell would not have had clearance of the third and both might have been damaged.

Although we got no practice we all had a useful lesson, which I pass on.—Yours faithfully,

HENRY ALLEN.

Leamington Spa.

WINCHESTER COLLEGE BELLS

Dear Sir,—I was very interested to read in my 'Ringing World' the notes on the Winchester College bells.

I was a small boy at the College in 1918. I used sometimes to ring at the Cathedral, and on Armistice Day it has always been my impression that after ringing at the Cathedral we also rang at the College Chapel. Is this entirely a boyhood dream?—Yours faithfully,

Godstone Rectory, Surrey. K. G. HOARE.

5,000 STEDMAN CATERS

Dear Sir,—If my friend Bill Knight, of Gillingham, Kent, will once again read the composition 5,000 Stedman Caters by D. E. Parsons ('R.W.', No. 2400, 29/3/57, page 205), he will find that no claim whatsoever was made that to start a peal in this manner is in any way novel or new. What he will read is that this composition was rung for the first time at Beddington on March 9th, 1957.

With regard to the Middlesex Association meeting at Barnes, Surrey, perhaps Mr. Nevil G. Hollingworth will take some comfort in the fact that Mr. Bagworth's views in this matter are not necessarily those of many of us 'Surreyites.'—Yours faithfully,

Croydon. FRANK E. DARBY.

FIRST QUARTER PEAL

Dear Sir,—May I comment on a quarter peal report appearing on the back page (p. 240) of the issue of April 12th?

According to the report 1,260 Grandsire Doubles was rung on the middle five of a ring of eight, with 1, 2 leading all the time and the tenor covering.

It was apparently the first occasion on which the ringer of 1 had rung for this length of time, but can he be justifiably described as having rung his first quarter when what he actually did was strike 1,260 blows at lead *following the same bell (tenor) each time*? I have always understood that the claim of the ringer of a single or first covering bell is allowed solely because he follows changing bells, and to do this properly some knowledge is required of the method involved.

It also appears that the performance was conducted by a non-performer. Is this allowable? In my ringing training the essential characteristic of any conductor has been that he must ring at the same time as calling.

I realise that in this case (as the conductor was not, I believe, a local man) the arrangement was almost certainly made so that the greatest number of locals could ring in a special performance for a special occasion; but can it really be called a quarter peal?—Yours faithfully,

J. V. LONSBROUGH.

Seaford, Sussex.

'BATS IN THE BELFRY'

Dear Sir,—Sheer pressure of work has been the real reason for not replying sooner to Nancy Kempsell's front page article, 'Bats in the Belfry.' Well done, Nancy, for your worthy literary effort; a very valuable contribution to 'The Ringing World' in its widest and fullest sense.

I tried to say something similar at a Branch meeting a fortnight ago, but did not make such a good job of it as you. I know quite a lot of ladies who go 'bats' on darts and some even on fishing 150,000 football 'bats' go to Hampden Park; 75,000 rugger 'bats' go to Twickenham; and 45,000 cricket 'bats'—not those wooden ones—go to Lords. And they don't have to ask we Bats from the Belfry.

I have indulged in most sports and pastimes: football of both codes, cricket, athletics, fishing, rowing, following hounds and beagles, walking (once in the Northern Counties Athletic Association 7-mile championship); but at close on 70 there is nothing to compare with 'batting' in the belfry, and the friendships are simply wonderful.

Your summing up, Nancy, was masterly: 'If we do our pleasure and pastime to the glory of God, etc.' It is, or should be, the be all and end all; with all the pleasures and friendships, old and new, given in.

Just two very particular observations, Nancy. (1) Non-'Batters' *do* know when the ringing is good—and when it is not so good (a bit of firing). (2) Don't say too much against a bit of peal-grabbing; you may have to eat your words; I know one who did. Peal ringing, after all, is the height of ringing achievement, and, if I mistake not, you will want a few to get you there; but carry on with your literary efforts.

'BAT-ER.'

Cheshire.

SHREWSBURY, SALOP.—On Mar. 30th, at St. Michael's Church, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: R. Jones 1, Miss M. James 2, Miss C. Hall 3, A. E. G. Owen 4, B. Onions (first as cond.) 5, E. Evans 6. First quarter 1 and 6. First 'inside' 2 and 5. A wedding compliment for the organist and choirmaster.

TENTERDEN, KENT.—On Mar. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Violet Relf 1, W. H. Prior 2, Elizabeth Marshall (first of Triples) 3, M. W. Marshall 4, W. P. Tickner 5, W. W. Ring 6, J. R. Cooper (cond.) 7, P. V. H. Relf 8. Rung for the visit of the Archbishop of Canterbury for Evensong.

RINGING IN ENGLAND 80 YEARS AGO

Extracts from 'Church Bells,' 1875-76

We are indebted to Supt. Claude Rush, of Eye, for the following extracts from 'Church Bells.' Although this weekly periodical only devoted a part of a page to bells and ringers, much of the material is of interest even today. Contributors included Jasper W. Snowdon and C. A. W. Troyte.

REPARATION OF THE RING OF EIGHT AT BISHOPS LYDEARD, SOMERSET

Sermon by Rev. Prebendary Clark, speaking of good ringing: 'It involves strength, skill and discipline, perseverance, patience and enthusiasm; and men who excel in these qualities can make their mark in any direction. . . . In 1868 at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green . . . 15,840 changes in 9 hours 12 minutes . . . St. Peter's, Earlsheaton, Yorkshire, 1872, 16,608 changes in 9 hours 50 minutes . . . serving God just as truly as those who sing His praises in the choir . . . go even further and say that they are as much a part of the Church ministry as the ministers of the Church and those who conduct the services at the desk, the altar and the pulpit. . . . In ancient times the bells were baptised and consecrated—first washing, second touching with salt, third anointed with oil and lastly fumigated with incense; these operations signifying the putting away of evil, the salt showing purity, the oil emblematic of the Holy Ghost and finally, the incense of prayer.'

FIRING BELLS

A note, apparently by the Editor: 'In answer to "F. G. B.," there is no rule nor custom about it: it is a bad custom confined to some localities. There is no music nor science in it, and it should be discouraged as an uproarious use of church bells. It is an annoyance to the neighbours and damaging to the bell-gear. On the opening of a new ring a peal is sometimes finished with a few volleys—quite enough, and more than enough, for true lovers of bell music. By all means stop it.'

BELLS FOR ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL

'The Dean and Chapter of St. Paul's are now making an urgent appeal to the various Livery Companies of the City of London for assistance in supplying the Cathedral with a ring of bells and a set of chimes. Dr. Stainer, the organist, estimates that a ring of bells cast in England would cost about £3,500, the necessary machinery for hanging and ringing them about £500, a smaller set of bells for chimes, cast in Belgium, £1,000, and two large Bourdon bells £1,800. Towards the amount of £6,800 thus required the Dean and Chapter have contributed £250, the Dean £100 . . . . St. Paul's is the only cathedral in England, and nearly the only cathedral on this side of the Alps, which does not possess a ring of bells. Placed as it is in the centre of the Metropolis where . . . it is especially called upon to give expression to the Nation's joys or sorrows, it greatly needs such a ring to assist it in the work. Sir Christopher Wren provided a tower to hold a large ring of bells, but for 200 years that provision has not been utilised. . . .'

The Editor then adds a note:—

['We reproduce the above from the "Mail," February 11th, altering *peal* to *ring*: and this we do in the hope of being able to induce a more correct way of speaking of a set of bells, which used to be called a "RING OF BELLS." We might produce many proofs if required. The following may be enough for the present. On a bell at Temple Guiting, Gloucestershire, we find: "Richard Keene made this Ring, 1662": at Betton, Gloucestershire: "I was added to this Ring 1693." "A RING OF BELLS" is the sign of many public houses.

'In the last century no bells were recast or augmented without a faculty or licence from the Bishop. We have seen many such documents and therein "*Ring* of bells" is the invariable term. In Brown Willis' MSS in the Bodleian Library is a list of bells cast by Henry Bagley, of Chacombe, date 1732, wherein it is thus recorded: "The said H. B. will cast any ring or rings of bells, etc. He has already cast one *ring* of ten bells, five rings of eight, twenty-seven rings of six bells, thirty rings of five, etc., etc."

'We might quote more, but we hope these are enough to help on the disuse of the word *peal*, which should be confined to the *work* done or music produced by a ring of bells.—Ed.']

'RINGERS AND THE CLERGY

Sir,—I think with the Rev. H. T. Ellacombe that the clergy ought to take more interest in their ringers than they generally do, instead of looking on them (as some do) as low, worthless drinking fellows, whose company is rather to be shunned than courted. I must allow that there are some (too many) ringers who are not what they ought to be; but it is the round-ringers or BELL-HAULERS that do so much harm. They only think of ringing when paid for it, or treated with beer, etc. They never attempt to master the art of change-ringing, but jumble and jangle the bells about anyhow, their belfries being generally in a most disgraceful state. To remedy this abuse, the clergy must join the ringers, and learn the interesting and beautiful art of change-ringing. They will soon find great pleasure in studying its intricacies, and it will bind them and their ringers in strong bonds of affection. Great reforms have been made where the clergy or the squire have taken the matter up, but much remains to be done.

M. A. S. C. Y.'

THE QUEEN INTERVENING TO STOP RINGING

As in other things, so has the Queen set an example to ringers, never to think of ringing, even on the most joyous occasions, when persons are lying on a bed of sickness within the sound of the bells. The day before the opening of Parliament, her Majesty desired that neither the bells of Westminster Abbey nor St. Margaret's might be rung as usual, on account of the severe illness of Lady Augusta Stanley, the Dean's wife.

'A NEW USE FOR CHURCH BELLS

Sir,—As an example of Church principles, as understood in Southport, permit me to inform your readers that merry peals were rung during Ash Wednesday at Christ Church, the alleged object being to celebrate the signing in London of the contract for a new sewer!—DISGUSTED.

Southport, March 6th.'

RINGING IN THE SEWAGE!

From the 'Liverpool Mail,' March 11th.

'Wednesday, the 1st inst., marked the completion of arrangements regarding the acceptancy and signing of the sewage contracts. In honour of the event the bells of Christ Church rang merry peals throughout the day. Being Ash Wednesday, this "highly indecorous act" arouses the attention of those who were disposed to pass the day in prayer and fasting, and called forth a letter to a local priest, couched in anything but terms of Christian love and forbearance.'

['The above occurrence was a most disgraceful proceeding; enough to disgust every right-minded Christian. We consider the parish authorities most blameable, and they will be doing no more than their duty if they exclude from the belfry in future every man who pulled a rope in those peals.—*Ed.*']

'OUR RINGS OF TWELVE AND THEIR CONDITION, 1876, by Jasper W. Snowdon, Ilkley, near Leeds.'

This is an interesting schedule of 24 rings, giving the church, the town, weight and note of tenor, date of opening, first and last peals rung (date, method and number of changes and the condition of the ring in 1876). I note that tenor weights are between 15 cwt. (Quex Park) and 54 cwt. (York Minster), and notes range from F downwards to B. The greatest number of changes shown is 7,126 (St. Peter's, Norwich), Stedman Cinques; and it looks as if St. Bride's, London, was the earliest—1719—first peal January 19th, 1724, Grandsire Cinques. But in a footnote Mr. Snowdon showed that the first ring of 12 ever completed was the York Minster ring, augmented to 12 in 1681 and recast to ten in 1765—those ten destroyed by fire in 1829. There used to be 12 at Christ Church, Spitalfields, but fire destroyed them in 1836. Then Mr. Snowdon goes on to say that with his friend, Mr. R. Tuke, he proposed to compile a publication full of information of 12-bell towers, with illustrations of all the churches, and he asked readers for information.

A correspondent, signing himself 'TRUTH,' takes Mr. Snowdon to task over the schedule, saying he is 'sorry to believe it is a very incorrect account,' and goes on to give notes of tenors different from Snowdon's account.

As one might expect, Snowdon soon replies, saying that he did not wish to argue, but notes given were not expressions of his own opinion: they were taken from the works of Shipway, Hubbard, etc., and from societies' peal returns. He says: 'I know that there are no more indefinite quarrels than those of musical people,' and he ends: 'As regards the Halifax tenor (25 cwt., D sharp) I had its note given to me by the ringers when I was ringing there lately, and consider that if the bell is nearer D than E, it is preferable to call it D sharp rather than E flat.'

Now comes Jno. Harris with a contribution—argument for Snowdon and for 'TRUTH,' adding that he intends to publish a history of 28 rings of 12, with tenors between 15 cwt. (Quex Park) and 87 cwt. (Bradford Town Hall) and giving their notes in one column and concert pitch notes in another, which show that concert pitch is usually a semitone flatter than the note given in the other column but sometimes a whole note flatter. The Bradford Town Hall ring was shown as 'not pealable' and the tenor note as A (concert pitch, A flat), diameter 6ft. 5½in.

(To be continued)

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OBITUARY

MR. R. NARBOROUGH

The death took place recently at West Bridgford of Mr. Ralph Narborough, who for a number of years rendered conspicuous service to ringing in Nottingham. He was born in 1892.

Mr. Narborough began his ringing career at Wisbech and this was followed by experience gained at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich. On arriving at Nottingham he joined the company of St. Mary's and became a member of the Midland Counties Association and of the Society of Sherwood Youths in 1930. On the death of Mr. Albert Coppock in 1938 he was elected Master of the Sherwood Youths, and held this office until forced to retire through ill health in 1948. He was Ringing Master of St. Mary's, Nottingham, from 1938 until the bells were dismantled for safety during the war.

His peals numbered approximately 175, of which he conducted 39. Of these, 37 were on handbells. His last tower-bell peal was of Triples, which he conducted, and was rung to mark the installation of Lord Trent as first Chancellor of Nottingham University. He also rang in the first peals of Erin Triples (at Sutton-on-Trent) and Caters (at St. Mary's, Nottingham).

Mr. Narborough in his younger days served on the Central Council from 1913 to 1923 as representative of the Peterborough and District Association.

MR. FREDERICK E. WILSON

The Leicester Diocesan Guild is the poorer by the death of Mr. Fred Wilson, at the early age of 54, following a cerebral thrombosis.

He retired from the Leicester City Police Force on completing 25 years' service and had since been in civil employment. He was a member of the Leicester Cathedral band for about 25 years, and six or seven years ago he was induced to take charge at Aylestone Church in the city on the installation of a newly-augmented ring of eight. He had virtually to train a band of raw recruits, which he did with infinite patience and much credit. He was a founder member of the National Police Guild and for many years had acted as auditor.

A competent handbell ringer, Mr. Wilson had also organised, trained and brought to outstanding merit a team of tune ringers who were in great demand for social functions and were auditioned by Carrol Levis. The funeral service was held at the Leicester Crematorium on April 3rd, and many ringers were present. On April 11th a muffled peal of Stedman Cinques was rung at the Cathedral in his honour, using the same composition as that for the first peal on the new ring of 12 on the day they were first rung for the Coronation of King George V in 1937, and in which he took part.

He had rung close upon 90 peals, including a police peal of Stedman Cinques. He was a kindly, quiet and unassuming man, and leaves a widow (who also rang with him) and a daughter to mourn their loss. He will be greatly missed by them and by a wide circle of friends, who extend their sympathy to his bereaved family.

H. G. J.

ERNEST C. S. TURNER
AN APPRECIATION

The passing of Ernest Turner has left a gap in ringing circles which will be difficult, if not impossible, to fill. He was in almost every sense of the word one of the greatest ringers the Exercise has known, and if his achievements are studied he equalled and sometimes surpassed anything we have seen.

In every field of ringing, whether it was composing, conducting, serving his Association, teaching and encouraging less proficient ringers, or as a companion helping to make a social occasion a success, he was a wonderful man. His humour was infectious, and even after months of serious illness, which it was sad to see, it was a pleasure to talk to him. It seemed almost ironical that on Friday, April 5th, when he was taken for the last time to his parish church, it should be such a beautiful day when such a dark cloud hung over so many ringers who knew and loved him as a friend.

Like all really great characters, he was extremely modest, never seeking or expecting praise or publicity for any achievement, however outstanding this might be. Fortunately, when serious illness overtook him, and the weeks turned to months and months to years, his devoted wife Winifred was at his side every moment it was possible. Fortified by this, he was to become, in addition to a most lovable character, one of the bravest. Any sadness we feel at knowing that we may never see his like again will be tempered by remembering with thankfulness the example he set by his life and work.

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THE LADIES' GUILD

North Eastern District

The fourth annual meeting of the North Eastern District was held at Chester-le-Street on April 13th, when over 40 members and friends attended. During the afternoon and evening a variety of standard methods and Surprise methods was rung, including a touch of Stedman Triples by a band of ladies.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (Canon Appleton), who gave the ringers a very sincere welcome. Tea followed the service, and the vice-president said how pleased they were to see the Canon so much improved in health after his recent illness. Miss D. M. Killingley gave a vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens and the organist. Miss E. Softley thanked the ladies for preparing an excellent tea.

At the business meeting which followed, Mrs. C. McGuiness was re-elected vice-president, Mrs. C. N. Lea hon. secretary, and Miss E. Softley as Ringing Master. A change was made in the Central Committee and also the District Committee: Mrs. D. Bayles, Miss M. Capey, Miss D. M. Killingley and Miss J. B. Softley now form the District Committee, and Mrs. K. Arthur and Mrs. K. Lawson the Central Committee. Three new ringing members were elected.

Yorkshire District at Hunslet

The annual meeting of the Yorkshire District took place at Hunslet, Leeds, on March 30th. Ringing commenced at 4.15 p.m. due to the unusually large number of weddings that day. The belfry was crowded until tea time, and the eight bells were rung to a variety of methods during the afternoon and evening. Cups of tea were kindly provided in the nearby school by some young folk.

At the business meeting the following officers were elected: Vice-president, Mrs. P. M. Thorley; hon. secretary, Miss E. A. Wardill; committee—Miss M. Rhodes, Mrs. O. Whitehouse, Miss S. M. Schofield and Mrs. M. H. Schofield. Three new ringing members and one honorary member were elected. Two young honorary members have been provided for the Guild, during the last year, by Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Thornley, of Leeds. Votes of thanks closed the meeting, and further ringing took place.

E. B.

North-West District

Members of the District paid an early visit to the seaside this year when a joint meeting with the Wigan Branch of the Lancashire Association was held at Christ Church, Southport, on April 6th. Full use was made of this very pleasant ring of eight bells, and some of the ladies also found time to take advantage of the excellent shopping facilities nearby, as well as the sunshine and sea breezes.

A short service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. F. H. Pickering, M.A.) who, in his address, stressed the importance of rhythm in bellringing. After an excellent tea, served in the Church Schools, the ladies held their business meeting, at which one new member was elected. The next meeting of the District was fixed for August 31st, when it was hoped to visit either Chester or Macclesfield. Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar, organist, local ringers, those who helped to prepare and serve tea, and last but not least, to the secretary of the Wigan Branch, Lancashire Association, Miss M. Ridyard, for all she had done to make the meeting so enjoyable.

The many-coloured fairy lights twinkling in the trees bordering the main shopping street made a very pretty sight as members wended their way homewards after a very pleasant day.

S. P. W.

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BIRTH

PAGE.—To Mary and James Martin Page, 51, Cecil Crescent, Hatfield, Herts, on April 1st, 1957, a daughter, Susan Jane, a sister for Elizabeth and Louise. 103

ENGAGEMENT

BOWDEN—GRIME.—The engagement is announced between Richard John, only son of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Bowden, of Tiverton, Devonshire, and Elisabeth Ann Godfrey, youngest daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. A. G. Grime, of Breadsall, Derby. 124

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE

The marriage of James W. Haw, of Peterborough, and Ruth Morgan, of Swanage, will take place at St. Mary's Church, Swanage, Dorset, on Saturday, April 27th, at 2.30 p.m. All ringing friends will be very welcome. 94

RETURN THANKS

Mrs. Winifred Turner wishes to thank the many kind friends who have sympathised with her in her bereavement, and is sure that they will understand that it may be some time before she can reply to them all individually. 104

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LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD Report for 1956 has been published. Contents include peals rung during the Central Council meeting and 53 different compositions. Copies, price 2s. 6d., may be obtained from B. G. Warwick, 12, Dorothy Avenue, Glen Hills, Leicester. 106

CENTRAL COUNCIL'S HANDBOOK.—A valuable guide to every secretary and tower captain. Contents include: Aims, History and Procedure of the Council; Rules and Decisions of the Council; Active Committees of the Council and their work; Law affecting Church Bells; past and present officers and members since 1956; past and present affiliated societies. Price 2s. 6d. from Mrs. J. G. Steeples, Hall View, Launton, Bicester, Oxon.

MISCELLANEOUS

SOCIETY OF RAMBLING RINGERS.—Annual tour, 1957.—Yorkshire and Lancashire, July 28th to August 17th. Further details from A. E. Hartley, Hon. Sec., Shoreditch College, Englefield Green, Egham, Surrey. New members welcome. 114

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—St. John-the-Baptist.—Because of restoration work to the tower fabric, there will be no ringing until further notice. 128

MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Nunney, Saturday, April 27th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 75

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Meeting at Prestbury (8) on Saturday, April 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, 5.15 p.m., will be provided for all who notify me by Thursday, 25th.—B. Corbishley, Hon. Sec., 9, Meadow Way, Macclesfield. 92

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Derby, Saturday, April 27th. Committee 3.30 p.m. Tea 5. General meeting 6, St. Peter's Church Hall. Service 4.30 p.m. Ringing arrangements: Cathedral and St. Peter's, 3 to 4.15 p.m.; 7 to 8.30 p.m.—A. B. Cooper. 80

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Tickhill, Saturday, April 27th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Committee meeting 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Next meeting, Barnby Don, Saturday, May 25th. 107

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting at Stansted Mountfitchet (8) on Saturday, April 27th, at 3 p.m. Service conducted by Canon Lake at 4.30 p.m., to be followed by tea in the Central Hall. Names, please, to G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 30

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Guildford, Saturday, April 27th. Bells of Cathedral Church and St. Mary's in afternoon. St. Nicolas and Stoke after meeting. Service, St. Nicolas, 4 p.m., followed by tea and meeting in Congregational Hall, North Street.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec. 25

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Hitchin, Saturday, April 27th. Ringing: Knebworth (8), St. Ippolyts (6) and Stevenage (8), 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.; Baldock (8) and Graveley (6) 2 to 4 p.m.; Norton (8) 1.30 to 2.15 & 3 to 4 p.m.; Hitchin (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Preacher: Rev. G. O. Walsh (Vicar). Tea at St. Saviour's Hall, 5.15 p.m. Special business: committee recommendation for subscription to be raised to 3s. 6d.—H. V. Frost, Hon. Gen. Sec. 48

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The meeting on Saturday, April 27th, will be at Christ Church, *Erith*, not West Wickham. Times as previous notice.—A. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec. 117

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, April 27th. St. Botolph, Bishopsgate (8), 3.30 to 5 p.m. Tea, own arrangements. Meeting in belfry 6 p.m., and further ringing. Practice meeting, Wednesday, May 1st, St. Maryatte-Bow (8), 6.30 to 8 p.m. A good attendance requested. Everyone welcome.—L. Bullock, Dis. Sec. 67

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Heston, Saturday, April 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business: further ringing.—F. A. Finch. 78

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting on Saturday, April 27th. Speen bells available 2.30 p.m., followed by Service at 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., Shaw Parish Hall, followed by business meeting. Ringing at Shaw after tea. Names for tea to Miss P. A. Gaunt, 38, Bath Road, Thatcham, Berks. 95

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting, Bray, Saturday, April 27th. Ringing 3 p.m. Russell memorial dedication 4.20. Guild service 4.30. Tea 5. Meeting 6 p.m. 42

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Meeting at Symondsbury, Saturday, April 27th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. 53

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Meeting, Bottesford (8), Saturday, April 27th, at 3 p.m.—K. Wagstaff, Sec. 85

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, Saturday, April 27th, at 'The Cathedral of the Downs' (Alfriston, 6). Look up Double Court. Names for tea to H. Reynolds, Sec., 10, Eastern Avenue, Polegate. 55

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Corporate Communion, Yatton, 8 a.m., Sunday, April 28th. Bells 7 a.m. Breakfast 9 o'clock.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 118

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.—Annual general meeting to be held on Wednesday, May 1st, after ringing practice at St. Andrew's. 135

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting at Yeovil, Saturday, May 4th. Train, Waterloo, 9 a.m. Ringing at Yeovil, 12 noon to 1.30 p.m. Lunch at 1.30. Meeting in School Rooms 2.30. Ringing at Queen Camel 3.30 to 4.30 and at Sherborne Abbey 4.30 to 5.30. Return train from Yeovil 7 p.m. Names for lunch, please, to Mr. T. J. Setter, 109, Middle Street, Yeovil.—A. B. Peck. 46

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD and LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION (Rochdale Branch).—Joint meeting at Heptonstall, Yorks, Saturday, May 4th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea, please, by May 1st, to G. Cheetham, 12, Garden Street, Todmorden, Lancs.—F. Pritchard. 132

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT RINGING SOCIETY.—Meeting at St. Andrew's, Kirkella, on Saturday, May 4th. Bells (6) available 2 to 9 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. S. Rank, 24, Fairfield Avenue, Kirkella, Hull. 130

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Next meeting at Wootton Wawen on Saturday, May 4th, 3 p.m. Service 3.30. Tea at the Glebe House Tea Rooms 4 p.m. Names for tea by May 1st please.—H. M. Windsor, The Bakery, Long Itchington, near Rugby, Warwickshire. 120

DURHAM COLLEGES' SOCIETY.—Ringing Day, Saturday, May 4th, 2.30 p.m. Afternoon: St. Aidan's, Blackhill (8), and R.C., Blackhill (8) (if available). Evening: Consett (8). All visitors welcome. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to J. R. Worsdall, Hatfield College, Durham. 93

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. Meeting at Embledon on Saturday, May 4th. Persons going by private bus meet Bewick Street (opposite Central Station) at 2.15 p.m. Bring own picnic tea. 112

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting at March on Saturday, May 4th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. E. R. Knights, Dis. Sec. 88

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch.—Meeting at Haresfield (6) on Saturday, May 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea after service. Notify by April 30th.—Hubert Matthews, 2, Green Street, Haresfield, Stonehouse. 102

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—South West Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Lifton, Saturday, May 4th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by April 29th to T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth. All ringers welcome. 38

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Clun District.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Knighton on Saturday, May 4th. Inform secretary of numbers requiring tea.—Thomas Davies, 20, Newport Street, Clun, Craven Arms. 108

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Meeting, Saturday, May 4th, Bushey (8). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—K. R. Dunstan, Dis. Sec. 131

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Tonbridge District) and HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Joint meeting, Saturday, May 4th, at Cranbrook. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (3s.) 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by May 1st with cash, please, to Miss D. Colgate, 38, Buckhurst Avenue, Sevenoaks. 62

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Dover, Saturday, May 4th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 3.45 p.m Tea 2s. per head. Names, with cash, please, not later than Wednesday, May 1st, to Mrs. C. George, 11, Farthingloe Road, Maxton, Dover. Note: Service half-an-hour earlier.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 49

LADIES' GUILD.—Kent Branch.—Meeting, All Saints', Maidstone, Saturday, May 4th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, April 30th, please, to Mrs. E. A. Barnett, 26, Iron Mill Lane, Crayford. All ladies welcome—gentlemen invited. Good attendance, please, to elect secretary.—Olive Barnett, Acting Hon. Sec. 98

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Meeting at Old Basford, Saturday, May 4th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by May 2nd, please, to Mr. H. E. Seagrave, 7, Melbourne Road, Aspley, Notts. 111

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Meeting at Melling 2.30 to 4 p.m., and Hornby after tea on Saturday, May 4th. Tea 4.30 p.m. at Hornby. Names to T. Fisher, 19, Main Street, Hornby.—Eccles, Sec. 133

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—Meeting at St. Michael's, Aughton, on Saturday, May 4th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. for those notifying by May 1st Mr. R. Larkey, Smithy Lane, Aughton. —M. E. Ridyard. 110

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District.—Meeting, Crosthwaite, near Kendal, Saturday, May 4th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Names to R. Hudson, Fell Edge Farm, Crosthwaite, near Kendal.—N. M. Newby. 134

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—Meeting, Winterton, Saturday, May 4th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by May 1st to G. E. Brumpton, West Street, Winterton, Scunthorpe. 91

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Meeting, Silk Willoughby (6), Saturday, May 4th, 2 p.m. Service 4. Tea and meeting 4.45 p.m. Names for tea by Saturday, April 27th, to J. H. Musson, 3, Cornish Units, Gorse Lane, Silk Willoughby, near Sleaford, Lincs.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 77

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, May 4th, Norwich. Bells at St. Peter Mancroft, St. Giles and St. George, Colegate, available 1.30 to 4 p.m., and after business meeting up to 9 p.m. Service, St. Peter Mancroft, 4.15. Address by the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow. Tea 5, Chantry Hall. Business meeting 5.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, May 1st, to W. Love, 52, Spencer Street, Norwich. Bells of St. John de Sepulchre, Ber Street Gates (8), and St. Miles, Coslany (8), will be made available to complete companies on application to the Ringing Master, Mr. H. W. Barrett, Fernhill, Bungay Road, Loddon, Norfolk, or at St. Peter Mancroft on the day of meeting. 28

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oxford City Branch.—Meeting at Garsington, Saturday, May 4th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by May 1st to A. J. Adams, 166, Cricket Road, Oxford. 58

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD, BEDS ASSOCIATION & PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Joint meeting at Olney, Bucks, Saturday, May 4th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in Church Hall. Orders for tea by April 29th, please, to Mr. M. Cook, 45, Newton Street, Olney, Bucks.—Phyllis Gray, G. F. Roome, R. H. Howson, Secs. 68

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PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Cranford, Saturday, May 4th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. C. H. Newell, 19, Cranford, near Kettering.—S. R. Collins, Branch Sec. 74

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting at Welford, Saturday, May 4th. Names for tea to me by Tuesday previous, please.—W. J. Kinchin, Hon. Sec., Main Street, Yelvertoft, Rugby. 109

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Hindon, on Saturday, May 4th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, 30th, please, to Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 73

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Meeting, Chirton (5), Saturday, May 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service and tea. Marden (5) and All Cannings (5) available after tea. Names for tea.—S. Cockell, 19, Craybourne Road, Melksham, Wilts. 99

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Ecclesfield, 3 p.m., on Saturday, May 4th. Names for tea, please, to Mr. L. Smith, 3, Park Crescent, Ecclesfield.—J. Seager, Sec. 119

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Annual meeting, Southwell, Saturday, May 4th. Minster bells 2 p.m. Evensong 3.15. Tea 5 p.m. in Trebeck Hall for those who notify by Wednesday previous Mr. Fred Pickard, 47, Westgate, Southwell. Business meeting following tea. Farnsfield bells available 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m.—J. W. Raithby. 84

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly District meeting will be held at Christ Church, Epsom, on Saturday, May 4th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea by May 1st to Mr. F. J. Oakshott, Downsview, Lewins Road, Epsom. The special business at the meeting includes the committee's report on a striking competition.—W. Parrott, Hon. Sec. 60

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Halesworth District.—Quarterly meeting, Halesworth, Saturday, May 4th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names by May 2nd, please, to Mr. R. S. Payne, 21, Hotson Road, Southwold. 97

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — A.G.M., Saturday, May 4th, The Good Shepherd, Brighton. Ringing: The Good Shepherd, 3 to 4.15; St. Peter's and St. Nicholas', 2.30 to 3.45 and 7.30 to 8.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Individual names for tea not later than Wednesday, May 1st, and nominations for Master—both to R. W. R. Percy, 24, Oldfield Road, Willingdon, Eastbourne. 83

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District.—Quarterly meeting, Blackmoor, Saturday, May 4th. Usual arrangements. Numbers for tea by May 1st.—C. E. Bassett, Warsash, Southampton. 126

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION — Monday, May 6th, 7.30 p.m., practice, St. Mary, Lambeth. Saturday, May 11th, general meeting, Christ Church, Southgate (10), 3 to 4.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business 5, in Walker Hall. Further ringing 7 to 8.30 p.m. Names for tea, please.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. Tel. HOU 3921. 96

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South Eastern Division —Meeting at Galleywood (8), Saturday, May 11th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Numbers for tea, please, to A. H. Everett, Cornerway, Plantation Road, Boreham. 59

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South Western Branch.—Crusader meeting, Chigwell Row, Saturday, May 11th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. W. Vale, 8, Grove Cottages, Chigwell Row, Essex. 121

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Meeting at Cobham with Stoke D'Abernon on Saturday, May 11th. Bells from 3 p.m. Stoke 3 to 4 p.m. and after meeting. Service at Cobham 4.30. Tea in Church Room 5 p.m. Numbers for tea should be sent by May 7th, please, to Miss Ann Moore, Chippings, Icklingham Road, Cobham. 129

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—A meeting will be held at Apsley on Saturday, May 11th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, May 8th, to Mrs. J. Good, 44, Belmont Road, Hemel Hempstead. No names, no tea. —J. Good, Dis. Sec. 105

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Meeting at Marsham (8) on Saturday, May 11th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, 8th, to the Rev. H. G. Lillingston, The Rectory, Marsham. 125

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester Deanery Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Piddington, Saturday, May 11th. Bells (5) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m.—C. H. Kinch, Causeway, Bicester. 116

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Meeting at Hodnet, Saturday, May 11th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, May 7th, without fail, to Mr. T. Whiston, Stone Cottage, Abbotts Road, Hodnet, Salop. 122

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Saxmundham District. —Annual meeting at Aldeburgh on Saturday, May 11th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 5. Service 6 p.m. Names must be sent for tea by Wednesday, May 8th, to Mr. J. Pilgrim, 52, Saxmundham Road, Aldeburgh.—A. R. Bridges, Hon. Sec. 113

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—Quarterly meeting, Godshill, Saturday, May 11th. Postponed from May 4th. Usual arrangements.—Guy T6, Cypress Road, Newport, I.W. 127

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YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Annual general meeting at Huddersfield on Saturday, May 11th. Bells available: Parish Church (10), 2 to 4.30 p.m. and after meeting till 9 p.m.; Almondbury (8), 2 to 4 p.m. Bus No. 30-33 from near Parish Church. Service in Parish Church 4.30 p.m., followed by tea in Parochial Hall, Springwood Street, 5 p.m. Names by May 7th to Mrs. W. Littlewood, 26, Kingston Avenue, Dalton, Huddersfield. General meeting immediately afterwards. Subscriptions are due and reports will be available. Very important business includes a motion affecting the annual subscription rate and ancillary matters which will come up for discussion and settlement. A large and representative gathering is specially requested.—L. W. G. Morris. Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford, 9. 65

THE LADIES' GUILD.—Preliminary notice. —Annual general meeting, Saturday, July 6th, at Newcastle upon Tyne. Further details later. A dinner will be held in London on Saturday, October 19th. Tickets, price 15s 6d., available from District secretaries. Please apply now as supply limited. 101

QUARTER PEALS

READING, BERKS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Mar. 31st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: M. J. Horseman 1, Miss A. B. Diserens 2, Miss M. Fray 3, D. Cobb 4, B. C. Stirland 5, W. Newton 6, R. F. Diserens (cond.) 7, D. G. Byng 8. First of Stedman Triples for 3 and 4.

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CRITICISM AND THE CRITIC

ANATOLE FRANCE once wrote that the good critic was he who related the adventures of his soul among masterpieces. It is an interesting definition, and one provocative of much profitable thought, but it is clearly not a comprehensive one; for the critic must, on many occasions, harrow his soul by adventuring among many works that are not masterpieces. And this, indeed, must needs be so, for without it there could be no standards of comparison either in a work of art itself or in its presentation to the public.

This may well lead to some thoughts on the function of the critic in the field of the arts, and among the arts we may place the pursuit of change-ringing and its presentation to the listener. In the world of music, books, pictorial art and sport of various kinds, two forms of assessment are possible. The one deals with the work itself and its inherent qualities, and the other notices the manner in which the work is presented to the public. In some, as with books and pictures, the emphasis is on the work itself, and apart from some reference to binding or framing, little attention is paid to the form in which the work appears. In others, such as football or cricket, the attention of the critic is directed to the actual performance rather than to the stereotyped form of the construction of the game. In music and drama both the work itself and its presentation call for important criticism; but here, it may be noted, the emphasis may be more on the work if that work be a new composition, but more on the performers if the work is a well established classic.

It may not be unprofitable to trace some parallels and to attempt to apply the above generalisations to the art of bell ringing, and we may well consider first which of the two forms of criticism is the more common in the world of ringing, the method and its composition or the quality of the performance. Throughout the history of change-ringing both have always been of importance, but there would appear to have been periods when the one or the other has occupied a larger place. In the very beginning of change-ringing there was doubtless criticism (even if only self-criticism) of the Plain Changes and their limitations, and an accompanying dissatisfaction that led to a striving for something better. By the time of Annable the standard methods may have been beyond criticism, but it is clear from the documents of the period that serious notice was taken of the quality of the ringing. The diaries of Hearne, the verses of William Laughton, and the remarks of Annable himself, all point to a searching scrutiny of the standard of the performance and, indeed, of the conduct of the performers themselves.

In the 19th century, we are told, standards of ringing and ringing conduct fell to a low level. How far this is true of the general conditions is not easily defined, but it is clear from the unceasing struggles of certain composers that there was much criticism of compositions and a desire to produce better works of art. In the great renaissance of the '90s and of the first decade of this century, amid that tremendous outburst of theoretical enthusiasm and that overwhelming effluence of methods and compositions, criticism of the finished product of the composer was fierce and uncompromising, and the scrutiny of anything new was intense enough, in many instances, to arouse as much bitterness as ever divided even the ranks of scientists. The application of Double Norwich to nine bells shook the composure of Davies and Carter; James's new Treble Bob hunt for Surfleet Caters shocked the method experts; and even such an apparently small matter as starting a peal of Treble Bob with two Homes (although nobody seemed to give any reason for the baseness of the device!) was sufficiently contentious to force the Central Council to pronounce upon it in print.

In these days we seem, perhaps, to take the works themselves very much as they come, and without much comment. The great classics, both in method construction and composition, like Shakespeare, have ceased to abide our question; compositions appear and we accept them; in some respects, it may be argued, we tend to accept a somewhat lower standard than that of years gone by: but if that is so, the fact is balanced by the high quality and intricacy of so much of the best work of today.

Criticism of the performance and the performers remains strict, and this is as it should be. One recollection may (and should) temper and modify our zeal. The professional critic makes careful distinction between the professional performer, from whom a meticulous performance is required, and the enthusiastic amateur, often a performer of less skill and less polish, but one whose work is a genuine labour of love, and who is offering, in his humbleness and devotion, all his available talent. E. C. S.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., April 11, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 25 cwt.

HERRICK B. BOWLEY	*Treble*	JOHN A. ACRES	7
RICHARD F. PRIME	2	*SHIRLEY BURTON	8
ERNEST MORRIS	3	ALAN JACQUES	9
PHYLLIS POOLE	4	PETER J. STANIFORTH	10
VERNON GREEN	5	*WILLIAM J. ROOT	11
JOHN A. SMITH	6	E. CHARLES TURNER	*Tenor*

Composed by F. H. DEXTER. Conducted by HERRICK B. BOWLEY.
* 100th peal together.
Rung with the bells half-muffled to the memory of Frederick E. Willson, a former member of the Leicester Cathedral Society.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 22, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, REDCLIFFE,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 50 cwt.

FREDERICK G. LEAKER	*Treble*	REGINALD G. HOOPER	7
JOHN CHILCOTT	2	FRANK D. MACK	8
TUDOR P. EDWARDS	3	ALBERT M. TYLER	9
PATRICIA M. BOURN	4	EMLYN F. HANCOCK	10
DAVID HEIGHTON	5	NORMAN H. COOMBS	11
FRANK E. HANSFORD	6	FRANCIS C. MOGFORD	*Tenor*

Composed by DAVID E. PARSONS. Conducted by JOHN CHILCOTT.
Rung on the 50th anniversary of Mr. F. G. Leaker's first peal of Stedman Cinques.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 22, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5016 BOB MAXIMUS
Tenor 31 cwt. in C sharp.

MRS. PAT LEWINGTON	*Treble*	‡DAVID A. CORNWALL	7
*WILLIAM F. BUTLER	2	ANTHONY E. COX	8
†WILFRID G. WILSON	3	*†RAYMOND G. BURTON	9
ARTHUR D. BARKER	4	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM	10
WILLIAM T. COOK	5	WILLIAM HIBBERT	11
*FREDERICK R. SCOTT	6	*WALTER LEE	*Tenor*

Composed by WM. H. BARBER. Non-conducted and silent.
* First peal of Maximus. † First non-conducted peal. ‡ First peal on 12 bells. First non-conducted peal of Maximus for the Guild.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon. Feb. 18, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

STELLA HUGHES	*Treble*	GEORGE E. FEARN	5
*ELIZABETH M. YARDLEY	2	JOHN PINFOLD	6
EVELYN M. FLETCHER	3	FRANK E. HAYNES	7
H. DAVID HOLLAND	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
* First peal of Rutland.

WELLINGTON, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 30, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

J EDWARD CAWSER	*Treble*	RICHARD J. WARRILOW	5
ANN BARR	2	ARTHUR PRITCHARD	6
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	3	EDMUND MALIN	7
JOAN BERESFORD	4	PETER BERESFORD	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSER.
First peal in the method for the Association and on the bells.

ALLESLEY, COVENTRY.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 13, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	*Treble*	L. MICHAEL CALLOW	5
*DOROTHY E. BEAMISH	2	*GEORGE GARDNER	6
JOHN W. T. TAYLOR	3	*J. L. GARNER-HAYWARD	7
*PERCY STONE	4	PAUL K. WILLIAMSON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. K. LEWIS. Conducted by PAUL K. WILLIAMSON.
* First peal in method. First in method as conductor.

STOKE POGES, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 13, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in F sharp.

*MARGARET THOMPSON	*Treble*	‡JOHN D. KAPE	5
FREDERICK R. SCOTT	2	‡ANTHONY E. COX	6
†ARTHUR D. BARKER	3	WALTER LEE	7
†MRS. ARTHUR D. BARKER	4	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by ARTHUR D. BARKER.
* First peal of Major. † First peal of London Surprise Major. ‡ First peal in the method.

STOKE-BY-NAYLAND, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., April 13, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 12 lb. in D.

ERNEST W. BRIGHT	*Treble*	TERRY EARLE	5
LEWIS W. WIFFEN	2	HARRY J. MILLATT	6
ALAN R. SYDER	3	HILDA G. SNOWDEN	7
JOHN A. WARNER	4	CECIL W. PIPE	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by HILDA G. SNOWDEN.
First peal on the bells since their augmentation to eight.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 20, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5184 KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Killamarsh variation. Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.

*WILLIAM H. DOWSE	*Treble*	ALAN MCFALL	5
*FRANK OSBALDISTON	2	WILLIAM A. SMITH	6
BERNARD GROVES	3	DEREK OGDEN	7
ROBERT SMITH	4	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	*Tenor*

Composed by MAURICE HODGSON. Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.
* First peal of Major. First peal in this variation by all the band.
Rung for Easter and as a birthday compliment to Bernard Groves.

MAULDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 20, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 LEOMINSTER SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10¼ cwt. in F sharp.

PHYLLIS M. MAYNE	*Treble*	ANDREW C. SINFIELD	5
STEPHEN J. IVIN	2	RONALD J. SHARP	6
DAPHNE R. CASTELL	3	DEREK P. JONES	7
RALPH BIRD	4	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN J. IVIN. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
The first peal in the method.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 22, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5120 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21¼ cwt.

*EVELYN R. M. CANSDALE	*Treble*	*ALLEN W. CANSDALE	5
FRANK CLAYDON	2	WALTER ARNOLD	6
*ROSEMARY SEABROOK	3	HARRY J. MILLATT	7
*BERNARD W. FAIRHEAD	4	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD	*Tenor*

Composed by M. HODGSON. Conducted by HARRY J. MILLATT.
* First peal of Bristol. First in the method as conductor.
Rung in honour of the birthday on Easter Sunday of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

GREAT GRIMSBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 22, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5120 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in E.

W. ARTHUR CROWDER	*Treble*	GEOFFREY PAUL	5
MICHAEL W. CROWDER	2	ARTHUR PASHLEY	6
JOHN WALDEN	3	W. ROBERT PARKER	7
GEOFFREY R. PARKER	4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Tenor*

Composed by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
Rung in honour of the wedding of Frank G. Bloomfield and Gwen I. Rusby, which preceded this peal.

HALESWORTH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., April 22, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 26 lb. in E.

E. JACK THURLOW	*Treble*	RICHARD F. PRIME	5
RAYMOND PECK	2	JAMES M. BAILEY	6
JACK PILGRIM	3	PETER S. BEDFORD	7
C. JACK GIBSON	4	JOHN W. BLYTHE	*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.
First peal of Oxford T.B. Major by all except the ringer of the sixth.

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 22, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in D.

*DAPHNE R. CASTELL	*Treble*	DEREK P. JONES	5
ANDREW C. SINFIELD	2	PHILIP MEHEW	6
ALFRED E. RUSHTON	3	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES	7
RONALD J. SHARP	4	STEPHEN IVIN	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.
* 50th peal.

MANSFIELD, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 22, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 SINGLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 11 lb. in F.

HAROLD DENMAN	*Treble*	*GEORGE CHALLANS	5
GRACE BURCHNALL	2	*ERNEST PRESTON	6
KATHERINE BURCHNALL	3	*DOUGLAS H. ROOKE	7
ARNOLD HILL	4	*HERBERT T. ROOKE	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells and for the Guild.
Rung for Easter.

CLAYBROOKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Hinckley District.)
On Wed., April 24, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's variation. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	*Treble*	JOHN VERNON	5
ALFRED BALLARD	2	WILLIAM JOHNSON	6
GERALD JOHNSON	3	MICHAEL VERNON	7
*NEVILLE PRICE	4	FRANK K. MEASURES	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALFRED BALLARD.
* First peal.

SIX BELL PEALS

GREAT BARTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Wed., April 10, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Six callings. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 lb.

*JOE PETTITT	*Treble*	*LESLIE N. MELTON	4
ARTHUR W. ROLFE	2	DOUGLAS H. ROOKE	5
LEONARD SHARPE	3	HENRY IVINGS	*Tenor*

Conducted by DOUGLAS H. ROOKE.
* First peal of Grandsire. First peal of Doubles as conductor and first as conductor for the Guild.

PETERCHURCH. HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., April 11, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 10 cwt.

ROSEMARY BRAY	*Treble*	AUSTIN T. WINGATE	4
ROSEMARY JARRETT	2	LESLIE EVANS	5
*RICHARD MOXLEY	3	THOMAS WOOD	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE EVANS.
* First peal.

BISHAMPTON. WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 13, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being one 2,160 (C.C.C. No. 82) and four extents with different callings.
Tenor 10 cwt.

MRS. JOHN THOMAS	*Treble*	*ROBERT W. COLE	4
*JOHN THOMAS	2	*JOSEPH E. NEWMAN	5
*GERALD C. HEMMING	3	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY J. HEMMING.
* First peal of Cambridge Minor and first peal of Surprise Minor as conductor.
Rung on the fifth ringer's birthday and to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the above Association.

CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH. DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 13, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-A-BECKET.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In three methods, being 1,440 Plain Bob, 1,440 Oxford Treble Bob and 2,160 Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	*Treble*	BERNARD GROVES	4
*WILLIAM H. DOWSE	2	ALAN MCFALL	5
ARTHUR HIBBERT	3	ROBERT SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN MCFALL.
* First peal 'inside.' First peal in three methods as conductor.
Rung to welcome the Rev. R. C. Austin, who was inducted Vicar of this parish the previous evening. Also as a welcome to William Arthur, son of Arthur and Frances Hibbert.

IXWORTH. SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., April 13, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 15 methods, being two extents each of St. Osmund Bob, St. Remigius' Bob, St. Hilary Bob, Blackburn Place, Westminster II Bob, three extents each of Place Bob, New Grandsire, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas', Reverse St. Bartholomew, Grandsire, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, and five extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

HARRY KING	*Treble*	ERNEST BISHOP	4
KENNETH G. BROWN	2	DOUGLAS H. ROOKE	5
LEONARD S. SHARPE	3	HENRY IVINGS	*Tenor*

Conducted by KENNETH G. BROWN.
First peal in 15 methods by all. Most number of Doubles methods rung to a peal for the Guild.

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TRYSULL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., April 13, 1957, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (four callings). Tenor 11 cwt. 17 lb.

*†C. R. CHAD COUSSMAKER *Treble*	‡JOHN A. ANDERSON 4
†STELLA HUGHES 2	PAUL J. RIGBY 5
PETER R. SANDERS .. 3	†ROBERT J. WARRILOW .. *Tenor*

Conducted by STELLA HUGHES.

* First peal away from the tenor. † First peal of Bob Doubles. ‡ First peal of Doubles. The first peal of Bob Doubles on the bells.

Rung to celebrate the completion of 21 years as people's warden by Mr. C. P. Bolland, the 70th birthday of the Vicar, the 23rd birthdays of C. R. C. Coussmaker and P. R. Sanders, and the 60th anniversary of the rehanging of the bells.

WICKHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 13, 1957, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 11 cwt.

*S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT *Treble*	†A. YORK-BRAMBLE 4
†MARION J. PARKER 2	*ROBIN G. LEALE 5
‡KEITH JORDAN 3	*ROGER BALDWIN .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by ROGER BALDWIN.

* First in method in Minor on tower-bells. † First of Minor in the method. ‡ First peal of Surprise. Robin G. Leale has now rung Cambridge from Minor to Maximus.

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., April 21, 1957, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Kent T.B. and Oxford T.B., and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

ALLEN W. CANSDALE .. *Treble*	*DONALD L. MILLS 4
*MRS. LESLIE MILLS .. 2	LESLIE D. MILLS 5
A. EDWARD LEGGETT .. 3	EVELYN R. M. CANSDALE *Tenor*

Conducted by DONALD L. MILLS.

* 25th peal together. Allen and Evelyn Cansdale have now 'circled the tower.'

Rung for the diamond wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Clarke, Mr. Clarke having completed 55 years as people's warden at the above church.

BURITON, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 22, 1957, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in G.

*ALAN A. J. BUSWELL .. *Treble*	†E. KEITH JORDAN 4
†BETTY DAYSH 2	FREDERICK W. BURNETT 5
SHIRLEY M. PARSONS .. 3	JOHN H. HUNT.. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN H. HUNT.

* First peal at first attempt. † First peal of Bob Minor.

A compliment to Betty Daysh on the eve of her birthday.

EAST HARLING, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 22, 1957, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

*JILL CREASY .. .. .. *Treble*	CHARLES E. G. BANHAM .. 4
WILLIAM M. MANN.. .. 2	PAUL JONASON 5
LEONARD W. KING 3	WILFRED G. SAUNDERS .. *Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRED G. SAUNDERS.

* First peal (aged 14).

Rung to the glory of God and for the Easter Festival.

NORTON SUBCOURSE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 22, 1957, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

ALBERT I. WALPOLE .. .. *Treble*	TREVOR T. J. BAILEY .. 4
STANLEY W. COPLING .. 2	GODFREY G. WALPOLE .. 5
JAMES W. FORDER 3	ERNEST LONG .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by GODFREY G. WALPOLE.

Rung in honour of the diamond wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. David Fenn. Mr. Fenn has been a loyal member of the Norton Subcourse company for over 35 years.



ST. LAWRENCE CHURCH, STANWICK

This Northamptonshire church has recently had a new treble bell added as the result of nine years of effort on the part of the ringers and friends, and has now a ring of six. St. Lawrence Church has a spire 156 feet high, of an unusual design, being based on an octagonal tower which dates from the early part of the reign of Henry III.

Stanwick has in the past produced two distinguished men, both being sons of rectors. John Dolben, born 1623, became Archbishop of York and gave the present pulpit. Richard Cumberland, born 1732, was a diplomat and playwright, and is buried in the Poets' Corner in Westminster Abbey.

A report of the dedication service appears on page 282.

HANDBELL PEAL

ST ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., April 18, 1957, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT 17, QUEEN STREET,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB ROYAL

Tenor size 14 in D.

GERALD PENNEY.. .. .. 1—2	GEOFFREY DODDS .. .. 5—6
J DESMOND PAINTER .. 3—4	JOYCE DODDS .. .. .. 7—8
	*PATRICIA DOORN .. .. 9—10

Composed and Conducted by GEOFFREY DODDS.

* First peal of Royal and first peal 'in hand.'

Rung in honour of the visit of H.M. the Queen and Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, to St. Albans Abbey on the occasion of the distribution of the Royal Maundy.

GUILDFORD GUILD HAVE RECORD MEMBERSHIP

DANGER OF SWITCHED OFF LIGHTS

THE annual meeting of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, held at Guildford last Saturday, attracted a large attendance of ringers. After ringing at Holy Trinity and St. Mary's Church the Guild service was held in St. Nicolas' Church, conducted by the Rev. J. P. Denham, rector of Dunsfold, and singing led by a choir of ringers.

The Rev. T. H. Dart, of Aldershot, said in his sermon that one of the most joyous ways of advertising the Gospel was through the ancient art of bellringing. When they rang their bells they were calling people to church and proclaiming the joy of Christian life. The only people who did not like bells and found them abhorrent were those who could not accept the challenge to come to church and worship. The art of ringing was a corporate one that required considerable personal discipline, restraint and effort; the Christian life also required those same qualities and the life of a servant of God was a life of discipline, restraint and corporate worship.

A tremendous number of Christians never went out of their way to proclaim their faith in the home and business. They must be proud of the message that had been entrusted to them to proclaim—not only with the bells but in their lives.

The Master (Mr. A. Harman) presided at the business meeting, which followed tea in the Congregational Hall.

551 RINGING MEMBERS

The report of the executive committee gave the membership of the Guild as 551 ringing and 101 honorary. So far as can be ascertained, this was an all-time record. The figures showed a very welcome increase from last year, when some serious falling off was apparent, and in view of the competition in their area, it was particularly gratifying to record that the biggest increase in ringing members was in the Leatherhead district. A new band had been formed at Ockley and at Stoke D'Abernon, where a new ring of five was installed last year; there was no lack of recruits. Weybridge and Chobham, which were practically closed shops so far as the Guild was concerned, were now among the strongest supporters of the Guild.

Report for towers and districts showed that the diocesan ringers played their part in the Diocesan Mission Week last April, and in addition to a peal of Doubles at Stoke D'Abernon to mark the week, a number of quarter peals were rung, and ringing took place several times, if not every night in the week, at most of the towers.

Losses by death were Mr. Jim Dodson, Ringing Master of Chertsey District, Mr. Percy Underwood, a loyal member of the Ottershaw band, and Mr. Harry Collis, a ringer at Chobham for over 50 years. Mr. J. Dixey, of Stoke D'Abernon, an honorary member, had also died.

In their memory the meeting stood in silence.

The report recorded thanks to Mr. Harold Pitstow and his Banstead ringers for their excellent performance on the television screen, not the least impressive of which was the wonderfully accurate striking of Stedman Triples which marked their fading out.

GENERAL SECRETARYSHIP

Changes in Guild officers were foreshadowed, as the general secretary, who had served as Guild District secretary from 1929 until 1938 and had since served as Guild secretary, had given the committee notice that this would be his last year of office, and during the year the committee hoped to find a successor.

Presenting the report, Mr. Grover called attention to his retirement, and said he hoped that whoever was proposed would be prepared to serve for a number of years.

The balance sheet, presented by Mr. L. C. W. Hunter, showed a balance in hand of £56 1s. 10d. There was a balance of £118 14s. 10d. on the Guild Benevolent Fund and £105 1s. 7d. on the New Cathedral Bells Fund.

Mr. A. C. Hazelden submitted the librarian's report, and said they had in their possession the negatives of Mr. E. H. Lewis' technical book on the swinging of bells in towers. They proposed to hand these over to the librarian of the Central Council.

Major E. J. Bragg, the peal recorder, reported that 25 peals had to be rung in 1956. These peals were rung in 16 different towers by 83 different ringers. There were nine first peals. Two outstanding peals were rung—Cobham Surprise Royal at Leatherhead, and Doubles in 24 methods at Stoke D'Abernon. Mr. E. J. Wells headed the list of conductors with nine peals to his credit.

Mr. G. S. Joyce, the badge secretary, said they made a profit of £3 6s. 6d. on the sale of badges last year. A small size badge was introduced last year and 135 were sold. Stocks were in the hands of District secretaries.

Officers elected were president, the Bishop of Guildford; vice-presidents, Rev. O. R. Ackworth, Messrs. G. Marriner and A. H. Winch, additional; Master, Mr. A. Harman; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. G. L. Grover; assistant hon. secretary, Miss W. Oliver; hon. auditor, Mr. L. C. W. Hunter; peal recorder, Major E. J. Bragg; liaison officer to Surrey Association, Mr. F. Oakshott.

CENTRAL COUNCIL ELECTION

There were nine nominations for the four representatives on the Central Council. Messrs. A. Harman and H. V. Young withdrew. A ballot resulted in the election of Messrs. H. N. Pitstow, W. H. Viggers, G. S. Joyce and A. C. Hazelden. Unsuccessful were Messrs. A. H. Pulling (a member of the Council since 1914), T. Mark White and T. W. White.

Mr. Roy Collins moved on behalf of the Chertsey District that junior members be allowed to vote at District meetings but not allowed to nominate any Guild or District officers. He thought that it would create more interest for them at meetings.

Mr. C. W. Denyer said if the resolution was carried he would propose at the next annual meeting that there be only one subscription for the whole Guild, 2s. 6d., and the junior subscription of 2s. be abolished.

Mr. T. W. White opposed the motion but it was carried by 28 votes to 6, the majority of those present abstaining from voting.

ELECTRICITY IN TOWERS

A motion was submitted from the executive committee calling attention to the control of the electricity supply to ringing rooms and bell chambers by a main switch in the church to the detriment of anyone among the bells or ringing. The motion asked for the matter to be submitted to the Church authorities and the Central Council.

Mr. T. Mark White said the Guildford Diocesan Year Book recommended that all the electrical installation in a church should be controlled by a main switch, and that was the recognised practice, as an installation could not be put in without a main switch. He suggested a notice on the main switch if anyone was in the belfry.

Mr. C. W. Denyer said at Farnham they had met the difficulty by raiding the verger's store of candles. They had two candles burning in the ringing chamber during practices.

Mr. S. Russell (Ash) said recently they were just going to pull off with learners and ropes when the lights were switched off. He dared not think what would have happened if they were ringing. It would be most difficult if someone was oiling the bells and was left in the dark.

The resolution which was carried read: 'That the responsible electrical or ecclesiastical authority be requested to remedy the dangerous practice of permitting bell chamber, ringing room and staircase lights to be controlled from the main swich. That in cases where such a state of affairs exists the authorities be asked to fix cautions against switching off without due investigation.'

FAULTY CHIMING HAMMERS

Another motion was to warn the Church authorities of the danger to bells occasioned by faulty conditions of chiming hammers.

The Master, who introduced the motion, said he had known of bells being cracked by faulty chiming apparatus. It was decided to call the attention of the Church authorities to the danger.

Mr. C. W. Denyer said he had booked the Stoke Hotel, Guildford, for the annual dinner on October 19th, and he had written to the Bishop of Guildford to take the chair. Last year they had an attendance of 178 and this year they hoped for 200. Messrs. R. Mills, W. Viggers and C. W. Denyer agreed to serve on the dinner committee.

Life membership was bestowed on Mr. A. H. Hutton, of Holy Trinity, Guildford, after 58 years' membership, and congratulations extended to Mr. Sam Petter on his 80th birthday. New members elected were Mr. J. Tait and Mrs. P. Tait (Holy Trinity, Guildford), Rev. E. B. and Mrs. Wood (Leatherhead) and Miss Clare Waterson (Stoke D'Abernon). Miss Pauline Sprackling, Miss Winifred Keys and Mr. Tom Sone were elected compounding members.

A letter of sympathy and wishes for a speedy recovery is to be sent to Mr. R. Lathbury (Walton-on-Thames), who had been in hospital for 12 weeks.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks, proposed by Mr. H. V. Young, to the secretary and assistant secretary for their work, and to those who had provided the excellent tea.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD

Beginners Prominent at Basingstoke Meeting

The spring meeting of the Basingstoke District was held at Church Oakley on April 13th, when 50 ringers attended, and some good practice was put in for the beginners who turned up in force. The Guild service was conducted by Canon G. H. Jeudwine and the address given by the Rev. F. S. H. Maule, Rector of Deane. The lesson was read by the hon. secretary of the Branch.

Tea was kindly given by Canon and Mrs. Jeudwine and the Church Oakley ringers, and was much appreciated by all present. New members were elected from Monk Sherborne and Church Oakley.

The Four Guilds Festival has been fixed for September 14th at Basingstoke. After tea, good use was made of both Church Oakley and Deane bells.

QUARTER PEALS

ALDERTON, NORTHANTS.—On Easter Sunday, 1,260 Doubles (720 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 540 Southrepps): Miss P. A. Neesham 1, H. E. Curtis 2, J. E. King 3, A. G. Osborne (cond.) 4, K. D. Perkins 5. Also 1,260 Doubles (360 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 360 Old Doubles and 540 Bob): Miss S. E. Tompkins 1, Miss P. A. Neesham 2, K. D. Perkins (cond.) 3, H. E. Curtis 4, A. G. Osborne 5. Rung for the Festival of Easter.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Easter Sunday, 1,260 Doubles (660 Bob and 600 Grandsire): A. H. Craven (first away from covering bell) 1, Diana M. Gough 2, Pamela R. Gough 3, D. H. Paine 4, H. W. Brown (cond.) 5, R. D. Brown 6.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCS.—On April 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Joan Carter (cond.) 1, Duncan K. Malloch (age 14) 2, Adele J. Bagnall 3, William Harrison 4, A. D. J. Goodwin (14, first quarter) 5, Malcolm R. Gibson (14, first quarter) 6.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.—On March 31st, 1,260 Bob Minor: L. N. Melton 1, P. R. J. Lester 2, Mrs. R. E. Lester 3, A. E. J. Lester 4, G. R. Goodship 5, R. E. Lester (cond.) 6. For Mothering Sunday Evensong. Also on April 7th, 1,260 Bob Minor: Mrs. R. E. Lester 1, A. E. J. Lester 2, H. Mitson 3, W. S. Girling 4, L. A. Lester (Bergh-Apton) 5, R. E. Lester (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

BEDFORD.—On Easter Day, at St. Paul's Church, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: S. Foskett 1, C. E. Jeffries 2, Anne Amor 3, Jennifer Davies 4, P. J. Shipton 5, S. J. Ivin (cond.) 6, J. B. Long 7, R. A. Lennard 8, R. L. Piron 9, D. Thompson 10. For Easter Day, and also a 79th birthday compliment to Donald Thompson.

BEXLEY, KENT.—On April 21st, 1,259 Grandsire Triples: Brenda Foster 1, Mary Andrews 2, Beverley Thompson 3, Judith Cox 4, Susan Nicholson 5, J. L. Morris (cond.) 6, P. P. Brown 7, Jean Jones 8. For Evensong on Easter Sunday.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.—On April 6th, at Waterloo Tower, Quex Park, 1,440 Bob Minor: J. Tumber 1, Mrs. Bridges 2, E. Milsted 3, H. Luck 4, A. Hinkley 5, J. Russell (cond.) 6, W. B. Ridges (first quarter) cover. Rung for the A.G.M. of the Quex Park Society of Change Ringers.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.—On Easter Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Andrews 1, H. Lear (cond.) 2, A. Daniells 3, F. Stanton 4, A. B. Cordon 5, W. Daniells 6, R. Cadamy 7, E. Smith 8. For evening service.

BUCKLEY, FLINTSHIRE.—On Easter Sunday, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Hayes 1, R. V. Robinson 2, B. R. Millward 3, P. C. Roberts 4, A. Lewis 5, A. G. Watkin 6, D. H. B. Millward (cond.) 7, F. C. Millward (17, first quarter) 8. Rung for the Festival of Easter.

CHENIES, BUCKS.—On April 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (480 Bob and 780 Grandsire): E. G. Swift (cond.) 1, Mary G. Carnochan 2, M. Swift 3, Donald R. Bartholomew (first 'inside') 4, D. Joseph Goodman 5, B. Edwards 6. Rung to the glory of God and the joy of Easter.

COGENHOE, NORTHANTS.—On April 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. G. F. Roome 1, Miss J. M. Packwood 2, Miss J. Crow 3, Miss J. A. Downing 4, Miss D. M. Miller (first as cond.) 5, Miss N. W. Williams 6. Believed to be the first quarter peal by ladies in the district.

CRANFORD, MIDDX.—On Easter Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Barbara Marchant 1, Barbara Thrush 2, G. Thrush 3, P. J. Woodgyer 4, D. Fowles (cond.) 5, June Richardson 6. First quarter for 1 and 6. Rung for Evensong.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.—On April 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Overy (cond.) 1, Mrs. K. Snelling 2, G. Apps 3, H. Lilley 4, J. Jeffery 5, R. Johnson 6, K. Snelling 7, T. Brett 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Rev. H. F. C. Kemp, M.C., Vicar of Cuckfield for 15 years.

CUCKNEY, NOTTS.—On Easter Sunday, 1,320 Norwich Surprise: F. Flint 1, Miss F. Robinson 2, G. Challans 3, R. Lucas 4, D. H. Rooke 5, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 6. Rung for Evensong.

DAMERHAM, HANTS.—On April 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss I. Bush (first quarter) 1, Miss M. Mackenzie 2, Miss J. M. Gray 3, J. Baverstock 4, P. Waterman (cond.) 5, G. Dyer 6. Rung on St. George's Day as a farewell to the ringer of the treble.

ELING, HANTS.—On April 6th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: M. J. Best 1, R. N. Marlow 2, G. Buchanan 3, J. Hartless (cond.) 4, L. F. Cobb (first of Doubles) 5, M. W. Edwards 6. First of Stedman Doubles for all except 1 and 2.

EWELL, SURREY.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Marjorie Hunter 1, H. E. Good 2, G. Pullinger 3, J. Hill (cond.) 4, A. S. Besant 5, C. W. Munday 6, R. C. Spittle 7, G. W. Hill 8. First of Stedman for 1 and 5.

EYNSHAM, OXON.—On April 15th, 1,260 Doubles (120 Union, 180 Stedman, 480 Plain Bob, 360 April Day, 120 Grandsire) (ten callings): Sylvia Hale (first quarter) 1, Joan F. Winterbourne 2, Phyllis Hale 3, C. G. Calcutt (cond.) 4, C. Bennett 5, A. Harris 6. First quarter by all in five methods, except conductor. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. T. W. Bond, ringer and chorister for many years at St. Leonard's, Eynsham.

GREAT BRINGTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.—On Easter Sunday, 1,440 Bob Minor: J. H. Williams 1, R. E. Holland 2, S. Webb 3, M. J. Chown 4, S. J. Summers 5, E. G. Orland (cond.) 6. First of Minor for 1 and 2. For morning service.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.—On April 14th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: R. N. Pipe 1, C. R. Lovett 2, C. W. Pipe 3, E. Pearce 4, F. J. Crapnall 5, J. Bennett 6, A. Clarke tenor covering. For Evensong.

HAILSHAM, SUSSEX.—On Easter Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Cynthia Puttock (first quarter) 1, Mrs. Hunnisett 2, Mr. A. Goldsmith 3, Mr. N. Matthews 4, Mr. E. Breed (cond.) 5, Mr. C. Booth 6. For evening service.

HANSLOPE, BUCKS.—On April 20th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: H. Curtis (first of Major) 1, Miss J. Downing 2, R. V. Baker 3, K. D. Perkins 4, Miss D. Miller 5, R. A. Eldridge 6, A. C. Cozens 7, G. F. Roome (cond.) 8. First quarter of Kent for all the band. A 21st birthday compliment to Mrs. Shirley Cozens.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDX.—On Easter Sunday, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss B. C. Webster 1, Mrs. H. G. Hart 2, W. N. Genna 3, Mrs. C. C. Mayne 4, H. G. Hart 5, Miss M. J. Skinner 6, J. R. Mayne (cond.) 7, R. C. Gorringe 8. Rung for Easter and also as a 55th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Gorringe, parents of the tenor ringer.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.—On Easter Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Penelope Knowles (first quarter) 1, L. Stilwell 2, J. Smart 3, P. H. Langton 4, E. Fosbery 5, I. Windwood 6, D. R. Mitchell (cond.) 7, C. Denyer 8. For Matins. Also 1,264 Bob Major: Jane Langton (first in method) 1, L. Stilwell 2, P. H. Langton (first in method) 3, E. Fosbery 4, S. A. Paice 5, June M. Clements (first as conductor in method) 6, D. R. Mitchell 7, W. L. Weller 8. For Evensong.

KELVEDON, ESSEX.—On Easter Sunday, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise: J. Papworth 1, R. Pye 2, Miss W. Elliott 3, E. Smith 4, C. Burton 5, A. R. Elliott (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

LEWKNOR, OXON.—On March 30th, 1,320 Doubles (St. Martin's, St. Simon's, St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place, Place Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob, Grandsire): R. Baker 1, J. Godman 2, F. Godden 3, R. Tuckwell 4, F. Absolom (cond.) 5, W. Fulker 6.

MANGOTSFIELD, BRISTOL.—On Easter Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. B. Jefferies 1, C. E. Jefferies 2, T. Jefferies 3, M. Jefferies 4, J. G. Jefferies (cond.) 5, J. W. Jefferies 6. First quarter ever rung at Mangotsfield by one family. Farewell to the ringer of the third, who is entering H.M. Services.

NEWBURY, BERKS.—On Easter Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Davey 1, H. P. Reed 2, Miss M. Williams 3, D. Perkins 4, G. Wiggins 5, F. E. Turner 6, H. Lawrenson (cond.) 7, B. Brooks 8. For Evensong and H.M. the Queen's birthday.

NORTHAMPTON.—On April 23rd, at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, 1,344 Bob Major: Miss N. Williams 1, H. Curtis (first of Major 'inside') 2, A. Osborne (first of Major) 3, Miss J. Downing 4, Miss D. Miller 5, A. C. Cozens 6, K. D. Perkins 7, G. F. Roome (cond.) 8. Rung for St. George's Day.

OLD HEADINGTON, OXFORD.—On March 31st, 1,260 Doubles (four extents each of Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob, 2½ extents Grandsire): Miss A. Mellor 1, R. J. Trebilcock 2, J. Cruickshank 3, Miss V. Naylor (first in three Doubles methods) 4, T. H. Smith (cond.) 5, R. Brown 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to R. J. Trebilcock.

OTTERSHAW, SURREY.—On April 22nd, 1,440 Doubles (480 each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Grandsire and Plain Bob): Sally Buchanan 1, Neil Carter 2, Roy Collins 3, Hazel Hancock 4, David Wright (cond.) 5, Jimmy Ribbons 6. Rung for the celebration of Easter, and for the birth of a son (Peter) to the ringer of the tenor, for the Queen's birthday (Sunday) and for St. George's Day (Tuesday).

PAULERSPURY, NORTHANTS.—On April 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss E. Ballard 1, W. Smart 2, K. Sheldon 3, R. Hinton 4, P. W. Foster (cond.) 5, J. Elliott 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss M. Kingston, a member of this band.

PINNER, MIDDX.—On April 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Elsie Savory 1, Marion Skinner 2, W. N. Genna 3, D. Robinson 4, E. W. Thurlow 5, R. Wilkinson 6, F. W. Goodfellow (cond.) 7, H. Stratford 8. Rung immediately after the wedding at North Harrow of Shirley M. Clayton, a member of the local band, to the Rev. Alan Beck.

RYE, SUSSEX.—On Easter Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jennifer M. Southerden 1, Noreen Winter 2, Rosemary G. Hicks 3, A. J. Hicks (cond.) 4, J. Small 5, M. J. McRobbie 6, D. Hodgson 7, J. Moore 8. (Cover—6 and 7 dodging 8 behind.) Rung for Easter morning service.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—On March 10th, at the Cathedral, 1,264 Bob Major: M. D. Frost 1, W. J. Arnold 2, L. T. Hansell 3, G. Blake 4, B. A. Cornell 5, J. E. Ewer 6, G. Penney (cond.) 7, R. F. Ewer 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to B. A. Cornell and G. Penney.

ST. MARY CRAY, KENT.—On Easter Sunday, 720 Minor: S. Hardy 1, G. H. Wheeler 2, R. Beard 3, S. Zobal 4, F. Zobal 5, B. Aldridge (cond.) 6. Rung for 7 a.m. Communion Service. Also 360 Minor: S. Hardy 1, F. Gorringe (cond.) 2, R. Beard 3, S. Zobal 4, F. Zobal 5, B. Aldridge 6.

QUARTER PEALS

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.—On Easter Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Hook 1, G. King 2, J. H. Edwards 3, A. Hoad 4, A. Smith 5, J. Harris 6, W. H. Hoad (cond.) 7, A. Allcorn 8. For morning service.

SAPCOTE, LEICS.—On Easter Day, 1,440 Bob Minor: Mrs. M. E. Brown 1, Jennifer Stratford 2, Christine Stratford 3, Dorothy Stratford 4, M. E. Brown (cond.) 5, V. T. Cooper 6. For Festival Evensong, by Sunday service band.

SHARDLOW, DERBYSHIRE.—On April 12th, 1,320 Doubles (360 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, 960 Plain Bob): Miss P. J. Kinsey 1, Miss M. M. Grime 2, S. J. Knighton 3, J. E. Collins 4, A. Whiting (first quarter as conductor) 5, J. Footer 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Henry B. Shardlow, Ringing Master and sidesman at this church for many years, who died on April 12th, 1947.

SHARESHILL, STAFFS.—On April 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. H. Burgess (first quarter) 1, H. Butler, jun., 2, Miss L. Butler 3, M. Mullard 4, J. H. Allen (cond.) 5, M. H. Butler 6. For Palm Sunday. With the exception of the second, all are under 17 years of age—probably the youngest band to ring a quarter on the bells.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On April 21st, 1,260 Bob Royal: A. D. Rivers 1, F. R. Scott 2, E. S. T. Farr 3, B. L. Taylor 4, Miss J. Adamson 5, Miss S. Wickenden 6, A. J. Glass 7, W. F. Butler 8, W. Birmingham 9, J. C. Birt (first of Royal as cond.) 10. First of Royal for 5 and 6. Rung for the Easter Festival and H.M. the Queen's 31st birthday; also as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. Armstrong (two local ringers) on the birth of a daughter on April 19th.

STEVENAGE, HERTS.—On Easter Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Swain 1, G. Johnson 2, H. Wittering 3, D. Gullick 4, W. Houghton 5, W. Lawrence (cond.) 6, W. Brown 7, J. Aldous 8. Rung for Evensong.

STRATFORD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS.—On April 23rd, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: W. Cockings 1, J. Price 2, F. Kinchin 3, R. C. Chapman 4, V. B. Hunt 5, L. Hallet 6, C. R. Steed 7, J. L. Garner-Hayward 8, J. L. Findon (cond.) 9, F. C. Lyne 10. Rung on the anniversary of the birth of William Shakespeare, as a birthday compliment to V. B. Hunt, who has completed 25 years as captain of the ringers of this church.

STAMFORD HILL, LONDON.—On April 14th, at St. Ann's, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Miss L. Hawes (first in method) 1, Miss P. Rowe 2, H. Howson 3, B. Bladon (cond.) 4, E. J. Rowe 5, F. Riddleston 6.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—On April 14th, at St. Thomas's Church, 1,264 Bob Major: Jill Tombs 1, J. G. Pusey (first in method) 2, F. V. Nicholls 3, J. N. Lindon 4, R. Cooper 5, A. L. Dunn 6, F. B. Cookson (cond.) 7, P. W. Webb 8. Rung for Evensong.

SWINESHEAD, LINCS.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mary J. Morriss (13, first quarter) 1, P. H. Reynolds 2, M. A. Randall 3, T. E. Wilson 4, J. P. Morriss (cond.) 5, C. Stubley 6. For 7 o'clock Communion.

TWYFORD, BERKS.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Smith 1, Miss M. Golson 2, Mrs. J. Sharpe 3, D. Belcham 4, Mrs. H. Smith 5, H. Smith 6, W. Hunt (cond.) 7, A. A. Brown 8. First quarter for 1 and 2.

WELLS, SOMERSET.—On Easter Sunday, at the Cathedral, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: F. Slatford 1, A. J. Sanger 2, S. A. Read 3, G. Francis 4, G. Massey 5, L. Hitchens 6, V. Roberts 7, G. Salmon (first of Caters as conductor) 8, H. J. Sanger 9, D. Hoare 10.

WENDOVER, BUCKS.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Harding 1, Monica Barrett 2, A. White 3, R. Woodruff (cond.) 4, W. Lee 5. Rung for Holy Communion.

WESTERLEIGH, near BRISTOL.—On Easter Day, for early service, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Clark (first quarter) 1, A. Laurence 2, P. Delany (first quarter) 3, John Ferris 4, H. T. Ferris (cond.) 5, W. Brown (first quarter) 6.

WEST HARTLEPOOL, CO. DURHAM.—On Easter Sunday, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: G. Wright 1, T. Templeman 2, Mrs. W. Maughan 3, M. C. Austin 4, W. Maughan 5, A. Watson 6, H. Short (cond.) 7, J. Clouston 8, K. Lawson 9, T. Clouston 10. Rung for the joy of Easter.

WETHERDEN, SUFFOLK.—On April 14th, 1,260 Bob Minor: Mrs. R. E. Lester 1, A. E. J. Lester 2, P. R. J. Lester 3, H. Mitson 4, D. Brand 5, R. E. Lester (cond.) 6. For Palm Sunday Evensong.

WOODFORD, ESSEX.—On April 11th, 1,280 Cambridge Major: Mrs. A. Crampion 1, M. Austin (first of Surprise) 2, C. Hughes 3, L. Batley 4, J. Boyack 5, C. Willmington 6, E. Smith (cond.) 7, J. Crampion 8.

WOOTTON, NORTHANTS.—On April 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss D. Miller 1, Miss J. Downing 2, B. L. Smart 3, G. F. Roome (cond.) 4, A. C. Cozens 5. Rung for the Patronal Festival.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. W. Frank Stenson is hoping in connection with Odd Fellows A.M.C. at Margate that ringers living in the vicinity and any Odd Fellows attending will ring for the special Odd Fellows' Service at St. John's Church on Sunday, May 26th, at 3 p.m.

Mr. R. Lathbury, of 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames, has returned home after 12 weeks in hospital.

Easter Day was a happy occasion for the Jefferies family, of Mangotsfield, near Bristol, when the family rang a quarter peal. Family quarters are rare in these days.

Miss Jean Stewart, a Central Council representative of the Irish Association, was knocked down recently by a van whilst going to work and had her right leg badly cut, bruised and swollen. We hope she is now fully recovered.

Probably the most meritorious performance over Easter was the non-conducted and silent peal of Bob Maximus at High Wycombe. The peal enabled Messrs. W. F. Butler, Walter Lee and Frederick R. Scott to have rung peals of Plain Bob from Minor to Maximus.

Mr. George Gilbert sends a correction to the peal of Minor in five methods rung at Hitcham, Bucks, on March 11th (page 228). The 5,040 was composed of an extent each of Kent T.B., Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Oxford T.B., and two extents each of Single Oxford and Plain Bob.

'Irish Bell News' in its spring issue gives a drawing of the Shrine of St. Mura's Bell. This bell, it states, was regarded with superstitious reverence, and any liquid from it was believed to have properties in alleviating human suffering. Peasant women of the district in Co. Donegal, where it was preserved, particularly used it in cases of childbirth. The Shrine is 12th century work.

Mr. Frederick Sharpe has fulfilled another visit to York, lecturing to architects and surveyors at the Architectural Institute on bells, bell towers and bell hanging. His lectures were illustrated by 32 bells, two models, 161 display photographs, 88 lantern slides and 15 examples from his collection of founders' marks.

The time for the peal of Grandsire Caters rung at Claines, Worcestershire, on April 6th, was 2 hours 54 minutes, not as printed.

Writes a correspondent: 'Who took the wrong coat on Easter Saturday? One had a "posh" lighter and "posh" cigarettes; the other "Woodbines," but I won't say which. Neither should I tell you he took the wrong coat to Northwich, or you might guess the county.'

The ringers of St. Andrew's, Old Headington, Oxford, are hoping to have their bells restored and augmented, and for the last year or so have given all their ringing fees to the bell fund, and have also paid fines to the fund for various ringing offences. The fund now stands at nearly £100.

A well-struck quarter peal was rung by six ladies of Northampton District at Cogenhoe, Northants, on April 13th. Miss Delia Miller accomplished her first quarter as conductor. This is believed to be the first quarter peal by ladies in this District.

It is interesting to note that Miss Hilda G. Snowden conducted the first peal ever to be rung at Stoke-by-Nayland in February, 1938. This was on the old six reputed to be the heaviest six in Suffolk. The honour of conducting the first peal on the octave was again Miss Snowden's. The old tenor was supposed to weigh 28 cwt.: when taken to Messrs. Taylors' Foundry it was found to only weigh 24 cwt.

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL

Arrangements for Whitsun

Members will be the guests of the Essex Association to tea on Whit Tuesday. Admittance will be by ticket only, and applications, *enclosing stamped addressed envelope*, should be made by June 1st to Mr. F. V. Gant, 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch, Essex.

RINGING TOURS

The following coach tours have been arranged and applications for tickets, accompanied by remittance, should be made as soon as possible to Miss H. G. Snowden, 3, Belle Vue, Hedingham Road, Halstead, Essex.

RINGING ARRANGEMENTS

For peals, see 'The Ringing World' of March 1st.

AFFILIATION FEES

The affiliation fees of 12 Societies are still outstanding. E. A. BARNETT,
Hon. Secretary.

RINGING TOURS

SUNDAY, JUNE 9TH.—Leaving Headquarters 1 p.m. Ringing at Coggeshall (8), 1.30 to 2.15 p.m.; Colchester St. Peter's (8), 2.45 to 3.30 p.m.; East Bergholt, for a demonstration of ringing on the five bells in the bell-cage, 4 p.m. Tea in the heart of Constable's country, 4.30 p.m., at Flatford Tea Gardens. Stoke-by-Nayland (8), 5.45 to 6.30 p.m.; Halstead (8), 7.45 to 8.30 p.m. Total cost 12s.

MONDAY, JUNE 10TH.—Leaving Headquarters 9.30 a.m. Ringing at Hatfield Broad Oak (8), 10 to 10.45 a.m.; Great Dunmow (8), 11 to 11.45 a.m. Lunch at Swan Hotel, Thaxted, 12.15 p.m. Ringing at Thaxted (8), 1.15 to 2 p.m.; Saffron Walden (12), 2.15 to 3.15 p.m. Visit to Audley End House. Tea at the Cafe, Great Bardfield, 5 p.m. Ringing at Finchingfield (8), 6.15 to 7.15 p.m.; Bocking (8), 7.45 to 8.30 p.m. Total cost 18s.

RINGING ARRANGEMENTS

FRIDAY, JUNE 7TH.—Brentwood, 7.30 to 9 p.m.; Widford, 7.30 to 9 p.m.

SATURDAY, JUNE 8TH.—Writtle (8), 10 a.m. to 12 noon; Widford (8), 10 a.m. to 12 noon; Great Baddow (8), 2 to 4 p.m.; Galleywood (8), 2 to 4 p.m.; Sandon (6), 2 to 4 p.m.; Danbury (6), 2 to 4 p.m.; Springfield (6), 3 to 5 p.m.; Boreham (8), 3 to 5 p.m.; Broomfield (6), 5 to 7 p.m.; Little Waltham (6), 5 to 7 p.m.; Cathedral (12), 7 to 9 p.m.

SUNDAY, JUNE 9TH.—Cathedral (12), 10 to 11 a.m. and 5.30 to 6.30 p.m.; Great Waltham (8), 10.15 to 11 a.m. and 5.30 to 6.30 p.m.; Great Baddow (8), 10 to 11 a.m. and 5.30 to 6.30 p.m.; Writtle (8), 10 to 11 a.m. and 5.30 to 6.30 p.m.; Danbury (6), 10 to 11 a.m. and 5.30 to 6.30 p.m.; Sandon (6), 10 to 11 a.m. and 5.30 to 6.30 p.m.; Kelvedon (6), 10 to 11 a.m. and 5.30 to 6.30 p.m.

MONDAY, JUNE 10TH.—Cathedral (12), 9 to 11 a.m. and 5 to 9 p.m.; Galleywood (8), Great Baddow (8), Widford (8), Writtle (8), Danbury (6), Sandon (6), all from 3 to 6 p.m.; Great Dunmow (8), 2 to 4 p.m.; Kelvedon (6) 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Witham (8), 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Boreham (8), Great Waltham (8), Broomfield (6), Little Waltham (6), Springfield (6), all from 6 to 9 p.m.

GOLDEN WEDDING

North London ringers will extend their congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. F. Barker, 12, Crescent Way, Finchley, N.12, who celebrate their golden wedding on May 8th. Mr. F. Barker has the proud record of having been a service ringer at St. Marys, Finchley, for 52 years.

THE PEAL RINGERS' CALYPSO

(With no apologies to 'The Banana Boat Song')

Now here's the beginning of our Calypso,
About dese eight men and dere peal ringing [show:
Dey met at de church at a quarter to three
And what happened next you shortly will see.
Deyo, Deyo, calla da bob at Middle and Home.
Deyo, Deyo, calla da bob at Middle and Home.

Dey climbed up de stairs all full of hope,
But when dey got dere dey had to slicea da [rope;
Dey pulled up de bells, the prospects were [bright,
De conductor looked round, 'Everybody all right?'
Deyo, Deyo, etc.

Into changes dey went, de ringing was grand,
At de halfway single the conductor called ['Stand';
Two bells were crossed the conductor said,
But every other ringer shook his head.
Deyo, Deyo, etc.

He got out de calling, and to his dismay,
Found de bells had been right all of de way;
'I'm sorry my friends, we no ringa da peal,
You're all very angry with me I feel.'
Deyo, Deyo, etc.

Into the local pub they all adjourned.
Liquid refreshment they felt they'd earned.
De conductor was sad, so much so
Dat he caused de drink to freely flow.
Deyo, Deyo, etc.

Closing time came round, de landlord shout:
'Your time is up—you must all get out.'
But dey'd had so much drink dey refused to go
So out all eight he had to throw.
Deyo, Deyo, got thrown out so they had to go home,
Deyo, Deyo, got thrown out so they had to go home.

Now dis is de end of our Calypso,
Of dese eight men and dere peal ringing show.
Dey no getta da peal, but it's a very good way
Of spending the time on a free Saturday.
Deyo, Deyo, calla da bob at Middle and Home,
Deyo, Deyo, calla da bob at Middle and Home.

I. H. and D. H. SHEFFIELD.

A LINCOLNSHIRE WEDDING

One of the foremost lady ringers, Miss Gwendoline Ida Rusby, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Rusby, of Grimsby, was married on Easter Monday to Mr. Frank Gilbert Bloomfield, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Bloomfield, of Ardleigh, Suffolk. The ceremony, at the Church of St. James, Grimsby, was performed by the Archdeacon of Lindsay (the Ven. E. L. Marsden), president of the Northern Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild. Mr. Dennis Townhill, Mus. Bac., a ringer, was the organist.

Given away by her father, the bride was attended by her two sisters. Fellow members of the St. James' ringers rang as the couple left the church.

Later a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major was rung to the honour of this happy occasion.

The bells of Christchurch Priory, Hants, will be heard on the West Home Service on Sunday, May 12th, at 7.45 p.m., prior to the evening service. The preacher is Canon R. P. Price, a good friend of Bournemouth ringers.

THE STORY OF HANDBELLS'

Although the performance of handbell music on the concert platform has suffered a pronounced decline in popularity in this country since the turn of the century, there is ample evidence that its popularity in America is rapidly growing. This is shown in an excellent new book which has recently been published by Whittemore Associates Inc., Boston, Mass. The author is Mr. Scott B. Parry, and the book, 'The Story of Handbells,' traces the history and development of handbell ringing in America and elsewhere in lucid detail.

Ringers in England may not generally appreciate that in America there are no less than 140 organised companies of handbell ringers, each with equipments of up to 60 bells. The book rightly credits most of this activity to the remarkable enthusiasm of Dr. A. H. Nichols, and his no less remarkable daughter, Margaret, now Mrs. A. A. Shurcliff. The activities of these two would take a book in itself to describe, and it is to them we should be grateful for developing the interest in bells and ringing now growing so extensively in America. It is fitting that the dedication of the book is to Margaret Shurcliff.

There are many excellent illustrations and the book has chapters on the origins of handbell ringing, history of ringing bands in America, manufacture and care of handbells, change-ringing, how to organise a ringing band, music for handbells, dealing with arrangements of music and methods of notation. There is a directory of ringing bands in the U.S.A., and a useful packet of musical scores is included.

Although the general idea is that ringers enjoy exclusively the right of having handbells rung at their funerals, the book shows that handbells were rung at the burial of Edward the Confessor!

The author concludes his introduction with the hope 'that in some small way, the experience of ringing handbells will contribute to the enhancement of that greater art of which we all aspire to become masters—the art of living.'

Ringers interested in this book may obtain further particulars from A. A. Hughes, Esq., 32, Whitechapel Road, London, E.1. J. F. S.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

East Devon Branch Annual Meeting

About 35 ringers and friends attended the annual meeting of the East Devon Branch, which was held at Sidmouth on Easter Monday.

The service in the Church of St. Giles was conducted by the Rev. Mr. King, who also gave an address.

At the business meeting Mr. G. C. Woodley was re-elected chairman, Mr. F. Parr vice-chairman, Mr. W. Webb secretary and treasurer, Mr. C. Webb vice-secretary and Mr. P. Davis Ringing Master.

Certificates were presented by the president (Prebendary E. V. Cox) to Messrs. Warren, Hooper, Wood and Glanville, of Shute, and to Misses F. Farthing, G. Smith, C. Rowe and Mr. West, of Sidmouth.

It was arranged to hold the next annual meeting at Sidbury on Easter Monday, 1958.

In his report, the secretary said that the Branch had 104 performing members and two honorary members, of which 21 came from Ottery St. Mary band.

The bells of St. Giles' Church were rung before and after the meeting by members of the Guild and others. C. W.

WHOSE RAINCOAT?

After the Kent County Association annual meeting at Sevenoaks a grey raincoat was left in the belfry of Sevenoaks Parish Church. Will the owner please apply to Miss D. Colgate, 38, Buckhurst Avenue, Sevenoaks?

THREE DEDICATIONS

SAXTHORPE, NORFOLK

Although extra seating had been provided wherever possible, it was still a case of 'standing only' for some of the large congregation at St. Andrew's Church, Saxthorpe, on the evening of Sunday, April 7th. The occasion was the naming, blessing and dedication of a new ring of six bells by the Lord Bishop of Norwich at a service conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. W. B. Chandler.

During the singing of the second hymn a procession, composed of the verger, churchwardens, the Vicar and the Lord Bishop, moved down the church to the ringing chamber, where the ringers stood ready by the ropes. As each bell in turn was named and blessed it was sounded, and at the conclusion of the blessing an extent, with tenor covering, of Grandsire Doubles, was rung. The procession then moved back down the aisle.

The bells have been provided from a legacy under the will of the late Mr. James Pinchen, and in his address the Bishop said that bequests by will for the churches and their furnishings were not so frequent as they used to be generations ago. He expressed his pleasure that members of the benefactor's family were taking part in the service, and said that it would be good if Mr. Pinchen's example inspired others to do the same. After commenting on the tone of the bells, the Bishop went on to say that it was not often nowadays that a whole new set of bells was provided in a church, and that there they had the distinction of a particular ring, a much lighter ring of all the many, many bells in the county.

After the service the bells were made available for the many ringers present, amongst whom were the president, general secretary and Ringing Master of the Association. Grateful thanks are due to the Vicar, who very kindly provided refreshments.

The new bells are a very light ring of six (tenor 3 cwt. in E) and were cast and hung by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. They were named as follows:—

Treble: St. John Baptist.
Second: Our Lady.
Third: St. Peter.
Fourth: St. Andrew.
Fifth: James Pinchen.
Tenor: The Vicar and Churchwardens for the time being.

G. S.

STANWICK, NORTHANTS

The Church of St. Lawrence, Stanwick, Northants, now has a ring of six bells, a new treble having been recently added. On the day the bell arrived from Loughborough it was solemnly washed and anointed, and given the name of St. Denys. On Palm Sunday it was dedicated by the Rector (Rev. D. A. W. Brown). After the dedication rounds were rung.

Into the making of this bell went the two bells from the disused and partially dismantled church of Faxton, near Market Harborough, and this fact is recorded in the inscription on the new bell, which reads: 'St. Denys (patron of Faxton); 1703: Henry Penn for Faxton made me two. 1957: John Taylor for Stanwick made me one.'

Also in this tower is a bell of great antiquity, inscribed 'Simon de Nazfelde made me 1361.' This bell is hung dead and is sounded at the Consecration at Holy Communion.

It is hoped that the bells will be available to visiting ringers on Saturday, June 1st, when the annual meeting of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild is to be held at nearby Rushden.

E. E. W.

HALSTEAD, ESSEX

Over 100 ringers attended the dedication of the newly recast and rehung eight at Halstead on April 6th. The church was nearly filled to capacity for the very beautiful service, during which the Lord Bishop of Colchester performed the act of dedication. The Rev. A. W. Swallow conducted the service, and other robed clergy attending were the Rev. Mr. Bailey, Vicar of Holy Trinity, Halstead, and the Rev. G. M. Lister, Rector of St. Peter's, Sible Hedingham. The lesson was read by Mr. R. C. Heazel, Master of the Essex Association.

The opening rounds were rung by the local band, assisted by Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Moore, and the opening touch, 272 of Double Norwich, was rung by Hilda M. Snowden 1, F. Claydon 2, C. Snowden 3, L. W. Wiffen 4, J. Warner 5, T. Earle 6, W. Arnold 7, Hilda G. Snowden (conductor) 8.

Amongst those attending the service and tea was the Rt. Hon. R. A. Butler, M.P., who was president of the Fund, and Mr. Paul Taylor and Mr. A. Fidler, from the Loughborough Foundry. The 'highlight' at tea was the playing over a tape recording of the old ring followed by one of the new. This left no doubt in anyone's mind as to the great improvement that the bellfounders had achieved. Seven of the old bells have been recast, leaving only one old pre-Reformation bell, which has been tuned most successfully. The new octave is very pleasing to the ear and delightful to ring. All the old inscriptions have been reproduced on the new bells, and the treble bell bears the name of Emma Barron and the trustess, from which trust a most generous donation was given towards the cost of this restoration. Ringing was kept up all the evening until 9 o'clock, and Halstead now has a ring of bells worthy of the beautiful church and tower in which it is hung. The new tenor weighs 15 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in the key of F.

Miss Hilda G. Snowden desires to thank numerous ringers who have sent kind messages of thanks for the enjoyable time at the dedication. Miss Snowden feels that the Halstead restoration is one of personal achievement in her ringing career, and the help given by so many ringing friends will never be forgotten. The hard work entailed in raising the money has been more than compensated by the splendid result achieved. Ringers who have not yet heard the new ring are welcome at any time. Practice night is Monday at 7.30; ringing Sundays, 10.15 a.m. and 5.45 p.m.

READING, BERKS.—At St. Mary's Church, on April 14th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Diserens (cond.) 1, J. Harmsworth (first of Stedman Triples) 2, R. W. Rex 3, Mrs. A. Diserens 4, K. Cotterell 5, W. Newton 6, R. Begrie 7, V. Cherrill 8.

ANOTHER PROTEST TO THE B.B.C.

Following upon Mrs. Ruth Miller's protest to the B.B.C of commentaries whilst bells for service are being rung, Mr. W. Frank Stenson, of Crewe, has, on behalf of himself and many members of the Chester Diocesan Guild, made a personal complaint to the Director of Religious Broadcasting, B.B.C.

His letter of protest reads:—

'Dear Sir,—I have been requested by many members of the Chester Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers to follow up the letter of protest to you from Mrs. Ruth Miller, of Kirklington, Newark, Notts.

'Mrs. Miller wrote: "I feel that I must write and complain about your everlasting commentaries whilst bells for service are being rung; an outstanding example of this took place on television from St. Giles', Northampton"; etc.

'This universal practice is not only not very complimentary, either to the B.B.C. or the ringing fraternity, and is very exasperating to the latter.

'I have known many cases where not more than three "whole pulls," that is, "hand and back strokes," have been rung, then the bells faded out.

'Change-ringing is a very ancient and honourable "Art and Exercise," and, moreover, a distinct part of the service itself.

'It is practised by some 76 Diocesan and County Guilds and Associations in the British Isles, in some 6,000 churches, by some 45,000 ringers, and worthy of better consideration, especially by the B.B.C.'

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD

A successful and well-attended quarterly meeting of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham was held at Handsworth Parish Church on April 6th.

Since the previous meeting the Guild had sustained the loss of two members, both of whom, in different ways, had served the Guild for many years. Frank Bertram Yates, whose interest in ringing was maintained until long after failing health compelled him to cease active ringing, was the donor of the trebles of the ring of ten at King's Norton, and also of the trebles of the 12 at the Cathedral. Arthur Morris, of Shirley, in a very quiet, unassuming way, had been Ringing Master at Shirley for the greater part of his life, and many young ringers owe their introduction to ringing to Arthur's painstaking tuition.

Anthony E. Plows, of Little Aston, was elected a full ringing member of the Guild, and the tower elections of the following life members were duly ratified: Robin G. Leale (Surbiton), Miss Vivienne M. Horton (Duffield), A. Frank Udall (Chelsea) and Kenneth W. Knowles (Wednesbury).

For the place of next meeting Erdington and Edgbaston were both proposed, but upon being put to the vote, Edgbaston obtained the majority.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to Miss Diana Perrins and the Handsworth ringers, for preparing tea.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SOUTH AFRICA'S WELCOME

Dear Sir,—In 'The Ringing World' for March 29th there appears a letter from Mr. Perrens, expressing his appreciation of the welcome he received from the ringers of South Africa. My husband and I have recently returned from a visit to Africa, and unfortunately just missed meeting Mr. Perrens, but I should like to endorse most heartily his comments on the cordial hospitality which awaits ringers visiting either Cape Town or Durban.

Separated as these two cities are by a distance of some 800 miles, and with no other ringable bells within literally thousands of miles, the task of maintaining the interest of a band and of making progress can be no easy one, and must at times be disheartening. Yet the task is being tackled bravely, and both bands are to be congratulated on their tenacity; and it is grand to see that Cape Town ringers have succeeded in capturing the elusive quarter peal of Winchendon Place Bob Doubles. An example of keenness was shown by one of the Durban ringers, who hitch-hiked over 50 miles to take part in the ringing there on the Sunday we should have arrived—alas, our boat was a day late, so that we did not meet this enthusiast, but we wish him good luck in his ringing.

Our personal thanks are due to all those who went out of their way to welcome us and to perform acts of kindness; in particular to Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Chambers at Durban, and Mr. and Mrs. Victor Sheppard and Mr. J. Wood and his sisters at Cape Town, for their hospitality

Lastly, a message to any who may be travelling round South Africa and stopping at these ports, for however short a time. They can be sure of a warm welcome, and there is no need to be shy about inviting themselves to ring with the local bands. A visiting ringer is made a friend at once, and nothing is too much trouble, even to the changing of practice night to suit the expected date of arrival, and perhaps another change at short notice if the boat is early or late. I feel that any such visitor would be missing a treat himself, and also denying his fellow ringers in Africa the real pleasure of entertaining him, if he did not contact them with a view to visiting the ringing chamber while in port.—Yours truly,

M. M. GODLEY.

Yetminster, Dorset.

HONEYMOON THANKS

Dear Sir,—Sincere thanks are due to Mr. E. A. Stafford, of the Episcopal Cathedral of St. Mary, Glasgow, for arranging a handbell practice, which was surely an excellent way of soothing one's wedding eve nerves. Touches of Grandsire Triples and courses of Kent T.B. Major and Stedman Triples were attempted but proved too difficult for the visitor; a well-struck touch of Bob Major, however, was brought round.

At Edinburgh, too, on the following Sunday (there were two of us by this time!) we were warmly welcomed. Bob Major and Grandsire Triples at St. Cuthbert's for morning service, and Stedman Doubles and Bob Minor for Evensong at St. Mary's added touches of delight to a wonderful weekend in that fine city.

We would like, through the medium of 'The Ringing World' to thank all concerned, and trust that we did not leave any conspicuous pieces of confetti on the floors.—Yours sincerely,

Mr. and Mrs. K. L. BROWN.

Blofield, Norfolk.

LIVERPOOL TENOR

Dear Sir,—Readers who are interested in the correspondence relating to the 'turning in' of an 82 cwt. tenor, of Liverpool Cathedral, may care to know that this bell has been rung to Major on a number of occasions. On one occasion the exigence of the day required the back six being rung; no difficulty was experienced. May a word of appreciation here be offered to the two ladies who have taken part in the skilful though not laborious Major exertions on these bells?

Interest was aroused on our last 'open day' by one who was capable of handling first the ninth (without any instruction such as 'Keep your back straight and your knees supple,' and 'Put the least possible effort into the longest possible distance') and later the tenor, in masterly fashion. The number of ringers who can handle these bells without instruction, up to date—apart from the expert bands who showed how on the opening day—could be numbered on both hands.

Perhaps those correspondents who 'tore into' the College procedure and its aims will ponder these things. Knowing nothing of the College other than from 'R.W.' articles, I thought the 'gen' excellent, though the description too wordy; the closing down, a tragedy.—Yours very faithfully,

E. L. HUMPHRISS.

Woolton, Liverpool.

WALPURGIS NIGHT

Last Tuesday was Walpurgis Night! According to James R. Lawson, carillonneur to the Laura Spelman Rockefeller Memorial Chapel, Chicago, on the eve of May Day it was once customary for all the bells in Christendom to be rung all night for the purpose of scouring out witches in the air—witches being particularly bad on Walpurgis Night.

An appropriate chime concert was given at the Mitchell Tower that evening.

A 4-BELL TOWER IN HEREFORDSHIRE

Dear Sir,—Looking through the list of 4-bell towers published in 'The Ringing World' some time ago, I did not see the village of Clehonger, Herefordshire, included in the list.

There is a ring of four bells in this tower, which I was given to understand is ringable, through meeting during the war the Vicar of Clehonger (Rev. W. Gait) who was serving on No. 57 hospital ship in the Middle East, where I was a member of the ship's medical staff serving with the R.A.M.C. Mr. Gait served in both wars—as a soldier in 1914 and as a chaplain in the 1939-45 war. We had many pleasant chats about old churches and bells. He told me the ring of four at Clehonger was able to be rung in peal and that there was a band who rang there on Sundays. Perhaps some member of the Exercise in the Diocese of Hereford could confirm this.—Yours sincerely,

T. TAYLOR.

Gravesend, Kent.

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

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WHAT IS A VARIATION?

Dear Sir,—The following peal of Mr. J. W. Parker has led to several questions in my mind which your readers may be able to answer.

5,152 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

23456	1	4	6	
34256			—	
54236	—		3	(SBB)
63254	—	S	3	
53264	S		3	
36254	—		3	
65234	—			
35264	S		3	
56234	—			
43256	—	S	3	
23546	—		2	

Repeat.

It seems to me that there is an idea used by the composer in producing this peal, namely, that he has put the 2nd into 4ths place, so that calls at one and singles at four do not affect it, hence it never gets into 5-6. Using this idea I recently put together another peal. It may have been produced before, but that does not concern this discussion.

5,040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

23456	1	4	6
34256			—
42536	—		S
64235		—	S
43265	—		3
63245	S		3
34265	—		3
46235	—		
23645	S		2

Repeat twice.

There is some variation in the use of singles at six to make up the 15 courses necessary for one part of a 3-part 5,040, but nevertheless, it is based on the idea suggested by J. W. Parker's peal. Now, is this a variation? It certainly would not have occurred to me without first seeing the 5,152.

This does lead to a much wider field of thought. Often published is a peal of Cambridge Major known as Johnson's Variation. Surely this is Middleton's well-known peal started with two homes before the first middle. Can I therefore write out the peal with one home before the first middle and call it Hill's Variation? This is obviously ridiculous, for it would follow that every peal would have as many variations as there are calls in it. So why Johnson's Variation?

Some months ago, both Mr. Denis Layton and Mr. Harry Poyner were reprimanded by your readers for claiming peals as their own, which were far less obvious variations of previously produced peals than the Middleton/Johnson case.

Why, then, have one set of rules for them and yet continue to publish peals as Johnson's Variation?

Perhaps some of your readers would comment on this question, and give some definition of variation.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN HILL.

Ewell, Surrey.

NOT TRUE TO YORKSHIRE

Dear Sir.—Owing to a mistake in the arrangement of the peals of Superlative published in the first edition of the 'Ringers' Magazine,' the footnote 'All true to Yorkshire' is incorrect.

Would all those possessing a copy of the magazine please note that the first peal of Superlative given is *not* true to Yorkshire.

I am extremely sorry that this error has occurred.—Yours sincerely,

WILLIAM BUTLER.

Windsor.

RINGING IN ENGLAND 80 YEARS AGO

Extracts from 'Church Bells,' 1875–76

(Continued from page 268)

'CAMPANOLOGY'

The Editor had shown a dislike for the word Campanology. This brought a letter from J. E. Hern, of Hurworth-on-Tees. He put in a plea for the word, saying that campana was Latin for bell, towers containing bells were campaniles, that from the introduction of half-pull changes such ringers were called campanists of campanologists, and that we had a number of 'Campanologias'—Clavis, Shipway's, Hubbard's and Sottanstall's. The Editor added:—

['We object to the word Campanology because it is a mongrel word, composed of Greek and Latin. All other *ologies* are composed of two Greek words. We might as well say Bellology or call florists Florologists. If bell work is to be an ology it should be Kodonology, composed of two Greek words. Far better to drop it altogether and speak *plain* English, without modern affectation. It is possible that Mr. Ellacombe and other writers were led away by a vulgar error, not thinking about it; but now they see it is a mongrel word, and naturally prefer plain English.—*Ed.*']

A correspondent, J. F. T., puts in another plea for Campanology, and pointing out that 'Mineralogy' was used by Sir Thomas Browne, a classical writer, and that there was more to be said for Campanology than Mineralogy. The Editor added:—

['Going through all the OLOGIES from archæology to zoology, we believe *campanology* and *mineralogy* are the only two mongrels in use; so that they are in a minority; and we might as well say *bellology*. But we shall do no such thing, preferring the use of plain English, leaving others do do as they please.—*Ed.*']

DEADENING OF SOUND IN THE BELFRY

A correspondent, 'Brontauwr,' asked how one could deal with this problem where there was not room for an intermediate chamber. The Editor replied that he wondered how anyone could be found to touch a rope in such a position and suggested ringing from the *pavement*, 'in ecclesiæ conspectu.'

But 'W. Wigram' replied: 'It is not always possible to bring the ropes down to the ground . . . . The noise of the bells may be subdued by covering the floor of the belfry itself with a few inches deep of sawdust, or of well-kneaded clay. Of course, all cracks between the floorboards must be effectually closed, or dust will run down, and light boards should be laid upon the sawdust and fastened down so as to keep all tidy.'

The Editor added that other correspondents had offered the same advice—the only alternative to ringing from the pavement.

BELL-RINGING NUISANCE AT BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE

By the Editor:—

['On Monday and Tuesday, 5th and 6th ult. (i.e., June, '76), the inhabitants of Blackburn were annoyed by a ringing contest on the parish church bells; music and faults being dinned into their ears from early morn till night by a succession of change-ringing. . . . As usual, we suppose the publicans had the best prize. No mention being made in the local papers of the sanction of the Vicar and the churchwardens, we trust they had no voice in this desecration of the goods of the church intrusted to them for other purposes. We advise the respectable inhabitants who feel aggrieved by such proceedings to support the parochial authorities by memorialising them not to allow a recurrence of such a gathering in future. They will have the thanks of hundreds of ringers and some of the best in the kingdom. Such prize-ringings lower the respectability of the ringer and the noble science of change-ringing in the estimation of the public, and therefore we raise our voice against it.'—*Ed.*]

We are indebted to Supt. Claude Rush, of Eye, for the following extracts from 'Church Bells.' Although this weekly periodical only devoted a part of a page to bells and ringers, much of the material is of interest even today. Contributors included Jasper W. Snowdon and C. A. W. Troyte.

By the Editor:—

['We have been favoured with a strong protest against our article on the bell-ringing contest at Blackburn . . . . We cannot alter our *principles*, holding all such contests in detestation, as useless and wasteful of money; considering, too, as we do, that the bells of our churches, being dedicated to the honour of Almighty God, were not set up for such unholy uses, which have nothing to do with the services of the Church. If there be many who delight in such prize-ringing, let rings of bells be specially provided; and the towers of new Town Halls might be utilised for civil purposes, and then the bells in our churches will be spared from what we consider a desecration.—*Ed.*']

GONG OR HANDBELL CONNEXIONS WITH DUMB TOWER-BELLS

'Sir,—The necessity for constant practices on church bells is well known to persons engaged in teaching change-ringing; and so also is the excessive nuisance of such practices to persons living in the immediate neighbourhood of church towers, and especially those who, under any circumstances, are not fond of bells. For several years, therefore, I have, with the assistance of several practical friends, been trying to work out some plan by which tower-bells may, with their clappers lashed, be made to produce a sound in the ringing chamber which should not be heard outside the tower.

'I am happy to be able to say that this has now been successfully accomplished by Mr. Seage, of 17, Cødrington Street, St. Sidwell's, Exeter; and I beg most strongly to recommend the adoption of his plan—a very simple one—to all persons interested in the matter. A description of the arrangement will be out of place here; but I may state that a pin is attached to the stay, so arranged as to strike an eccentric fitted to the framework of the bell-cage. This eccentric is in connection with a crank, and the crank, by a wire, with a gong or handbell in the ringing chamber; and thus, with clappers lashed, any amount of rough practice may be carried on in the tower, and no annoyance occasioned in the neighbourhood, the ringers the while having the advantage of the exercise and a great part of the music of ringing with open clappers.

'Mr. Seage will supply the gear complete for his arrangement for 15/- a bell. An ordinary set of handbells can be used or gongs permanently fixed in the tower. Eight such gongs can be obtained for about £1 and fittings would not be likely to exceed 5/- a bell. This, however, depends entirely on the tower in which the appliance is fixed.—Charles A. W. Troyte, Huntsham Court, Bampton, Devon. July 13th, 1876.'

STRIKE OF BELLRINGERS AT DUNMOW (ESSEX)

'The bellringers at the parish church, Great Dunmow, refused to discharge their usual duties on Sunday last, because the Vicar had prohibited them from ringing a joyous peal on the previous Monday, in honour of the presentation of the "Dunmow Flitch" to Mr. and Mrs. Boosey, of Ventnor. The Vicar, however, has succeeded in obtaining substitutes, so that the bells will not remain mute.—*Standard*.'

CANTERBURY BELLS AND RINGERS

'Sir,—Seeing in your issue of July 29th a copy of the tablets in the belfry of Canterbury Cathedral, I am most happy to say that the peals recorded are well worthy of the men who performed them: but it may excite some surprise among your readers on seeing that no peal has been rung since 1827. Now the fact of the case is that the men who now have charge of the belfry are nothing but miserable bell-pullers, who scramble through set-changes only. It is a great pity that such a miserable state of things should exist in such a fine and noble cathedral, possessing so fine a ring of ten bells. May I suggest that some London ringing society would do well to make an excursion to Canterbury, as I am sure that the inhabitants would be highly gratified by hearing some good and scientific change-ringing, the Dean's permission being first obtained.—ONE INTERESTED IN CHURCH BELLS.'

THE USE AND ABUSE OF CHURCH BELLS

'Sir,—May I ask you to draw the attention of ringers to this subject. No doubt there is a line to be drawn, but the thing is—where? Church bells are, in my humble opinion, Church property, for the *sole* use of the Church's days of rejoicing or otherwise. When we see them perverted to all sorts of abuses, I think Churchmen should speak out. We have a fine ring of ten in our old church tower. I know you do not hold with Sunday ringing, but well do I remember the exquisite pleasure I used to feel on the Sunday morning, when our noble bells were rung for half-an-hour before the usual chiming for Divine Service (for which purpose a former vicar's wife had bequeathed some money—a real lover of church bells was she: all honour to her beloved memory!). Now we have a vicar who has done away with all this. The bells are silenced, except on practice nights or wedding days, when ringing for MONEY is all that is thought worthy of musical instruments dedicated by our fathers to the glory of God.

'But on the 23rd was Kingston Regatta—against which I have not a word to say—far from it. But *now* is the time for the flag to be hoisted on the church tower, and the bells to send out their most joyous notes as though *they* were "lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God!" How different in a neighbouring parish (Richmond) where the Church's year and festivals are observed in a proper manner! The bells are there used to call to a hearty service of prayer and praise, and the red-cross flag is hoisted and the people know that a real work is going on to the praise and glory of God.

'I was delighted that the Vicar of Great Dunmow used his authority in refusing to allow his church bells for a stupid ceremony lately in his parish. All honour to such clergymen, I say. Would that there were more of them! . . . . H. E. J., Kingston-on-Thames.'

A HINT TO STEEPLE-KEEPERS

'Sir,—Perhaps it would not be out of the way to suggest the following to those with whom the responsibility rests for keeping the bell-frame, cage, stocks, wheels, etc., in good working order. It is essential that, after a long, dry time, when the woodwork shrinks, and consequently the screws, bolts, etc., get loose, that they should be looked to by an experienced person, as the going of new or recently-hung bells depends upon their being kept screwed up tight. If neglected, and the stock should

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get a little loose, the bells go bad, and are not ringable for good striking and change-ringing. Hence the reason of bells that go well for a time after the bell-hanger has finished them, but do not keep long in good ringing order. It is of great importance that they should be screwed regularly or evenly, as by screwing one side tight before you commence the other, you cannot get them level, but draw them athwart. —A. D. S. K (A Devonshire Steeple-keeper).'

'Young Cumberland,' in a long contribution entitled 'The New Bells for St. Paul's, and Bell-hanging,' says: '. . . Curiously to say, that where a light ring of eight are crammed into a small tower they generally "go" well. . . .'

(To be continued)

EBBW VALE WEDDING

The wedding took place at Christ Church, Ebbw Vale, on Easter Monday of Mr. Denzil Bruten, younger son of the late Mr. and Mrs. David Bruten, and Miss Audrey Stephens, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Stephens. Both are faithful members and ringers at the church. The Rural Dean (Rev. Oliver Davies, B.A.) officiated, and the organist was Mr. W. J. R. Davies, A.R.C.O.

The bride, who was given away by her father, the Master of the ringers, was attired in a dress of ivory brocade, with a shoulder veil held in place by a coronet of lilies-of-the-valley. She carried a bouquet of pale pink carnations, lilies-of-the-valley and maidenhair fern.

She was attended by her sister Barbara and cousin Jennifer, who are both ringers. They wore turquoise brocade dresses with head-dresses and mittens of the same colour, and carried posies of freesias and maidenhair fern.

The best man was Mr. Lawrence Ennis, and the ushers were Mr. Tom Williams (uncle) and Mr. John Woodward (church friend and ringer). The reception was held in the Church Hall, and as the couple left the church the bells were rung by the local band.

Almost 80 guests sat down to breakfast. The company included 14 of the tower ringers. The honeymoon is being spent in the Lake District.

The numerous and lovely gifts included a barometer from the Christ Church ringers and a book rack from the ringers of St. Matthew's, Widcombe, Bath, where the bride had rung while in college.

The peal attempt made on Easter Tuesday was unfortunately not successful.

NORFOLK AND SUFFOLK GRAMMAR SCHOOLS' OUTING

For their second outing of the year, the grammar schools ringers chose the Diss district. The party assembled with bicycles at Diss on April 24th, and members were present from Newmarket, Pakenham, Barking (Suffolk), Mulbarton, Walberswick, Bungay and Beccles.

The first tower was Rickinghall (6, 10 cwt.), where various Minor and Doubles methods were rung before moving on to Hinderclay (6, 10 cwt.). These are a pleasant Taylor six and were thoroughly enjoyed. Hepworth bells (5, 7 cwt.) were a contrast, both tone and 'go' being bad, and it was some time before anyone dared raise the fourth because of its 'feel.' After a short ring, the bells were lowered.

A picnic lunch preceded ringing at Hopton (6, 13 cwt.). The sally on the tenor rope here was found to be of fantastically large dimensions, and ringing was unfortunately curtailed owing to a broken rope.

Blo Norton bells (8 cwt.) were found to be a very fast going six and a pleasure to ring, and Garboldisham's (6, 12 cwt.) are ponderous-sounding bells, and after many futile attempts a touch of College Single Reverse was brought round, to the sheer delight of our Newmarket colleague.

At Thelnetham (5, 9 cwt.) we learned that the bells had not been rung for some years and were supposedly unringable, but they proved to be a fair-going and pleasant-sounding five, although the fourth is cracked. The rector watched the ringing, which was a completely new experience for him.

After a short delay in obtaining the key, ringing commenced at Redgrave (6, 10 cwt.), where it was agreed that here were the best bells of the day. After a hasty tea we proceeded to Palgrave (8, 7 cwt.), where we were joined by Mr. Harry Moss, who added to the quality of the ringing. After the party dispersed, a few rang at Bungay (8, 16 cwt.) en route for Beccles.

The day's ringing consisted of: St. Osmund, St. Martin's, St. Simon's, Plain Bob, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent, Spliced Kent and Oxford, College Single Reverse, St. Clement's and Little Bob Minor, Bob Triples and Bob Major.

The thanks of the party are accorded to the organiser, Mr. Leslie Melton, for a most memorable and enjoyable day; also to the clergy for the use of the bells. Total mileage for the Becclesians was approximately 80.

T. N. J. B.

BELL DISAPPEARS FROM IPSWICH TOWER

Ipswich is concerned regarding the date the third bell disappeared from St. Mary Stoke Church, Ipswich. According to the 'Evening Star,' the controversy began at the annual parochial church meeting recently, when the Vicar (Rev. C. H. B. Ridler) said that the third bell—the largest, weighing half a ton — had been lost since 1887.

But a local historian, writing to this newspaper, disputed it. He pointed out that in 'County Churches of Suffolk' (Vol. 2), by Mr. Hugh Bryant, published in 1912, it is mentioned that the church had three bells.

'On many occasions I have personally visited churches all over Suffolk and checked up on the number of bells as given by the author referred to, and in every single case he has been correct,' commented the historian.

THERE IN 1915?

Backing for his suggestion that the third bell disappeared later than 1887 came from a former vicar of St. Mary Stoke, Canon A. L. Woodard, who now holds the benefice of St. Andrew-the-Great, Cambridge.

'I went to the church in 1915, and I thought the third bell was there then,' he said. 'I remember climbing up to the belfry up a long iron ladder and seeing that one of the bells was completely cracked. They told me there were three bells and that was what I always understood. I should say the third bell must have been moved after I left in 1924.'

The Rev. T. B. Allworthy took over from Canon Woodard in 1924 and stayed ten years. He is now in retirement at Cambridge

'I never took much notice of the bells when I was at St. Mary Stoke, but I know that only two were ever rung,' he said.

Mr. Ridler commented: 'I put the date of the disposal of the bell at 1887 because at about that time a wall of the church was pulled down.'

It is probable that the bells were hung in the church before they were moved to the tower. There are traces of bell-frame in the masonry. In the tower now is the tongue of the missing bell.

The service records of the church are incomplete. It may be that other records, including those dealing with the disposal of the bell, are missing.

OBITUARY

MR. I. D. EVANS

The death occurred on April 15th of Mr. Isaac Dugmore Evans at the age of 83 years. 'Ike,' as he was affectionately known by his many friends in Willenhall and district, Staffordshire, was a member of St. Giles' band of ringers for over 40 years.

A member of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford, he had rung 16 peals of Stedman Triples. His first peal was the first peal of Stedman Triples on St. Giles' bells by the local band. Ike was of a genial disposition and would often give way for someone else or would stand in when required. He would also support any scheme for the improvement of the bells or belfry. Amongst his many activities was that of sidesman and member of the Parochial Church Council.

The funeral service took place at St. Giles' Church, Willenhall, on April 18th, conducted by the Vicar (Rev. A. G. Bond). An apology for absence was received from the Rev. C. H. Barker, clerical secretary of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford. The chief mourners were Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Evans, son and daughter-in-law. St. Giles' ringers were represented by J. T. Davies and C. Wallater. Floral tributes included one from old ringing friends of St. Giles'.

MR. KENNETH PATTENDEN

Many ringers in Kent and Sussex will regret to hear of the passing of Mr. Ken Pattenden, of Northiam, Sussex, who died on April 13th at the East Sussex Hospital, Hastings, after a long and painful illness. He was 63 years of age and joined the Kent County Association in 1912 at Kilndown. He will be remembered by his peals in 1929 to 1933, rung with the late Charles Player, who died in April, 1933. Ken was an excellent ringer and enjoyed a heavy ring. He was awarded the Military Medal during the 1914-18 war.

The funeral was choral at Northiam on April 16th, and the Vicar reminded us of Ken's life as a good Christian and friend. The hymns 'O God, our help in ages past' and 'Abide with me' were sung by the large congregation present. As the coffin left the church for cremation, a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Dobbie, A. Relfe and T. E. Sone. Also present were Mr. W. Button and Mr. and Mrs. F. Dallaway.

T. E. S.

MR. H. BENJAMIN BULL

The All Saints', Huntingdon, band is poorer by the sudden death of Mr. H. B. Bull. 'Ben,' as he was affectionately known by ringers, had been in failing health for the last three to four years, but it was only about eight weeks ago that he was forced to finish work. He had rung until last autumn, when it was suggested owing to the difficulty he had in walking that it would be better to stay in over the winter and come again in the spring. Death was caused by a fall at home on Saturday, April 20th, and it was a shock to ringers in the tower to learn the news when they assembled to ring for Easter morning.

Ben had rung in eight peals. He learnt to ring at Hartford before the last war, but after the war he came and lived in Huntingdon, and joined the All Saints' band, where he was a most regular service ringer.

To the widow, young son and mother, sincere sympathy is extended. The funeral service took place at All Saints' on April 25th. It is hoped to attempt a peal to his memory.

H. S. P.

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BLOOMFIELD—RUSBY.—On April 22nd, 1957, at St. James' Church, Grimsby, Frank G. Bloomfield, of Hadleigh, Suffolk, to Gwen I. Rusby, of Grimsby. Future address: 529, Laceby Road, Grimsby. 143

DEATH

MORRIS, Josiah.—Passed peacefully away on Saturday, April 27th, 1957, in his 90th year. Beloved father of Ernest, Mabel and George Stedman. Former verger and tower keeper of St. Margaret's, Leicester. 172

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The address of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Harris is now Silver Howe, Everton Road, Hordle, Hants. (Tel.: New Milton 2103.) 142

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WANTED.—'Ringing Worlds,' 1950, 1951, 1952, complete volumes, unbound; in good condition. Details to F. T. Blagrove, Redlea, Orchard Avenue, Windsor, Berkshire. 160

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MISCELLANEOUS

ALDERSHOT.—There will be no practice at Aldershot tower on Friday, May 10th, 1957. 151

ANTIENT, FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF ENGLAND. — A Masonic Ringers' Reunion is being held in Leicestershire on June 1st, 1957. Will all Brethren who have not yet received a circular about such a meeting please write for further details to Peter J. Staniforth, 150, Narborough Road South, Leicester. 173

CHURCHILL, OXON.—The dedication service of these bells, two new, two recast and the other four retuned, making a ring of eight, will be at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday, May 9th. Ringing after service. All ringers welcome.—J. Keyte. 159

PACKWOOD CHURCH, WARWICKSHIRE. — The tower bells are at present being tuned prior to hanging in a new frame by Taylor of Loughborough. It will be announced in this column when they are again available for ringing. 179

PEAL CARDS & QUARTER PEAL CARDS can now be ordered at 5s. a set of 12, post free (minimum charge). Order and remittances must be sent with peal report. For quarter peals write separate copy in same style as peals.

MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting at Yeovil, Saturday, May 4th. Train, Waterloo, 9 a.m. Ringing at Yeovil, 12 noon to 1.30 p.m. Lunch at 1.30. Meeting in School Rooms 2.30. Ringing at Queen Camel 3.30 to 4.30 and at Sherborne Abbey 4.30 to 5.30. Return train from Yeovil 7 p.m. —A. B. Peck. 46

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD and LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION (Rochdale Branch).—Joint meeting at Heptonstall, Yorks, Saturday, May 4th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. —F. Pritchard. 132

DURHAM COLLEGES' SOCIETY.—Ringing Day, Saturday, May 4th, 2.30 p.m. Afternoon: St. Aidan's, Blackhill (8), and R.C., Blackhill (8) (if available). Evening: Consett (8). All visitors welcome. Names for tea to J. R. Worsdall, Hatfield College, Durham. 93

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting at March on Saturday, May 4th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. —D. E. R. Knights, Dis. Sec. 88

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural and City Branches.—Combined meeting at Winterbourne, Saturday, May 4th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Notify T. T. Walters, 17, Newlands Avenue, Coalpit Heath, Bristol. 138

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Meeting, Saturday, May 4th, Bushey (8). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—K. R. Dunstan, Dis. Sec. 131

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Dover, Saturday, May 4th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 3.45 p.m. Tea 2s. per head. Note: Service half-an-hour earlier.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 49

LADIES' GUILD.—Kent Branch.—Meeting, All Saints', Maidstone, Saturday, May 4th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. All ladies welcome —gentlemen invited. Good attendance, please, to elect secretary.—Olive Barnett, Acting Hon. Sec. 98

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SUFFOLK GUILD.—Halesworth District.—Quarterly meeting, Halesworth, Saturday, May 4th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. 97

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Monday, May 6th, 7.30 p.m., practice, St. Mary, Lambeth. Saturday, May 11th, general meeting, Christ Church, Southgate (10), 3 to 4.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business 5, in Walker Hall. Further ringing 7 to 8.30 p.m. Names for tea, please.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. Tel. HOU 3921. , 96

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SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A combined practice will be held at Ewell on Tuesday, May 7th, at 7.30 p.m. All welcome.—W. Parrott, Hon. Sec. 60

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Corston (8) on Saturday, May 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Newton St. Loe (6) available after tea. Names for tea essential to Mrs. H. Parfrey, 18, Meadlands, Corston, near Bath. 161

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Nether Stowey on May 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please.—R. Short, Chilton Trinity. 166

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—Meeting at Old Warden on Saturday, May 11th. Bells (6) 3 o'clock. Tea at the Hare and Hounds, 5 o'clock. Let's have another good meeting.—L. H. Bywater, Dis. Sec. 153

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Limpsfield (6), Saturday, May 11th. Tea 4 p.m. at Old Lodge. Limpsfield Chart (6) in evening. Names to F. Reed, 1, Brookside Cottages, Limpsfield. —C. A. Bassett. 169

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Hilgay, Saturday, May 11th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 155

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South Eastern Division.—Meeting at Galleywood (8), Saturday, May 11th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Numbers for tea, please, to A. H. Everett, Cornerway, Plantation Road, Boreham. , 59

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GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting at North Nibley (6), Saturday, May 11th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Notify by May 8th. —Mary Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall. 176

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Swindon Branch. — Wroughton (6), Saturday, May 11th. Names for tea to Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Swindon. Tel. 3936. 152

GUILD OF MEDICAL RINGERS.—Annual meeting and dinner, Stevenage, Saturday, May 11th. Members attending please notify D. L. Gullick, Mount View, Stevenage. 139

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Meeting at Cobham with Stoke D'Abernon on Saturday, May 11th. Bells from 3 p.m. Stoke 3 to 4 p.m. and after meeting. Service at Cobham 4.30. Tea in Church Room 5 p.m. Numbers for tea should be sent by May 7th, please, to Miss Ann Moore, Chippings, Icklingham Road, Cobham. 129

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ross District.—Meeting, Saturday, May 11th, at King's Capel (6). Hoarwithy bus leaves Ross 1.5 p.m. Bells 2 p.m. Service 3.45. Tea 4.15 p.m. Names by previous Tuesday to Miss M. Tilbury, 34, Claytons, Bridstow, Ross. 170

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—A meeting will be held at Apsley on Saturday, May 11th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, May 8th, to Mrs. J. Good, 44, Belmont Road, Hemel Hempstead. No names, no tea. —J. Good, Dis. Sec. 105

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Dedication of the recast bells (6) at St. Stephen's, St. Albans, by the Rt. Rev. C. T. T. Wood at 3 p.m. on Saturday, May 11th. Ringing after service. Concert to aid funds 7 p.m., St. Julian's School (Dunstable Girls' Choir).—H. V. Frost, Hon. Gen. Sec. 171

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at Ribchester on Saturday, May 11th. Ringing at 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Cups of tea provided.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 140

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton and Manchester Branches.—Joint meeting at Walkden, Saturday, May 11th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea (free) 5 p.m. Names to Arthur Burton, 19, Old Clough Lane, Walkden, Lancs. No names no tea—definite.—J. Thornley, R. Benson, Secs. 156

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—Meeting at Goosnargh, Saturday, May 11th. Refreshments provided. Names by 8th to Mr. W. Billington, Hospital Cottage, Goosnargh. Buses 142 and 145 from Preston.—L. Walmsley. 177

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at Liverpool Parish Church on May 11th. Ringing 2 p.m. Tea *only* for those notifying (before Wednesday, 8th) Miss Howlett, 10, Green Lane, Seaforth, Liverpool, 21. 162

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch. — Meeting at St. Chad's Church, Poulton-le-Fylde, on Saturday, May 11th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided 5 p.m. Business after tea.—J. F. Turner. 178

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Meeting, Rothley, Saturday, May 11th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Village Hall 5 p.m. Names for tea by the previous Wednesday to Mr. R. A. Brewin, 5, Cossington Lane, Rothley. 157

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Wigtoft, Saturday, May 11th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea, Parish Hall, 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, May 6th, to W. E. Clarke, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston. 165

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Meeting at Marsham (8) on Saturday, May 11th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, 8th, to the Rev. H. G. Lillingston, The Rectory, Marsham. 125

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester Deanery Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Piddington, Saturday, May 11th. Bells (5) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m.—C. H. Kinch, Causeway, Bicester. 116

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Checkendon on Saturday, May 11th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify by May 8th Mr. G. Hearns, The Garage, Stoke Row, Oxon. —R. G. Burton. 163

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Willoughby, Saturday, May 11th. Names for tea to me not later than Tuesday previous.—F. W. Hancock, Willoughby, Rugby. 174

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Meeting at Hodnet, Saturday, May 11th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, May 7th, without fail, to Mr. T. Whiston, Stone Cottage, Abbotts Road, Hodnet, Salop. 122

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD (North Notts District) and Derbyshire Association (Chesterfield District).—Joint meeting at Cuckney (6), Saturday, May 11th. Cups of tea only. —H. Denman and A. B. Cooper. 164

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Saxmundham District. —Annual meeting at Aldeburgh on Saturday, May 11th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 5. Service 6 p.m. Names must be sent for tea by Wednesday, May 8th, to Mr. J. Pilgrim, 52, Saxmundham Road, Aldeburgh.—A. R. Bridges, Hon. Sec. 113

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Bury St. Edmunds District.—Meeting at Whepstead (5), Saturday, May 11th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. (Bus services: Eastern Counties from Bus Station, Longs Coaches from Angel Hill.)—Kenneth G. Brown, Dis. Sec. 141

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. — Practice meeting, Cowfold, Saturday, May 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea, please, by previous Wednesday, to I. Butcher, 14, Withypitts, Turners Hill. 148

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—Quarterly meeting, Heene, Saturday, May 11th, 2.30–4.45. Service 4.45. Tea 5.15. West Tarring 6.30–8. Names for tea, please, by previous Tuesday to G. Francis, Hook Cottage, Itchingfield, Horsham. — W. Leslie Weller. 149

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Annual general meeting at Huddersfield on Saturday, May 11th. Bells available: Parish Church (10), 2 to 4.30 p.m. and after meeting till 9 p.m.; Almondbury (8), 2 to 4 p.m. Bus No. 30-33 from near Parish Church. Service in Parish Church 4.30 p.m., followed by tea in Parochial Hall, Springwood Street, 5 p.m. Names by May 7th to Mrs. W. Littlewood, 26, Kingston Avenue, Dalton, Huddersfield. General meeting immediately afterwards. Subscriptions are due and reports will be available. Very important business includes a motion affecting the annual subscription rate and ancillary matters which will come up for discussion and settlement. A large and representative gathering is specially requested.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford, 9. 65

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting at Wormingford, Saturday, May 18th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Numbers for tea by Wednesday, May 15th, please, to Mr. Leggett, The Dell, Wormingford, Colchester 175

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Gainsborough District.—The next meeting will be at Lea on Saturday, May 18th. Bells afternoon and evening. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify me by previous Tuesday.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec., Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 168

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting, combined with Ladies' Guild, Fleet, Saturday, May 18th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 3.45. Tea. Bull Inn. 4.30 p.m. Names by May 14th to Mr. J. B. Hallifax, Church End, Fleet, near Spalding. 145

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION and LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Harrow Weald, Saturday, May 18th. Towers available: Edgware (6), 2 to 3 p.m.; Stanmore (8), 3 to 4; Harrow Weald (8), 3 to 4.30. Pinner (8) and Harrow Weald after meeting. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Nominations for officers and C.C. representatives to assistant secretary. Names for tea to Mr. H. G. Hart, 1, Conway Close, Stanmore, Middx. Phone: GRImsdyke 1338.—W. N. Genna, Asst. Sec., 17, Tintern Way, West Harrow. Phone: BYRon 5197. 56

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, May 18th, Winterton. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, May 15th, certain, please, to Mr. R. E. Woodhouse, Clink Road, Winterton, Great Yarmouth.—P. Newstead, Branch Sec. 146

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Berks Branch.—Annual meeting, Cumnor, on Saturday, May 18th. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by 14th, please.—A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks. 123

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — The Guild festival will be held at Salisbury on Saturday, May 18th. Annual meeting, Assembly Rooms, 2.15 p.m. Guild service in St. Thomas' Church, 4. Meat tea, Assembly Rooms, 5 p.m. (price 4s. per head), by ticket only from Mr. F. Slatford, Church Lane, North Bradley, Trowbridge, before Wednesday, May 15th. Towers available: Salisbury—St. Martin's (8), 12 noon to 2, and 6.45 p.m.; St. Paul's (8), 1 to 2, and 6 p.m.; St. Thomas' (8), 1 to 2, and 6 p.m.; Downton (8), 11 a.m. to 1, and 6.30 p.m.; Britford (6), 11 a.m. to 1, and 6 p.m.; Dinton (6), 11 a.m. to 1, and 6 p.m.; Enford (6), 11 a.m. to 1, and 6.30 p.m.; South Newton (6), 11 a.m. to 1, and 6 p.m.; Wilton (6), 11 a.m. to 1, and 7 to 8.30 p.m. Other bells by arrangement.—W. C. West, 584, Semington Road, Melksham. 137

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting, Elston, Saturday, May 18th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. *only* for those who notify me by Wednesday previous.—W. L. Exton, 60, Albert Street, Newark. 144

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—60th anniversary celebrations, June 8th. Service 4.30 p.m., St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate. Preacher, Bishop of Kensington. Dinner to follow. Tickets, 15s. 6d. each, available from me until May 18th. Tower secretaries should return names, cash and any unsold tickets, of tickets distributed to them to either the District secretaries or me during the next week. Ringing arrangements later.—F. W. Goodfellow, Seaford, 46, Slough Road, Iver Heath, Bucks. 167

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A YOUNG WIVES' TALE

TOM started it. He and I were cycling from college. He was a committee member of a youth club, and as such had to arrange a talk for one Sunday evening. 'Could you give a talk on bellringing?', he asked. 'I could,' I replied, 'if you are really short.' When we arrived at 'digs' we talked about it still further and Tom mentioned it to the landlady. 'You can give a talk to my Young Wives as well,' she said.

'Steady on,' I cautioned, 'wait until you hear what the talk is like. You may not wish to hear me.' However, the landlady must also have had some difficulty in arranging 'entertainment' for the Young Wives, of whom she was in charge, because she next asked me which of three dates was most suitable.

I chose the latest and then set to work. Some reading was first necessary. I have always felt that 'Standard Methods—Diagrams' was not the most suitable basis for a general talk. The library was well stocked, and besides being able to read 'The History and Art of Change-Ringing' I could have studied 'Legends of the Bells,' 'Church Bells of Lancashire' and carillon ringing. First I borrowed as many books as I had library tickets, and then I borrowed more library tickets. The problem of what to say had now changed to what not to say. The books were used since most contained photographs of bells being cast, hung or rung.

With all this material in front of me I sketched out a framework of the talk, and decided I would need handbells, a model bell and gramophone records. The handbells were borrowed quite easily and after some queries I was able to borrow a model bell. The records were more difficult to find. I mentioned the difficulty to the landlady. 'We have some at church,' she replied. Apparently her church was one where the congregation heard bells ringing each Sunday, but the church had neither bells nor tower.

The 'words and music' were now arranged and only the problem of 'musicians' remained to be solved. Not being over proud of my abilities or knowing many ringing friends who would willingly demonstrate to Young Wives, I asked Tom and his friend Geraldine to help. We practised call changes, Plain Hunt on six bells and a plain course of Grandsire Doubles. Tom and Geraldine played from 'music,' which may have spoilt the rhythm a little, but I think it was worthwhile since they had little time to practise and the 'music' gave them some confidence. Tom learnt the Cambridge chimes and a few hymn tunes to demonstrate the use of Ellacombe hammers. Lastly, we learnt five short songs which we thought would be easily recognisable. An important point, since the audience feels it has achieved something if it recognises a tune. In our case, as we had such little practice, I felt inclined to agree with this sentiment. After three or four Saturdays' practice we were ready.

Before the talk, my landlady said: 'I've invited some of the Mothers' Union. I hope you don't mind. And I have asked the Vicar to come. We'll use the big hall.' These remarks were no doubt intended to be reassuring but merely increased my nervousness. The Tuesday evening came, and Tom, Geraldine and I went along early to get things ready and check the records. I had already used the gramophone to reduce the number of hitches.

About ten minutes before the talk the audience started coming in and chatting amongst themselves. With five minutes to go they began to take their places. 'It's a bit early,' I thought, and looked up to see whether many more were to come. To my surprise I saw that most of those seated had taken out their knitting. This I found most disconcerting. Would they continue knitting right through my talk or just when they were bored, I wondered. Neither possibility appealed to me. Eight o'clock and time to start. 'Well, ladies,' the landlady said, refusing to recognise the presence of the two gentlemen in the audience. The knitting was put away as I was introduced.

I stood up to start and looked at the 'Young Wives.' It was quite frightening. They all looked at me, looked intelligent and keenly interested. 'As a mere male,' I began, 'it is with some trepidation I begin a talk to a group of Young Wives.' The talk continued and was interrupted by the landlady around nine o'clock when I had only the tunes to play. We had a break for tea and biscuits and questions, and I then chatted to those who were kind enough to still wish to speak to me. The evening was rounded off with the few easily recognisable tunes.

Whether the evening was successful is not for me to say, but I can say not one of them took out their knitting.

P. E. P.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 20, 1957, in 3 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE TOWN HALL,
A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Five course block. Tenor 42 cwt.

JAMES FEARNLEY	*Treble*	BRIAN HARRIS	7
FRED DUNKERLEY	2	NEIL D. LOMAS	8
BASIL JONES	3	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	9
JOHN E. BIBBY	4	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER	10
C. KENNETH LEWIS	5	PETER LAFLIN	11
JOHN WORTH	6	EDWARD JENKINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
A birthday compliment to H.R.H. Queen Elizabeth II.

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 27, 1957, in 3 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE BELL TOWER,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS
Tenor 36 cwt. in C sharp.

JOHN THOMAS	*Treble*	*E. TREVOR NEWBURY	7
*R. GEORGE MORRIS	2	*GEORGE E. EVENDEN	8
GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	3	*DAVID BEACHAM	9
*SHIRLEY M. PARSONS	4	JOSEPH E. NEWMAN	10
SIDNEY T. HOLT	5	REGINALD WOODYATT	11
*GERALD C. HEMMING	6	THOMAS W. LEWIS	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by GEOFFREY J. HEMMING.
* First peal of Maximus. First peal of Maximus as conductor. First peal of Treble Twelve on the bells.

TEN BELL PEALS

LIVERPOOL.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 22, 1957, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 42 cwt. in C.

LESTER L. GRAY	*Treble*	RONALD KENRICK	6
GWENDOLYN I. HOWLETT	2	*JOSEPH RIDYARD	7
JOHN NELSON	3	EDWIN C. BIRKETT	8
JOHN ROBERTS	4	JOHN E. SPICE	9
*DOREEN D. DUTTON	5	H. STEWART BAILEY	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by JOHN E. SPICE.
* 50th peal together.

STONHAM ASPAL, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., April 22, 1957, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAMBERT,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB ROYAL
Tenor 23¾ cwt.

*MURIEL R. PIPE	*Treble*	*RONALD G. BUGG	6
*CHARLES E. FISHER	2	CECIL W. PIPE	7
LESLIE G. BRETT	3	*WALTER RUFFLES	8
†IVAN COOPER	4	*EDWARD E. DAVEY	9
RANALD W. M. CLOUSTON	5	*WILLIAM J. BUTTON	*Tenor*

Composed by EDGAR WIGHTMAN. Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.
* First peal of Bob Royal. † First peal on ten bells. First peal of Bob Royal as conductor. W. J. Button has now rung peals of Plain Bob from Doubles to Maximus.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., April 24, 1957, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

BRIAN G. WARWICK	*Treble*	G. RONALD EDWARDS	6
JOHN M. JELLEY	2	BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	7
ERNEST MORRIS	3	JOHN A. ACRES	8
JOHN R. SMITH	4	ERNEST J. JELLEY	9
*PHYLLIS POOLE	5	PETER J. STANIFORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by THOMAS B. WORSLEY. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* 600th peal on tower bells.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., April 27, 1957, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor 24 cwt. 18 lb. in E flat.

CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	*Treble*	†JOHN H. ALLEN	6
*P. GEORGE GOLDER	2	STELLA HUGHES	7
†JOHN A. ANDERSON	3	GEORGE W. HUGHES	8
†PAUL J. RIGBY	4	FREDERICK G. HANDLEY	9
KENNETH W. KNOWLES	5	J. DENNIS HOLDEN	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM D. CROFTS. Conducted by STELLA HUGHES.
* First peal of Treble Bob Royal. † First peal in the method and on ten bells

EIGHT BELL PEALS

LECKHAMPTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 13, 1957, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 8¼ cwt. in A.

LESLIE BARRY	*Treble*	PETER T. HURCOMBE	5
WILLIAM A. FARMER	2	CYRIL A. WRATTEN	6
E. TREVOR NEWBURY	3	PETER BAKER	7
SHIRLEY M. PARSONS	4	JOHN TYLER	*Tenor*

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by CYRIL A. WRATTEN.
First peal of Triples in the method for all except the conductor.

PRESTWOLD, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 20, 1957, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in G.

*ROGER K. STRETTON	*Treble*	HARRY POYNER	5
BRIAN G. WARWICK	2	ERNEST J. JELLEY	6
*ROLAND H. COOK	3	SAMUEL J. HAINES	7
JOHN R. SMITH	4	JOHN M. JELLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES S. WILDE. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major.

SOUTHPORT, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 20, 1957, in 3 Hours,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

CYRIL LOW	*Treble*	NORMAN HEAPS	5
MARGARET E. RIDYARD	2	JACK ASHCROFT	6
DOREEN DUTTON	3	RONALD KENRICK	7
ERNEST GOWER	4	JOSEPH RIDYARD	*Tenor*

Composed by R. F. B. SPEED. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

WESTBOURNE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 20, 1957, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5184 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in G.

*A. YORK-BRAMBLE	*Treble*	FREDK. W. BURNETT	5
*†ROGER BALDWIN	2	E. WINIFRED KEYS	6
*†S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT	3	WILLIAM T. BEESON	7
‡ROBIN G. LEALE	4	*JOHN H. HUNT	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by ROGER BALDWIN.
* First peal in the method. † 75th peal together. ‡ First peal of Major in the method.

DERBY.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 22, 1957, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5056 BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in E.

*BERNICE A. MANNING	*Treble*	†PAMELA J. PEARSON	5
*EDWIN WALKLATE	2	CHARLES W. WALKLATE	6
FRANCIS R. LOWE	3	BRIAN R. MANNING	7
JOHN F. MURFIN	4	DAVID K. WALKLATE	*Tenor*

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by DAVID K. WALKLATE.
* First peal of Major. † First peal of Bob Major.
Rung as a welcome to the new vicar, the Rev. C. N. Lavender.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., April 23, 1957, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

STEPHEN IVIN	*Treble*	FRANK A. BARRETT	5
DAPHNE R. CASTELL.. ..	2	MICHAEL J. HALLETT ..	6
J. HENRY GARDNER	3	JOHN HARRIS	7
CHARLES COLES	4	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS ..	*Tenor*

Composed by J. J. PARKER. Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.

Rung to mark the Queen's birthday, the Feast of St. George, and the birth of a great grandchild to W. H. B. Wilkins.

WASHINGBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., April 24, 1957, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF 5024 IMMINGHAM SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in F sharp.

JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM ..	*Treble*	GEOFFREY R. PARKER ..	5
NORAH M. BIBBY	2	JOHN WALDEN	6
JOHN FREEMAN	3	GEORGE H. RANDLES.. ..	7
GEOFFREY PAUL	4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

The first peal in this method.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Frank G. Bloomfield and Miss Gwen I. Rusby, married at St. James' Church, Grimsby, on Easter Monday.

IMMINGHAM SURPRISE MAJOR
38-14-56-36-14-58-12-58. 2nd place lead-end, 4th place Bob.

WHITCHURCH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Wed., April 24, 1957, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

RUTH M. K. HOW	*Treble*	PETER R. SANDERS	5
SHIRLEY V. RYMER	2	RODNEY B. MEADOWS ..	6
*DERMOT J. ROAF	3	DONALD H. NIBLETT.. ..	7
COLIN J. B. TAYLOR ..	4	ROBIN A. HODGSON	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by DONALD H. NIBLETT.

* First peal of Surprise.

A compliment to the local captain, Mr. Harry Clark, on his 50 years' membership of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., April 25, 1957, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 5 lb. in A flat.

EDMUND P. CROWDY ..	*Treble*	ERIC N. HARRISON	5
*ENID SOFTLEY	2	KENNETH LAWSON	6
DENIS A. BAYLES	3	KENNETH ARTHUR	7
CHARLES McGUINESS ..	4	J. ALAN AINSWORTH ..	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF (C.C.C. No. 2).
Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

* First peal in the method and 25th peal.

SALFORD PRIORS, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., April 25, 1957, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation). Tenor 15 cwt.

GEOFFREY J. HEMMING ..	*Treble*	HENRY J. WHEATLEY ..	5
ARTHUR T. SHOREY	2	ANTHONY J. BRAZIER ..	6
*RAYMOND W. SELBY ..	3	GERALD C. HEMMING ..	7
†REV. ALBERT WEBB.. ..	4	*J. ALFRED SELBY	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY J. HEMMING.

* First peal on eight bells † First peal of Triples.

Rung in thanksgiving for the Resurrection of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

BIDFORD-ON-AVON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 27, 1957, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Holt's Original. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*ARTHUR S. READE	*Treble*	HAROLD HUXLEY	5
ANTHONY A. UPTON ..	2	ARTHUR T. SHOREY	6
ALFRED C. MORRIS	3	CLARENCE R. STEED	7
WILLIAM H. MALE	4	FRED C. LYNE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM H. MALE.

* First peal of Triples.

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. W. J. Moxon, who was inducted on March 9th.

BROADSTAIRS, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 27, 1957, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-IN-THANET,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in F sharp.

GEORGE FRY	*Treble*	TOM CULLINGWORTH ..	5
*CRAWFORD T. HILLIS ..	2	JOHN R. COOPER	6
RALPH BIRD	3	BENJAMIN F. BAKER	7
GEOFFREY PEARSON	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* First peal of Surprise Major. First peal of Cambridge on the bells. The quickest peal on the bells.

Rung as a compliment to Michael Stephens and Mollie Thursby, who were married at this church earlier in the day.

BURWASH, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 27, 1957, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW.
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in G sharp.

OLIVE D. COUCHMAN ..	*Treble*	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE	5
REGINALD E. LAMBERT ..	2	LUTHER J. HONESS	6
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT ..	3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT	7
STANLEY G. PONTING.. ..	4	COLIN A. TESTER	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by COLIN A. TESTER.

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

In memoriam Wilfred Booth, of Heathfield.

CHEWTON MENDIP, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 27, 1957, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in D.

TERENCE J. MILSOM	*Treble*	HAROLD L. PARFREY	5
ELISABETH A. G. GRIME ..	2	ALAN F. LEE	6
MICHAEL T. SPRACKLING ..	3	ROGER O. FRY	7
RICHARD J. BOWDEN	4	TUDOR P. EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.

Arranged and rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the second.

EWELL, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 27, 1957, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5024 BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in F sharp.

RICHARD HARBOUR	*Treble*	JOHN E. BEAMS	5
RALPH C. SPITTLE	2	DEREK G. ASTRIDGE.. ..	6
*ARTHUR S. BESANT	3	CHARLES W. MUNDAY ..	7
WILLIAM PARROTT	4	DEREK G. SPITTLE	*Tenor*

Composed by E. J. LINDLEY. Conducted by CHARLES W. MUNDAY.

* First peal of Major.

Rung as a wedding compliment to John Hill and Marjorie Hunter, both members of the local band.

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GRAVESEND, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 27, 1957, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT ST. GEORGE'S CHAPEL OF UNITY (POCAHONTAS MEMORIAL),
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Washbrook's variation. Tenor 18¼ cwt. in E.

ROBERT COLLINS	*Treble*	THOMAS E. SONE	5
RONALD E. CONSTANT	2	TREVOR A. CROSS	6
ERNEST J. LADD	3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	7
BERNARD V. COLLISON	4	RICHARD C. CONSTANT	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.

HANDSWORTH, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., April 27, 1957, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in F.

HENRY H. FEARN	*Treble*	JOHN PINFOLD	5
ELIZABETH M. YARDLEY	2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	6
MURIEL REAY	3	RALPH G. EDWARDS	7
*NORMAN G. GOODMAN	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by GEO. BAKER. Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.
* First peal of Rutland.

ICKLETON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Sat., April 27, 1957, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

F. B. COOKSON (St. John's)	*Treble*	J. D. PAINTER (Caius)	5
H. NEILL (St. Cath.'s)	2	G. C. GALLEY (Queens')	6
SUSAN JACKSON (Girton)	3	C. M. P. JOHNSON (Sel.)	7
A. J. HOWARD (Trinity)	4	W. J. RIDGMAN (Queens')	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by W. J. RIDGMAN.
Rung with the best wishes of the band to Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Haynes, whose wedding took place on Tuesday, April 23rd.

SOUTH PETHERTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 27, 1957, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRAUNSTONE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt.

PERCIVAL W. J. HARDING	*Treble*	FREDERICK S. SLATFORD	5
ANTHONY J. SANGER	2	GWILYM SALMON	6
LAURENCE E. HITCHINS	3	HENRY J. SANGER	7
DAVID HOARE	4	ERIC NAYLOR	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by DAVID HOARE.
The first peal in the method by all the band and for the Association.

SUNDERLAND, COUNTY DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 27, 1957, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, BISHOPWEARMOUTH,
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in F sharp.

MARION S. CAPEY	*Treble*	*KENNETH LAWSON	5
*EDMUND P. CROWDY	2	J. ALAN AINSWORTH	6
CHARLES MCGUINESS	3	ERIC N. HARRISON	7
*PETER M. GILES	4	DENIS A. BAYLES	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.
* First peal of Superlative.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 29, 1957, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Taylor's Six-part. Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in E flat.

MRS. MARY KENYON	*Treble*	HAROLD OWEN	5
*NORMAN TOMKINS	2	JOSEPH OWEN	6
MAURICE THOMAS	3	*PETER CROOK, SEN.	7
EVEREST FORD	4	JOSEPH THORNLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER CROOK.
* 50th peal together.
Rung as a farewell to the Rev. Ernest Wright, Vicar of St. George's, who leaves for Birkdale, Southport, and to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the casting of the bells by Rudhall.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

BREDFIELD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., April 13, 1957, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's and Oxford Treble Bob, and two extents each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in G.

*GEORGE V. BUXTON	*Treble*	JAMES BENNETT	4
*RODERICK W. PIPE	2	*ROBERT F. DOWNING	5
*BRENDA E. FREEMAN	3	RONALD W. STEWARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.
* First peal in five methods.

WYMONDHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 13, 1957, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in seven methods: (1) Thelwall Bob and Childwall Bob, (2) Double Oxford Bob and St. Clement's Bob, (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Kent Treble Bob, (5), (6) and (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

J. HARRY COOK	*Treble*	ERNEST J. JELLEY	4
BRIAN G. WARWICK	2	BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	5
ROLAND H. COOK	3	JOHN M. JELLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
The first peal in seven Minor methods on the bells.

THORNER, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 20, 1957, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in five methods: (1) and (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) St. Clement's, (4) Oxford Treble Bob, (5) Kent Treble Bob, (6) and (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

D. MARGARET HAWLEY	*Treble*	EDWARD M. BRADLEY	4
SHEILA M. SCHOFIELD	2	ROY BETTLEY-COOKE	5
ALAN E. HARTLEY	3	J. MARTIN THORLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.
Rung to welcome Penelope Jane Thorley.

STANTON LACY, SHROPSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., April 21, 1957, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being one 240 of Morris' and 40 six-scores (ten callings).
Tenor 12 cwt. 12 lb.

JOHN J. P. ELLAMS	*Treble*	DAVID TOLLEY	4
JEAN HUTTON	2	ALBERT E. JONES	5
DESMOND FERGUSON	3	GEORGE COTTERILL	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT E. JONES.
Rung for the Easter Festival and for the birthday of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

NORTH CREAKE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 22, 1957, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR
Being seven 720's. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

ROBERT ALLCOCK	*Treble*	HAROLD HUXLEY	4
CECIL V. EBBERSON	2	JOHN COUZENS	5
SAMUEL H. WATERFIELD	3	TONY OWEN	*Tenor*

Conducted by TONY OWEN.
First peal on the bells since rehanging by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

THORPE-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 22, 1957, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 9½ cwt.

DAVID F. WELHAM	*Treble*	WALTER F. DOWNS	4
*HEATHER G. STEWART	2	PERCY W. MILLS	5
MARIAN H. MILLS	3	URBAN W. WILDNEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.
* First peal.

APSLEY END, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., April 23, 1957, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In 21 methods, being one extent each of (1) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Primrose, Hull and Bourne; (2) Lightfoot, Wearmouth, Rossendale and Stamford; (3) Beverley, Berwick, Hexham and Stamford; (4) London, Wells and Cunecastre; (5) York and Durham; (6) Netherseale; (7) Norwich, with 84 changes of method. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

MRS. G. MANCHIP .. .. *Treble* | AUGUSTIN V. GOOD 4
*KEITH B. GOOD .. .. 2 | WILLIAM C. HUGHES 5
WALTER AYRE .. .. .. 3 | WILLIAM J. PUDDIFOOT .. *Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal in more than seven Surprise methods.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Her Majesty the Queen, in honour of St. George's Day and as a 21st birthday compliment to Keith Good.

AUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., April 23, 1957, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in C sharp.

*DOREEN DUTTON .. .. *Treble* | ROGER GATISS 4
ALFRED DRAPER .. .. 2 | BRIAN ORMESHER 5
ROBERT LARKEY .. .. 3 | RONALD KENRICK .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by RONALD KENRICK.

* 75th peal.

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., April 23, 1957, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW, CHAPEL ALLERTON.
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

RONALD H. DOVE .. .. *Treble* | IRVIN SLACK 4
*OLIVE M. GRAY .. .. 2 | SHEILA M. SCHOFIELD .. 5
MARGARET S. RHODES .. 3 | J. MARTIN THORLEY .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.

* First peal.

LIMPSFIELD CHART, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., April 23, 1957, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and St. Clement's, and three extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in G.

LEONARD A. TIDY .. .. *Treble* | †STANLEY JENNER 4
*ISOBEL INMAN .. .. .. 2 | JOHN L. MORRIS 5
A. PATRICK CANNON .. 3 | PETER N. BOND .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by PETER N. BOND.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal in five methods.

A birthday compliment to the conductor, and to W. L. Tidy, eldest son of the treble ringer.

HARROLD, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., April 25, 1957, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising three extents of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob.
Tenor 13 cwt. 6 lb.

HENRY W. GAYTON .. .. *Treble* | AVRIL THACKRAY 4
ANNE E. AMOR .. .. .. 2 | STEPHEN IVIN 5
JENNIFER M. DAVIES .. .. 3 | C. EDWARD JEFFRIES .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.

WILLINGTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., April 25, 1957, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9½ cwt.

KEITH FLEMING .. .. .. *Treble* | COLIN PAYNE 4
SHEILA DUFFIN .. .. .. 2 | ALAN SMITH 5
IRIS WALKER .. .. .. 3 | ROY WARD .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN SMITH.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Richard Stephens and Mary Fuller and Michael Stephens and Molly Thursby.

Rung by Young Ringers of Bedfordshire.

WOOLAVINGTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., April 25, 1957, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents (five callings).
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

*F. A. KEITH PRIME .. *Treble* | ‡DENNIS G. MILLER 4
††GEOFFREY R. MARCHANT 2 | CECIL T. CLARKE 5
JOHN S. WALTON .. .. 3 | RONALD D. SHORT .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by RONALD D. SHORT.

* First peal of Minor. † First of Minor 'inside.' ‡ First of Treble Bob. First of Treble Bob as conductor. First of Minor on the bells.

LONG BUCKBY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 27, 1957, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 14 120's each of April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire.
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb. in E.

*EDWARD M. THRESHER .. *Treble* | ROGER E. HOLLAND 3
DAVID J. WRIGHT .. .. 2 | MICHAEL F. AMOS 4
ERNEST G. ORLAND .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by MICHAEL F. AMOS.

* First peal.

Rung for the wedding of Miss Ann Voller and Mr. Robert Clayden.

MILTON REGIS, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 27, 1957, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being four 120's each of Winchendon, St. Nicholas', Reverse Canterbury, Reverse St. Bartholomew, St. Simon's, St. Martin's and April Day, and seven 120's each of Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb.

RONALD C. BURNS .. .. *Treble* | TERENCE BARTON 4
GEORGE KENWARD .. .. 2 | CYRIL S. JARRETT 5
ALBERT J. DUNK .. .. 3 | LESLIE B. DOBBIE .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by CYRIL S. JARRETT.

First peal in nine Doubles methods by all the band.

A birthday compliment to the ringer of the tenor.

HANDBELL PEALS

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 15, 1957, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,
AT No. 29,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Original. Tenor size 15 in C.

*DONALD H. NIBLETT .. 1—2 | JOHN THOMAS .. .. .. 5—6
MRS. J. THOMAS .. .. 3—4 | VIVIEN BARNES .. .. .. 7—8

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

* First peal of Grandsire on handbells on 1–2.

CHELTENHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., April 16, 1957, in 1 Hour and 44 Minutes,
AT 19, ROYAL PARADE,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 12 in F.

SHIRLEY M. PARSONS .. 1—2 | DAVID J. MARSHALL .. .. 3—4
CYRIL A. WRATTEN .. .. 5—6

Conducted by DAVID J. MARSHALL.

DONCASTER, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., April 17, 1957, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,
AT 38, CASTLE HILLS ROAD, SCAWTHORPE,
A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 13 in E.

DAVID G. JACKSON .. .. 1—2 | WILLIAM H. JACKSON .. 5—6
HOWARD SCOTT .. .. .. 3—4 | W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. .. 7—8

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

CHELTENHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 29, 1957, in 1 Hour and 47 Minutes,
AT 19, ROYAL PARADE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of St. Clement's, Double Bob and Reverse Bob, and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor size 12 in F.

*SHIRLEY M. PARSONS .. 1—2 | DAVID J. MARSHALL .. .. 3—4
*CYRIL A. WRATTEN .. .. 5—6

Conducted by DAVID J. MARSHALL.

* First peal in four methods 'in hand.'

ARDINGLY, SUSSEX.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Rowlinson 1, H. J. Wilde 2, C. F. Bonnett 3, D. Stride (first quarter) 4, I. A. C. Butcher (cond.) 5, A. J. Butcher 6. First in method for 1 and 6. For Matins.

ASFORDBY, LEICS.—On April 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss C. Wheeler 1, J. W. Day (first 'inside') 2, R. H. Cook (cond.) 3, A. E. Hinman 4, R. Looker 5, J. H. Cook 6. Rung as a wedding compliment to Anthony Hougton and Beryl Cavill, who were married at Asfordby on Wednesday.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.—On Easter Sunday, 1,260 Bob Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 covering): Priscilla Cairns (first quarter) 1, D. G. Astridge (cond.) 2, J. T. Symonds 3, P. J. Jackson 4, John Hayns 5, A. J. Wellstead 6, H. H. Hayns 7, B. Piper 8. For Evensong.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCS.—At St. Peter's Church on Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. B. Jackson (first quarter) 1, Miss C. B. Clayton (first 'inside') 2, Miss P. S. Gatty 3, D. Ogden 4, N. Bennett (first as cond.) 5, A. Allott 6.

BELGRAVE, LEICS.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Barrow 1, P. D. Wells 2, O. Castleman 3, J. P. Kesterton (cond.) 4, A. W. Skinner 5, N. O. Abel 6, C. Lynch 7, E. Bass 8. For Evensong.

BENWELL, NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—At St. James' Church on April 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Ross 1, Miss P. Derrick 2, G. Carse 3, S. Dixon 4, R. S. Mallaburn (cond.) 5, R. Barrow 6. Rung half-muffled for Palm Sunday.

BRIDGEND, GLAM.—On April 26th, 1,260 Doubles (780 Grandsire, 480 Bob): E. C. Turner 1, J. Hale 2, D. W. Davies 3, T. E. Hiddins 4, W. T. Petty (cond.) 5, D. L. Hughes 6. A birthday compliment to the treble ringer's mother and to the conductor's daughter, Valerie Ann.

BURMARSH, KENT.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Bob Minor: B. Watts 1, Mrs. F. Watts 2, F. Watts (first quarter) 3, Miss A. Raynor 4, Mrs. R. Wratten (first as cond.) 5, T. Fagg 6. First of Minor for 1, 2, 4 and 6. For Evensong.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.—On April 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ian Norris (first quarter, aged 14) 1, Mrs. T. Norris 2, P. Nash 3, E. Ashby 4, C. Hayter (first of Triples) 5, C. Cook 6, T. Norris (cond.) 7, F. Morris 8. For Evensong.

CAVERSHAM, BERKS.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. S. Betts (first of Triples) 1, S. Osborne 2, Miss P. Hollaway 3, Miss P. Hart 4, J. Taylor 5, E. Busby (first as cond.) 6, H. Osborne 7, I. Padley (first quarter) 8. For Evensong.

CHELSFIELD, KENT.—On April 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Outhwaite 1, J. Pannell 2, N. Martin 3, D. Manger 4, J. Parker (cond.) 5, A. Smith 6. For Evensong.

CHESTER-LE-STREET, CO. DURHAM.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Haigh 1, Miss M. A. P. Bertie 2, Mrs. D. A. Bayles 3, F. Sheraton 4, J. W. Robson 5, C. Mordue 6, D. A. Bayles (cond.) 7, S. C. Walker 8. For Evensong by the local band.

CLIFTON, BEDS.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Bob Minor (with 7-8 covering): J. Hulme 1, Sheila Percival (first 'inside') 2, Jill Mayes 3, A. Dilley 4, P. Tompkins 5, G. Mayes (cond.) 6, T. Dilley 7, S. Bywaters 8. For Evensong, and as a wedding compliment to Ronald Percival and Hildegarde Kurpjuhn, married at this church the previous day.

CLUTTON, SOMERSET.—On April 23rd, 1,276 Cambridge Surprise Minor: D. E. Cobb (first of Surprice) 1, Monica Fray 2, R. F. Discrens 3, B. C. Stirland 4, N. J. Diserens (cond.) 5, M. J. Horseman 6.

CRANFORD, MIDDLX.—On April 27th, 1,440 Bob Minor: W. H. Coles 1, J. B. Sansom 2, G. W. Morris 3, P. J. Woodgyer 4, D. Fowles 5, F. C. Price (cond.) 6. Rung for the wedding of Miss Barbara Thrush, a member of the local band, to Mr. Harry Watson.

DISS, NORFOLK.—On April 27th, 1,280 Bob Major: F. C. Roper 1, F. J. Burlingham (first on eight) 2, C. F. W. Phillippo 3, A. G. Harrison 4, A. Cook 5, H. Moss 6, C. Catchpole 7, T. C. Ford (cond.) 8. Specially rung during the Easter festival.

FENHAM, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Bob Minor: Mary Prophet (first quarter) 1, K. Arthur (cond.) 2, G. S. Dees 3, T. Sewell 4, E. N. Harrison 5, J. A. Ainsworth 6, N. H. Hewett 7. For the joy of Easter and a compliment to the tenor ringer on his recent engagement.

QUARTER PEALS

FINCHLEY, MIDDLX.—On April 28th, 1,260 Bob Minor: A. Richardson 1, J. Clark-Maxwell 2, F. A. Barker 3, M. Carter 4, B. J. Willis (cond.) 5, A. J. Warren 6. For Evensong and as a birthday compliment to Andrew Clark-Maxwell, born April 26th, 1957.

GLOUCESTER.—On April 5th, at St. Mary-de-Lode, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent, 540 Bob): L. Barry 1, Miss C. Eustace 2, Miss S. M. Parsons 3, G. Green 4, P. T. Hurcombe 5, C. A. Wratten (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled.

HAILSHAM, SUSSEX.—On April 28th, 1,260 changes: Audry Deacon (first quarter) 1, A. N. Robinson 2, N. Matthews 3, E. E. Breed 4, G. Beeney (cond.) 5. For Evensong.

HALESOWEN, WORCS.—On April 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. H. Harris 1, Miss N. Tromans 2, H. Shilvock 3, J. H. Cox 4, Miss M. Tromans 5, W. Pickering 6, T. Greenhall (cond.) 7, J. Byng 8. Rung to commemorate the visit to the borough of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. and His Royal Highness Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh.

HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.—On April 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Elizabeth A. Burley (first quarter, 17) 1, E. Sybil M. Tonkin (17) 2, Judith Funnell (15) 3, Kathleen M. Yeo (cond., 19) 4, A. C. Goldsmith (18) 5, F. H. Beeney (18) 6. For Evensong by some of the teenage ringers of the combined towers of Hellingly and Hailsham.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Bob Minor: A. T. Howes 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, Miss D. Robinson 3, C. J. Young 4, F. R. Nicholls 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For morning service.

HEYWOOD, LANCS.—On April 12th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles (on the back six): R. Maher 1, Eileen Hudson 2, A. Crabtree 3, G. S. Mills 4, P. J. H. Hudson (cond.) 5, C. S. Taylor 6. First of Stedman Doubles for all.

HOLLOWAY, N.—On April 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Payton 1, Miss D. A. Deverell 2, M. J. Rowe 3, R. Newman 4, B. J. Willis 5, H. M. Williamson 6, A. W. Butler (cond.) 7, J. C. Rigg 8.

HOLLOWAY, N.—On April 28th, at the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. R. L. Blewer 1, Miss D. A. Deverell 2, P. J. Hutchings (cond.) 3, J. C. Rigg 4, C. A. Hughes 5, D. R. Randall 6, C. W. Ottley 7, L. Batley 8. Rung as a farewell to Harold Randall, organist and choirmaster of this church.

HUNTINGDON.—At All Saints' Church on Easter Day, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: S. E. Dyer 1, Miss B. Spicer 2, Miss D. Robinson 3, J. R. G. Spicer 4, H. S. Peacock 5, S. Gilbert (cond.) 6. For morning service.

INTWOOD, NORFOLK.—On April 14th, 1,380 Bob Doubles: Julie Annison (first quarter) 1, R. Tungate 2, P. Adcock 3, F. C. Goodman (cond.) 4, H. J. Hall 5. Rung half-muffled for beginning of Holy Week.

KINGSWINFORD, STAFFS.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 covering): D. Downing (first quarter, aged 9) 1, C. F. Jukes 2, A. E. Morgan (cond.) 3, F. E. Jukes 4, M. Wright 5, Dorothy Morgan 6, F. Preston 7, H. Morgan (aged 74) 8. For evening service.

LAKENHEATH, SUFFOLK.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Kent Treble Bob: N. Watson 1, Mrs. E. M. Peachey 2, Miss D. Reeve 3, H. Fuller 4, G. Miller 5, J. W. Paul (cond.) 6. For Evensong, and to honour the Queen's birthday.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—On April 28th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: A. H. Winch 1, Patricia Smee (first of Surprise) 2, H. V. Young 3, A. S. Harris (first of Surprise) 4, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 5, B. Hawkins 6, G. P. T. Peters 7, A. H. Smith 8.

LIMERICK, EIRE.—At St. Mary's Cathedral, on March 17th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: Joyce Foster (first quarter) 1, G. H. Ellis (cond.) 2, C. Foster 3, T. T. Marsden 4, G. W. Galbraith 5, G. Bingham 6.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On April 28th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss D. Keeley 1, E. L. Taylor 2, Mrs. C. W. Powell 3, H. G. Keeley 4, F. W. Goodfellow 5, Canon C. C. Cox (cond.) 6, C. W. Powell 7, J. Rattenbury 8. For Evensong, and in memoriam Josiah Morris.

NORBURY, HAZEL GROVE, CHESHIRE.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Bob Major: Eileen Fearn (longest length) 1, J. Fernley (cond.) 2, Carol Fernley (first 'inside') 3, Shirley Harris 4, Mrs. J. Fernley 5, D. Knights 6, B. Harris 7, B. Jones 8.

NORTON, GLOS.—On April 14th, 1,280 Spliced Major (640 each of Plain and Little Bob, with 47 changes of method): W. Newman 1, Miss S. M. Parsons 2, Mrs. S. Marshall (first of Major), 3, D. W. Beard (cond.) 4, I. Goulter 5, C. A. Wratten 6, T. Borcham 7, D. J. Marshall 8. Before Evensong.

OAKLEY, BEDS.—On April 22nd, 1,260 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob Doubles: B. Grainger 1, Anne Amor 2, Jennifer Davies 3, J. B. Long 4, P. J. Shipton (cond.) 5. First quarter of Reverse Canterbury on the bells and by all the band. Rung after peal attempt had failed.

OVERSEALE, DERBYS.—On April 28th, 1,260 Doubles (180 Stedman, 360 Grandsire, 240 Canterbury, 240 Bob, 240 All Saints): Miss J. Cotton 1, N. Cotton 2, J. W. Cotton 3, D. W. Grice 4, W. H. Curson (cond.) 5, H. Shaw 6. For Evensong, and in memoriam Mrs. A. B. Lea, mother of J. W. Cotton and grandmother of Miss J. Cotton and Norman Cotton.

ROUGHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Bob Minor: L. Nice 1, J. Sutton 2, L. Nice 3, E. Nice 4, G. Hunt 5, R. Rose (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

SALISBURY, WILTS.—On Easter Day, at St. Martin's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Abrahams 1, Miss Y. Eloie 2, Mrs. J. Harris 3, Miss A. Bacon 4, Miss M. Page 5, R. Marlow 6, F. Harris (cond.) 7, J. Lewis 8. For Evensong.

SAWLEY, DERBYS.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Leah Turner 1, Mrs. D. Marshall 2, Mrs. W. Simpson 3, W. Simpson 4, D. Marshall (cond.) 5, J. Harvey 6, A. Hickton 7, R. Newsum 8.

SHAFTESBURY, DORSET.—On April 28th, at Holy Trinity Church, 1,260 Minor (720 Single Oxford Bob, 540 Bob Minor): W. Shute (cond.) 1, Mrs. Wright 2, A. E. Woods 3, J. Powesland 4, W. Whatmore 5, E. Chant 6. For St. George's Day service. Also at St. James' Church, on April 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Croft (first quarter) 1, A. E. Woods 2, W. Shute (cond.) 3, J. Foot 4, W. Whatmore 5, J. Morgan 6. Rung to congratulate Miss Godfrey, a Sunday service ringer, on her engagement.

SHIPTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD, OXON.—On Easter Day: 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): Miss M. Scott 1, E. J. Townsend 2, Miss S. Lewis (first 'inside') 3, Miss D. Clifford 4, L. G. Pittaway 5, Miss J. Clark 6, W. Lewis (cond.) 7, W. Izod 8. First quarter for 1, 4, 6, 8. Rung by local service ringers for Evensong and a 63rd birthday compliment to the ringer of the fourth.

SOUTH CERNEY, GLOS.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. F. Mate 1, A. H. Painter 2, P. Wakefield (first quarter) 3, W. F. Smith 4, B. Wakefield (first quarter as cond.) 5, R. Smith 6. For morning service.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On April 14th, 1,260 Bob Triples: R. K. Stretton 1, J. M. Jelley 2, Joan K. Brown 3, B. S. Chapman 4, E. J. Jelley 5, A. E. Bodycote 6, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 7, V. Norman (first quarter) 8. First of Bob Triples by all. For Evensong.

STAVELEY, DERBYS.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Bob Minor: W. Dickenson 1, F. A. Adams 2, H. Paddison 3, A. Swift 4, F. S. Parsons 5, J. Ford (cond.) 6.

STOCKBURY, KENT.—On April 20th, 1,260 Doubles (240 Reverse St. Bartholomew, 240 Reverse Canterbury, 360 Bob and 420 Grandsire): R. C. Burns 1, G. Kenward 2, A. J. Dunk 3, T. Barton 4, C. S. Jarrett (cond.) 5. Rung for the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Tucker, of Stockbury.

WARGRAVE, BERKS.—On April 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. G. Burrows 1, J. A. Cobb (first of Triples 'inside') 2, R. K. Russ 3, M. D. Ling 4, F. G. Henbest 5, A. K. Street 6, P. T. Hurcombe (first of Triples as cond.) 7, J. Smith 8.

WILLINGHAM-BY-STOW, LINCS.—On Mar. 28th, 1,260 Doubles (St. Simon's, Grandsire and Bob): W. Spencer 1, Mrs. E. Grey 2, G. L. A. Lunn 3, C. H. Baker 4, A. R. Heppenstall (cond.) 5, F. Scrimshaw 6. In memoriam W. Roberts, a member of the local band, who died on March 22nd.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Stedman Triples: M. Sinden 1, Anne Garnett 2, Mrs. Bagworth 3, Susan Jacobs 4, G. Goodman 5, A. Bishop 6, F. Corfield (cond.) 7, E. Jacobs 8.

PACKWOOD BELLS

Now at the Loughborough foundry for retuning prior to hanging in a new frame are the bells of Packwood, Warwickshire. They are the back five of a light ring of six cast by Bagley in 1686. It is believed that the frame to be replaced is the original; it suffered from rot and nearly 300 years of 'handymen.' In spite of this they were still ringable as a quarter peal was rung there on March 29th.

This was to have been a farewell peal attempt of Minor, but due to an accident the band met short, so hurriedly mustered the services of another local ringer and one from a neighbouring tower, who was known to be having tea in the district. Both are to be congratulated on ringing their first quarter literally at a moment's notice.

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Non-conducted Bob Maximus

The peal of Bob Maximus rung non-conducted at High Wycombe on Easter Monday (see page 274) was to replace one rung with an extra lead in the last course at Reading a few months ago.

As in their non-conducted peals of Major and Royal, the band pledged themselves to absolute silence throughout (not even 'Go,' 'That's all' or 'Stand' being said). The treble and eleventh ringers crossed in 11-12 in the last course at Reading and, though everyone but the miscreants knew what had happened, the band was forced ultimately to ring to the treble, thus inserting a lead in the final course.

Not deterred, and determined to maintain their standard of non-conducted peal ringing, the band tried again at High Wycombe with success.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

The April meeting of the Nottingham District was held at Attenborough. Although the attendance was not particularly good, members enjoyed ringing in various Triples and Major methods during the afternoon. A short service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. R. T. Warburton) and a sumptuous tea was provided in the Church Hall.

At the business meeting the chair was taken by Canon R. F. Wilkinson. More ringing followed in the evening. We were most interested to hear that Attenborough has spent no less than £27,000 on repairs to its church during the last 12 years, and that only £90 of that still needs to be raised!

MANCHESTER RINGERS IN STAFFORD AND DERBY

On Easter Monday 33 ringers of average age 21 years 8 months travelled by coach for the Manchester Young Ringers' third annual outing. At Newcastle-under-Lyme (10, 16½ cwt.) Oxford Royal awakened the local inhabitants very early in the morning, and later ringing included a good course of Bristol on the back eight. Breakfast was completed on the way to Stafford (10, 19 cwt.), where Stedman Caters was the most successful ringing.

The highlight of the day was Lichfield Cathedral, where we were privileged to ring for Evensong on the very fine ten (tenor 31½ cwt.). The bells seemed to overawe our ringers and the striking did not do full justice to them, but Grandsire Caters, Bob Royal and Double Norwich were successfully brought round.

An hour later we were at our second cathedral of the tour at Derby (10, 19 cwt.). Here ten of our lady ringers 'manned' the bells for a few call-changes, and as on other occasions during the day, our amateur photographers armed with flash equipment were able to record the event for posterity.

After a very large dinner we arrived at our last tower, Chesterfield, another excellent ten (25½ cwt.). Here we finished the day's ringing under the crooked spire with Little Bob Royal and Stedman Caters. The homeward drive with the ladies and men surprisingly evenly distributed throughout the coach brought the enjoyable day to its close.

Our thanks are due to all the local ringers who made us welcome, to the clergy at the towers visited for permitting us to ring the bells, and finally to Joan Cardwell and Alan Ward, for once more organising a very successful tour.

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BELFRY

Mr. Frank Sinkins, the veteran in his 93rd year, who has been indisposed for a few weeks, is now well enough to take part in service ringing. At Streatham on April 28th, he rang for both services, which included a 630 Grandsire Triples on the second. His many friends at Slough and elsewhere will be glad to know this.

Whittlesey is in Cambridgeshire and not Huntingdonshire, writes J. W. Chapman, of Streatham, who is a former Whittlesey ringer. He asks peal reporters to take a special note.

The peal of London Surprise Minor at Brant Broughton (see page 260) was Mr. Walter Tomlinson's first of Minor in the method. He has, of course, many peals of London Surprise Major to his credit.

The extents rung in the seven Minor methods peal at Hinxworth (see page 260) were Double Court, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Double Oxford, Plain Bob and Kent T.B., and not as printed.

Prior to a special Rogation Day service, broadcast from Macclesfield Parish Church on Sunday May 26th, at 9.30 a.m., the bells will be heard. The broadcast is in the North Home Service only.

When young ringers of Llandaff Cathedral visited Llantrisant during an outing on Easter Monday they were shown by the Vicar the remains of the foundry where several of the bells were cast, which is situated under the tower.

Another Rogation broadcast on May 26th is from Stonehouse Parish Church at 9.30 a.m., when the bells will be heard before the service. The broadcast will be in the London and the West Home Services.

GOSSIP

Recorded this week is a peal at St. George's, Bolton (of Canon H. J. Elsee fame). The bells are set high in a brick tower which rocks considerably, but in spite of a difficult 'go,' a good peal was scored. The peal was a farewell to the Rev. Ernest Wright, who after five successful years as vicar leaves for Birkdale, Southport.

From 'Ringing Towers' we learn that Miss Enid Lloyd Roberts, of Swindon, has been tower-grabbing in Tasmania. She had some Bob Doubles at St. David's and Holy Trinity Churches, Hobart.

All the Kingswinford ringers are very pleased with the fine performance young David Downing (aged 9) gave when he rang his first quarter for Easter Sunday evening service. Much of the credit for this boy's achievement is due to the patience of Mr. C. F. Jukes.

When the London County Association, Northern District, held their quarterly meeting at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, on April 27th, a recommendation was submitted for the appointment of the Rev. H. Evan Hopkins, Rector of St. Mary-le-Bow, as vice-patron of the Association. Ringing, supervised by the District Master, Mr. C. A. Hughes, ranged up to Superlative Surprise.

Mr. W. B. Kynaston, of Swindon, was feeling far from well when the starting time drew near for the peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Mary Redcliffe, on Easter Monday, in honour of the 50th anniversary of Mr. Frederick G. Leaker's first peal on the bells. A 'phone call brought David Heighton to the belfry and he stood in to score his first peal of Stedman Cinques. The start and end of the peal was recorded by the B.B.C. and will be in the 'Faith in the West' programme today (West Regional).

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

The first session of the 28th Council (60th annual meeting) will be held on Whitsun Tuesday, June 11th, 1957, in the Shirehall, Chelmsford, at 10 o'clock.

Will members please sign the roll and be in their seats by 9.45 a.m.

The morning session will be adjourned at 12.30 and the afternoon session will commence at 2 p.m. or as may be decided.

AGENDA

Report of the Honorary Secretary as to representation of Societies and as to subscriptions.

Apologies for absence.

Presentation of new members to the President.

1. Election of President for 1957–1960. Mr. E. H. Lewis retires and is not seeking re-election. Mr. F. Sharpe, proposed by Mr. A. A. Hughes, seconded by Mr. T. J. Lock.
2. Election of Vice-President for 1957–1960. Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, proposed by Mr. A. A. Hughes, seconded by Mr. T. J. Lock.
3. Election of Honorary Secretary and Treasurer for 1957–1960. Mr. E. A. Barnett, proposed by Mr. E. H. Lewis, seconded by Mr. A. A. Hughes.
4. Election of Honorary Librarian. Mr. F. Sharpe retires and is not seeking re-election.
5. Election of Honorary Members.
   The following retire and are eligible for re-election: The Rt. Hon. the Earl of Shaftesbury, Messrs. J. T. Dyke, J. P. Fidler, H. M. Howard, A. A. Hughes, D. Hughes, Mrs. C. C. Marshall, Messrs. C. W. Roberts, E. C. Shepherd, P. L. Taylor and A. Walker. There are seven vacancies.
6. Election of Honorary Auditors. Messrs. A. A. Hughes and F. W. Perrens retire and are eligible for re-election if still members of the Council.
7. Loss of members through death.
8. Minutes of the last meeting.
9. Report of the Honorary Secretary.
10. Report of the Honorary Librarian.
11. Balance Sheet and Accounts for the year ended December 31st, 1956.
12. Report of the Trustees of the Carter Ringing Machine.
13. To receive, discuss and, if thought fit, to adopt the reports of the following committees:—

    To pass such resolutions as may be necessary on matters arising out of the reports.

    To reappoint the committees or alter the constitution as may be considered desirable.

    (a) Standing Committee.
    The following retire and are eligible for re-election if still members of the Council:—
    Messrs. R. S. Anderson, W. B. Cartwright, F. E. Dukes, J. D. Dyke, J. Freeman, F. I. Hairs, P. J. Johnson, C. K. Lewis, A. H. Pulling, Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow.
    There are two vacancies.
    The ex-officio members are the President, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Librarian, Hon. Auditors, Conveners of Committees and past holders of the office of President, Honorary Secretary or Honorary Librarian of the Council.
    (i) Report of the Sub-Committee appointed to prepare the Council's Handbook.
    (ii) Report of the Sub-Committee appointed to consider the use of the Clement Glenn bequest.

    (b) 'The Ringing World' Committee.
    The following retire and are eligible for re-election if still members of the Council: Messrs. J. F. Smallwood, F. I. Hairs, J. T. Dyke and R. S. Anderson.

    (c) Literature and Press Committee.
    Messrs. E. C. Shepherd and F. E. Dukes retire and are eligible for re-election if still members of the Council.

    (d) Broadcasting and Television Committee.
    The following retire and are eligible for re-election if still members of the Council: Messrs. H. J. Sanger, J. T. Dunwoody, G. E. Fearn, A. A. Hughes and the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow.

    (e) Bibgraphies Committee.
    The following retire and are eligible for re-election if still members of the Council: Messrs. A. C. Hazelden, W. H. Viggers, L. Stilwell and J. Willis.

    (f) Peal Boards Committee.
    The following retire and are eligible for re-election if still members of the Council: Messrs. J. W. Clarke, W. Ayre and J. P. Fidler.

    (g) 'Beginners' Handbook' Committee.
    The following retire and are eligible for re-election if still members of the Council: Miss M. R. Cross, Messrs. J. T. Dyke, R. F. B. Speed and W. G. Wilson.

    (h) Methods Committee.
    The following retire and are eligible for re-election if still members of the Council: Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, Messrs. F. N. Golden, C. H. Kippin and C. K. Lewis.

    (i) Peal Analysis Committee.
    The following retire and are eligible for re-election if still members of the Council: Messrs. W. Ayre and H. Miles and the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead.

    (j) Peals Collection Committee.
    The following retire and are eligible for re-election if still members of the Council: Messrs. C. W. Woolley, W. E. Critchley, A. J. Pitman and C. W. Roberts.

    (k) Records Committee.
    The following retire and are eligible for re-election if still members of the Council: Mrs. G. W. Fletcher and Mrs. C. C. Marshall.

    (l) Towers and Belfries Committee.
    The following retire and are eligible for re-election if still members of the Council: Messrs. F. Sharpe, F. E. Collins, J. W. Clarke, J. Freeman, E. H. Lewis and W. A. Osborn.

ALTERATION OF RULES

14. (a) To amend Rule 9 (Election of Officers) by inserting the words 'Vice-President' between the words 'President' and 'Honorary Secretary' where they occur.

    (b) To amend Rule 11 (Committees), Clause (ii) (a) by adding at the end the words 'and the Vice-President for the time being.'

    (c) To amend Rule 14 (Procedure at Meetings) by inserting the words 'or Vice-President' after the word 'President' where it occurs.

MOTIONS

15. (a) That this Council, as the representative assembly of all change-ringing associations, deprecates the proposed introduction of academic titles for ringers, particularly by a body which is not recognised by or affiliated to the Council.
    Proposed by Mr. P. A. Corby, seconded by Mr. J. T. Dunwoody.

    (b) That this Council, while appreciating the good intentions of the organisers, considers that the so-called College of Campanology is unlikely to prove of any service to the furtherance of the Art of Change-Ringing; and therefore that no form of official recognition whatever be accorded to the organisation. In addition, valuable space in the Council's official organ, 'The Ringing World,' should not be wasted by the publication of any further 'College Manuals'; the Exercise being already well supplied with instruction manuals.
    Proposed on behalf of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths by Mr. P. N. Bond, seconded by Mr. F. E. Hawthorne.

    (c) That the attention of the responsible Electrical or Ecclesiastical Authority be drawn to the dangerous practice of permitting bell chamber, ringing room and staircase lights to be controlled from the main switch box by one master switch; that in cases where such a state of affairs exists the authority be asked to fix cautions against switching off without due investigation.
    Proposed by Mr. A. C. Hazelden, seconded by Mr. A. H. Pulling.

    (d) That this Council deplores the change of name of a standard method in 'The Ringing World' and declares that in its view, 'Bob' is a general term for a class of methods and should not be substituted for the 'Plain Bob' which indicates a particular method in that class.
    Proposed on behalf of the Oxford Diocesan Guild by Mr. A. D. Barker, seconded by Mr. W. Butler.

16. To fix the place of the next meeting.
17. Any other business.

E. A. BARNETT, Hon. Sec.

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Crayford.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

At the general meeting of the Trinity term a number of elections took place due to the resignations of the Master, the treasurer and the steeple-keepers. The following members of the Society now hold office: Master, R. A. Hodgson (Brasenose); secretaries, R. N. Pittman (Pembroke) and C. J. B. Taylor (Oriel); treasurer, D. J. Roaf (Christ Church); Steeple-keepers, A. R. Hamilton (New College) and N. J. Maggs (Keble).

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

Branch Meeting at Moretonhampstead

The Mid-Devon Branch held a quarterly meeting at Moretonhampstead on April 27th, when there was a good attendance of members as well as visitors from the Exeter and South West Branches.

The bells were put to good use throughout the afternoon, this being followed by a service in church, which was conducted by the Rev. A. D. Coleridge (Rector), who welcomed the members. His brother, Rev. N. F. D. Coleridge, of Dartmouth, acted as organist.

After tea at the Alexandra Café, the usual business meeting followed, with Mr. J. E. Lilley in the chair. Apologies for absenec were received from Mr. B. E. Bartlett, of Torquay, and Mr. and Miss Goss, of Townstal. It was announced that another meeting would be held at Townstal on May 18th, also a joint meeting with the South West Branch at Torquay, subject to the usual permission being obtained. Hearty votes of thanks were accorded to the Rector for the use of his bells and for his great welcome.

LEICESTER GUILD REJECTS INCREASED SUBSCRIPTIONS

THE annual meeting of the Leicester Diocesan Guild was held in Leicester on April 27th. During the afternoon the bells of St. Margaret's (12), Cathedral (12) St. John-the-Divine (10), All Saints' (8) and St. Mary's (8) were rung until service time. The service was held in the Cathedral at 4.15, the address being given by the Provost.

Tea had been arranged in St. John's Schoolroom, and 130 sat down to a meal prepared by the Mothers' Union. Following tea the president (Mr. P. L. Taylor) took the chair for the business meeting. He was supported by Messrs. P. A. Corby and E. C. Turner (vice-presidents), Mr. S. Burton (peal secretary), Mr. A. E. Rowley (treasurer) and Mr. B. G. Warwick (general secretary).

In his opening remarks, the president announced apologies from the Archdeacon of Leicester, the Archdeacon of Loughborough, the Lord Bishop of Leicester, the Provost and Canon Blackmore (Rector of Bottesford). He then referred to the sad news that he had only just heard that Mr. Josiah Morris (father of Ernest Morris) had passed away during the afternoon. 'Old Joe,' as he was affectionately called, was known as the 'Rhythm King,' for his ability to maintain a very good beat on handbells. He was an honorary life member of the Guild and was held in very high esteem amongst all members. The meeting stood in silence as a token of respect, and the secretary was asked to write a letter of sympathy to his son, Ernest.

The president then welcomed the visitors to the meeting. They included Mr. and Mrs. Martin, from Derby, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Smith (and Stephen), from Norfolk, Mr. and Mrs F. J. Williams, from Worksop, and Miss E. Yardley, from Birmingham.

Membership certificates were presented to the following new members: Cyril Brown (Hinckley), Jack Handford and Robert Handford (Mountsorrel), Christine A. Howlett (Whitwick), Sidney Parker and Graham Stonehouse (Queniborough), D. Roger Lewin (Syston), Pamela Groocock (Sapcote) and Clive Hayward (Stoney Stanton).

Presenting his report, the treasurer stated that once again it had been necessary to withdraw from the reserve funds to balance the budget for the year. It would be impossible to do this in the future as the balance in the General Fund now stood at only £32. Either the subscription would have to be raised, or they could not publish a report. During the year they had donated from the Bell Repair Fund £21 to Coleorton, £2 2s. to Barrow-on-Soar, and £21 to Billesdon. Collections during the year amounted to £30 and there was a balance remaining of £163. The Catering Fund, which had been accumulated to meet the cost of entertaining the Central Council, had been depleted to just a small balance, which would meet any small emergency in the future.

38 CONDUCTORS IN 172 PEALS

The hon. peal secretary stated that during the past year 172 peals had been rung, compared with 168 for 1955. Tower-bell peals included 11 of Stedman Triples, 10 of Cambridge Major and 12 of Yorkshire Major. Of the 36 handbell peals, 11 were of Plain Bob Major. Methods rung for the first time were Frolesworth Surprise Major, Glenparva Surprise Major, Hungarton Surprise Major, Ingarsby Surprise Major, John o' Gaunt Surprise Major and Knossington Surprise Major. On handbells, peals of Spliced Plain Major in three, four and five methods were rung for the first time for the Guild, as also was a peal of Spliced Royal in three Plain methods. All these were conducted by the general secretary. Conducting had been shared by 38 people, 13 had rung their first peal, three their first as conductor, 232 their first in the method and 19 their first in the method as conductor. Personal milestones were: Mr. E. Morris, 1,600th peal; Mr. P. J. Staniforth, 500th peal; Mr. B. G. Warwick, 400th peal; Mr. J. A. Acres and Mrs. B. G. Warwick, 300th peal; J. A. Underwood, 150th peal; Mr. C. E. Carr, J. M. Jelley, E. F. Payne, 100th peal; Miss D. Dutton and Mr. R. Wilmore, 50th peal. An outstanding performance was that of Alan Cattell, who rang two tower-bells (3-4) to a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major, which he also composed and conducted.

The general secretary reported that during the year 604 members paid their annual subscription. There were 128 members who had not paid their 1956 subscription. During the year 55 resident member and 38 non-resident members were elected. Three quarterly meetings had been held, at Syston, Bottesford and Market Harborough. In addition, the annual dinner was held at Shelthorpe, Loughborough, in honour of Mr. P. L. Taylor (president) Outstanding events of the year included the visit of the Central Council at Whitsuntide and the visit in August of Mr. A. P. Cannon's touring party. This tour, organised by the general secretary, rang 13 peals and visited over 60 towers in the diocese during the week. An amazing feature was that there were no refusals for requests for peals and only two refusals for a short ring One of the highlights of the week was the broadcasting by the B.B.C. of the Foundry bells and a talk by Mr. A. P. Cannon. This tour enabled the general secretary to get to know many of the rather more isolated of the Guild's towers. During the year Mr. Thomas Friar, of Earl Shilton, and Mr. H. G. Jenney, of Leicester Cathedral, had been transferred to the list of honorary life members.

The reports were adopted on the proposition of Mr. W. A. Lacey, seconded by Mr. H. B. Bowley.

AMENDMENTS TO RULES

There were several propositions concerning amendments to the rules. It was proposed by Mrs. P. A. Corby, seconded by Mr. E. C. Turner, that junior members under 18 years of age shall pay 1s. 6d. entrance fee and annual subscription. This was carried.

It was proposed by Mr. B. G. Warwick, seconded by Mr. R. F. Elkington, that the rules should be printed in the report, with a view to keeping them up to date. After being delayed until the end, this was carried. Mr. C. W. Hall proposed that the president should be elected to serve for three years. This was seconded by Mrs. B. G. Warwick, and after discussion the motion was lost by a large majority. In order to speed up the publication of the report it was proposed by Mr. B. G. Warwick, seconded by Mr. B. S. Payne, that the auditors should be elected at the annual general meeting instead of at the first quarterly meeting of the year. This was carried.

Mr. B. S. Payne proposed that the quarterly meetings should be held on the second Saturday in February, July and September, and to be held in turn in each of the six districts. This was seconded by Mr. H. L. Wykes. An amendment to substitute 'November' for 'September' was ruled out of order. The original proposal was carried, 42 voting for and 39 against.

In order to give a more representative vote, it was proposed by Mr. E. C. Turner, seconded by Mr. S. Burton, that the delegates to the Central Council meeting should be elected at the annual general meeting and serve for three years from January 1st following their election. After discussion, this was carried.

A proposal by Mr. B. G. Warwick, seconded by Mrs. B. G. Warwick, to delete the rule which states that there shall be no peal ringing on the days of the General or District meetings at the place of the meeting, was defeated by a large majority.

Mr. P. A. Corby proposed and Mr. J. P. Fidler seconded, that each peal acknowledged and recorded by the Guild comply with the decisions of the Central Council as printed in the 1956 edition of the Central Council Handbook. This was carried.

SUBSCRIPTION NOT INCREASED

A long and lively discussion ensued when Mr. H. L. Wykes proposed that the annual subscription should be raised to 3s. 6d. This was seconded by Mr. K. A. Roe. Mr. F. K. Measures (chairman of the Hinckley District) said that it was sometimes difficult to get members in the rural areas to pay 2s. 6d., and they certainly would not pay 3s. 6d. In that case, the Guild would be worse off. In the Hinckley District they felt very strongly against an increase. On being put to the vote, the motion was lost by a large majority. Mr. Measures then suggested that the committee explore means of raising money for the Guild so that the report could be printed as usual.

The following officers were elected: Mr. P. L. Taylor, president; Messrs. P. A. Corby and E. C. Turner, vice-presidents; Mr. S. Burton, hon. peal secretary; Mr. A. E. Rowley, hon. treasurer; Mr. B. G. Warwick, hon. general secretary; and Messrs. W. J. Root and R. Prime, auditors.

The next quarterly meeting would be held on July 13th at Hinckley. The annual dinner would be held in Leicester on November 2nd.

Following the meeting the bells of St. John-the-Divine were available for further ringing.

B. G. W.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY

Officers elected at the annual meeting of the Cambridge University Guild on May 1st were: President, Rev. A. C. Blyth (Selwyn); Master, F. B. Cookson (St. John's); secretary, A. R. Heppenstall (Selwyn); treasurer, Rev. Prof. C. D. Moule (Clare); librarian, A. J. Howard (Trinity); auditor, P. F. Windley (Jesus).

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

RINGING AT MICKLETON

Dear Sir,—I must point out to Mr. Lonsbrough the circumstances in which a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles was recently rung at Mickleton with 1-2 leading continuously and the tenor covering.

Firstly, he assumes erroneously that I am not a local ringer. In fact, although I usually ring in the Oxford district, my home is at Mickleton and I was taught to ring there.

As March 17th was the 69th birthday of the veteran of the local band, it was thought fitting to mark the occasion by ringing a quarter peal before morning service. However, no special arrangements were made, and consequently ten members of the local band arrived—fortunately a regular occurrence at this tower We could have rung Grandsire Triples, but preferred to ring Doubles with two leading bells so that none of the younger ringers need be eliminated. Although this is of course contrary to the Central Council regulations for peals, we find it a particularly useful means of giving our less experienced ringers practice while maintaining a high standard of striking for Sunday service ringing. One ringer immediately volunteered to stand down, and I agreed to conduct without ringing so that everyone else could participate. I understand that this was made legal even for peal ringing by an amendment to Rule 1 (c) of the rules for peal ringing passed at the Central Council meeting of 1955 (see 'The Ringing World' of June 24th, 1955, page 395).

Although I agree that the ringer of the bell leading continuously for 1,260 blows cannot be said to have rung a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles, I feel that he should be given some credit for having struck his bell correctly at lead for this length, and consequently I added the words 'first quarter' to his name. In any case, 'The Ringing World' space wasted to print this is surely negligible compared to that occupied by Mr. Lonsbrough's letter and its inevitable reply.

In conclusion, may I through your columns express my thanks to Mr. F. G. Kinchin, both for introducing me to the art of ringing and for maintaining in Mickleton a band of young ringers of whom the village may justly feel proud.—Yours faithfully,

DONALD H. NIBLETT.

Mickleton, Glos.

WINCHESTER COLLEGE BELLS

Dear Sir,—I, too, was interested in the notes about Winchester College bells. It is quite possible that Mr. K. G. Hoare did ring them in 1918 as well as dream of doing so.

The ban was not rigid in 1919. During that year I was stationed at Winchester in H.M. Forces, and joined the Cathedral band. On two occasions we rang at the College tower with the late Mr. W. Andrews in charge of the proceedings.—Yours faithfully,

W. C. RHODES.

Coleshill, Birmingham.

MR. W. C. LAMPARD

Dear Sir,—The captain of Winchester Cathedral, Mr. W. C. Lampard, completed 66 years as a ringer there on Easter Sunday. He took his usual part in the ringing as he has done almost without exception twice every Sunday and on practice nights ever since I have known him. (Is 66 years in one tower a record?)

He still takes a turn on the back bells, and has been known to 'bump' the tenor (35¼ cwt.) when he wanted the rest of us on the 'inside.'

Not bad for an old 'un!—Yours sincerely,

W. O. HAYTHORNE.

Winchester.

WHEN WRITING FOR TOWERS

Dear Sir,—As an organiser of many ringers' outings, I do not agree with 'Equus,' who expects organisers to write direct to tower captains in the first instance when applying for permission to ring. We must all recognise that the incumbent is in complete charge of the bells of his church, and outing organisers, who cannot be expected to know of all individual relationships between tower captains and incumbents, must, of course, conform to business etiquette, and write for the permission to ring to the person in charge.

One does not write to a certain bank clerk, whom you might know will deal with your business; when you write to a bank, you write to the manager. It is usually more difficult, too, to find out names and addresses of tower captains of small villages and out-of-the-way places, despite seeking advice from area secretaries, rather than by consulting Crockford, which can usually be found in the public library, and which gives all the names and addresses of the incumbents of the British Isles.

It is, of course, courtesy for the incumbent to inform his tower captain of any request for the bells, and to seek his advice and co-operation, but surely this is a matter of good local relations between the two concerned, and if 'Equus' has a forgetful or casual incumbent, then he will have to jog his memory from time to time to see what is happening.—Yours sincerely,

S. F. EARL.

Northampton. Tower Secretary.

A COMPOSITION BY J. REEVES

Dear Sir,—The composition of Spliced Cambridge, Superlative and Yorkshire Surprise Major, rung at Loughborough on March 27th, 1957, and published recently in 'The Ringing World' under the name of Mr. Shirley Burton, is by J. Reeves. It was rung to Radnor Surprise Major by the Cambridge University Guild at Ely on December 1st, 1956. Whether the slight variation in the omission of the two blocks of three bobs at Home is necessary to ensure the truth of the composition when rung to Spliced I do not know, but even if this is so the claim to originality can hardly be maintained.—Yours faithfully,

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Cambridge.



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ALL SORTS AND CONDITIONS OF RINGERS!

Dear Sir,—Unhappily there are still a few towers where conduct is of a very low standard and the ringers are as rough as are sometimes the bells they ring. Although 'beer in the belfry' seems to be a thing of the past, smoking still continues in some. The following is a true account of what the writer experienced recently.

Prior to my contacting the incumbent I called in on a local practice night to ask if it would be in order for a band to ring there later in the week. To the question 'Who is in charge?' came the reply, 'We all are,' and equally in unison, 'Yes, it will be all right. You had better get the key at so-and-so's.' This complete freedom of the tower was the only point in their favour which I could find.

At the finish of the rounds (?) in progress, when I entered, cigarettes were produced and lit up, and to go with this the conversation included the obviously habitual swear words which had been used throughout the day—and all this in the church itself, the ringing being done on the ground floor.

A complaint was made about the 'go' of the third bell. Promptly one man ascended the unlit, narrow staircase to inspect it, and to do so had to climb over the bell pit of the upturned tenor, and this only by the aid of a box of matches! Any remarks, on my part, of this behaviour would not have had the slightest effect.

While I remained, two further periods of rounds were attempted by means of slap-happy brute force. Neither time was I asked to ring, although they know me well enough. The correct or even reasonably safe way of handling a rope was far from evident (there is plenty of unguided rope). You may say, perhaps, that they have never been shown otherwise. They have—and how do I know? I learnt to ring in this tower with some of those present.

Circumstances later obliged me to offer my services to another tower, and I thank God that by this I have been able to give, as my Association rules say, 'true service to the Church,' and enjoy real comradeship in ringing.

Evidence of cobwebs, cigarette-ends and ash in the base of the tower, used also as the vestry, makes one wonder what sort of people clean and use this church. What a contrast to the tower I visited only two days before, where the captain was arranging flowers in a vase on the table of a well-kept belfry.

I sincerely hope that an opportunity will come when matters can be put right without fuss. A quiet word perhaps in the right place might do the trick. Obviously the last thing one wants to do with ringers like this is to turn them out of the tower and *away* from the Church—futile action which has so often been taken in the past and consequently left towers without ringers for years.—Yours, etc.,

WEST OF ENGLAND RINGER.

DERBYSHIRE'S 4-BELL TOWERS

Dear Sir,—The following list of 4-bell towers in Derbyshire might be of some use: Cubley (excellent), Marston-on-Dove (good condition, the ring contains the oldest bell in the county), Elvaston (derelict), Muggington (not too good), Draycott-by-Breaston (wheels stored in belfry, otherwise good condition), Foremark (a good Oldfield four), Ashford-in-the-Water (good condition) and Chelmorton (hung in a 5-bell frame).

There are also many 3-bell towers (about 25), some of which, such as Chellaston, Egginton, Morley and Barrow-on-Trent, are rung regularly by their own bands.—Yours faithfully,

DAVID K. WALKLATE.

Aberystwyth.

MR. C. J. SEDGLEY RETIRES FROM SUFFOLK GUILD MASTERSHIP

THE annual general meeting of the Suffolk Guild was held at Ipswich on April 27th, when the bells of St. Mary-le-Tower (12), St. Margaret's (8), St. Clement's (6) and St. Matthew's (6) were put to good use during the morning and evening. Ringing ranged from rounds to Surprise Maximus. The service in St. Mary-le-Tower Church was conducted by the Rev. M. N. France.

Mr. C. W. Pipe (vice-president) presided at the business meeting in St. Stephen's Hall, which was attended by about 50 members.

The report of the Ringing Master (Mr. C. J. Sedgley) recorded that 83 peals were rung for the Guild during the year, an increase of 32. These peals were rung in 42 towers and conducting was shared by 28 members, one peal being non-conducted—a new performance for the Guild. It was pleasing to note the continued appearance of several young members among the conductors, and it was to them that they looked to carry on the traditions of the Guild for good ringing. More especially they noted Ken Brown, who heads the list of conductors with 12, John Blythe, Peter Kindred, Donald Mills (who has now called a Surprise peal for each bell in the circle), Rod Pipe (the youngest member of a talented family) and Rosemary Seabrook, who besides calling a peal in seven methods took part in a non-conducted peal. While the accent was on youth, they could not help referring to one of the elder brethren, George Symonds, who during the year rang his 250th peal as conductor. The East Anglian preference for 'Tenor in' ringing persists, and apart from eight peals of Doubles, only two odd-bell peals appear.

The general secretary (Mr. John W. Blythe) in his report stated that membership remained about the same, gains in new members merely compensating losses due to death and other reasons. With deep regret, they recorded the passing of Arthur Ballard (Cavendish), Harry Backler (Haverhill), George Berry (Wickham Market), Rev. F. R. Keightley (Tuddenham), Fred Munnings (Mendham), Charles Whiting (Leiston) and George Wightman (Cretingham). Men such as these were hard to replace and they must make every effort to secure and train recruits who would be worthy successors.

The accounts showed a reasonably healthy state of affairs, but must be watched with caution. The general account showed an increase of £2) over the year, but they were not in a position to make further transfers to the Restoration Fund. Would all District secretaries please pass the plate round during tea at all meetings of the Guild for the Restoration Fund? Grants had been made to Polstead, £19 6s., and St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, £25.

Mr. Leslie G. Brett, of Framsden, was elected Ringing Master in succession to Mr. C. J. Sedgley, who had been in office since the formation of the Guild in the early twenties. The chairman paid tribute to Mr. Sedgley's long and devoted service to the Guild, and in recognition of his work it was unanimously agreed that he become a vice-president.

Mr. J. W. Blythe was re-elected general secretary and treasurer, Mrs. Blyth minutes secretary and Mr. J. W. H. Preastner hon. auditor. An enlarged committee of 12 was elected. Mr. Ranald Clouston was appointed technical adviser to the Guild in order to give recognition to the work he already undertakes. Messrs. L. G. Brett, C. W. Pipe, K. G. Brown and J. W. Blythe were elected representatives to the Central Council.

Three new members were elected. The next annual general meeting is to be held at Bury St. Edmunds on the Saturday after Easter next year.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to all concerned in making the meeting a success.

J. W. B.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Eight Ringers Complete Half Century of Service

To celebrate eight members of the Eastern District completing 50 years' membership of the Yorkshire Association, Mrs. J. J. Tyler, of Goole, made a beautiful cake for the tea at the spring meeting of the District, held at Beverley on April 27th. The cake was cut by the vice-president (Mr. A. E. Sellers), who was one of the eight. Others honoured were Messrs. T. W. Robbins (Escrick), A. B. Cook (Hull), H. Rodmell, L. Rodmell and T. Goodin (Sutton), and G. Horner and F. Atkinson (York). Mrs. Tyler was heartily thanked for making the cake.

About 30 members attended and good use was made of the two very fine rings of ten at the Minster and St. Mary's Churches in the afternoon and evening respectively. The service was held at St. Mary's Church.

At the business meeting Miss Janet Porter, of Sutton, was elected a member of the Association, and an invitation by Mr. H. Walker to hold the next meeting at York on July 6th was unanimously accepted. Votes of thanks were accorded to the vicars and local companies and also to the ladies who had prepared and served tea. The collection for the Association's Bell Repair Fund realised 19s. 6d.

Mr. Cyril Chambers, of Durban, gave a demonstration of handbell ringing on April 18th over all English transmitters of the South African Broadcasting Corporation.

GRANDSIRE TRIPLES — INSIDE STORY

I learnt the art of 'hand' and 'back,'
I rang in rounds with bell untied,
I hunted treble through the pack,
But I shall never ring inside.

I count my places, more or less,
I watch the ropes till I'm cross-eyed,
But what to do I cannot guess
When called upon to ring inside.

As bell in hunt I know my job,
Although my leads are rather wide,
But someone always calls a bob
And then I have to ring inside.

'Hold up on back' (or is it hand?).
Dodging is simple—till it's tried.
The rules I seem to understand.
Till I attempt to ring inside.

To pass the treble I forget,
My course bell always seems to hide.
Which *was* the bell that last I met?
Oh, I shall *never* ring inside!

I read the books, and learn the schemes,
But further progress is denied.
This is the end of all my dreams,
And I shall never ring inside. B. J.

It was reported at the annual parochial meeting of Aylsham, Norfolk, that the bells needed rehanging. Aylsham have ten bells with a tenor of 20 cwt.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH

Presentation to Mr. A. J. Pitman

IN good weather a good attendance spent an enjoyable afternoon at St. John's, Cardiff, on Easter Monday, where the 63rd annual meeting of the Association was held. The bells were kept going for two hours before the service, timed for 4 o'clock. Owing to repairs to the roof at St. John's, due to the ravages of death watch beetle, this was held at St. James' (a daughter church), and was conducted by the Vicar (Canon T. M. Hughes), who extended a warm welcome to the visitors.

After the service the visitors were kindly entertained to tea, ably presided over by Mrs. Lewis, to whom, on the proposition of the Rev. Ivor J. Richards, the thanks of the members were extended.

Before the actual business commenced, Mr. A. J. Pitman was presented with a filing cabinet which had been subscribed for by members of the Association. After the Rev. Ivor Richards and Mr. T. M. Roderick had spoken of Mr. Pitman's great services to the Exercise and his outstanding genius as a composer, Mr. J. Alsop, on behalf of the Association, made the presentation. Mr. Pitman suitably replied.

The meeting learned with regret of the recent death of Mr. J. Darch, of Pontypridd.

The Rev. Ivor Richards presented the balance sheet, which showed a balance of £5 18s. 7d., but it was explained that if the various officers had claimed all the expenses they were entitled to, it would have been much less. Mr. R. Lucas suggested one or two changes in the set up of the sheet, and said he thought the bell restoration fund should be banked as a separate account. The balance sheet was accepted.

The secretary reported that 24 peals were rung during the year. He also gave a list of books and papers belonging to the Association, explaining that they were all in his keeping.

CHEPSTOW BELLS

All the officers were re-elected, except that Mr. R. Lucas was elected in place of Mr. Reg Addis as auditor. Mr. T. Yeomans was elected Master for the year. Members were pleased to hear that there is a prospect of Chepstow bells being restored at an early date. It was decided to donate £10 towards the cost.

A discussion arose on the disposal of the books and papers of the late J. W. Jones, which had generously been given to the Association by Mr. J. Alsop. It was finally decided that, as Mr. Jones had for so long been connected with All Saints', Newport, they should be housed in the ringing chamber there.

The secretary reported that he had seen the Dean of Llandaff regarding the replacing of the Association's war memorial tablet in the Cathedral, with the addition of one name for a member killed in World War II. Mr. Roderick, in whose care the tablet now is, said there was not room for the additional name without adding to the tablet.

Next item discussed was the form of service. The secretary said the committee found difficulty in finding a suitable second hymn for the blank page at the end of the book. It was decided that as the annual meeting was always held on Easter Monday an Easter hymn would be suitable, and 135 A. and M. was chosen.

St. Woolos', Newport, was selected as the place of the next annual meeting.

Four new members and one life member were elected. The meeting ended with thanks to the chairman (Canon T. M. Hughes).

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION

MEMBERSHIP of the Cumberland and North Westmorland Association has risen during the past year from 53 to 77, of whom 13 are juniors—an encouraging feature, states the Association's annual report. This continued progress is also reflected in the increased membership of all towers and the addition of two new towers—St. Stephen's, Carlisle, and St. John's, Cleator Moor.

The report says the highlight of the past year was the ringing festival at Carlisle last September, when ringers from all parts of the country met. In the most successful year since the Association was re-formed after the war, nine peals were rung and eight rung by a visiting band. The peal of Stedman at Keswick was a major achievement on the part of residents taking part.

Over in the east, Appleby, Carlisle and Keswick continue to ring for Sunday service; the bells at Brampton have been rehung and an enthusiastic band of learners continues to make progress Ringing at Great Salkeld continues and it is hoped that this tower will be brought into the Association shortly.

IRTON TOWER UNSAFE

The bells at Irton, Cockermouth and Silloth are unringable. At Irton the tower has been declared unsafe and it is improbable that the bells there will ever be rung again.

Under the leadership of the new vicar, the Association hopes that the bells at All Saints', Cockermouth, will be ringing soon, and a more hopeful report comes from Christ Church, Silloth, where further inquiries are proceeding.

In the western Branch ringing continues at other towers and progress is being made.

The report mentions that a panel of committee members unsuccessfully opposed the application of St. Nicholas', Whitehaven, for a set of Constant Martin bells at a sitting of the Consistory Court at Carlisle, but notes that 'from the remarks made by the Chancellor of the Diocese it was felt we had obtained a moral victory.'

Income exceeded £70, an increase of about £20 on 1955, but the balance was £6 lower largely because of the purchase of about 200 badges costing £17. The appeal for the Bow Bells Fund in March, 1957, had reached £8.

ANNUAL MEETING

This report was presented on Easter Monday at the Association's annual meeting at Cleator Moor, attended by more than 60 ringers from Cumberland, Westmorland and North Lancashire, and visitors from Windsor, Bedford and Rotherham. The president (Canon W. R. M. Chaplin, Appleby) presided. It was preceded by a service in St. John's Church, conducted by the Vicar (Rev. H. T. Batey).

The bells of St. John's were kept ringing during the afternoon and evening, and many methods were practised.

The meeting decided to ask the Bishop of Carlisle, who is the Association's patron, to approve a form of service to be used at ringing meetings.

Officers and committee (with eight new members) were re-elected as follows: President, Canon Chaplin; general secretary, Mr. J. W. Brownrigg (Keswick); treasurer, Mr. G. Tembey (Cleator Moor); ringing secretary, Mr. S. Richardson (Whitehaven); auditor, Mr. T. Hogarth (Keswick); committee—Messrs. B. Porter (Brampton), J. Ling and J. Butterfield (Carlisle), G. T. Hodgson (Aspatria), C. Heelis (Appleby), J. McTear (Workington), H. Wilson (St. Bees). Miss M. Simpson (St. Bees), and the two Branch secretaries, Mr. A. Forsythe (Carlisle) and Mr. G. McKay (St. Bees).

OBITUARY

MR. JOSIAH MORRIS

Mr. Josiah Morris passed peacefully away on Saturday afternoon, April 27th, and by a coincidence his beloved bells at St. Margaret's were ringing at the time in connection with the annual meeting of the Leicester Diocesan Guild. His passing was later conveyed to the meeting and the big company stood in silent tribute to one well known and beloved by all. His 90th birthday would have been on July 1st.

He had a long and distinguished ringing career. Some will remember him as a tutor, and his insistence on correct handling so that one could tackle any bell, big or small, bad going or otherwise, with a minimum of effort. Slovenly ringers were anathema to him. If one should loll against the wall or handle badly he would say: 'Stand up, man, and ring properly.' His favourite expression was: 'There are only two kinds of ringers—graceful and disgraceful—be the former.' Shining examples of his teaching are his two sons—Ernest, who has rung more peals than any other living ringer, and is the well known author, and George Stedman, who is now a leading light in Lyme Regis.

Josiah excelled on the tenors at handbells, and his unerring beat to Triples, Caters or Cinques resulted in his being nicknamed by the late Harold Poole 'The Rhythm King.' If through some error of the front bells he lost his beat he would exclaim: 'I've lost my rhythm,' and when that occurred there was invariably a prospect of the peal being lost.

His peals totalled 396 and included all the standard and better known Surprise methods. His list included several long length peals—11,008 and 17,104 Double Norwich Court Bob Major at South Wigston in 1904, 10,176 and 10,912 Kent Treble Bob, 9,120 Spliced Treble Bob and 7,001 Grandsire Caters at All Saints', Loughborough. One of his best performances was to turn Melton Mowbray tenor to a perfect peal of Double Norwich, half-muffled for the late Duke of Fife.

There was a large gathering of ringers and other friends at the funeral service in St. Margaret's Church on May 1st. He served this church faithfully as verger for 30 years and was succeeded in the office by his son Ernest 20 years ago—thus father and son have completed a half century. St. Margaret's bells were rung half-muffled for the service and also on the previous Sunday, when references were made to his service to the church. The interment was in Welford Road Cemetery. Among the floral tributes were those of St. Margaret's Guild, the Cathedral and Lyme Regis ringers.

Peals to his memory were rung at Leicester Cathedral and the Bellfoundry Campanile, Loughborough, and also a number of half-muffled quarter peals at Lyme Regis, Kibworth, Great Glen and other towers.

AN APPRECIATION

Mr. A. H. Pulling, of Guildford, writes: Josiah Morris has left with us a wonderful memory. It is 24 years ago that I first met him ringing the back pair to Stedman Caters, and my remark afterwards to Harold Poole was that he is the finest back pair ringer I have ever met. I still consider him the champion; he had a wonderful gift.

MR. WILLIAM PRICE

Hereford Diocesan Guild has lost one of its oldest members by the death on Easter Sunday morning of Mr. William Price, aged 80, of Colwall.

A reliable ringer and a model to all, Mr. Price was always a good striker. He had rung four peals. He was ever ready to help young ringers. The sympathy of many ringing friends is extended to his family and to Mr. and Mrs. E. Price and Mr. John Price, who are members of the Colwall tower.

On April 26th he was laid to rest near the tower of Coddington Church, where he loved to ring. The many floral tributes included one from his fellow members of Ledbury and District Guild.

After the service, a quarter peal of 1,260 Doubles (360 April Day, 360 Bob, 240 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and 300 Grandsire) were rung half-muffled by J. Lane 1, H. Hill 2, C. W. Nutt (conductor) 3, J. Foster 4, J. Ward 5, F. Lawrence 6. A quarter peal was also rung on April 25th by J. Lane 1, J. Ranford 2, C. Bowers 3, F. Merrick (conductor) 4, J. Ward 5, F. Lawrence 6. Also at Bosbury on April 27th, 1,260 Doubles (360 April Day, 360 Bob, 240 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 300 Grandsire)-by C. Davies 1, G. Hill 2, J. Foster 3, H. Goodchap 4, J. Ward (conductor) 5, J. Lane 6. All with the bells half-muffled.

MR. HARRY LIONEL MARTIN

It is with deep regret we have to report the death of Mr. Harry Lionel Martin, the popular District secretary of the Ely Diocesan Association (Cambridge Branch), which took place at Addenbrookes Hospital, Cambridge, on May 3rd after an operation for duodenal ulcer.

SURREY RINGERS' EASTER DAY

Easter Sunday was a very busy day for the ringers of St. Giles' Church, Ashtead. The bells were rung for the early celebrations at 7 and 8 a.m. and again for the duplicate morning services at 9.45 and 11 a.m. These duplicate services provide an interesting commentary on the result of the Gallup Poll on religion recently arranged by 'The Daily Chronicle.'

The ordinary Sunday services at both the Ashtead churches are so well attended that on the greater festivals of Christmas and Easter it has been found necessary at the Parish Church to run two morning services to accommodate all those desirous of attending. Even so, at the 11 o'clock service on Easter morning in addition to every seat being occupied there were chairs in the aisles and people occupying the open ringing gallery over the porch, the organ well, vestry, etc.

Evensong presented the first opportunity for any length of ringing, and a quarter peal of Bob Doubles with three cover bells was rung. This enabled the Ashtead ringers to record quarter peals of Bob Doubles, Minor, Triples and Major all within the space of four weeks—a feat never previously attempted. All four quarters were rung for service. J. T. S.

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION

The quarterly meeting and 6-bell contest were held at Liversedge on April 27th. Three teams entered and sufficient members were present to form a mixed company.

The draw and judge's decision were as follows: No. 1 Company, Meltham, 132 faults; 2, Shelley, 138; 3, Friezland, 50; 4, Mixed, 156.

The judge, Mr. E. Betts, of Liversedge, remarked that there was only one outstanding performance, but he had probably judged very keenly because he had not done the job for a number of years.

During the course of the quarterly meeting the members present approved the action taken by the secretary in forwarding to the secretary of the Northern District of the Surrey Association information regarding the running of striking competitions.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar, the local company and the caterers, for the use of the bells, the excellent arrangements made, and the provision of a grand tea, respectively.

A. F.

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BIRTH

TEBBLE.—On April 29th, 1957, at Hartismere Hospital, to Kathleen (nee Harrison) and Geoffrey, of Diss, Norfolk, God's precious gift of a daughter, Susan Anne Harrison. 217

DEATHS

MARTIN.—On May 3rd, 1957, Harry Martin, of 60, Birdwood Road, Cambridge, secretary of the Cambridge District of the Ely Diocesan Association. 209

FOWLER.—On May 1st, 1957, at 16, Black Butts, Cookham, Gladys Ethel, beloved wife of Mr. T. J. Fowler, after a long and painful illness patiently borne; aged 72. At rest. 192

RETURN THANKS

Ernest and Geo. Stedman Morris and families wish to thank all the many ringers and friends who so kindly sent their condolences in their sad loss in the passing of their father, Josiah Morris, of St. Margaret's, Leicester. 200

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

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PERSONAL

Mr. E. BRADFIELD, of Buntingford, Herts, wishes to thank the Baldock band of ringers for their kind thoughts in ringing the peal at Hinkworth on April 6th, which was recorded in 'The Ringing World' of April 26th, as a birthday compliment to him on reaching 81 years. He also appreciates the mention in Belfry Gossip of his climbing the 44 steps at Baldock. He was told by the captain, Mr. Buck, and also by the band: 'As long as you can climb those steps you will always be sure of a pull.' That was very nice of them. 'I was a stranger and they took me in. Coming to my first visit to Baldock I thought there was a ring of eight. After the many years I had been out of ringing, I am sure I saw sixteen when I went into changes first time. 221

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HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION

HOLIDAYS AT MABLETHORPE.—Visitors welcome at Mabletorpe, also Alford. Sunday services. Practices, Mablethorpe, usually Thursday; Alford arranged as convenient. Other towers if desired.—L. Mason, 4, Brickyard Cottages, Mablethorpe. J. I. Smith, 15, Commercial Road, Alford. 201

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THE ORDINARY RINGER

HE saw me looking at the tower from outside and, after completing my short walk around, he approached and asked, 'Interested in ringing?' My reply seemed to please him, for he suggested a talk and led me to a nearby seat in order to exchange views on a subject of mutual interest. He told me he was 'just an ordinary ringer' who rang for Sunday services and festivals with one evening a week for practice. 'We used to ring call changes,' he said, 'but now we can ring two methods.' 'Are you a member of the diocesan or county organisation?' I asked, and he replied, 'Oh yes, but I am unable to attend any meetings.' He explained that he worked in a food shop and could not get away from his business on a Saturday. 'This is my one and only tower,' he told me, 'and after service ringing I hurry to the vestry for choir duty.'

Further information revealed that his evening kept him busy, therefore the time he devoted to ringing was limited, but one pleasing answer he gave to a question was, 'Yes, I take the "R.W." every week.' This was the means of opening up and getting the opinion of a ringer who styled himself 'ordinary,' one with a keen sense of duty to his particular church, but at the same time followed ringing by carefully reading a weekly paper devoted to ringers and ringing.

Questioned about peals, he commented on the recurring towers and oft-repeated ringers' names, and he held the opinion that the vast amount of space taken should very well be made the subject of a charge if required to be inserted in full original form. A fee of 3d. per name per peal would considerably help towards the heavy costs of running the paper, in his opinion. Regarding quarter peals, he expressed a great admiration for them, especially when rung for Sunday services, and he proudly recalled the three occasions when he formed one of the band.

His views on various matters reported in our paper were expressed quite clearly, and there was nothing to suggest he was liable to be dubbed old fashioned or non-progressive. One of the points he stressed was the behaviour of some visiting ringers during their short stay at various towers, and it was up to those responsible to ensure the visits were quiet, orderly and dignified. We came to the question of filling vacancies caused by death, retirement and lapses, a situation which every organisation continually has to face, and he told me their local band generally had two or three recruits in reserve, because they constantly kept the training of new hands well to the fore. 'Mind you,' he said, 'many towers are not so lucky to get such a steady flow of recruits as we, and even if some leave us for other towers our losses often help in other districts.'

When we parted company I pondered over our conversation, for it made me wonder why he used the term 'ordinary ringer' as applied to himself. Here was a man who could be relied upon to be in his place at the three appointed times each week, carrying out voluntary work faithfully over many years, yet applying the word 'ordinary' to what he is able to do in his own parish. You will find many hundreds of such ringers throughout this ringing island, but they certainly cannot be regarded as 'ordinary,' seeing they perform duties for which the bells were dedicated. On the subject of peals, there is a wide range of views among ringers, and it is generally realised that some districts are more favourable for peal ringing than others. It would not do for a large percentage of ringers to go in for peals on a big scale, and when I read the figures given in the Guildford Diocesan Guild report for 1956, it is remarkable to find that only twenty-five peals were rung in eighteen out of the sixty-two towers listed in the four districts.

Coming to quarter peals, it is a pleasure to look at the progressive signs in the weekly issue of this paper, for to me it brings back happy memories of places visited over sixty years, and it often reveals the names of ringers whom I have had the pleasure of meeting in or out of the tower. Quarter peals also show us what valuable help the male ringers receive from those given under Mrs., Miss or Christian name, and most of these quarters are rung for Sunday or special services.

Fifty years ago a special enquiry took place regarding conditions in towers containing rings of eight and upwards, and it revealed that in 77 per cent. of towers there was half-pull ringing; in 58 per cent., Sunday service ringing twice; in 10 per cent., Sunday service ringing once; in 13 per cent., Sunday ringing occasionally; in 19 per cent., no Sunday ringing; in 77 per cent., a regular practice night.

These figures were compiled when most of our villages were isolated and consequently bear no comparison with conditions to-day, yet we find plenty of sustained interest in all branches of our art, and if anyone who serves in the same way as Mr. Ordinary Ringer, then I venture to suggest the word assiduous could more correctly be applied.

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

LONDON, S.E.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Wed., May 1, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 48 cwt.

ALAN J. FROST	*Treble*	JAMES G. A. PRIOR	7
JOHN CHILCOTT	2	JOHN S. MASON	8
JAMES PHILLIPS	3	PHILIP A. F. CHALK	9
ROBIN G. LEALE	4	MICHAEL P. MORETON	10
WILLIAM T. COOK	5	FREDERICK E. COLLINS	11
BROOKE K. LUNN	6	JOHN H. CRAMPION	*Tenor*

Composed by FRANK E. DARBY. Conducted by JOHN CHILCOTT.
Rung to mark the consecration as Bishop of Newcastle in York Minster this day of the Very Rev. Hugh E. Ashdown, Provost of Southwark Cathedral, 1946-1957.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., May 2, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 25 cwt.

HERRICK B. BOWLEY	*Treble*	JOHN A. ACRES	7
DOREEN D. DUTTON	2	SHIRLEY BURTON	8
ERNEST MORRIS	3	VERNON GREEN	9
PHYLLIS POOLE	4	JOHN A. SMITH	10
ERNEST RAWSON	5	S. ANTHONY JESSON	11
HAROLD G. JENNEY	6	E. CHARLES TURNER	*Tenor*

Composed by SHIRLEY BURTON. Conducted by HERRICK B. BOWLEY.
Rung half-muffled in memory of Josiah Morris, and also to Mrs. Stelfox, donor of the sixth bell of the 'Stelfox Eight.'

TEN BELL PEALS

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., May 1, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

BRIAN G. WARWICK	*Treble*	†ARTHUR E. ROWLEY	6
BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	2	G. RONALD EDWARDS	7
*†JOAN K. BROWN	3	†JOHN A. ACRES	8
PHYLLIS POOLE	4	ERNEST J. JELLEY	9
JOHN M. JELLEY	5	JOSEPH W. COTTON	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Caters in the method.
In memoriam Josiah Morris, of St. Margaret's, Leicester, who died on April 27th, 1957.

BANBURY, OXFORDSHIRE
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 4, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in E.

*WILLIAM J. CHESTER	*Treble*	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM	6
†DONALD H. NIBLETT	2	GEORGE W. HOLLAND	7
*CHARLES COLES	3	*GEORGE F. BURTON	8
FREDERICK R. SCOTT	4	EDGAR J. SMITH	9
WILLIAM A. YATES	5	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal of Surprise Royal † First peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.
THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.
On Sat., May 4, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in E flat.

D. BERESFORD (King's)	*Treble*	J. L. MORRIS (Q.M.)	6
*MISS M. FLOYER (U.C.)	2	D. ROBINSON (King's)	7
D. N. LAYTON (Imperial)	3	*P. BROWN (Nth. Poly.)	8
†MISS B. THOMPSON (Bed.)	4	R. KEELEY (King's)	9
‡D. JACKSON (Imperial)	5	A. F. THIRST (Imperial)	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by DENNIS N. LAYTON.
* First peal of Grandsire Caters. † First peal in the method. ‡ First peal on ten bells. First peal of Grandsire Caters for the Society.

SOUTHAMPTON.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 4, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 16¼ cwt. in F.

*JILL BALDWIN	*Treble*	ADRIAN J. TUMBER	6
ROBERT C. KIPPIN	2	NELIA M. LEAHY	7
CEDRIC MURPHY	3	MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	8
JEAN POWELL	4	J. MICHAEL LAKIN	9
MAURICE J. BUTLER	5	JESSIE M. KIPPIN	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. MICHAEL LAKIN.
* First peal. The conductor's 100th peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

DORE, SHEFFIELD.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield and District Society.)
On Sat., April 13, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5056 BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11¼ cwt. in G.

MRS. CYNTHIA ROBINSON	*Treble*	MRS. D. ELAINE MATTLI	5
MARGARET MILLS	2	MRS. SHIRLEY CARVER	6
SUSAN CHADDOCK	3	ELIZABETH A. WARDILL	7
MRS. ELSIE CHADDOCK	4	NORMAN CHADDOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN E. BURTON. Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.
All pupils of the conductor.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Syston District.)
On Sat., April 20, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

*KENNETH GRAHAM	*Treble*	ROYSTON WILMORE	5
MARY C. PAYNE	2	F. KEVON THOMPSON	6
JEAN A. KIRKMAN	3	*ROGER A. BREWIN	7
ERNEST F. PAYNE	4	B. STEDMAN PAYNE	*Tenor*

Composed by H. HOWLETT. Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.
* First peal of Major.

ANSTEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 22, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10¼ cwt.

ALBAN DISNEY	*Treble*	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON	5
PHYLLIS POOLE	2	PETER J. STANIFORTH	6
RALPH ELKINGTON	3	HARRY POYNER	7
JOHN R. SMITH	4	WILLIAM A. LACEY	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by REDVERS F. ELKINGTON.
Rung on the occasion of the wedding of David S. Harris to Jeanette M. Simpson, two local ringers and choristers, which took place at this church the same day.

EARDISLAND, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 22, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in G.

*WILFRID F. MORETON	*Treble*	PHILIP G. MORGAN	5
REGINALD T. JONES	2	FREDERICK R. HARRIS	6
WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT	3	†LESLIE EVANS	7
CHARLES JONES	4	GEORGE DAVIS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by GEORGE DAVIS.
* Has 'completed the circle.' † 350th peal. The first peal of Oxford T.B. Major by all and on the bells. First peal of Treble Bob Major as conductor.

HEREFORD.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 22, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 17¼ cwt.

LESLIE EVANS	*Treble*	PHILIP G. MORGAN	5
*CHARLES JONES	2	WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT	6
AUSTIN T. WINGATE	3	REGINALD T. JONES	7
WILFRID F. MORETON	4	MICHAEL P. MORETON	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
* First peal of Surprise Major.
Rung for the Easter Festival.

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 22, 1957, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in E.

G. ARNOLD MOORE	*Treble*	*FREDK. E. WILSHAW	5
RICHARD J. WARRILOW	2	NEIL D. LOMAS	6
ERIC E. SPEAKE	3	ROBIN G. TURNER	7
ARTHUR PRITCHARD	4	FREDK. WM. GROCOTT	*Tenor*

Composed by H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by FREDK. WM. GROCOTT.
* 200th peal for the Association. First peal of London Surprise on the bells.
Rung as a welcome to the Rev. H. M. Connop-Price, M.A., now Rector of St. Giles'.

REDRUTH, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., April 24, 1957, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. UNY,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB TRIPLES
Hubbard's Five-part. Tenor 13 cwt.

ALAN CARVETH	*Treble*	CLEMENT W. JOSE	5
REV. A. S. ROBERTS	2	ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD	6
MARGERY A. BIRCH	3	DAVID N. PENROSE	7
V. MARY MATTHEWS	4	PERCY R. C. WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN CARVETH.
Rung as a compliment to Canon W. R. Ladd-Canney, who has retired after 31 years as rector of Redruth.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., April 26, 1957, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5024 BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11¼ cwt.

ROGER LEIGH	*Treble*	A. VICTOR WILLIAMS	5
*ROGER MAHER	2	PHILIP DUNDERDALE	6
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	3	GEOFFREY S. MILLS	7
†J. BARRY PICKUP	4	CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE	*Tenor*

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE.
* First peal on an 'inside' bell. † First peal of Major.
Rung on the 232nd anniversary of the first peal of Bob Major.

BOCKING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 27, 1957, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.
AT THE DEANERY CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 3qr. 16 lb. in E.

HENRY A. PRATT	*Treble*	RONALD SUCKLING	5
LEWIS W. WIFFEN	2	JOHN WARNER	6
*MRS. H. W. MOORE	3	TERRY EARLE	7
ALAN R. SYDER	4	HILDA G. SNOWDEN	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by RONALD SUCKLING.
* First peal in the method.
In memoriam George A. Andrews, of Thorington, life member of the Association.

USK, MONMOUTH.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 27, 1957, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

PATRICIA H. JONES	*Treble*	EDWARD W. ROAST	5
*THOMAS R. ROAST	2	JOHN E. MORGAN	6
MARY DOWSETT	3	DAVID J. KING	7
JACQUELINE S. EVANS	4	JOE E. G. ROAST	*Tenor*

Composed by G. WILLIAMS. Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.
* First peal of Major 'inside.'
Rung as an engagement compliment to Mr. Richard J. Bowden and Miss Elizabeth Grime.

FARNWORTH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., April 28, 1957, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Carter's Twelve-part. Tenor 12¼ cwt. in G.

*PATRICIA LEES	*Treble*	JOSEPH THORNLEY	5
G. BARBARA COOKE	2	PETER CROOK, SEN.	6
NORMAN TOMPKINS	3	ORRELL DAVIES	7
ALAN SHARPLES	4	HENRY PRESCOTT	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.
* First peal.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. E. G. Botham, donor of the third bell, who died that week.

HADLOW, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., April 28, 1957, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 15 cwt. in A flat.

GEORGE FRY	*Treble*	LUTHER J. HONESS	5
BERNARD V. COLLISON	2	ERNEST J. LADD	6
CYRIL W. HANCOCK	3	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE	7
EDWARD J. JENNER	4	WILLIAM R. MANSER	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.
Rung as a farewell to the Vicar, Canon R. S. Greaves, on his retirement from the Ministry.

LEYTON, LONDON, E.
THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.
On Wed., May 1, 1957, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

*MISS M. FLOYER (U.C.)	*Treble*	R. KEELEY (King's)	5
D. BERESFORD (King's)	2	†J. ARMSTRONG (Lon. Hos.)	6
†D. JACKSON (Imperial)	3	†P. P. BROWN (Nth. Poly.)	7
†MISS B. THOMPSON (Bed.)	4	J. L. MORRIS (Q.M.)	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by JOHN L. MORRIS.
* First peal of Surprise. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. First peal of Rutland for the Society.
Rung to mark the occasion of the wedding of Mary Fuller and Richard Stevens, both members of the Society.

MAULDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., May 2, 1957, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
C.C.C. No. 13. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

*JENNIFER DAVIES	*Treble*	ANDREW C. SINFIELD	5
JAMES G. NEWMAN	2	DEREK P. JONES	6
JOHN W. SINFIELD	3	PHILIP MEHEW	7
RONALD J. SHARP	4	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.
* First peal of Treble Bob and on eight bells. The conductor's 300th peal.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., May 2, 1957, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5152 WHITCHURCH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

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

Composed and Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.
* 250th peal for the Association. The first peal in the method.

WHITCHURCH SURPRISE MAJOR
-38-14, 58-12, 38, 14-14, 58, 16-16, 78.
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CLIFTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 4, 1957, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr.

STEPHEN J. IVIN	*Treble*	PHILIP MEHEW	5
C. EDWARD JEFFERIES	2	DENNIS KNOX	6
ANDREW C. SINFIELD	3	R. GORDON CORBY	7
RONALD J. SHARP	4	LEWIS H. BYWATERS	*Tenor*

Composed by DENNIS KNOX. Conducted by LEWIS H. BYWATERS.
First peal of Surprise on the bells.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., May 4, 1957, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

MURIEL R. PIPE	*Treble*	IVAN COOPER	5
WALTER RUFFLES	2	RONALD G. BUGG	6
CHARLES F. FISHER	3	RONALD W. STEWARD	7
WILLIAM J. BUTTON	4	EDWARD E. DAVEY	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD. Conducted by EDWARD E. DAVEY.

GREAT HAMPTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 4, 1957, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5024 BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12½ cwt.

*LEONARD MILLS	*Treble*	†ARTHUR A. JOPP	5
JOHN THOMAS	2	CHARLES ROUSE	6
†MRS. A. A. JOPP	3	WILFRED J. NEWMAN	7
COLIN B. LONGMORE	4	ERIC T. LEE	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by ERIC T. LEE.
* First peal. † First of Major. First of Major as conductor.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

HEMINGBROUGH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Good Friday, April 19, 1957, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two different extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Plain Bob and one extent of Single Oxford Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

MRS. J. J. TAYLOR	*Treble*	A. HARRY HAWCROFT	4
WILLIAM GRAVES	2	JOHN J. TAYLOR	5
G. FRED TERRY	3	LESLIE M. WOODHEAD	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE M. WOODHEAD.
Rung with the bells half-muffled.

RIPPINGALE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 20, 1957, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Single Court and Single Oxford and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.

WILLIAM MARSH	*Treble*	LEONARD P. WILSON	4
STANLEY R. WILSON	2	BEN BOYFIELD	5
NEVILLE WHITNEY	3	JAMES H. MUSSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.
A farewell peal for Mr. N. Whitney, captain of the Rippingale ringers, and Mrs. Whitney, on their departure for Cheltenham.

EAST FARLEIGH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., April 23, 1957, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being ten extents and 16 240's (ten Morris' and six Pitman's).
Tenor 7½ cwt.

LESLIE G. MAYNARD	*Treble*	*WILLIAM HARRIS	4
RICHARD HARRIS	2	STANLEY A. HAYZELDEN	5
*RON RAYFIELD	3	ARTHUR E. WEBB	*Tenor*

Conducted by STANLEY A. HAYZELDEN.
* First peal of Grandsire Doubles.
Rung half-muffled to the memory of Rupert Stedman, who 'drummed' in this tower for 45 years. Passed away April 14th, aged 72 years.

DISLEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., April 24, 1957, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR
In six methods: One extent each of Capel, Kingston, London Scholars Pleasure, Sandal and Kent, and two of Oxford Treble Bob.
Tenor 8¾ cwt.

SHIRLEY HARRIS	*Treble*	ALAN MCFALL	4
BERNARD GROVES	2	ROBERT SMITH	5
BASIL JONES	3	BRIAN HARRIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by BASIL JONES.

WOOLHOPE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., April 24, 1957, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being an extent each of Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

LESLIE EVANS	*Treble*	PHILIP G. MORGAN	4
CHARLES JONES	2	REGINALD T. JONES	5
WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT	3	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
Rung to welcome Her Majesty the Queen and Prince Philip to Herefordshire this day.

NEWLAND, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., April 25, 1957, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being an extent each of Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

CHARLES JONES	*Treble*	DAVID G. KING	4
JACQUELINE EVANS	2	WILFRID F. MORETON	5
PHILIP G. MORGAN	3	REGINALD T. JONES	*Tenor*

Conducted by REGINALD T. JONES.

ROTHLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., April 26, 1957, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN AND ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in F sharp.

*STUART M. STONE	*Treble*	GEOFFREY M. BREWIN	4
JEAN A. KIRKMAN	2	B. STEDMAN PAYNE	5
ERNEST MORRIS	3	ROGER A. BREWIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.
* First peal. The tenor ringer has now 'circled the tower.'

UPTON BISHOP, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., April 26, 1957, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being an extent each of Plain Bob, Oxford Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

PHILIP G. MORGAN	*Treble*	REGINALD T. JONES	4
CHARLES JONES	2	WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT	5
LESLIE EVANS	3	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 27, 1957, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being four extents of Plain Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob, and one of Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

FRANK OSBALDISTON	*Treble*	MICHAEL J. PRYOR	4
WILLIAM DOWSE	2	ALAN MCFALL	5
BERNARD GROVES	3	ROBERT SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN MCFALL.
This is the first peal of Minor by a local band.
Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. McFall, parents of the conductor.

ORSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 27, 1957, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE COURT BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents of 720. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in A flat.

MARK W. LEWIS	*Treble*	GEORGE E. FOSTER	4
KATHARINE BURCHNALL	2	F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER	5
GRACE BURCHNALL	3	WILLIAM L. EXTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM L. EXTON.

First peal in the method by all, and for the Guild.

Rung as a compliment to Colin Reed and Beryl White, whose wedding took place at Balderton earlier this day.

SAXTHORPE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 27, 1957, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in ten methods: Oxford Bob, Single Court, Spliced Double Oxford and St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, combined Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Spliced Plain Bob and Double Bob, 42 changes of method. Tenor 2 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb. in E.

NOLAN GOLDEN	*Treble*	JOHN S. BARNES	4
REV. GILBERT THURLOW	2	GODFREY G. WALPOLE	5
GEORGE SAYER	3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

The first peal on the bells, believed to be the lightest ring of six in any church.

UPCHURCH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 27, 1957, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

*JOHN CLARK	*Treble*	†LAURENCE MITCHELL	4
HAZEL V. DADSON	2	EDWARD C. BARTON	5
JOSEPH E. GRENSTED	3	GEORGE A. NAYLOR	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE A NAYLOR.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal and first attempt.

BASSINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., April 28, 1957, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. in G.

JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM	*Treble*	G. LEONARD THOMPSON	4
MICHAEL W. CROWDER	2	LOUIS WILLDERS	5
JOHN R. WORSDALL	3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Tenor*

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES.
Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

EAST PECKHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., April 28, 1957, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 16¼ cwt.

OLIVE D. COUCHMAN	*Treble*	STANLEY JENNER	4
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT	2	STANLEY G. PONTING	5
ERIC BRUNGER	3	COLIN A. TESTER	*Tenor*

Conducted by COLIN A. TESTER.

DISLEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 29, 1957, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In four methods, being 1,200 St. Martin's Bob, 1,200 St. Simon's Bob, 2,160 Grandsire and 480 Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr.

*VALERIE PENNINGTON	*Treble*	†WILLIAM H. DOWSE	4
BERNARD GROVES	2	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	5
†FRANK OSBALDISTON	3	*MERITA V. BRADDOCK	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

* First peal. † First peal in four Doubles methods.

COLTISHALL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., April 30, 1957, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 11¼ cwt. in G.

*DANIEL PHILLIPS	*Treble*	*WILLIAM R. CATCHPOLE	4
†REV. H. G. LILLINGSTON	2	JOHN R. SMITH	5
‡N. JOHN A. PUMPHREY	3	GEORGE SAYER	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. SMITH.

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

NEW MILLS, DERBYSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 29, 1957, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE-THE-MARTYR,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 26 extents and eight 240's. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. in G sharp.

*MARGARET C. MACKAY	*Treble*	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	4
*DOROTHY M. STAFFORD	2	WILLIAM H. DOWSE	5
FRANK OSBALDISTON	3	BERNARD GROVES	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

* First peal. First peal of Grandsire Doubles by all. First peal in the method as conductor. Average age 15.2 years. Believed to be the youngest band to ring a peal for the Guild.

BURTON HASTINGS, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., May 1, 1957, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 40 120's (ten callings) and one 240. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in C.

*MRS. S. M. CLIFFORD	*Treble*	‡WILLIAM NOON	3
†C. WILLIAM TRINDER	2	†JOHN A. W. BAYLISS	4
‡LEONARD TREVOR			*Tenor*

Conducted by LEONARD TREVOR.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. ‡ First peal of Doubles 'inside.' First of Doubles as conductor, who has now conducted from Doubles to Maximus.

Rung on the 20th anniversary of the installation of the bells.

COLEORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., May 2, 1957, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of 30 extents and one 240 Grandsire, and ten extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

*ROY THURMAN	*Treble*	JAMES A. LORD	4
JOHN A. UNDERWOOD	2	C. WILFRED LORD	5
*REGINALD UPTON	3	GEORGE HOWLETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN A. UNDERWOOD.

* First peal of Doubles. First peal of Doubles on the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS

WHITWORTH PARK, MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 1, 1957, in 1 Hour and 35 Minutes,
AT WESTON HOUSE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's, College, Reverse, Double and Bob. Tenor size 11 in G.

ROBIN G. TURNER	1—2	FREDK. WM. GROCOTT	3—4
		LESLIE BOUMPHREY	5—6

Conducted by FREDK. WM. GROCOTT.

WHITWORTH PARK, MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 15, 1957, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
AT WESTON HOUSE,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Eighth place bobs. Tenor size 15 in C.

DEREK OGDEN	1—2	FREDK. WM. GROCOTT	5—6
ROBIN G. TURNER	3—4	WILFRED L. ROBINSON	7—8
		LESLIE BOUMPHREY	9—10

Composed by C. K. LEWIS. Conducted by FREDK. WM. GROCOTT.

In memoriam C. H. Page.

WHITWORTH PARK, MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., April 28, 1957, in 2 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT WESTON HOUSE,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 11 in G.

*MRS. F. W. GROCOTT	1—2	ROBIN G. TURNER	3—4
		FREDK. WM. GROCOTT	5—6

Conducted by ROBIN G. TURNER.

* First peal.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., April 30, 1957, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor size 15 in C.

ALFRED BALLARD	1—2	G. STEDMAN MORRIS	7—8
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	3—4	ERNEST MORRIS	9—10
PETER J. STANIFORTH	5—6	JOHN A. ACRES	11—12

Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER. Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.

Rung to the respected memory of Josiah Morris.

ABBOTSBURY, DORSET.—On May 5th, 1,440 Grandsire Doubles: W. H. Toms 1, M. W. Ford 2, W. G Trevett 3, J. H. Hayne 4, H. J. Ford (cond.) 5, D. J. Wood (first quarter) 6. For Evensong.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On April 28th, 1,260 April Day Doubles: Gwyneth R. Brown 1, Pamela R. Gough 2, June A. Grieveson 3, R. D. Brown 4, H. W. Brown (cond.) 5, Diana M. Gough 6. First in method by all the band. Rung as a compliment to Ronald G. Pumfrey and Valerie J. Banks for their wedding the previous day at St. Nicolas' Church, Portslade.

ASHBRITTLE, SOMERSET.—On May 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. J. Smith 1, R. Alderman 2, S. N. Bristow 3, H. Bristow 4, Miss F. Norman (cond.) 5, J. Manning 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss P. Norman, a member of this band.

BATTLE, SUSSEX.—On April 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): G. A. Masters 1, Miss C. Whitfeld 2, Miss E. M. Foot 3, J. F. Whitfeld (first quarter) 4, Miss K. Stisted (cond.) 5, H. Ballard 6, A. D. V. Hunt 7, G. Prodger 8. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss A. Groome, a member of the band.

BRAMPTON, HUNTS.—On April 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Maureen Allen 1, Lucy Allen (first as cond. in method) 2, R. F. Baker 3, E. J. Whiting 4, J. A. Allen 5. Rung for St. George's Day.

BEDFORD.—At St. Peter's Church, on April 28th, 1,392 Bob Major: Miss B. Spicer 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, H. S. Peacock 3, F. Briscoe 4, C. J. Smith 5, P. G. Smith 6, B. F. Sims (cond.) 7, S. Gilbert 8. Rung for the annual busmen's service.

CHRISTCHURCH, HANTS.—On May 4th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay 1, Mrs. J. M. Harris 2, J. Hartless 3, M. J. Best 4, L. F. Cobb 5, F. L. Harris (cond.) 6, P. N. Tubbs 7, D. R. Reed 8, R. N. Marlow 9, W. T. Godfrey 10.

COFFINSWELL, DEVON.—On May 4th, 1,800 Doubles (1,320 Grandsire and 480 Bob): N. Mallett 1, Heather Hood 2, Rev. J. G. M. Scott 3, E. M. Atkins (cond.) 4, W. J. Harvey 5, J. A. Radcliffe (first quarter) 6.

COWLEY, OXON.—On April 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss B. Newbold 1, W. Holloway (cond.) 2, Mrs. W. Holloway 3, L. Busby 4, D. Norris 5, A. Bennett 6. Rung on the occasion of the baptism of David Brian Tidy (son of the organist), which took place during Evensong.

EALING, MIDDLX.—At St. Mary's Church, on April 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. G. Wilson 1, H. J. Eldred 2, A. H. Fulwell 3, P. E. Clark 4, S. Croft 5, D. Theedom 6, W. T. Cook (cond.) 7, F. Ranson 8. A 79th birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th.

EMBERTON, BUCKS.—On May 4th, 1,260 Minor (Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob and Bob): K. Fleming 1, F. J. Mynard 2, Angela Grainger 3, Anne Spavins 4, A. E. Butcher 5, P. Newing (cond.) 6. Rung for the birthday of the conductor.

EPSOM, SURREY.—On Easter Day, at Christ Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: I. Waterman 1, G. A. Cockman 2, F. Oakshott (cond.) 3, D. J. F. Oakshott 4, W. Parrott 5, N. D. J. Webb 6, G. A. Howells 7, Cherie Payne 8. Rung for Evensong and H.M. the Queen's birthday.

GODMANCHESTER, HUNTS.—On Mar. 17th, 1,320 Bob Minor: G. Henson 1, J. Spicer 2, Miss B. Spicer 3, C. Goodger 4, A. Davy 5, W. Ransom (cond.) 6, J. Witney 7. For morning service. Also on Mar. 31st, 1,260 Bob Minor: E. Thoday 1, J. Spicer 2, C. Goodger 3, Miss B. Spicer 4, J. Witney 5, W. Ransom (cond.) 6, G. Henson 7. For morning service. Also on April 24th, 1,320 Bob Minor: Mrs. Disney 1, J. Witney 2, Miss B. Spicer 3, C. Goodger 4, A. Davy 5, W. Ransom (cond.) 6, G. Henson 7. A farewell to the Rev. P. J. and Mrs. Disney, who are leaving for Ipswich.

GREAT PONTON, LINCS.—On April 30th, 1,260 Doubles (360 each of Reverse Canterbury and Bob and 540 Grandsire): Mrs. G. Stableford 1, J. E. Cook 2, J. M. Simpson 3, F. W. Pinchbeck 4, W. R. Read 5. Rung to mark the retirement of the Rev. P. J. F. Simpson from active parochial duties.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—On April 7th, 1,440 Ipswich Surprise Minor: S. H. Ashton 1, L. Runnacles 2, G. Cherry 3, K. C. Timbury 4, P. W. Croft 5, F. W. Croft (cond.) 6. First quarter in the method by all the band. For Evensong.

QUARTER PEALS

HANDSWORTH, YORKS.—On April 24th, 1,344 Bob Major: C. Hope (first quarter) 1, Miss M. Archer 2, Miss E. Wardill 3, Mrs. E. D. Kelley 4, I. M. Holland (cond.) 5, C. Rusby 6, Miss E. Bate 7, J. J. L. Gilbert 8. A 70th birthday compliment to Mr. W. H. Taylor of the local company, and to Miss Archer, 18 the same day.

HATFIELD, HERTS.—On May 5th, 1,264 Bob Major: M. Pettitt (first of Major) 1, E. Edmondson 2, B. Boon 3, R. A. Cochrane 4, J. M. Page 5, L. Shepherd 6, A. F. Cull 7, S. Huckle (cond.) 8. Rung as a farewell to Malcolm Pettitt, who is joining H.M. Forces, and on the patronal festival of St. John's Church, Hatfield, daughter church of the parish.

HEATHFIELD, SUSSEX.—On May 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): S. G. Ponting 1, W. A. Kitchenside (cond.) 2, F. J. Lambert 3, G. E. Dann 4, J. Anderson-Smith 5, F. Baker 6, A. Mewett 7, F. Greenway 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Wilfred Booth.

A Quarter for 'The Cup'

Canon Guy Warman, Vicar of Aston, is an ardent Villa supporter, and in his parish magazine writes, wishing the Club success in the Cup Final.

'I have told the Villa captain we shall ring a peal if they bring back the Cup, and I think we might manage a quarter peal even if they only come away with the losers' medals!'

On the evening of May 4th the bells of Aston Parish Church rang out, and a quarter peal of Bob Minor was rung by A. Short 1, B. J. Downie 2, J. A. Anderson 3, J. C. Slater 4, J. L. Gray 5, R. C. Ingram (conductor) 6. The footnote reads: Rung to celebrate the return of the English F.A. Cup to Villa Park and to congratulate Aston Villa on achieving this distinction for the seventh time.

HENBURY, BRISTOL.—On April 28th, 1,260 Bob Minor: B. Frost 1, J. Culley 2, G. Lock 3, C. Abbott 4, H. Lovell 5, B. Huddleston (first of Minor as cond.) 6. First of Minor 1, 2 and 3. A compliment to Miss Davey (tower secretary), who was married the previous day.

KIBWORTH, LEICS.—On May 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Bolton 1, A. Martin 2, N. Bolton 3, F. Wallington 4, S. Bolton 5, G. Hollick 6, F. Staniforth (cond.) 7, L. Allen 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Josiah Morris.

LAUGHTON, SUSSEX.—On April 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. G. Ponting (first as cond.) 1, Sybil Tonkin 2, Kathleen Yeo 3, F. J. Lambert 4, W. A. Kitchenside 5, L. J. Baldock 6.

LEICESTER.—On May 5th, at St. Margaret's Church, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: Jennifer Firth (first quarter) 1, Beryl Ayris (first quarter) 2, E. Morris (comp.) 3, Mrs. N. Bramley 4, T. H. Bent 5, W. J. Tanser 6, C. P. Walker 7, G. Olliffe (cond.) 8, J. Bramley 9, J. Moore 10. Rung half-muffled to the respected memory of Josiah Morris.

LONDON.—At St. Giles-in-the-Fields, on April 14th, 1,264 Bob Major: Miss F. Brown (first of Major) 1, W. Wilson 2, Miss S. Sherwood 3, G. Parsons 4, J. Rea 5, A. Lewry 6, M. Williamson 7, J. Euston (cond.) 8.

MARLOW, BUCKS.—On April 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Young (first quarter 1, R. E. Dean 2, Heather Bonner 3, Evelyn Gibson 4, E. G. Silvey 5, E. D. Poole (cond.) 6, L. J. Young 7, M. Spracklen 8. For Evensong on Easter Day.

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.—On April 7th, 1,260 Bob Minor: B. Groves 1, W. Dowse 2, Christine MacNair 3, A. Osbaldiston 4, A. McFall (cond.) 5, R. Smith 6. For Evensong.

MERRIOTT, SOMERSET.—On May 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Best 1, R. P. Selway 2, M. E. Turner (first quarter, aged 11) 3, W. E. Turner (cond.) 4, A. Robinson 5, W. England 6.

OXFORD.—On May 5th, at New College, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Royal: R. A. Hodgson 1, D. J. Roaf 2, Miss D. R. Castell 3, W. H. Jackson 4, D. H. Niblett (cond.) 5, R. N. Pittman 6, C. J. B. Taylor 7, P. R. Sanders 8, F. A. Barrett 9, S. J. Ivin 10. First of Cambridge Royal by all except 4 and 5.

PIRTON, HERTS.—On April 21st, 1,320 Bob Doubles: P. Andrews 1, S. Ashton 2, B. W. Lake 3, R. Head 4, K. C. Timbury (cond.) 5. Rung by the local band for Easter Day.

RAVENSTHORPE, NORTHANTS.—On May 5th, 1,260 Doubles (360 April Day, 360 Bob, 540 Grandsire): E. Gautry (first quarter) 1, M. F. Amos 2, R. E. Holland 3, J. H. Williams (first 'inside') 4, E. G. Orland (cond.) 5. For morning service.

ROMSEY, HANTS.—On April 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Allen 1, Miss S. Morey 2, Miss A. Knight 3, M. Northway (cond.) 4, A Fry 5, K. Jacobs 6, I. Templeton 7, C. White (first quarter) 8. For Easter.

REDRUTH, CORNWALL.—On May 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): A. Chappel 1, M. Bingham 2, H. Seymour (cond.) 3, P. R. C. Williams 4, J. Reed 5, D. Martin 6, S. Seymour 7, R. Curnow 8. First quarter for 1, 2, 6 and 8. A farewell to the Rector, who retired from active ministry on that day after 31 years as Rector of the parish.

RUMNEY, GLAM.—On May 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. D. Woodman 1, E. J. R. Hartley 2, N. A. James 3, G. R. Marchant (cond.) 4, A. K. G. Jones (first of Grandsire Doubles) 5, M. Bennett (first quarter) 6. First 'inside' for 2 and 3.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At the Cathedral, on May 5th, 1,255 Erin Caters: H. E. C. Goodenough (cond.) 1, W. J. Arnold 2, B. A. Cornell 3, Miss P. Doorn 4, R. F. Ewer 5, G. Blake 6, L. Cox 7, J. Ewer 8, G. Penny 9, M. Frost 10. First in the method on the bells and by the band, all Sunday service ringers.

SIMPSON, BUCKS.—On May 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Fleming 1, Angela Grainger 2, Anne Spavins 3, A. E. Butcher 4, P. Newing (cond.) 5. First of Grandsire for 1, 2 and 3. Rung for the festival of SS. Philip and James.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On May 5th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Royal: A. D. Rivers 1, F. R. Scott 2, E. S. T. Farr 3, Mrs. A. D. Barker 4, A. E. Hartley 5, E. E. Gosling 6, Miss J. Adamson (first of Treble Bob Royal) 7, J. C. Birt 8, W. Birmingham 9, A. D. Barker (cond.) 10. Rung for the Baden-Powell centenary service attended by Princess Alexandra of Kent.

SOUTHGATE, N.—At Christ Church, on May 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Stanyon 1, Miss A. Aldridge 2, Miss M. Piper (first of Triples) 3, R. Stallibrass 4, S. G. Peck 5, J. Wallman (cond.) 6, C. Aldridge 7, J. Perrett 8. Rung by members of the Sunday service band in memoriam Sidney Wade, a ringer at Christ Church for 60 years.

STAMFORD HILL, N.—At St. Ann's Church, on April 28th, 1,320 Thelwall Bob Minor: Miss L. Hawes 1, Miss P. Rowe 2, Miss F. Secker 3, M. J. Rowe 4, E. J. Rowe 5, B. Bladon (cond.) 6. First in method by all.

TURRAMURRA, N.S.W.—On Jan. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (420 Grandsire, 360 Bob, 240 Old and 240 Norfolk): J. S. Clark 1, W. G. Knight (first 'inside') 2, J. C. Sheehy 3, K. G. P. Stacey (cond.) 4, W. Smith 5, P. Bawden (first quarter) 6.

WELDON, NORTHANTS.—On May 1st, 1,260 Bob Minor: C. Bradshaw 1, J. Goode 2, F. Ginns 3, D. Urquhart 4, R. Spencer (cond.) 5, R. Webster 6. First quarter by the regular Sunday service band.

WILLINGHAM, CAMBS.—On Easter Day, 1,440 Norwich Surprise Minor: A. Denson 1, N. Robinson 2, K. Bonas 3, G. E. Crisp 4, G. A. Lucas 5, M. Ginn (cond.) 6.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On May 5th, 1,260 Bob Minor: E. Jacobs 1, A. Bishop 2, Susan Jacobs 3, A. Bagworth (first of Minor) 4, F. Corfield 5, M. Sinden (first of Minor as cond.) 6.

WINDSOR, BERKS.—At St. John's Church, on April 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Rehn 1, Mrs. K. Buckingham 2, F. Scott 3, E. S. T. Farr 4, K. Buckingham 5, J. Brooks 6, B. L. Taylor (cond.) 7, J. Painter 8. Rung to celebrate the silver wedding of J. Painter and the birthday of Mrs. K. Buckingham.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.—On May 1st, 1,260 Doubles (240 Reverse Canterbury, 240 April Day, 480 Bob, 300 Grandsire): J. E. Adams 1, G. B. Porter 2, F. R. Morton 3, R. A. Trickett 4, J. D. Smith (cond.) 5. A birthday compliment to J. E. Adams.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL

The 200th anniversary of the casting of the bells was celebrated by a joint meeting of the Bristol City and Bristol Rural Branches at Winterbourne on May 4th.

Mr. W. F. Scudamore, general secretary of the Association, who presided, gave a short history of the bells and peals rung on them. Miss Brenda Chalk, of Warmley, was elected a member.

The resignation of Mr. C. R. Harding as Branch chairman was received and Mr. D. M. Bennett, of St. Ambrose, was elected his successor. Taking the chair amid the congratulations of the meeting, Mr. Bennett proposed a vote of thanks to the Rev. L. Stevenson for conducting the service, the organist and ladies who had prepared tea. Methods rung included a course of Cambridge Minor.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT

Life membership was a subject fully discussed at a well-attended meeting at Tickhill on April 27th. This, it was suggested, should be conferred on veterans who had served the Society well and others who had left the District. A recommendation to this effect was passed for submission to the A.G.M. Conisbrough was selected for the June meeting. Mr. Blunt thanked the ladies for preparing tea, and the Vicar for the use of the bells. Mr. Jackson, under 'Any other business,' asked the secretary if he could find the Society's peal book and original minute book. The secretary promised to do his best to find them. Methods rung: Stedman, Double Norwich, London Surprise and Grandsire. A very successful meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.

JOINT MEETING AT OLNEY

A successful joint meeting of members of the Bedfordshire Association (Bedford District), the Peterborough Diocesan Guild (Northampton Branch) and the Oxford Diocesan Guild (North Bucks Branch) was held at SS. Peter and Paul, Olney, Bucks, on May 4th.

Olney is conveniently situated on the borders of the three counties, and atttracted a goodly number from all Branches. Ringing on the excellent octave commenced at 2.30 p.m., and all ringers were catered for until 4.15 p.m., when a Guild form of service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. R. Collins), who welcomed all to Olney and gave a short address. The organist was Mr. Goddard.

An excellent tea in the Church Hall was served to 80 ringers by the local ladies. Appreciation and thanks were given on behalf of the company present by Miss E. Steele (president of the Bedfordshire Association), Mr. R. H. Howson (secretary, North Bucks Branch) and Mr. G. F. Roome (secretary, Northampton Branch). Arrangements for the meeting were made by Mr. R. H. Howson and Mr. M. Cook (local representative). The neighbouring towers of Emberton (6) and Stoke Goldington (6) were also visited in the evening.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Five-bell towers were the order of the day when the Devizes Branch met at Chirton on May 4th, 30 ringers attending. After the service (conducted by Rev. P. R. Ormsby, Vicar), tea and meeting, at which the branch chairman referred to the Vicar's impending departure for Collingbourne Ducis, visits were paid to Marden and All Cannings in the evening.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Rochester District

Over 80 ringers and friends attended the Rochester quarterly meeting at Rainham, when seven new members were elected. Present were a number of ringers with over 50 years' membership of the Association, among whom was Mr. Macey, who was celebrating his 53rd year that day. Good handbell ringing by friends from Canterbury was a feature.

Mr. A. Dunk proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar (Rev. J. Clifford) for conducting the service and presiding, Rainham ringers, the ladies connected with the tea, the organist and Mr. Frank Cheal, local captain. The collection of £2 6s. 8d. was for the Association's Belfry Repair Fund.

MAIDSTONE GRAMMAR SCHOOL SOCIETY

A ringing tour in Herefordshire and parts of Worcestershire and Shropshire was announced by the secretary (Miss Pamela G. Butcher) at the Society's meeting at Barming on April 27th. Members interested were asked to contact her.

The Rector (Rev. A. F. Weigall) and Mrs. Weigall made the Society most welcome. The Rector took the service and presided at the business meeting, and Mrs. Weigall acted as organist, and with the help of Barming ringers prepared tea. Evelyn Ray, of East Farleigh, was elected a member, and Mr. T. Warner, of Mereworth, and Mr. W. Manser, of Barming, honorary members. The next meeting will be held on July 27th at Biddenden. Methods rung were Grandsire, Plain Bob, Stedman, Cambridge and Erin.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Handsworth, Sheffield, is a tower favoured by the ladies. The peal on May 4th was the third by an all-ladies band, the previous peals being by another generation of the Ladies' Guild in January, 1931, and January, 1928. No other tower has had three ladies' peals. The band included the present secretary of the Yorkshire District and two past secretaries.

The first peal has been rung on the six bells at Saxthorpe, Norfolk, which has a tenor of 2 cwt. 94 lb. Mr. Nolan Golden believes that this is the lightest ring of six in any church.

At the conclusion of the quarter peal at Great Ponton, Lincs, to mark the retirement of the Rev. P. J. F. Simpson from active parochial duties, the bells were fired eight times, one for each year he had been at Great Ponton.

Seven lady pupils of Mr. Norman Chaddock rang in a peal at Dore, Sheffield, on April 13th. Mr. Chaddock called their first 720, first quarter and first peal. Four of the band took part in the Ladies' Guild peal at Handsworth on May 4th.

The composition of 5,040 Kent T.B. Maximus rung at Evesham bell tower (see 'R.W.', May 10th) was by the late Mr. George Lewis and not by Mr. Geoffrey J. Hemming, as printed.

The peal at Hemingbrough, Yorks, on Good Friday, was rung at the expressed wish of the Vicar (Rev. F. Amcotts), who is desirous of the bells being rung half-muffled, as has been the practice for the last nine or ten years.

Mr. Norman Chaddock had the pleasure on Easter Tuesday when visiting Cartmel, Lancs, of meeting Miss Snowdon, daughter of William Snowdon, former president of the Yorkshire Association. It is to Miss Snowdon that the Exercise is indebted for the continuance of the Snowdon series of text books.

College Youths who rang the peal of Stedman Cinques at Southwark Cathedral on May 1st to mark the consecration of the Provost of Southwark as Bishop of Newcastle would like the name of Mr. Ernest G. Fenn, the senior trustee of the Society, to be associated with the peal. It was Mr. Fenn's 76th birthday.

From Ballaarat, Victoria, we hear that a party to welcome Mrs. George Pipe to Australia was held at Melbourne on May 4th.

Mr. Dermot Roaf, of Christ Church, Oxford, is arranging a peal attempt on Winchester College bells on July 6th. Any Old Wykehamists who would like to take part are asked to write to him. Any others who do not feel up to a peal attempt but would enjoy a ring on the bells are also asked to contact him.

Congratulations to the four Marple girls who rang their first peal on April 29th at Disley and New Mills. Also to the three Marple boys, aged 13, 13 and 14, who rang in both the peals. The one at New Mills is believed to be the youngest band to ring a peal for the Chester Diocesan Guild—average age 15.2 years, and with a total of 106 peals between them.

On May 4th, 1897, Mr. Samuel W. Hawksford was appointed parish clerk of St. Neots, Hunts, and since May 6th of that year, when he took up his duties, he has never missed a Sunday service to this day. He has been a ringer since the age of 13, rang his first peal in 1902, and at 83 his energy as tower-keeper is amazing. A peal of Cambridge Surprise Major was rung at St. Neots on May 4th, and the many ringers who must know Mr. Hawksford will no doubt wish to join with the band (one of whom he taught to ring) in congratulating him on his unique achievement.

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HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION RAISE SUBSCRIPTION

FAVOURABLE weather attended the annual meeting held on April 27th, and once again success was ensured by two Districts organising coaches, which enabled many to enjoy a day's outing and ring at Stevenage (8), St. Ippolyts (6), Knebworth (8), Watton (6) and Datchworth (6) in the morning; Baldock (8), Graveley (6) and Norton (8) in the afternoon, while Hitchin (8) was in great demand from 3 p.m. Ringing also took place at Walkern (6) and Great Wymondley (6).

At 4.30 p.m. all converged for the annual service at St. Mary's, Hitchin, one of the largest parish churches in the county. The service was conducted by the Rev. G. N. O. Walsh (Vicar), who gave a great welcome to the Association. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by four of the officers, and the singing of the hymns and Psalm was led by a small choir of boys, and the organist on an organ worthy of the church.

Over 125 sat down to a meat tea at St. Saviour's Hall, and afterwards adjourned to a room above for the business meeting.

The president (Mr. W. T. Holmes) welcomed the members, and paid tribute to the work of the officers. He regarded it as a very great honour to have been elected as president of the Association, and hoped the members would go on from strength to strength and make this a lively, happy and progressive Association.

The names of those members who had passed away since the last meeting were read, and the meeting stood in memory of C. Dickins (Berkhamsted), C. Nash and W. Nash (North Mymms), J. Ferris (Knebworth), S. E. Roberts (Royston), A. Spicer (Baldock), F. C. Rice (St. Albans), W. T. Prior (Stanstead), C. Gouldsmith (Broxbourne), W. W. Wolstencroft and E. C. S. Turner (non-resident life members).

After the minutes had been read and confirmed, with no matters arising, the following new members were elected: John Thwaites, St. Peter's, St. Albans (probationer); S. Cadle, Bengeo; Janet Heathfield, Royston (ringing members), and A. R. Tysoe, Chichester (non-resident).

The annual report of the committee indicated that the Association was not only holding its ground, but going forward in every aspect. Each of the five Districts had grown stronger over the last five years, but increased costs in every direction were now making further progress difficult. There were 67 towers affiliated, resident ringing members numbered 483, probationers 8, associate and resident life members 40. The report was adopted.

INCREASE IN PEALS

The report of the peal secretary (Mr. B. C. Johnson) stated that 65 peals had been rung, an increase of 12 on 1955. This was entirely due to the incidence of peals 'in hand,' which numbered 16. Conducting was shared between 18 people, with Mr. J. R. Mayne calling 12 and Mr. W. Ayre eight. Fifteen rang their first peal during the year. First peals in the method rung were Dacorum Imperial Bob Major, Gadebridge Imperial Bob Major and Little Grandsire Caters. Double Norwich at Broxbourne, Stedman Triples at Harpenden, were rung by Sunday service bands, and Little Bob Maximus at St. Albans Cathedral was the first level 5,000 of Maximus ever rung. The peal book had been written up to the end of 1955 by Mrs. Dodds, and the composition register had been taken over by Mrs. Johnson.

Mr. C. F. Sayer, librarian, reported that ten members had used the library during the past year.

The financial statement of the hon. treasurer (Mr. G. W. Debenham) showed a loss on the year of £3 9s 8d., and that the subscriptions of ringing members did not cover the cost of running the Association. Although the Association was not now financially poor, they did not want to slide back into the serious position of a few years ago. The only remedy was to increase the annual subscription.

The Benevolent Fund now stood at £92 10s. 3d., and the Voluntary Bell Fund, after grants of five guineas each to King's Langley, Knebworth and Kimpton, had dropped to £45 17s. 6d. The financial statements were adopted.

The Queen at Hereford

When the Queen and Prince Philip visited Hereford, Mr. Arthur V. Davis, captain of the ringers, was presented by the Dean to Her Majesty.

The royal visitors were rung into the city at All Saints' with some Grandsire Triples, and produced Queens and firing while they passed close to the church on their way to the Town Hall for tea.

A quick dash was made to the Cathedral by some of the band, and here the Queen and Prince Philip were welcomed with Grandsire Caters, Queens and firing (some of this was recorded and later broadcast by the B.B.C.). When the word was given to stop ringing the ringers rushed down to the north transept to be in their privileged positions to see the royal party.

A quarter peal of Grandsire Caters was attempted immediately the Queen left the Cathedral, but did not quite succeed.

The committee's recommendation that the annual subscription be raised to three shillings and sixpence was discussed, and it was agreed that this be done as from January 1st, 1958; but the suggestion was made that bands should voluntarily pay this extra shilling this year—it was no more than the price of one packet of cigarettes these days.

THE NEW PRESIDENT

The election of Mr. E. G. Buck, of Baldock, as president was met with great enthusiasm, and the remaining officers were re-elected en bloc, viz.: H. V. Frost (general secretary), T. J. Southam (assistant), G. W. Debenham (treasurer), C. F. Sayer (librarian), B. C. Johnson (peal secretary), H. H. Hole, C.A. (auditor).

Central Council representatives elected were: W. Ayre, R. G. Bell, G. W. Critchley and E. Edmondson, these being the only nominations received. Mr. C. W. Woolley was thanked for his many years of service to the Association and to the Exercise by Mr. E. G. Buck, who expressed regret on behalf of the Association that he was no longer able to stand for re-election.

Mr. B. C. Johnson (peal secretary) drew attention to an error in the printed compositions, viz.: Peal No. 2,399 (5,008 D.N.C.B.). The third row of figures should read 25346 produced by a bob at 1 and three bobs at 6 (not two bobs at 6).

The general secretary invited the full support of the members at the forthcoming summer festival at St. Albans on June 15th with the Bedfordshire Association, and also mentioned the dedication service at St. Stephen's, St. Albans, on May 11th.

Votes of thanks to all concerned were voiced by Messrs. W. C. Hughes and W. Ayre. Ringing was resumed at Hitchin until 9 p.m. H. V. F.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL

Notice to Members of the Standing Committee

Any members of the Standing Committee who are interested in participating in a peal attempt on Monday afternoon, June 10th, to finish early enough to enable them to be back in time for the Standing Committee meeting, are invited to communicate with Miss H. G. Snowden, 3, Belle Vue, Hedingham Road, Halstead, Essex.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ASSOCIATION SECRETARIES

Will the 17 secretaries who have not yet done so please send the names and addresses of their representatives for 1957-59 *immediately*. See Rule 4 (iv).

E. A. BARNETT,
Hon. Secretary.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

A goodly company of members and visitors from various counties helped to make the annual meeting of the Bedfordshire Association on Easter Monday at Bedford a most enjoyable day.

Ringing commenced at St. Paul's at 10.30 a.m. and continued until lunch time, which was partaken of at the Dujon Restaurant.

The president (Miss C. Steel) opened the business meeting by welcoming everyone to Bedford once again. During the past year the Association had lost two valuable members in Mr. C. H. Harding, who died suddenly during February, and Mr. D. Knox (hon. peal secretary), who has taken a post in North London.

Apologies for absence were tendered by Mr. A. King, Mr. H. D. Harris, Mr. A. C. Sharman, Mr. D. Knox, Canon A. Rust, Mr. P. Lawton, Miss J. Deveroux, Mr. T. Harris and Mr. D. Brazier.

The statement of accounts showed a balance of £92 15s. 8½d. as compared with £85 15s. 6½d. for the previous year, and were on the proposition of Mr. P. Inskip, seconded by Mr. B. Witney, adopted. All the officers of the Association were re-elected, with the exception of the hon. peal secretary, the vacancy being filled by Mr. S. J. Ivin.

In spite of some strong feeling that it might be advisable to change both the place and date of the 1958 annual meeting, it was once again decided to come to Bedford.

It was brought to the attention of members that the summer festival was to be a joint meeting with the Hertford County Association in St. Albans on Saturday, June 15th.

Owing to the strained financial position of 'The Ringing World' it was proposed by Mr. S. Foskett that the Association send a donation of £5 5s. The proposition was duly carried.

It was decided that the ruling regarding subscriptions of members serving in H.M. Forces be continued until the end of conscription.

Mr. K. Spavins agreed to purchase on behalf of the Association 100 duplicated copies of the superior original certificate, at a cost of 30s.

The following were elected as members: The Rev. K. G. Martin (honorary) and Mr. A. R. Mann (non-resident life member).

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the chair and the clergy for their continued interest in the art during the past year.

Further ringing was carried on in crowded belfries at St. Peter's (8) and St. Paul's (10) until a late hour. Methods rung during the day included Cambridge, Yorkshire, Bristol and London Surprise Major, Stedman and Grandsire Caters, Little Bob and Plain Bob Royal, Treble Ten, and numerous courses of Cambridge Surprise Royal.

The back eight at St. Paul's were lowered at approximately 9 p.m. J. W. S.

GUILD OF CLERICAL RINGERS INVADE BRISTOL

THE majority of ringers who take part in tours are people able to obtain regular practice the year round and, therefore, in the report of such tours one expects to read of Surprise methods rung and peals achieved. But the members of the Clerical Guild are not quite in that category. Many are serving at churches without bells, being unable to ring on Sundays, and can rarely spare time from their duties to attend a practice. The Guild's ringing week, therefore, becomes a coveted opportunity to make up some lost ground; indeed, for many members it is the only opening in the year for attempting, say, a course in a Surprise method. So it is not surprising, perhaps, that peal attempts are not always successful, or that the striking in touches is not of the highest order. One can say, however, that improvement is definitely noticeable towards the last day of the tour.

Be that as it may, this annual ringing week is a really good holiday. A priest who has had an exhausting Lent could ask for nothing better, whether he is an advanced ringer or only a novice. To explore—as has been possible this year—such beautiful and interesting churches as Yatton, Thornbury, Berkeley, Wraxall and others, is a happy experience; also, the noting of historical features, e.g., at Brislington the tombstone of Thomas Newton, who died in 1542 at the age of 153; and at Wotton-under-Edge, the organ given by 'His Sacred Majesty King George I' to St. Martin's-in-the-Fields and sold to Wotton on the advice of Handel for £200: things like these do add to the pleasure of a trip into other counties.

This year, members gathered from 12 dioceses in England and Wales, with headquarters at Bristol, and visited some 33 towers in the city and country around. All met for Corporate Communion at Christ Church, Clifton, on the Feast of SS. Philip and James, the president having the privilege of celebrating, by kind permission of the Vicar; and the same evening our Precentor, the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, assisted by the president, Canon C. C. Cox, with the Rev. N. F. D. Coleridge at the organ, led the Guild choral Evensong after ringing at Wraxall.

The first comers met at Stoke Bishop on Monday afternoon, April 29th, and rang also at some Bristol churches before and after dinner. Tuesday was an interesting day among good Gloucestershire scenery, including a visit to Berkeley Castle after a brief spell on the ten bells in the detached tower, where bats' and birds' nests shook their contents upon our heads. An attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples at Bitton on Thursday unfortunately failed after an hour's good ringing. The Rev. H. T. Ellacombe, of chiming apparatus fame, was Curate and Vicar of this parish from 1817 to 1850.

It can truly be said that no district can rival Bristol for fine bells. To ring at St. Mary Redcliffe is an unforgettable experience, and Cambridge Royal and Grandsire Cinques on these wonderful bells were much enjoyed. But the real surprise was the civic welcome to the Guild in the tower by the High Sheriff of Bristol, who is himself a bellrope maker, and expressed his opinion that we ought to be called the Guild of Athletic Parsons. There, also at St. Stephen's and St. James', we were allowed to usurp in some measure the practice night of the local band. Outside Bristol itself many magnificent rings are to be found—Long Ashton, Chew Magna, Yatton, Wotton-under-Edge (which were half-muffled in tribute to a local ringer) and Thornbury—to mention but a few of those we enjoyed most.

But the most remarkable feature of this tour was the really superb teas provided for us; at Emmanuel, Clifton, where their own Deacon, the Rev. R. G. Bryant, took part in a course of Grandsire Caters on handbells, rung to entertain our good host and hostesses, and who was able to join us for most of Thursday; at Tortworth, where the Rector (the Rev. W. A. Peel) is a member of the Guild; and, again, on the lawns of Portishead Rectory.

One addition was made to the programme: a visit by very special permission to St. Mark's, the Lord Mayor's tower, a visit so brief that it might almost be described as 'tower-grabbing'; but who would wish to miss such a rare opportunity? From these good bells we had to dash on to St. Matthew's, Kingsdown, a fine eight not duly appreciated in that residential neighbourhood. Here a member remarked (shall we say unwisely?) that the tour had gone thus far without any broken ropes, and lo! in the very next touch down came the fourth rope over the president's head.

The one criticism of Bristol and district must be that it has far more fine bells to offer than can be included in a few days' programme. Courses of Bristol, Superlative and Cambridge Major were scored, but in the short time possible at each tower the ringing of advanced methods could not on the whole be expected.

At the business meeting on Wednesday evening (held with a background of television and sound broadcast!) the members stood for a moment in memory of the Revs. F. Llewellyn Edwards and Noel E. Hope, who had passed away during the previous year. The hon. secretary explained that Bristol had been substituted for the original plan to visit the Dorset and Somerset border owing to petrol rationing, and this decision was ratified without dissent. One new member, the Rev. R. G. Bryant, was elected, and the election of two others confirmed. All the officers were unanimously re-elected and Bridport voted for as the centre for next year's tour. Some general discussion took place upon details of organisation with a view to improving striking and allowing members fuller opportunities according to their capabilities.

Our thanks were expressed to all incumbents who put their bells at our disposal; those who at nearly every tower were present to welcome us, and the local ringers who made things ready for us; to all who helped in any way in contributing to the success of the tour. And not least to the Rev. J. H. B. Andrews, our hon. secretary, for his immense labours in working out the programme, as well as to those members of the Bristol Guilds whose advice proved invaluable. E. B. W.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the Northern District was held on Easter Monday at St. Nicholas' Church, Carrickfergus. The day's proceedings opened with the annual meeting, presided over by the Rector (Canon J. C. Rutherford) and was attended by over 100 ringers. The District secretary reported that the membership was now well over 200 and that the ringing was flourishing.

The meeting unanimously passed a resolution to the effect that the Association should not recognise the College of Campanology nor any of its principles or teachings until such time as they were recognised by the Central Council.

The District office-bearers for 1957-58 were elected as follows: Chairman, Rev. E. G. Parke (St. Mark's, Dundela); District secretary, John T. Dunwoody (Holywood); District assistant secretary, Miss J. Stewart (St. Donard's, Belfast); District treasurer, Rev. John J. Fielding (Holywood); Ringing Master, H. Brown (Holywood).

After the meeting over 140 sat down to lunch in the Parochial Schools, while some others had a picnic lunch by the sea. We were very pleased to have as our guests Mr. Fred Bogan, from Cork, and Mr. George Skinner, from Exeter. Lunch was followed by a short service, conducted by Canon Rutherford, and then the Cunningham cup competition was rung off. Eleven teams (a record number) took part and as the standard of striking was high, a close result was assured. Messrs. Bryan and Skinner acted as judges, while Mr. Brown was on duty in the tower. The result was as follows: 1, St. Mark's, Dundela, 23½ faults; 2, St. Bronach's, Rosthern, 25½; 3, St. Donard's, Belfast, 30. This was a wonderful achievement for the St. Mark's team, which has only been in existence two years and only one of them, Mr. Fagg, their Ringing Master, has been ringing for longer than that time. Canon J. Barry, vice-president of the Irish Association, presented the cup to Mr. J. M. Benn, the chairman of the Society.

After tea, the bells were put to good use in ringing various methods by mixed bands. This meeting was one of the most successful ever held and had the largest attendance so far. Tributes were paid to the Carrickfergus ringers, particularly Miss Young, for their hospitality and for making the catering arrangements, and to Mr. John T. Dunwoody, for his untiring services for the District. J. T. D.

NEWS FROM AUSTRALIA

John Rainsford, of St. James', Turramurra, was married on December 22nd to Miss Judith Scowcroft. A touch of 360 Grandsire Doubles was rung immediately prior to the wedding, and earlier in the afternoon both John and his brother Barry (who was best man) stood in a touch of Doubles.

Three new arrivals among the ringing fraternity in Australia recently. To Bob and Margaret Ferris, of All Saints', Parramatta, a daughter (Heather Margaret). To Tom and Margaret Goodyer, of St. Mary's Cathedral, Sydney, a second son (Andrew John). To Jennifer (nee Jobson) St. George Smith, late of St. Mark's, Darling Point, and now of Drogheda, Ireland, a daughter (Brenda Jane).

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

COLLEGE YOUTHS IN SOMERSET

Dear Sir,—Some 18 months ago I suggested to the officers that the Ancient Society would be welcome to hold its summer provincial meeting at Yeovil where, whilst we could not offer them 12 bells for Cinques and Maximus, we have an excellent ten, with the heaviest tenor cast by Bilbie. Also in the near vicinity are Sherborne Abbey with the heaviest eight, and Queen Camel with the heaviest six, which I would endeavour to make available.

The invitation was accepted and the event would have taken place last year had not the Master, who visited his native city for the Johnson Dinner received a request for the Society to make Birmingham the venue for last year's meeting, which date was also the 80th birthday anniversary of our old friend Albert Walker.

So the offer to visit Birmingham for 1956 was accepted, and I attended and renewed my offer for 1957. The attendance here on May 4th exceeded my most optimistic expectations, 48 having lunch, 29 of whom were from London and others from as far distant as Bedford, Bristol, Southampton and Dartmouth, together with a sprinkling of locals.

The 48 attending lunch had been almost numerically doubled by the afternoon by those whose business requires attention on Saturday mornings, and I was glad that during the preceding week I had sensed a large gathering and made arrangements to extend the period of availability of the bells to give all an opportunity.

Some excellent ringing took place during the day, notably Stedman Caters at Yeovil, Bob Minor at Queen Camel, with the Master operating the tenor, and London Major at Sherborne Abbey, where the new clapper for the tenor, which only arrived a few days previously, gives a much improved tone to that bell.

I am most grateful to all who made the gathering such a success (it was not just a 'better go down to please old Tom'), to the officers of the Society, to those who so willingly transported our visitors in their cars, and to those who so readily put their bells at our disposal. I trust that to all who attended the day was a most enjoyable one—the latter being the best reward sought by yours truly,

T. J. SETTER.

Yeovil, Somerset.

ST. CHAD'S CHURCH, LICHFIELD

Dear Sir.—St. Chad's Church, Lichfield, should be added to your list of 4-bell towers. The tenor here is reputed to be one of the oldest bells in the diocese, though the date is variably given as 1033 (!), 1255 (the most probable) or 1555. The inscription is almost unreadable, but has been translated as 'Holy Mary help Chad pray,' followed by the founder's initials, and the disputed date. The metal was subjected to analysis some 20 years ago, and included traces of about 20 metals: it is thought that this was due to the bell alloy being produced by smelting together the impure tin and copper ores.

The treble is inscribed: 'Richard Grymley Ralphe Low C.W. 1670'; the second 'God save this Church and Realme and our King in War. J.C. 1664'; the third 'Domino canticum cantate novum. 1625.' All four were rehung by the Whitechapel Foundry in 1935 on ball-bearings with the original oak frames: they are in good ringing condition.

The tenor weight is given locally as 14 cwt., but 9 cwt. would seem to be more probable.—Yours, etc.,

C. R. CHAD COUSSMAKER.

Wolverhampton, Staffs.

BELL FOR SALE IN MARKET PLACE

Dear Sir,—One of our young ringers told me that he was in Mold, Flints, last Wednesday (market day), and he saw on a street stall for sale at £4 10s. a bell, complete with cannons, dated 1792. The stallholder told him it had been given him to sell.

Surely this is a most unusual way to dispose of such a bell! Our young ringer estimates the weight at approximately ¼ cwt. Further enquiries could be made if any ringer is interested.—Yours, etc.,

DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD.

Buckley, Flintshire.

Ghosties and Beasties in Cornish Peal

The peal of Bob Triples rung at Redruth, Cornwall, on April 24th, was not achieved without a certain amount of hardship. At about 8.30 p.m., just as the conductor was clearing his throat to call the first bob of the fourth part, the paraffin lamp, which had given good service up till then, decided to play silly things. Soon, each ringer was but a shadowy form in the gathering dusk. Also, to the consternation of the ladies, a large and particularly evil-looking bat appeared out of the gloom, and after a few preliminary 'circuits and bumps' of the church, decided to show his disapproval of peal ringing by flitting in and out between the ropes.

However, in spite of such happenings, the peal was well and nobly brought round at 9.15 p.m., to the relief of all concerned and (no doubt) to the disappointment of friend bat. The ladies were afterwards revived at a nearby hostelry.

BATS IN THE BELFRY

Dear Sir,—I was so interested to read 'Bat-er's' letter in 'The Ringing World' of April 26th, and I appreciate very much his kind remarks.

Please, 'Bat-er,' I would like to make it clear to you that I do not decry peal ringing—far from it. I'm very conscious of the fact that it is the life blood of the Exercise. May I make the excuse that I'm a very 'new girl' to this method-ringing lark, and up till now I've said 'No peals for me—they're far too long.' I am as convinced as you are that I *will* eat my words; indeed, I believe I'm already beginning to do so. Is a feverish enthusiasm for quarter peal ringing indicative of symptoms of the malady of peal ringing? I rather suspect that it is, and already I feel a vague urge that I *ought* to ring a peal—perhaps even peals!

I am quite sure you are right, 'Bat-er,' when you say that 'non-batters' really do know good and bad ringing. My remarks were prompted by the fact that charitable friends say, out of sheer kindness: 'How *nice* the bells sounded,' when you thought it was the most ghastly row. I apologise sincerely to discerning 'non-batters' for being disparaging about them. It only goes to show how dangerous it is to generalise.

Again, thank you, 'Bat-er,' for your encouragement.—Yours faithfully,

NANCY E. KEMPSELL.

Nutfield, Surrey.

RINGERS' WEDDINGS

At Anstey

On Easter Monday the wedding took place at St. Mary's, Anstey (Leics), of Mr. David S. Harris to Miss Jeanette M. Simpson. It was truly a ringers' occasion, as the bride, bridegroom, best man and principal bridesmaid were all local ringers. Gordon H. Arguil was best man and Judith K. Harris chief bridesmaid, the other bridesmaid being a little cousin of the bride.

Many ringers and friends were at the church for the ceremony. The bells were rung as the bride arrived and she was met at the door by the choir and clergy. The Rev. C. H. Rowe officiated, assisted by his son, the Rev. D. H. Rowe.

As the couple left the church the bells were again rung, and, following the reception in the Church Rooms, a peal was rung. The wedding cake was surmounted by a model of a church tower with a silver bell. Among the many messages of congratulation was one from the Midland section of the Ladies' Guild, of which the bride was at one time secretary.

Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Harris have gone to reside at Barnet, London. R. F. E.

At Cranford

Saturday, April 27th, was a happy day at Cranford, Middlesex, when there took place the wedding of Mr. Harry Watson and Miss Barbara Thrush, one of the local band of ringers. The little church in Cranford Park was filled for the occasion, and a voluntary choir, composed mainly of members of the Livery of St. Dunstan, helped to make it a most impressive ceremony. The bride was given away by Canon Lowther Clarke, of Chichester, and Mr. D. Fowles was best man.

The bells were rung both before and after the service by members of the local band and friends, who were kindly invited to the reception afterwards. In the evening, a quarter peal of 1,260 Bob Minor was rung by W. H. Coles 1, J. B. Sansom 2, G. W. Morris 3, P. Woodgyer 4, D. Fowles 5, F. C. Price 6.

At Newark

Miss Beryl White, captain of St. Giles' Church, Balderton, Newark, was married to a fellow ringer, Mr. Colin William Reed, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Reed, of Ringwood, Hants, on April 29th. The Vicar (Rev. J. A. Johnson) officiated.

The bride, who was given away by her eldest brother, Mr. Peter White, wore a gown of Nottingham lace with a matching headdress and short veil. Miss Janet Maltby was bridesmaid and Mr. David Reed best man to his brother.

As the couple left the church, St. Giles' bells were rung by Mrs. N. Parker, W. L. Exton, G. E. Foster, D. N. Sellars, G. Ball and C. J. Copp. The honeymoon was spent in Jersey and they will live at 5, Wellington Road, Newark.

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DEVONSHIRE GUILD AT LIFTON

THE quarterly meeting of the South West Branch at Lifton, near Launceston, on May 4th was the largest attended gathering of the Branch since the war, between 80 and 90 ringers and friends being present. Visitors came from almost all over the county, and included the president (Preb. E. V. Cox), who made the return journey of about 120 miles to be present. The N.W. Branch was well represented and included Mr. F. C. Smale (Okehampton), the Branch chairman; Mr. J. W. Sangwin, hon. secretary; Mr. Charles Sangwin, Ringing Master; from the Mid-Devon Branch Mr. J. E. Lilley (chairman); Messrs. Truman from the Exeter Branch; whilst Miss Boyle, the hon. secretary of the Northern Branch, came from Coombe Martin with a car load. Other visitors included a contingent from Bickleigh, near Plymouth. Branch members came in great force from St. Andrew's and Emmanuel (Plymouth), Plympton St. Maurice, Kelly, and the local band.

Ringing commenced at about 3 p.m.; the start was delayed owing to a bereavement in the village, the funeral having taken place that afternoon. At 4.30 the Guild service was conducted by the Rector (Rev. Mr. Welshman), Mr. W. Manning, who is a member of the Branch and the organist at Lifton, played for the service.

After the service a grand tea was provided by the ringers' wives and daughters, led by Mrs. Welshman, the Rector's wife, in the new Church Hall. The business meeting followed, and was presided over by the chairman, Mr. H. H. Thomas (Emmanuel, Plymouth). A very hearty welcome was extended to all the visitors. Apologies were received from Rev. Mr. Bennett (Plympton St. Maurice) and Messrs. H. Myers and H. Tippett (St. Andrew's), who were all indisposed, and the hope was expressed that they and the local captain (Mr. Brimacombe), who was also ill, would soon be restored to good health.

The election of four members to the Guild in towers were confirmed, one being Mr. Philip Westwood, formerly of Emmanuel and now residing in Dove.

Hearty votes of thanks were accorded the Rector, the organist, the local ringers, and the ladies for a really excellent tea.

The last meeting held at Lifton was the annual meeting in January, 1955, and since that time several young people at Lifton had taken up the noble art of campanology and joined the Guild. The Rector, although not himself a ringer, had done much to encourage the young lads and young ladies who had commenced since he became the rector, about 2½ years ago.

As the evening went on, little groups who had arranged to ring at other places made their departure; the Kelly ringers were going to ring at Ashwater and Halwell; our friends from the Stratton District (N.W. Branch) were ringing at St. Mary's, Launceston, whilst the Bickleigh ringers, with several from Emmanuel, had made a day of it, and leaving in the morning had rung at Brentor (5), Stowford, Broadwood Widger and Thrushelton, all rings of six, and after leaving Lifton were going on to Lew Trenchard. Arrangements for this 'run around' were made by Mr. George Godard, who is also a member of Emmanuel band.

We were able to tell the Rector and ringers of Lifton that their new police constable is Mr. W. J. Harvey, who is well known to the members of the Mid-Devon and S.W. Branches as an exceptionally keen and efficient ringer. We know that Mr. Harvey will make his weight felt, not only as the local constable, but that he and Mrs. Harvey will be welcomed in the belfry and church life at Lifton. The Branch extend best wishes to them both during their stay at Lifton.

Ringing was under the direction of the Ringing Master (Mr. T. G. Myers) of St. Andrew's, Plymouth, and continued until 8.45, concluding with a really good lower.

The great success of this meeting was evidence of the popularity of Lifton as a meeting place, of the Rector, the grand ring of eight bells, the wholehearted co-operation of the local band and of the sumptuous teas provided by the ladies.

H. H. T.


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SOUTHAMPTON UNIVERSITY GUILD

The third annual meeting of the Guild was held at the University on March 18th, with the retiring Master (Mr. R. E. Finch) in the chair. He stated that Mr. D. Cecil Williams had agreed to accept the position of hon. president. Reviewing the Guild's activities, the Master said four meetings with other Universities had been held, and all had been very successful.

The highlight of the year had been the tour in Somerset at Easter.

During the year the Guild had visited 93 different towers and cycled over 900 miles. Although no peal had yet been rung for the Guild, eight quarter peals had been rung, including the first by a ladies' band. The Master, expressed thanks to local ringers, especially Mr. R. A. Reed, for their help, and to the hard-working retiring secretary.

The following offcers were elected, and took office immediately: Master, Miss Ruth A. Carey; deputy Master, Donall C. Exell; hon. secretary/treasurer, John L. Queen; committee member, Miss Margaret E. L. Beamish.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD

Cambridge and London were rung at the Portsmouth District quarterly meeting at Swanmore on April 27th, attended by 38 members. The Vicar (Rev. A. E. P. McCaig), who conducted the service, was elected an honorary member at the business meeting, presided over by Mr. H. Nobes. Other elections were: Shirley Parsons and Richard Smith, compounding members; John Ralph and Albert Pollard, ringing members.

SOUTH WIGSTON RINGERS IN OXFORDSHIRE

AS a change from previous years, St. Thomas' ringers, South Wigston, Leicester, decided to arrange their annual outing on Easter Tuesday instead of on a Saturday. The change was quite justified, and in excellent weather the party of almost all South Wigston ringers, together with friends and ringers from St. John's and St. Mary's, Leicester, set off.

The first stop was at Middleton Cheney (6), where the tenor is 22 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. The bells were pulled up in peal, and after we had become used to handling this heavy, majestic ring with its long draught (and no guides!), we had some excellent ringing.

The magnificent eight at Adderbury, with its tenor of 24 cwt. 14 lb. was next sampled. Here we were met by Mr. Roper, and after the bells had been raised in peal, a course of Cambridge Major was rung. The writer recalled calling a peal of Yorkshire here in 1955 in the rather slow time of 3 hours and 30 minutes (P. A. C. please note!), and there has not been another peal since as there were complaints from the inhabitants that the peal took too long. In actual fact, the bells were ringing for over four hours on that occasion, as there was some ringing for those not taking part in the peal and also a false start of ten minutes (future touring parties, please note!).

A short journey of three miles took us to Deddington with its eight bells (tenor 17 cwt. 10 lb.). Here also the writer recalled ringing in 1955 and trying to dodge with the clock pendulum which swings across the middle of the belfry. This is where the Tenor King (A. Patrick Cannon) added a broken rope to his list of destruction after 2 hours of a peal attempt!

After an excellent lunch in Banbury we left for Oxford, where arrangements had been made by Mr. P. Walker to ring at St. Giles', the University Church of St. Mary, and Magdalen College. Our guide through Oxford was Mr. J. R. Chaundy, and we offer our grateful thanks to these two gentlemen for looking after us so well. At St. Giles' (8, tenor 13 cwt.) we had our worst ringing. We were glad to leave them for the heavy six (tenor 27 cwt.) at the University Church. A good rise and fall and a course of Double Oxford were enjoyed here, while visitors to the tower walked through the middle of the circle. After tea the ten bells of Magdalen College (tenor 19 cwt.) provided an opportunity for a course of Grandsire Caters.

The next call was to be the tit-bit of the day. After ringing on two sixes with tenors of 22 cwt. and 27 cwt., we were all eagerly looking forward to trying the six at Balscott Home Farm, where the tenor is only 1 cwt. 21 lb. Mr. Jervis complimented us on the ringing, which he said was some of the best he had heard. Of course, most of our party were used to the light ring at Loughborough Bell Foundry. We were told that the locals could only manage to fall five in peal, and so we obliged by a perfect fall on the six. After we had finished we were surprised to see Mr. Jervis come out of his kitchen with a bell tucked under each arm. He intends to hang these to form a ring of eight! What a grand little ring of bells, and how we should enjoy a peal on them!

The last call was at Byfield (6, tenor 13¼ cwt.). Here we were welcomed by Mr. Kilby Holtom, and between the rise and fall some good ringing was enjoyed.

Our sincere thanks are due to all the local ringers who welcomed us, and to Miss Joan Brown, who made all the arrangements.

B. G. W.

NETTLEBED, OXON.—On April 26th, 1,260 Doubles (720 Bob, 540 Grandsire): D. C. Cobb 1, R. K. Russ 2, J. A. Cobb 3, M. D. Ling (cond.) 4, P. T. Hurcombe 5, N. C. Belson 6.

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION

THE annual meeting of the Derbyshire Association was held in Derby on April 27th. Although the weather was very favourable the attendance was well below average, approximately 30 members being present for tea and the general meeting. Ringing during the afternoon and evening was arranged at the Cathedral and St. Peter's and a short service in St. Peter's was conducted by the Rev. J. H. Davies.

A substantial tea was prepared by ladies of St. Peter's, and this was followed by the general meeting, at which the chair was taken by the Association president. Apologies for absence were reported from Mr. E. Fletcher, Mr. Herbert Taylor and Mr. D. Walklate, and reference was made to the unfortunate illness of the vice-president, Mr. W. Lancaster. It was agreed that a letter should be sent to Mr. Lancaster.

Officers due to retire according to rules were re-elected as follows: General secretary, Mr. A. B. Cooper; trustee, Mr. Francis Lowe; Central Council representatives, Mr. A. Mould and Mr. W. Robinson.

The annual reports of the general secretary, peal secretary and treasurer, as circulated, were approved. Reference was made to the fact that the number of peals rung for the Association in 1956—69—was the highest on record. This was due to the highly successful tour arranged by Mr. T. Lock and to the great increase in enthusiasm shown by certain members of the Peak District. The record of Mr. B. J. Woodruffe was remarkable, as he called his first peal during the year and was leading conductor.

The report of the treasurer revealed a serious financial position. There was a loss on the year of approximately £8 and the cost of the annual report had again risen by £5. After some discussion it was decided to accept the recommendation of the committee that the subscription for adult members should be increased from 2s. 6d. to 3s. 6d. per annum. The president suggested that an approach for donations should be made to Parochial Church Councils of churches where the Association was represented, and promised that support would be forthcoming from the Cathedral authorities. Certain members felt, however, that the Association should be self supporting.

The following resolutions, recommended by the committee, were approved and, where necessary, the Association's rules will be amended:

(*a*) That the constitution of the Association be revised to allow for the election of additional vice-presidents. The following were unanimously elected to this office: Mr. F. Adams (Chesterfield), Mr. E. Fletcher (Ilkeston), Mr. J. Bailey (Derby).

(*b*) That the Rules should be amended to clarify the respective duties of the general secretary and District secretaries regarding the collection of subscriptions and the arrangements for general meetings.

(*c*) That a sub-committee be appointed to investigate the possibility of revising the layout of the annual reports to reduce the cost. The following were appointed: Mr. M. Bailey, Mr. G. A. Halls and Mr. P. H. Whitaker.

Mr. Halls reported on the annual dinner, which again was a very successful social function. Members were urged to give earlier indication of their intention to be present in future.

The sale of Association badges was proceeding satisfactorily and it was indicated that total sales accounted for approximately half the original number purchased.

Mr. Adams, of Chesterfield, proposed a comprehensive vote of thanks to all responsible for the organisation of the meeting and made particular reference to the work of the Association officers. Mr. Adams also complimented the young conductors in the Association on the admirable progress they had made during 1956.

A. B. C.

OBITUARY

MR. EDWIN BISHOP, SEN.

The death occurred on May 1st of Mr. Edwin Bishop, sen., at the age of 91 years. 'Ike,' as he was affectionately known by his many friends in Rotherfield and district, Sussex, was a ringer at the Church of St. Denys for 73 years.

In 1908 when the old ring of five was augmented to eight, the late Mr. Keith Hart, of Brighton, came to Rotherfield to instruct a newly formed band in the art of change-ringing. Under his expert guidance the band made rapid progress, and in 1910 rang the first peal on the bells by a local band. Mr. Bishop only rang ten peals, but his regular attendance for Sunday service ringing and practice nights could be relied upon.

He leaves one son, Edwin, jun., who has been and still is a ringer since 1908. Mr. Bishop, sen.'s chief joy was to cover to Stedman with the 23 cwt. tenor, and up to three or four years ago could still manage to keep it going to a nice steady beat. Although old age eventually stopped him ringing, his interest was still as keen as ever, and on Saturday, May 25th, a half-muffled peal will be attempted in his memory.

W. R.

MR. WILFRED BOOTH

Death came suddenly and tragically to Mr. Wilfred Booth, of Heathfield, Sussex. While at work on the Tuesday of Holy Week he collapsed and was found lying on the roadside. He died later in hospital.

Mr. Booth was 70 years of age and for 50 of these had been a ringer at Heathfield Church where, for most of his ringing career, he had been tower captain. His own ringers and all who knew him speak with affection of his cheerful and warm greeting whenever there was ringing at his home tower. Mr. Booth rang quite a few peals but kept no record of them.

A quarter peal to his memory was rung half-muffled at Heathfield on May 3rd.

MR. HORACE HARRISON

It is with deep regret that we record the passing of Mr. Horace Harrison, of Long Sutton, Lincs, who died suddenly at his home on Thursday, May 2nd. He had been confined to his bed since Easter.

Mr. Harrison was always a very keen service ringer, and learned to ring about 50 years ago, for the past 19 years being captain of the tower. He rang his first peal in 1911, but there is no record of his total number. He was very popular and respected in the town, and was a member of many societies and committees.

The funeral service and interment on May 6th was attended by many ringers from neighbouring towers. The bells were rung half-muffled in the evening.

MR. SIDNEY WADE

It is with regret that we announce the death on April 28th of Mr. Sidney Wade, who had been a ringer at Christ Church, Southgate, since 1896. He was 76 years of age.

Before the funeral service at Christ Church on May 3rd his old ringing friends rang touches of Grandsire and Stedman Caters on the half-muffled bells. Wreaths included tributes from the Christ Church Society and the Middlesex County Association. The interment was in the Great Northern Cemetery.

On May 4th 1,294 Stedman Caters was rung half-muffled to his memory by A. W. Coles 1, E. G. Talbot 2, Miss M. Prockson 3, S. G. Peck 4, T. J. Lock 5, J. Wallman 6, J. Euston 7, R. Sanders 8, J. G. Nash (conductor) 9, C. Aldridge 10.

LEEDS & DISTRICT SOCIETY

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The annual meeting of the Society was held at Leeds Parish Church on April 27th. Members representing some 20 towers were present and ringing took place during the afternoon and evening.

At the business meeting, held in the tower at 7.30 p.m., Mr. T. W. Strangeway took the chair, supported by the Precentor, the Rev. T. H. Bone.

A slight increase, both in membership and in the bank balance, was reported—the latter being achieved in spite of the fact that the annual subscription still remained at 6d., the amount originally fixed when the Society was formed in 1889! The treasurer, however, considered it necessary to point out that if this was to continue the membership must show a substantial increase, and the number of members in arrears with their subscriptions must be drastically reduced.

As well as the customary vote of thanks, to which the Rev. T. H. Bone replied, on this occasion the retiring officers were thanked for their services during the past year.

The following officers were declared elected for the year 1957-58: President, Mr. I. Slack; vice-presidents, Messrs. H. Lofthouse, F. Rayment and J. M. Thorley; Ringing Master, Mr. L. Drake; secretary and treasurer, Mr. J. F. Hodson; auditors, Messrs. C. F. Sutcliffe and R. Bettly-Cooke.

Some discussion took place concerning the new meeting rota. This matter was left for the secretary to arrange.

BARNSLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

A variety of methods were rung at the monthly meeting of the Barnsley and District Society at Hoylandswaine on April 13th. The Rev. A. Everall presided at the business meeting and gave a hearty welcome to all present. Mr. Noel Moxon spoke in appreciation of Mr. Jack Fish, of Cawthorne, who had been a ringer there for 48 years and died on March 12th—his 81st birthday. Bells were rung muffled before and after the funeral service, and a half-muffled peal to his memory was rung on March 23rd.

A special invitation to Holmfirth on May 18th was accepted and arrangements made for the annual shield contest.

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MISCELLANEOUS

PACKWOOD CHURCH, WARWICKSHIRE.—The tower bells are at present being tuned prior to hanging in a new frame by Taylor of Loughborough. It will be announced in this column when they are again available for ringing. 179

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APPEAL

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MEETINGS

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at St. Michael's, on Saturday, May 18th. Bells (13) 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m. Special business: Amendments to rules and election of officers.—E. Walker, Hon. Sec. 189

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Half-yearly meeting at Gosforth, Saturday, May 18th. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Committee 3.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. S. Dryden, 2, Harewood Road, Gosforth, Newcastle, 3. 181

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Somersham (6), Saturday, May 18th Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—H. S. Peacock. 220

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GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—District meeting at Hawley (8) on Saturday, May 18th, from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—C. J. Beadle, Hon. Dis. Sec. 206

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HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans and Northern Districts.—Joint meeting, Saturday, May 18th. Welwyn, 2.30 to 3.30 p.m. Knebworth from 3.30 p.m. Tea in School Room from 5.15 p.m.—S. Huckle and E. Buck, Dis. Secs. 198

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting, Little Hadham, 3 p.m., Saturday, May 18th. Names for tea, please, to Mr. A. S. Kent, 8, The Bourne, Albury, near Much Hadham. Much Hadham available after tea.—T. J. Southam. 230

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MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION and LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Harrow Weald, Saturday, May 18th. Towers available: Edgware (6), 2 to 3 p.m.; Stanmore (8), 3 to 4; Harrow Weald (8), 3 to 4.30. Pinner (8) and Harrow Weald after meeting. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Nominations for officers and C.C. representatives to assistant secretary. Names for tea to Mr. H. G. Hart, 1, Conway Close, Stanmore, Middx. Phone: GRImsdyke 1338.—W. N. Genna, Asst. Sec., 17, Tintern Way, West Harrow. Phone: BYRon 5197. 56

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Newick (6), Saturday, May 18th, 3 p.m. Bring own eats. Cup of tea only available. Notify George Worth, 11, Richmond Terrace, Brighton. 233

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—A practice meeting will be held at Preston Candover (6) on May 18th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 at the Vicarage. Names for tea, please, to P. Nash, 10, Portal Road, Winchester. 232

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Glaston Branch.—Evening meeting, Butleigh, Saturday, May 25th, 7 to 9.—W. Marsh, Street. 257

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Practice meeting, Churchill, Saturday, May 25th. Bells (6) 5 p.m.—E. C. Wickham. 271

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—A joint meeting with the Northwich Branch will be held at Frodsham, Saturday, May 25th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—C. Raddon. 268

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Meeting, Saturday, May 25th, Duffield. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Bring own tea. Trent bus No. 2; alight Kennings Garage. All welcome.—V. M. Horton, Hon. Dis. Sec. 224

DEVON GUILD (N.E. Branch) and BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION (Taunton Deanery).—Joint meeting, Sampford Peverell, Saturday, May 25th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5.15 p.m. Numbers for tea by 20th to W. H. Ware, 1, Holly Road, Cowley Moor, Tiverton. 234

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting; Barnby Dun, Saturday, May 25th. Buses leave Christchurch bus stand. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, May 22nd, to Mr. Ron Lunn, 133, Doncaster Road, Kirk Sandall. Next meeting, Conisbrough, Saturday, June 29th. 222

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Monthly meeting, Saturday, May 25th, at Ault Hucknall (one mile from Hardwick Hall). Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5; p.m. Names by Wednesday to Mr. J. J. Cooper, Highfields, Hardstoft, Pilsley, near Chesterfield.—B. A. Sollis, Hon. Sec. 247

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting, Bourn (8), Saturday, May 25th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—W. J. R. 249

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Braintree, Saturday, May 25th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea, please, to G. Wiffen, 13, Warren Road, Braintree. 194

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Meeting at Westerleigh, Saturday, May 25th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Notify before 21st for tea.—T. T. Walters, 17, Newlands Avenue, Coalpit Heath, Bristol. 227

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Monthly meeting, Childswickham, Saturday, May 25th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., own arrangements, in Broadway, please.—Mary Bliss, Branch Sec. 261

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Slimbridge (6), Saturday, May 25th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Notify by May 23rd.—Mary Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall. 254

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting at Send-with-Ockham on Saturday, May 25th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Ockham 2.30 to 4 p.m. and after meeting. Service, Send, 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names by May 22nd to Mr. S. Strudwick, Eskholm, Potters Lane, Send. 236

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kington District.—Combined practice at Staunton-on-Arrow Saturday, May 25th. Bells (6) available from 6 till 9 p.m.—J. Preece, Dis. Sec. 239

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leominster District.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Aymestrey on Saturday, May 25th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. 243

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—Quarterly meeting at Tenbury Wells on Saturday, May 25th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Teas.—G. Randle, Ashford. 238

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Minster on Saturday, May 25th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea as soon as possible to Mrs. F. E. Baker, 334, Minster Road, Minster, Sheppey.—T. Barton, Asst. Dis. Sec. 211

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District. — By-meeting at Ulcombe on Saturday, May 25th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Please bring your own tea.—R. L. Sills. 196

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Batley, Saturday, May 25th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify by Thursday David Atkins, 65, Boothroyd Lane, Dewsbury. Business meeting 7.30 p.m.—J. F. Hodson, Hon. Sec. 270

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Desford, Saturday, May 25th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Village Hall 5 p.m. Names for tea by the Wednesday previous, for certain, to Mr. J. W. Bennett, 27, Manor Road, Desford.—M. Vernon, Dis. Sec.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Loughborough District) and MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Joint meeting, Hugglescote, Saturday, May 25th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in School Room. Names by previous Wednesday to H. Over, 130, Ashburton Road, Hugglescote.—C. D. Cowley, Assist. Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Annual meeting, Gainsborough (8), Saturday, May 25th. Usual ringing arrangements. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Tuesday previous to Mr. G. L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. 193

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch.—Meeting, Coity, Saturday, May 25th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow.—R. E. Coles. 191

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Watton on Saturday, May 25th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea to T. A. Potter, 42, Brandon Road, Watton, Thetford.—C. Tovell.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — South Oxon Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, May 25th, Warborough. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by 22nd to Mr. Frank Absalom, Warborough.—H. Badger, The Blue Man, Thame, Oxon. 218

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Meeting, Chilton Foliat, on Saturday, May 25th. Names to T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Wilts. 262

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, St. Mary's Cathedral, Great Western Road, Glasgow, Saturday, May 25th. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to Mr. Stafford, 16, Tabard Road, Glasgow.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Meeting at Penn, near Wolverhampton, Saturday, May 25th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, May 22nd.—Fred Bennett, Pool House Road, Wombourn. 208

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD. — Meeting at Rayleigh, Saturday, May 25th, at 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. Blower, 37, Highfield Crescent, Rayleigh. 272

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Practice meeting at Nutfield on Saturday, May 25th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by May 22nd to Miss N. Kempsell, 1, Church Hill, Nutfield. 182

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division. —Quarterly meeting, Saturday, May 25th, Christ Church, Blacklands, Hastings. All Saints' after business meeting. Not much chance of tea unless names by previous Wednesday to Miss J. Downing, 128, Elphinstone Road, Hastings.—H. Reynolds, Sec. 240

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Surprise practice, Arundel, on Saturday, May 25th. Bells 4 to 6 and 7 to 8.30 p.m. Special method, Superlative. Tea available. 264

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Meeting at Salford Priors, Saturday, May 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting. Names by Wednesday, May 22nd, to W. J. Newman, 7, New Road, Hampton, Evesham. 250

DEVON GUILD. — Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.—Meeting, Clyst St. George, Saturday, June 1st. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by May 30th to W. Wills, Restholme, Clyst St. George, near Exeter. 252

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — S.W. Crusader meeting, Langdon Hills, Saturday, June 1st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. C. Willmington, 79, Wallwood Road, Leytonstone, E.11. 266

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—Meeting at East Peckham on Saturday, June 1st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, May 29th, to Mr. T. Saunders, East Peckham, Tonbridge. No name no tea 265

MARKSBURY, NEAR BATH. — Annual ringers' service on Saturday, June 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea early as possible to W. A. Prescott, Elmleigh, South Road, Timsbury, near Bath. Tel. Timsbury 287. 253

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting at Newport Pagnell, Saturday, June 1st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Please notify for tea by May 27th R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bucks. 255

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held (D.V.) on Saturday, June 1st, at Rushden. Committee meeting in Vestry Hall 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting in the Institute. Names for tea not later than May 25th to Mr. L. Priestley, 36, Portland Road, Rushden, Northants. Ringing from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Mears Ashby, Wilby, Earls Barton, Bozeat and Great Doddington. Wellingborough 1 to 2 p.m. Irchester, Higham Ferrers, Stanwick and Irthlingborough 1 to 3 p.m Rushden 2.30 to 3.30 p.m. All open in the evening. Raunds 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.—G. W. Jeffs. 214

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Saturday, June 1st, practice meeting, Codford. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. for those who send names by May 28th. Boyton (5) also available evening.—Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 237

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting at Cotgrave (6) Saturday, June 1st. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names by previous Tuesday to Mr. L. Henson, 14, Scrimshire Lane, Cotgrave, Notts.—C. W. Towers. 256

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Cup contest meeting at Thrybergh, Saturday, June 1st, 3 p.m. Cups of tea available—bring food.—J. Seager, Sec. 269

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Stowmarket District.—Meeting at Cotton on Saturday, June 1st, Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., Names for tea by May 28th.—B. Chilvers, Dis. Sec., Cotton, Stowmarket. 259

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Sudbury District. — Meeting at Cowlinge (5), Saturday, June 1st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss R. Seabrook, Clare. 263

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Annual general meeting on Whit Monday, June 10th, at Chelmsford. Service at 11 a.m. in the Cathedral, conducted by the Provost. Address by the Bishop of Barking. Meeting immediately afterwards in the Chapter House. Cathedral bells available from 9.30 to 11 a.m. and from 5 p.m. From 3 to 6 p.m. the following towers are available: Galleywood (8), Widford (8), Writtle (8), Danbury (6), Sandon (6), and from 6 to 9 p.m.: Boreham (8), Great Waltham (8), Broomfield (6), Little Waltham (6), Springfield (6). Coffee and biscuits available in the Cathedral Hall from 10.15 a.m. to 10.45 a.m. Lunch, 1.30 p.m.—cost, 4s. 6d. Tea to be served at a running buffet from 5 to 6.15 p.m.—cost, 2s. Tickets for lunch and tea must be obtained prior to the day. Please apply early and by June 3rd, enclosing stamped addressed envelope. —F. V. Gant, 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch, Essex. 241

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting and festival at Bridgnorth, Whit Monday, June 10th. Service 3.30 p.m., at St. Leonard's. Towers: St. Mary's, Bridgnorth, Claverley, Quatt, Chetton, Worfield. Bells available 11 a.m. Names for tea to H. G. Thomas, 104, Victoria Road, Bridgnorth, Salop. 154

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

In order to avoid 'clashing' with the crowning of the May Queen, ringing at the Kettering Branch meeting at Cranford on May 5th was suspended at 3 p.m. The Rector (Rev. P. G. Phillips) conducted the Guild office, for which Mrs. Phillips played the organ.

A short business meeting preceded tea at the Woolpack Inn, attended by 34 members and friends. Ringing was resumed at 5.30 p.m., under the direction of the new Master (Mr. B. Austin), and continued in a variety of Doubles and Minor methods until 8.30 p.m

Ten new members were elected, eight of whom were from Weekley. The Branch was very pleased to welcome this new band and also visitors from the Oundle and Thrapston Branches.

A vote of thanks was proposed at the meeting by Mr. B. Austin and seconded by Mrs. Austin, to the Rector and Mrs. Phillips and to Mr. C. H. Newell, who arranged the meeting.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

West Dorset Branch

The quarterly meeting of the West Dorset Branch was held at Symondsbury on April 27th, when there were visitors from Iver Heath, Bucks, and Yetminster. The Guild service was conducted by the Rev. D. D. Moore, Rector of Symondsbury. Twenty sat down to tea in the Old Rectory. Much interest was taken in this old building which has 19 bedrooms, and must be a milestone of an age that has passed.

The next meeting was fixed for July 20th at Loders. Six new members were elected, two from Powerstock and four from Netherbury. Canon C. C. Cox thanked the Rector, organist and choir for their efforts, and extended a very warm welcome to Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Goodfellow, from Iver Heath.

Handbell ringing followed, with Grandsire Caters and Triples, Stedman Triples and Bob Major. Ringing on tower-bells included most methods up to London Minor. J. T. B.

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THE RABBITS' GUILD

THE proposal to set up a Rabbits' Guild of Church Bellringers may occasion some surprise. Guilds devoted to sectional interests we have already, and reasons for their existence may easily be found. The clergy on their tours may be supposed to enjoy a sort of 'busman's holiday,' and so, in a sense, the railwaymen. 'He came in Slow,' we hear them saying accusingly. The doctors we may imagine exchanging medical jargon. "Cut her nerve of Bell, poor woman! Her ringing will never be the same again.' The police, too, may well enliven their meetings with professional talk. 'A real Artful Dodger, he is!' The Universities naturally continue the ancient strife, Oxford v. Cambridge. But what on earth, it may be asked, have these Rabbits to justify a Guild of their own?

The very scorn implied in the question points the answer; for, though the ringers of Surprise Maximus are certainly the brains of the Exercise, the Rabbits are as surely its backbone. There are towers, of course, having expert bands, where the disappearance of another forlorn and heartbroken Rabbit is a matter for rejoicing. Yet, without the Rabbits who scuttle along the approaches to our towers, for service ringing or practice, regular, punctual, humble, earnestly persevering in their hopeless task, without their offering hundreds, nay, thousands of towers would be silent. Their invaluable work belongs especially to the five- and six-bell towers, where they grind out so faithfully (and so badly) their Grandsire Doubles and kindred methods. Indeed, it is often only by their efforts that it is possible for the plaintive rhythm of 'Pussy's in the well' to be heard at all. Anyone who considers these facts with an unbiased mind must admit the truth of them and the justice of the claim.

Members of the Guild will pledge themselves to do all in their power to secure this recognition, and the fair treatment it implies. In everything, however, they will be sweetly reasonable. In criticising their Rabbits, ringing masters will still be allowed a certain amount of rope on their sallies. Members will resent being shouted at as little as heretofore, provided that they are indeed the culprits (as they usually are). What they will no longer do is suffer for the sins of others. How often is everything blamed on them, too innocent and too ignorant to defend themselves! In short, Rabbits will insist on remaining Rabbits, and refuse to be metamorphosed into goats, scapegoats. They will retain, too, the right to feign deafness when they are sure that their version is the correct one, and also when they receive simultaneous conflicting orders.

Good-humoured shouting will, as ever, be accepted cheerfully, and members will always do their best to obey legitimate orders, reasonably expressed. Especially will they pull in their backstrokes when so commanded, five consecutive strokes at least, or until the agonies of concentration force them to forget once more. Shouting, then, will not necessarily be prohibited, but more offensive forms of expressions will never be allowed. Rabbits must endure the snarling of ropes, but not of masters.

Strategy has already been considered. Strike action is a legitimate weapon, and will be used when a ringing master oppresses or slights a member, and does not amend and make instant reparation when the Guild's writ is served on him. Whenever the master and fellows declare a strike (first, second or third degree), all members of the Guild will be expected loyally to adjust their striking accordingly (worse than ever, horrible or hellish) and so continue, in all the towers in the land, until justice is done to the aggrieved Rabbit. By such means, and others to be devised, such as synchronised stay-breaking, it is certain that the power of the Guild will be so felt that guilty masters will quickly capitulate, and take care not to offend again. In very serious cases, indeed, it has even been proposed that Rabbits withdraw their services, but the provisional officers of the Guild are not at present unanimous on this point, some holding that such a desperate action would dishonour the Guild. It is encouraging to note that in the home towers of the master and secretary, where the foundation of the Guild has been openly discussed, there is already an amazing change for the better in the treatment they receive.

Admission to the Guild will not be lightly granted. To ensure that all members are genuine Rabbits, applications, giving qualifications and preferably supported by a recommendation from a member of the applicant's band, not the master, are invited. As a rough guide to the qualifications required, be it said that candidates are expected to have tried their utmost for years, without making perceptible progress. An exact number of years is not specified, and the qualifying period obviously depends on the standard achieved, but prospective applicants may be expected to recognise their own eligibility. Aspirants who remain a physical danger to themselves

and neighbouring ringers are asked not to apply for membership, but may be considered for a supplementary roll of probationers.

The rules of the Guild are not yet agreed, and will be published later. One, however, is agreed and is absolute: any Rabbit who rings a peal, except the tenor covering, must resign his membership. There will be no subscription payable by members, but one of the reforms to be demanded is the replacement, free of charge, of all stays broken by Rabbits in every tower which enjoys the services of a member of the Guild. Thus, nearly every tower in the land will be covered for members' stay-breaking.

It is hoped to apply for a grant of arms; the device will include five bells (one cracked, to symbolise rabbithood) and a snarled rope. Other suggestions are a ringing master rampant and a broken stay couchant. Proposals for the motto include the following: Floreat avus (Grandsire for ever), Ave, ave (Hail Grandsire), Nimrod ego (I am the hunter), Semper volens (Always willing), and Dum in mundo tundo (While on earth I bash). Other suggestions, from applicants for membership or others, will be welcomed.

Until the Guild is established and has made its power felt to protect them from reprisals by the enemy, the master and other officers judge it expedient to be anonymous. It may, in fact, possibly be decided to develop the Guild in the form of a Rabbits Anonymous, the better to induce a feeling of insecurity among ringing masters inclined to bullying and other malpractices; but that is for the future.

The Guild is launched. A great surge of applicants for membership is expected. The rallying-cry is Rabbits, unite! Sursum corda!

T. B., Master.
B. M. W. D., Secretary.

TEN BELL PEALS

OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 4, 1957, in 3 Hours and 34 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5000 BOB ROYAL
Tenor 35½ cwt. in C.

*Geoff. D. Fearnehough	*Treble*	*Kenneth Perkins	6
*Trevor Taylor	2	Neil D. Lomas	7
*Peter Watson	3	*Derek Taylor	8
Brian A. Tomlinson	4	Derek Ogden	9
*Ivor Jenkins	5	Denis Mottershead	*Tenor*

Composed by J. Reeves. Conducted by Trevor Taylor.
* First peal of Royal.
Rung to celebrate the wedding of Mr. Robin G. Turner to Miss Margaret Saunders at Derby this day.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 11, 1957, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor 21½ cwt.

Vernon Forshaw	*Treble*	Alan Capstick	6
James Dickinson	2	Frederick H. Crawley	7
Laurence Clement	3	James E. Burles	8
Thomas Turner	4	Raymond Suart	9
John Bagnall	5	Nicholas M. Newby	*Tenor*

Composed by E. Timbrell. Conducted by James E. Burles.
First peal of K.T.B. Royal by all except No. 7, for whom it was the first in the method on an 'inside' bell.
Rung as a welcome to the Rev. H. W. Mycroft, who was instituted to St. Mary's on April 3rd, 1957.

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., May 11, 1957, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 23 cwt.

Frank E. Darby	*Treble*	Alan F. Thirst	6
Richard E. Price	2	John Phillips	7
*Alan Frost	3	Michael P. Moreton	8
William A. Theobald	4	Derek P. Jones	9
Thomas W. Sheppard	5	Wilfred Williams	*Tenor*

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Wilfred Williams.
* First peal of Surprise Royal

EIGHT BELL PEALS

CHURCH STRETTON, SALOP.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 27, 1957, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Lawrence,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 5 lb. in F.

Charles Jones	*Treble*	Leslie Evans	5
Reginald T. Jones	2	Edward V. Rodenhurst	6
Philip Morgan	3	William E. Thompsett	7
Austin T. Wingate	4	Wilfrid F. Moreton	*Tenor*

Composer unknown. Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 27, 1957, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13¾ cwt.

Albert W. Bond	*Treble*	James H. Lilley	5
Arthur W. Gravett	2	Henry Stalham	6
Alfred J. Bull	3	Frederick Page	7
William F. Slaughter	4	W. Arthur Riddington	*Tenor*

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by W. Arthur Riddington.
Rung as an 85th birthday compliment to Henry Stalham.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 4, 1957, in 3 Hours,
At the Church of St. Peter.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Groves' variation of Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 12 cwt. 10 lb.

*Mrs. Gladys Richardson	*Treble*	*Alan McFall	5
Alex Richardson	2	*Brian J. Woodruffe	6
*Robert Smith	3	Herbert E. Taylor	7
*Bernard Groves	4	William A. Smith	*Tenor*

Conducted by Herbert E. Taylor.
* First peal of Grandsire Triples. The first peal of Triples on the bells.

HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.
THE LADIES' GUILD.
(THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.)
On Sat., May 4, 1957, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF 5056 BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

Mrs. E. Chaddock	*Treble*	Sheila M. Schofield	5
Mrs. D. E. Mattli	2	Mrs. B. Holmes	6
Susan Chaddock	3	Elizabeth Bate	7
Mrs. E. D. Kelly	4	Elizabeth A. Wardill	*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. Burton. Conducted by Elizabeth Bate.
First peal as conductor.

PORT SUNLIGHT, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 4, 1957, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.
At Christ Church.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in F.

Lester L. Gray	*Treble*	Frederick S. Almond	5
Gwendolyn I. Howlett	2	Edwin C. Birkett	6
Thomas R. Butler	3	*John F. Grove	7
Norman Heaps	4	H. Stewart Bailey	*Tenor*

Conducted by Thomas R. Butler.
* First peal of Stedman Triples
A wedding compliment to Julia M. Preston and Ewart H. Edge, who were married at St. Mary's Parish Church, Prescot, on April 27th.

ST. NEOTS, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 4, 1957, in 3 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's variation. Tenor 29 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in D flat.

CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON	*Treble*	GILES C. GALLEY	5
SUSAN JACKSON	2	HAROLD S. PEACOCK	6
J DESMOND PAINTER	3	WILLIAM J. WHITMORE	7
T. REGINALD DENNIS	4	BRYAN S. COPE	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON.
Rung in honour of the completion of 60 years' service as parish clerk of St. Neots by Samuel W. Hawksford.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 4, 1957, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in F.

*ROGER K. STRETTON	*Treble*	JOSEPH W. COTTON	5
JOHN A. ACRES	2	JOHN M. JELLEY	6
BRIAN G. WARWICK	3	ERNEST J. JELLEY	7
G. RONALD EDWARDS	4	BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by RICHARD F. B. SPEED. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal in the method.
In memoriam Josiah Morris, who was the last surviving member of the band that rang the record peal of 17,104 Double Norwich on these bells on December 27th, 1904, who died on April 27th, 1957.

SUNBURY-ON-THAMES, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 4, 1957, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED MAJOR
Being 3,600 Plain Bob and 1,440 Cambridge Surprise, with 90 changes of method. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb.

MARGARET LEWIS	*Tenor*	ALAN J. FROST	5
PETER A. LAWRENCE	2	SIDNEY J. WOODCOCK	6
DEREK W. SPITTLE	3	ROBIN G. LEALE	7
JOAN BERESFORD	4	MICHAEL P. MORETON	*Tenor*

Arranged by ROGER BALDWIN. Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.
The first peal of Spliced Plain and Surprise by all the band, in the county and for the Association.

TWYFORD, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Sonning Deanery Branch.)
On Sat., May 4, 1957, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5088 BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt., approx.

*SYLVIA CASTLE	*Treble*	BERNARD C. CASTLE	5
WILLIAM J. PAICE	2	MRS. B. C. CASTLE	6
MRS. H. SMITH	3	ROBERT H. BEGRIE	7
HAROLD SMITH	4	WALTER HUNT	*Tenor*

Composed by YORK GREEN (C.C.C. No. 100).
Conducted by ROBERT H. BEGRIE.
* First peal. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the third.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., May 4, 1957, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH.
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Being 1,472 Cambridge, 2,208 Yorkshire, 1,472 Superlative, with 115 changes of method. Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr.

DEREK K. KNOWLES	*Treble*	J. DENNIS HOLDEN	5
P. GEORGE GOLDER	2	*HARRY GRIFFITHS	6
*DEREK J. TRANTER	3	FREDK. E. WILSHAW	7
ERIC E. SPEAKE	4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD	*Tenor*

Arranged by SHIRLEY BURTON. Conducted by ERIC E. SPEAKE.
* First peal of three Spliced Surprise. First peal on the bells since their overhaul and reduction from 12 to eight in May, 1954.
Rung as a welcome to Kevin Joseph Shiels, born on April 17th, 1957, and grandson to Mr. D. C. Jinks, the local tower captain.

BARROW-ON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., May 8, 1957, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5056 BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in F.

ARTHUR W. HOODLESS	*Treble*	STEPHEN BROMFIELD	5
MRS. F. G. BLOOMFIELD	2	FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD	6
MICHAEL W: CROWDER	3	W. ARTHUR CROWDER	7
SEPTIMUS NEAVE	4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
Rung to celebrate 50 years' membership of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild by Mr. Arthur W. Hoodless.

PENN, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Wed., May 8, 1957, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 10½ cwt.

BRIAN FORD	*Treble*	GORDON SMALLWOOD	5
JOHN A. RODEN	2	ARTHUR WILLIAMS	6
CHARLES F. W. EYRE	3	EDWARD G. BOWYER	7
CYRIL GRIFFITHS	4	JEREMIAH BLOORE	*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWARD G. BOWYER.
Rung as a token of appreciation to Mrs. B. Twentyman, of Muchall Hall, for her kindness to the ringers of Penn.

HAVANT, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., May 9, 1957, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. FAITH,
A PEAL OF 5056 BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt.

*ALAN A. J. BUSWELL	*Treble*	E. WINIFRED KEYS	5
†E. KEITH JORDAN	2	ROGER BALDWIN	6
MARION J. PARKER	3	FREDERICK W. BURNETT	7
S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT	4	JOHN H. HUNT	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN E. BURTON. Conducted by JOHN H. HUNT.
* First peal on eight bells † First peal of Major.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., May 10, 1957, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in B flat.

*MARY WORTH	*Treble*	†DENIS A. HENSHAW	5
SHIRLEY HARRIS	2	BASIL JONES	6
BRIAN HARRIS	3	JOHN WORTH	7
ROBERT SMITH	4	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS Conducted by BASIL JONES.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Major. First peal in the method as conductor.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. J. H. Hayes, hon. treasurer of the Bell Fund when these bells were installed.

ALDENHAM, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 11, 1957, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5008 BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

FREDERICK W. ELLIS	*Treble*	STANLEY HUCKLE	5
PATRICIA DOORN	2	JOHN E. EWER	6
DUDLEY C. WELLINGTON	3	ERIC EDMONDSON	7
*LESLIE T. HANSELL	4	GERALD PENNEY	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by GERALD PENNEY.
* First peal of Bob Major. First tower bell peal as conductor.

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ASHTEAD, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 11, 1957, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 8 lb. in F.

ALFRED H. WINCH	*Treble*	†DEREK G. SPITTLE	5
EDWARD G. L. COWARD	2	A. PATRICK CANNON	6
GEORGE F. OAKSHOTT	3	ALBERT HARMAN	7
*ARNOLD S. HARRIS	4	JOHN HILL	*Tenor*

Composed by H. EARLE BULWER. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
* First peal. † First peal of Treble Bob. Mr. A. P. Cannon's 300th peal as conductor, including compositions by 50 different composers, and his 50th peal of Kent Treble Bob in 49 different towers.

BATH, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 11, 1957, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN, BATHWICK,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in E flat.

*MARGARET E. GREEDY	*Treble*	WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT	5
†S. ARTHUR READ	2	†ROBIN S. M. STUBBS	6
MRS. DORA EVANS	3	TERRENCE T. JONES	7
ERIC NAYLOR	4	RAYMOND P. STUBBS	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. CORRIGAN (Three-part). Conducted by ERIC NAYLOR.
* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Triples.
Rung by the Sunday service band as a welcome to Preb. John Du Boulay Lance, who was inducted as Rector of the parish following the peal.

CURRY RIVEL, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 11, 1957, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's No. 2 variation. Tenor 19¼ cwt.

G. STEDMAN MORRIS	*Treble*	HENRY G. KEELY	5
WALTER H. POOLE	2	*GEORGE H. E. G. JEANES	6
JAMES E. LOOKER	3	HARRY J. GAYLARD	7
GORDON GAYLARD	4	*FREDERICK J. WHITE	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY J. GAYLARD.
* First peal of Stedman Triples
Rung to celebrate the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Morris.

FROME, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 11, 1957, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 30 cwt.

ERNEST E. BRAY	*Treble*	†GEORGE W. MASSEY	5
*PETER J. WYCHERLEY	2	DAVID T. ROBERTSON	6
W. JOHN PHIPPEN	3	DONALD H. FLOWER	7
EUNICE D. OVEREND	4	HUGH VENNELL	*Tenor*

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by GEO. W. MASSEY.
* First peal of Triples. † 100th peal.
Rung with the bells half-muffled to the memory of Mr. W. Flower, bellringer for 68 years, 53 years at St. John's, Frome, where he was vice-captain for many years.

HARMSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 11, 1957, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
J. W. Washbrook's variation. Tenor 10 cwt. in G sharp.

FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD	*Treble*	*HAROLD STEVENSON	5
WALTER TOMLINSON	2	MRS. F. G. BLOOMFIELD	6
JAMES W. RAITHBY	3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	7
FRANK W. VERNON	4	†DAVID N. SELLARS	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal in the method. † First peal and first attempt.

KNEBWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 11, 1957, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY-THE-VIRGIN AND THOMAS-A-BECKET,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	*Treble*	DAVID SUTCLIFFE	5
THOMAS J. LOCK	2	JACK S. DEAR	6
RICHARD J. CASTLEDINE	3	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	7
*BERNARD L. MARKS	4	†PETER WELLS	*Tenor*

Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.
* First peal 'inside.' † First peal.
Rung to welcome the Rev. D. L. Howells as Rector of the parish.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., May 11, 1957, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in F sharp.

WILLIAM F. WOODWARD	*Treble*	JOSEPH W. COTTON	5
FREDK. E. WILSHAW	2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	6
MURIEL REAY	3	JOHN PINFOLD	7
BRIAN G. WARWICK	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by RICHARD F. B. SPEED. Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.

PAKEFIELD, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 11, 1957, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS AND ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5008 BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in G.

HORACE W. EASEY	*Treble*	EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	5
JOHN W. G. KINDRED	2	SYDNEY J. MERRY	6
JOSEPH SAUNDERS	3	RICHARD W. R. COATES	7
MICHAEL SOLLEY	4	PETER KINDRED	*Tenor*

Composed by F. NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by PETER KINDRED.

RAINHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 11, 1957, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MAJOR
Shipway's Five-part. Tenor 18¼ cwt.

EMILY B. P. WALKER	*Treble*	HARRY SPRINGATE	5
THOMAS BEAUMONT	2	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS	6
JOHN W. MEADE	3	WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT	7
FRANCIS J. CHEAL	4	BENJAMIN F. BAKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the treble ringer, also the grandson of the sixth ringer.

RUDDINGTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 11, 1957, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 15 cwt.

DAVID R. BODEN	*Treble*	ALLAN SIMPSON	5
MRS. A. SIMPSON	2	F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER	6
CHARLES W. TOWERS	3	WILLIAM L. EXTON	7
MARGARET E. HILL	4	SYDNEY ADAMS	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM L. EXTON.
Rung as a small token of gratitude to Mr. Albert E. Whitworth, who completes this year 21 years as verger at St. Peter's Church.

SAWSTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD
On Sat., May 11, 1957, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Being 2,944 Yorkshire and 2,208 Cambridge, with 92 changes of method.
Tenor 13 cwt. in G.

W. J. RIDGMAN (Queens')	*Treble*	H. NEILL (St. Cath.'s)	5
SUSAN JACKSON (Girton)	2	J. D. PAINTER (Caius)	6
P. F. WINDLEY (Jesus)	3	A. R. HEPPENSTALL (Sel.)	7
A. J. HOWARD (Trinity)	4	C. M. P. JOHNSON (Sel.)	*Tenor*

Composed by SHIRLEY BURTON. Conducted by W. J. RIDGMAN.

THAME, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 11, 1957, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt.

ROBERT B. BLOND	*Treble*	JAMES P. BLOND	5
HENRY L. BISHOP	2	ALFRED R. T. GREENOUGH	6
HENRY BADGER	3	ERNEST G. GARRARD	7
*FRANK GODDEN	4	JACK O. BERRY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT B. BLOND.
* First peal in the method.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

SHAFTESBURY, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., April 20, 1957, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Single Oxford and four extents of Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt. 4 lb. in G.

VERNON GREEN	*Treble*	FRANK HILLIAR	4
*ALBERT E. WOODS	2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE	5
BEN RIDOUT	3	MICHAEL J. HALLETT ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM C. SHUTE.

* First peal.

ASHBRITTLE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., April 24, 1957, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 9 cwt.

GORDON WALFORD	*Treble*	*PATRICK J. BIRD	4
*MARGARET S. N. ALDERMAN	2	‡WILLIAM G. GIGG	5
†DAVID T. NORTH	3	STANLEY N. BRISTOW ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by GORDON WALFORD.

* First peal of Stedman. † First peal of Stedman Doubles. ‡ 175th peal. First of Stedman as conductor. G. N. Bristow has now 'circled the tower.'

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss P. Norman, a local ringer.

BROOMFIELD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 27, 1957, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

*IVAN J. M. SAUNDERS ..	*Treble*	DERYCK A. H. TALBOT ..	4
BERTRAM G. BRINKLEY ..	2	JOHN P. CRAWLEY	5
RICHARD J. HARRISON ..	3	MICHAEL J. EDWARDS ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by IVAN J. M. SAUNDERS.

* 50th peal for the Association. First peal since 1938.

A birthday compliment to Mrs. D. A. H. Talbot and Mr. G. T. Saunders.

ST. NICHOLAS-AT-WADE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 27, 1957, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Oxford Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 20 cwt.

CRAWFORD T. HILLIS ..	*Treble*	JOHN R. COOPER	4
*GEORGE FRY	2	RALPH BIRD	5
GEOFFREY PEARSON	3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

* First peal in seven methods 'inside.' First peal in seven methods on the bells.

HUNTINGDON.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., May 2, 1957, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

*BERNARD S. R. ALLEN ..	*Treble*	JOHN R. G. SPICER	4
BARBARA E. SPICER	2	†PETER J. COLES	5
DOROTHY A. M. ROBINSON	3	HAROLD S. PEACOCK ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD S. PEACOCK.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

Rung with clappers half-muffled to the memory of H. B. Bull, a ringer at this tower.

PACKWOOD, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Fri., May 3, 1957, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

J. THOMAS GWILT	*Treble*	RICHARD D. MORRIS ..	4
GEORGE E. FEARN	2	VINCENT A. HEMMING ..	5
A. CHARLES MORRIS	3	ROBERT E. TALLIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by VINCENT A. HEMMING.

Mr. Tallis has now 'circled the tower.'

The last peal rung on the bells before restoration.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 4, 1957, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

*IRENE CUNLIFFE	*Treble*	J. B. PICKUP	4
ROGER MAHER	2	ALFRED V. WILLIAMS ..	5
GEOFFREY S. MILLS ..	3	ROGER LEIGH	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROGER LEIGH.

* First peal.

Rung in honour of the 80th birthday of Mr. J. H. Rishton, a former ringer at Haslingden Parish Church.

BEARSTED, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 4, 1957, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Cambridge, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

TERENCE BARTON	*Treble*	GEORGE F. CANTRILL ..	4
A. PATRICK CANNON	2	CYRIL S. JARRETT	5
BRIAN BLADON	3	RALPH BIRD	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

The fastest peal on the bells.

Rung as a 70th birthday compliment to Dr. G. F. Fisher, Archbishop of Canterbury, whose niece is the wife of the Vicar of Bearsted.

CUDDINGTON, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 4, 1957, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 EDINBURGH DELIGHT MINOR

Being seven different extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout.
Tenor 9 cwt. in G sharp.

PHYLLIS M. MAYNE	*Treble*	H. GEORGE HART	4
ELSIE K. HART	2	RICHARD G. OUSTON ..	5
WILLIAM WENBAN	3	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

The first peal in the method.

EWHURST, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 4, 1957, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. JAMES AND MARK,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 30 extents of Grandsire (ten callings) and 12 extents of Bob Doubles (four callings). Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

STANLEY G. PONTING ..	*Treble*	WILLIAM BUTTON	3
WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE	2	ERIC A. FELLOWS	4
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT ..	*Tenor*		

Conducting shared by ringers of treble and second.

HOLLINGBOURNE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 4, 1957, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven 720's in nine methods: (1) Double Bob and Oxford Bob, (2) Double Court, (3) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (4) Cambridge, (5) Oxford Treble Bob, (6) Kent Treble Bob, (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

RALPH BIRD	*Treble*	BRIAN BLADON	4
*TERENCE BARTON	2	TOM CULLINGWORTH	5
CYRIL S. JARRETT	3	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

* First peal in nine methods and on the bells. The fastest peal on the bells.

KNUTSFORD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 4, 1957, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

*CHRISTOPHER JONES ..	*Treble*	HARRY W. HOWARD	4
*MARY SHAW	2	HENRY PARKER	5
ERIC HORNBY	3	CECIL RADDON	*Tenor*

Conducted by HENRY PARKER.

* First peal.

Rung in honour of the Royal May Queen of the town.

LEATON, SHROPSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 4, 1957, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
At the Church of The Holy Trinity.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 14½ cwt.

Derek Briscall .. .. *Treble*	George Forrester 3
Robert Barratt.. 2	Leonard Copnall 4
Ernest Pimlott .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by Ernest Pimlott.
First peal on the bells for 50 years.

POLSTEAD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., May 4, 1957, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of Kent Treble Bob and two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

Mrs. R. E. Lester .. .. *Treble*	Rosemary J. Seabrook .. 4
Marian H. Mills 2	Evelyn R. M. Cansdale 5
Alice E. J. Lester 3	Mrs. L. D. Mills .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Rosemary J. Seabrook.

REDBOURN, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 4, 1957, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of Double Bob, Double Oxford, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., St. Clement's, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

Reginald E. J. Sheppard *Treble*	Augustin V. Good 4
Walter Ayre 2	Geoffrey S. Duncan .. 5
Joe Hobbs 3	Edwin J. Upton .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Walter Ayre.

SOUTH CERNEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 4, 1957, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
At the Church of All Hallows.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 extents (ten callings). Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

*Michael Tuckwell .. *Treble*	*Bruce Wakefield 4
*Peter T. Lewis 2	*Peter Wakefield 5
William A. Godwin .. 3	Ernest H. Jefferies .. *Tenor*

Conducted by William A. Godwin.
* First peal.

SPRINGFIELD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 4, 1957, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 15 lb. in G.

*Malcolm Golding.. .. *Treble*	*Bertram G. Brinkley .. 4
†Robert Kemp 2	Michael J. Edwards .. 5
*Richard J. Harrison .. 3	Ivan J. M. Saunders .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Ivan J. M. Saunders.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

SWEPSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., May 4, 1957, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being an extent each of Childwall, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb.

Pamela J. Pearson .. .. *Treble*	Francis R. Lowe 4
Joseph W. Cotton 2	Ernest J. Jelley 5
Derek P. Jones.. 3	John M. Jelley .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by John M. Jelley.
200th peal for the conductor. Rung for the engagement of Mr. Robert Hillston and Miss Elsie Slater, of Burton-on-Trent.

CHILCOMPTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., May 6, 1957, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being one extent each of Norfolk and Primrose, two of Ipswich and three of Cambridge. Tenor 20 cwt.

*Robert E. Beck .. .. *Treble*	‡David Targett 4
*Adrian P. Beck 2	‡Edward J. Chivers .. 5
†Ronald G. Beck 3	‡David Hoare .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Ronald G. Beck.
* First peal of Surprise Minor. † 100th peal as conductor. ‡ First peal in four Surprise methods of Minor.

LANGLEYBURY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., May 8, 1957, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Paul,
A PEAL OF 5040 BACUP SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout.
Tenor 8 cwt. 13 lb. in A.

Dennis Laud .. .. *Treble*	William Wenban 4
Kenneth R. Dunstan .. 2	John R. Mayne 5
Joan M. Wilcockson .. 3	Brian Bladon .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by John R. Mayne.
The first peal in the method.

CHALFONT ST. PETER, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 11, 1957, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being ten different callings and one 240. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 lb.

*Mrs. E. G. Swift .. .. *Treble*	*Peter G. Badcock 4
*Lucy Badcock.. 2	Edgar G. Swift 5
†Michael G. Swift.. .. 3	*Sidney Blackmore .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Edgar G. Swift.
* First peal. † First in method. First as conductor.
Celebrating the birth of a son to K. C. Vickers and a daughter to T. W. S. Taylor, both members of this tower; also the 57th birthday of W. A. Swift, brother of the conductor.

WANLIP, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Syston District.)
On Sat., May 11, 1957, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,
At the Church of Our Lady and St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 12 extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob and 18 extents of Grandsire. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in B flat.

*D. Roger Lewin (12) .. *Treble*	B. Stedman Payne 4
†Derek M. Sawyer 2	§Peter A. Johnson 5
‡J. C. Shirley Scott .. 3	§Stuart M. Stone .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by B. Stedman Payne.
* First peal. † First of Doubles on tower bells. ‡ First peal in three methods. § First peal of Doubles. First peal of Doubles on the bells.
A welcome home from Cyprus of the fifth ringer and a farewell to Miss Peggy Wood, a chorister, who has since left for Canada.

HANDBELL PEALS

SILEBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(The Humphrey Perkins School Campanological Society.)
On Tues., April 30, 1957, in 1 Hour and 44 Minutes,
At 153, Ratcliffe Road,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 14 extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor size 10 in A.

Derek M. Sawyer .. .. 1—2	B. Stedman Payne .. .. 3—4
Michael White.. .. .. 5—6	

Conducted by B. Stedman Payne.

LONDON, S.E.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., May 3, 1957, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes,
At the County Hall,
A PEAL OF 5056 BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

*John L. Morris .. .. 1—2	Wilfrid G. Wilson.. .. 5—6
James Wallman .. 3—4	Thomas J. Lock .. .. 7—8

Composed by G. H. Cross. Conducted by Thomas J. Lock.
* First peal of Major on handbells. First peal as conductor on handbells.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., May 8, 1957, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
At No. 29,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

Mrs. J. Thomas .. .. 1—2	Joseph D. Johnson.. .. 5—6
John Thomas .. .. .. 3—4	*Vivien Barnes .. .. 7—8

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by John Thomas.
* First peal of Treble Bob.

ALLESLEY, WARWICKS.—On May 5th, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: C. S. Aylett 1, P. K. Williamson 2, J. W. T. Taylor (cond.) 3, P. Stone 4, H. G. Summers 5, D. A. Carpenter 6, J. L. Garner-Hayward 7, W. A. Stone 8. First in the method for 3, 4 and 7. Rung by the Sunday service band.

ASHWICK, SOMERSET.—On May 7th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Miss A. Lewis 1, Miss E. D. Overend 2, W. J. Phippen 3, P. J. Wycherley (first of Surprise) 4, D. Hoare 5, R. H. Abbott (cond.) 6. First of Surprise and of Minor 1 and 6. Rung after losing a peal of the same method.

BATH, SOMERSET.—On May 5th, at the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Greedy (first quarter) 1, S. A. Read 2, Mrs. D. Evans 3, W. J. Prescott 4, E. Naylor 5, R. S. M. Stubbs 6, T. T. Jones (first as cond.) 7, P. R. Stubbs 8. For evening service.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On April 7th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: H. Wingrove (cond.) 1, Dorothy Fletcher 2, Kathleen Fletcher 3, J. Harrison 4, W. Edwards 5, J. Meads (first in method) 6, D Lamb 7, A. Bridges 8.

BEXHILL-ON-SEA, SUSSEX.—On May 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Rogers (cond.) 1, Audrey Eldridge 2, Joan M. Downing 3, Daphne Pankhurst 4, C. Verdon 5, J. Downing 6, L. Giles 7, C. Grisbrook 8.

BEXLEY, KENT.—On May 5th, 1,260 Bob Minor: Mary Andrews 1, Jean Jones 2, Brenda Foster 3, Susan Nicholson 4, Judith Cox 5, J. L. Morris (cond.) 6. First of Minor 'inside' for 2 and 3.

BRENCHLEY, KENT.—On April 28th, 1,264 Bob Major: Miss O. Couchman 1, Miss M. A. Ladd (first in the method) 2, R. E. Lambert 3, T. E. Sone (cond.) 4, C. A. Tester 5, B. V. Collison 6, E. J. Ladd 7, R. T. Lambert 8.

BROOMFIELD, ESSEX.—On Mar. 30th, 1,260 Bob Minor: I. J. M. Saunders (cond.) 1, B. G. Brinkley 2, R. J. Harrison 3, D. A. H. Talbot 4, G. Nicholls 5, M. J. Edwards 6. A welcome to the Rev. A. Caton, who was inducted this day.

BUSHEY, HERTS.—On May 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: I. Norris 1, Mrs. T. Norris 2, J. Pares 3, H. Hodgetts 4, E. Ashby 5, C. C. Cook 6, T. Norris (cond.) 7, F. Morris 8.

FENNY STRATFORD, BUCKS.—On May 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. J. Howson 1, G. Guest 2, D. Hurst 3, R. Underwood 4, J. Brooks (cond.) 5, F. Rowe 6. A farewell tribute to Canon C. A. Wheeler.

CAMBRIDGE.—On May 8th, at the Church of St. Mary-the-Great, 1,232 Grandsire Triples: Dr. J. Boissart 1, E. G. Hibbins (cond.) 2, C. W. Cook 3, Miss F. Howison 4, P. H. Pigg 5, T. R. Dennis 6, J. W. R. Quinney 7, A. Rayner 8. Also at the Church of Our Lady, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. M. P. Johnson 1, A. R. Heppenstall 2, Miss S. Jackson 3, D. Latchford 4, J. G. Gipson 5, J. D. Painter 6, W. J. Ridgman (cond.) 7, H. F. Brown 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam H. L. Martin, district secretary, E.D.A.R. Also on May 9th, at Great St. Andrew's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. M. P. Johnson 1, Susan Jackson 2, A. L. M. Shepherd 3, A. J. Howard 4, H. Neill 5, A. R. Heppenstall 6, J. D. Painter (cond.) 7, P. F. Windley 8. Rung half-muffled by members of the Cambridge University Guild in memory of Harry L. Martin, of the Society of Cambridge Youths, whose funeral took place the previous day.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.—On May 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Turner 1, L. S. Woods (cond.) 2, Miss J. Peacock 3, A. W. Beard 4, N. J. Fleetwood 5, L. Batley 6, E. D. Smith 7, B. Martin 8. Rung prior to the service of the dedication of the new standard of the local branch of the Royal Naval Association.

DARTMOUTH, DEVON.—At St. Clement's Church, Townstal, on May 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. E. Burton 1, J. R. L. Ingham 2, A. Newman (first of Doubles) 3, Rev. N. F. D. Coleridge 4, A. S. Watt (cond.) 5, R. F. Sanders 6. First quarter 1, 2 and 6. For evening service and as a farewell to the Vicar (the Rev. T. G. D. Watkins), who is leaving the parish. Believed to be the first quarter on the bells by a resident band.

QUARTER PEALS

HASTINGS, SUSSEX.—On May 7th, at All Saints' Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Levett 1, P. H. Avey 2, Mrs. I. Roberts 3, E. F. P. Bryant 4, K. E. Hirst 5, R. G. Roberts 6, C. A. Levett (cond.) 7, E. D. Harrison 8. First of Triples for 4, 5 and 8.

HUISH EPISCOPI, SOMERSET.—On April 27th, 1,334 Bob Major: F. J. White 1, H. Gaylard 4, J. Looker 3, G. Gaylard 4, A. H. Reed 5, H. G. Jeanes 6, G. Prescott 7, W. G. Gigg (cond.) 8. First quarter on the octave, which has just recently been augmented from 6 to 8.

IVINGHOE, BUCKS.—On May 10th, 1,260 Bob Minor: W. Scar 1, June Gladman 2, J. R. Jordan 3, A. Mathews 4, R. Kendall 5, J. W. Sinfield (cond.) 6.

IXWORTH, SUFFOLK.—On April 21st, 1,320 Bob Minor: H. Ivings 1, H. King 2, L. S. Sharpe 3, E. Bishop 4, K. G. Brown 5, L. N. Melton (cond.) 6. For Matins.

KENDAL, WESTMORLAND.—On Easter Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Triples. T. J. Clement 1, G. H. Thwaites (first 'inside') 2, K. Clement 3, G. Savage (first quarter) 4, L. D. Clement 5, B. Gass 6, N. T. Nightingale 7, S. Edmondson 8.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.—At St. Margaret's Parish Church, on Mar. 5th, 1,440 Bob Minor: Mrs. A. Little (first quarter) 1, N. V. Harding (cond.) 2, D. Little (first quarter) 3, L. Houghton 4, M. Gathercole 5, W. Rose 6 Also on May 12th, 1,264 Bob Major: Miss F. Greaves (first quarter) 1, L. Houghton 2, N. V. Harding 3, V. Bowen 4, M. Gathercole (first 'inside') 5, R. Newson 6, D. Price 7, W. Rose (cond.) 8.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—On May 12th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: A. H. Smith 1, A. H. Winch 2, G. Marriner 3, Patricia Smee (first of Stedman Caters) 4, A. P. Cannon (first of Stedman Caters as cond.) 5, A. S. Harris (first of Stedman Caters) 6, B. H. Hawkins (first of Stedman Caters) 7, A. Harman 8, E. G. L. Coward 9, H. V. Young 10.

MANGOTSFIELD, BRISTOL.—On May 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. T. Jefferies (first quarter) 1, E. Cooksley (first 'inside') 2, C. E. Jefferies 3, N. J. Jefferies (first as cond.) 4, W. Richings 5, J. W. Jefferies 6, J. G. Jefferies 7, C. Beakes 8. A farewell to the ringer of the 4th, serving in R.A.F. in the Far East.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On May 7th, 1,260 Doubles (three six-scores each of April Day and Bob and 4½ of Grandsire): Mary Powell 1, Mrs. R. Quint 2, C. Kortright 3, L. Derrick (cond.) 4, M. Horseman 5, H. Hardwidge 6. Rung half-muffled on the day of the funeral of the Rev. D. H. C. Bartlett, Rector of Nailsea, 1923–1926. In the second year of his incumbency the bells were restored.

NEATH, GLAM.—On April 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. A. Hoare 1, Miss J. Howell 2, E. Latty 3, C. Latty 4, G. I. Lewis (cond.) 5, F. Gordon 6. Also on Easter Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Oliver 1, C. Latty 2, H. Boyce (cond.) 3, E. Latty 4, J. Galvin 5, D. Steer (first quarter) 6.

NORTON, HERTS.—On April 28th, 1,260 Bob Minor: Miss J. Moss 1, R. Day 2, I. Werrett 3, A. Pound 4, W. Hitch 5, H. Werrett (cond.) 6, Miss J. Sanderson 7. For Holy Communion.

PORTHKERRY, GLAM.—On May 13th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Bob, 780 Grandsire): Miss C. M. Malings 1, H. Green 2, D. Llewellyn 3, L. J. Malings 4, M. Williams (cond.) 5, H. Smart 6. First quarter 1 and 3. Rung on the seventh anniversary of the dedication of the two trebles.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On May 12th, 1,280 Little Bob Major: Miss B. Crossman 1, W. Ward 2, A. Reeve 3, H. Warboys 4, E. Blower 5, R. Tomlin 6, B. Howard 7, A. House (cond.) 8. First in the method by 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. Blower on the birth of a son; also to the 83-year-old ringer of the 3rd on his return to the tower after an enforced absence for nine months with a broken leg.

REIGATE, SURREY.—On May 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Hanning 1, F. B. Jeal 2, C. S. Hoad 3, G. F. Hoad (cond.) 4, F. T. Hoad 5, W. H. Inwood 6, A. T. Shelton 7, M. Holmes 8. For Evensong.

RICKMANSWORTH, HERTS.—On May 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. P. Hart 1, Mary G. Carnochan 2, F. W. Elliott 3, H. A. Bradbury 4, D. R. Bartholomew 5, D. C. Bartholomew 6, R. G. Bell (cond.) 7, J. R. Lloyd 8. Rung to celebrate the birth of a son (Andrew) to the wife of the ringer of 4, and also to celebrate the completion of 25 years' service as churchwarden by his father, Mr. F. C. Bradbury.

RUSHDEN, NORTHANTS.—On May 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 4, 6, 8 covering): Miss C. Wood (first quarter) 1, T. G. Cox 2, A. L. Priestley (first away from tenor) 3, S. Hodgkins 4, O. Payne 5, C. Whitworth 6, J. M. Clarke (first as cond.) 7, J. Clifton 8. For morning service.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At the Church of St. Peter, on May 5th, 1,360 Kent Treble Bob Royal: B. C. Johnson 1, Mrs. J. Dodds 2, Miss E. Oakeshott (first in the method and first of Royal) 3, R. W. Darvill 4, C. F. Sayer 5, H. G. Mason 6, F. J. Spicer 7, H. V. Frost 8, T. J. Southam (cond.) 9, G. W. Debenham 10.

ST. BUDOCK, CORNWALL.—On May 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. A. Southwood (cond.) 1, A. Carveth 2, Miss V. M. Matthews 3, A. F. Burley 4, G. W. Taysom 5, Rev. A. S. Roberts 6, D. N. Penrose 7, Miss P. R. Hosken 8.

ST. GLUVIAS, CORNWALL.—On May 11th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Miss P. R. Hosken 1, A. Carveth (cond.) 2, Rev. A. S. Roberts 3, Miss V. M. Matthews 4, G. W. Taysom 5, A. F. Burley 6, D. N. Penrose 7, R. A. Southwood 8.

SHIPLAKE-ON-THAMES, OXON.—On May 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. H. Smith 1, Miss L. Roberts 2, E. Baughan 3, M. L. Baughan 4, C. Tigwell 5, F. G. Henbest 6, A. K. Street (cond.) 7, F. Bonsey 8. Rung to welcome the Bishop of Reading on the occasion of the annual service of the South Chiltern District Boy Scouts' Association.

SHOREDITCH, E.—On May 12th, 1,283 Stedman Caters: Mrs. R. F. Deal 1, Miss B. Thompson 2, T. H. Francis 3, A. R. Ling (cond.) 4, F. Hawthorne 5, R. F. Deal 6, P. Brown 7, R. Keeley 8, E. V. Williams 9, B. Baker 10.

STEEPLE CLAYDON, BUCKS.—On May 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Margaret Rand 1, A. Hodges 2, Pamela Barratt 3, J. Hodges 4, T. W. Thorpe 5, G. Rand 6. Non-ringing conductor V. G. Phillips. First quarter 1 and 6 (father and daughter). First 'inside' 3 and 4.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On Easter Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (1 and 2 leading): T. Finnemore 1, J. Hockridge 2, D. Garvie 3, Ann Clifton 4, C. Sangwin (cond.) 5, H. Heard 6, H. Stacey 7, S. Stacey 8. Rung for the visit of Ann Clifton, and also for the birth of a daughter to Mrs. E. Worth and Mr. E. Worth, a member of this tower.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—On May 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Rumens 1, F. C. Maynard 2, B. Downes (first in method) 3, C. T. W. Coles 4, D. Hewitt 5, E. E. Holman 6, A. J. N. Boyack (cond.) 7, F. C. Taylor 8. For Evensong.

WANDSWORTH, SURREY.—At Holy Trinity Church, on May 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Euston (cond.) 1, M. Williamson 2, J. Tomsett 3, J. Rea 4, C. Nichols 5, J. Cook 6, E. Talbot 7, G. Miles 8. For Evensong.

WARFIELD, BERKS.—On May 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. H. Begrie (cond.) 1, H. Smith 2, Mrs. A. J. N. Rance 3, L. W. Paice (first 'inside') 4, W. J. Paice 5, B. C. Castle 6, W. J. Parker 7, A. J. N. Rance 8.

WESTMINSTER, S.W.—At St. Gabriel's Church, Warwick Square, on May 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss D. A. Deverell 1, T. H. Taffender 2, J. A. Hales 3, N. G. Hollingworth (cond.) 4, F. Ranson 5, L. J. Batley 6, C. W. Ottley 7, D. Randall 8. For Evensong.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On May 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Jacobs 1, M. P. Moreton 2, Mrs. Bagworth 3, M. Sinden 4, A. Bishop 5, Susan Jacobs 6, F. Corfield (cond.) 7, A. Bagworth 8.

WORPLESDON, SURREY.—On April 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. B. Short 1, Miss B. Monk 2, S. Petter 3, F. Cherryman 4, K. Newman 5, Miss E. M. Turner (cond.) 6, C. Slyfield 7, R. Jordan 8. A compliment to Mr. S. Petter on his 80th birthday on Good Friday.

INCREASED SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

THE annual meeting of the Yorkshire Association was held at Huddersfield on Saturday, May 11th, being well attended by members and friends representing each of the four Districts. Ringing took place on the Parish Church bells during the afternoon and evening, and also on the musical ring of eight at Almondbury during the afternoon. The service was held in the Parish Church at 4.30 p.m., followed by a really first-class high tea in the Parochial Hall.

Unanticipated incidents unfortunately intervened almost at once, it being found that by some oversight the printers had failed to deliver the usual quota of copies of the annual report to this meeting, which meant, of course that many members must now obtain them from their respective District secretaries. It was also found that the room was booked for another function at 7 p.m., but fortunately this was overcome by the discovery of another vacant room on the premises later on.

At the business meeting the chair was taken by Archdeacon C. O. Ellison, president of the Association, supported by the general secretary (Mr. L. W. G. Morris) and the hon. treasurer (Mr. G. Benfield). In his opening remarks, the president said he proposed to vary slightly the order of the agenda, as Canon Horan, the Vicar of Huddersfield, had a further appointment, and he would therefore ask someone to move a vote of thanks to Canon Horan and the churchwardens of Huddersfield, also the Vicar and churchwardens of Almondbury, for so kindly placing their bells at the disposal of the Association. This was ably moved by Mr. I. Slack, seconded by Mr. H. Lofthouse and carried with applause.

Replying, Canon Horan expressed his thanks, adding that he understood it was 30 years since the Association last visited Hudersfield, and hoped their next visit would not be so long delayed.

Apologies for absence were received from Messrs. S. F. Palmer, B. Sutton, J. B. Hutchinson, H. S. Morley, F. A. Staveley, L. M. Woodhead, W. E. Critchley and T. W. Strangeway. A vote of thanks to the local companies of Huddersfield and Almondbury was warmly accorded on the motion of Mr. N. F. Moxon, seconded by Mr. W. Barton. Mr. H. S. Armitage responded.

LAPSED MEMBERS

Presenting the report of the committee, the president drew attention to the fact that there had been a further decline in resident membership due largely to the lapsing of no fewer than 82 members for failure to pay their dues for the previous two years. Some of the lapses may be deliberate, but many are also due to inadvertence or forgetfulness. After deducting the lapsed members, and those who had died during the year, the total resident membership now stood at 615 members.

Altogether, and including out-county members, the Association has lost 16 members through death during 1956 and the early part of 1957, amongst them being Mr. George Hawksworth, of Scarborough, who joined in 1902, and had served on the general committee; Mr. G. F. Williams, of Hull, who joined in 1907, and was one of the leading conductors in the East Riding; Mr. W. Bailey, of Skipton, a member since 1894; and finally Mr. Geo. F. Woodhouse, of Sedbergh (1897), who was a notable ringer and trainer of ringers, and constructed a machine which was capable of ringing any method, and at the same time producing a diagram of the method being rung.

Reports from the Districts indicate that successful meetings have been held, and a steady membership maintained, with the exception of the Northern District, where conditions give rise to some anxiety. Over half the members who were lapsed for non-payment of subscriptions for two years come from this area.

The balance sheet showed a loss of £4 19s. 3d. on the year's working, less than the amount anticipated due to the fact that the actual cost of the reports had fallen short of the estimated cost by some £5, and in addition the sale of badges had yielded a better return than anticipated. Taking these factors into account, plus the amount saved by two Central Council delegates waiving their allowances, now had the effect of cancelling out the loss for the year.

102 PEALS

In the absence of the peal secretary (Mr. W. E. Critchley), who was indisposed with tonsilitis, Mr. W. Barton presented the peal secretary's report, and earned the applause of the meeting for the very able manner in which he did this at a minute's notice. The report showed that 102 tower-bell peals and 11 handbell peals had been rung during the year, a total of 113 peals, and the conducting had been shared by 33 conductors. Methods rung had shown a commendable variety, being on all numbers from Doubles to Maximus, with the exception of Cinques, and the list included the first peal of Spliced Surprise Royal by the Association, and a peal in 64 Minor methods at Adwick-le-Street was the greatest number of methods rung to a peal on tower-bells by the Association. Mr. N. Chaddock formally moved the adoption of the report. This was seconded by Mr. H. Armitage and carried.

The next business was the re-election to office as president for the next three years of Archdeacon C. O. Ellison, who was due to retire this year by rota. The general secretary said that Archdeacon Ellison had rendered invaluable service in the past, sparing nothing in time or effort on their behalf and in their interests, and he had once again very kindly accepted the unanimous invitation of the committee to be their nominee. He therefore had the greatest possible pleasure in moving his re-election to office. Mr. P. J. Johnson seconded, and Archdeacon Ellison was unanimously re-elected.

Thanking the members for their support, Archdeacon Ellison said he valued most highly their renewed expression of confidence in him, and he would always endeavour to serve the Association to the best of his ability as long as it was his privilege to do so. He sometimes felt that they would be better served by a practical ringer able to devote more time to attend District meetings, and would leave this as a thought for consideration.

The general secretary then moved the re-election of Mr. W. E. Critchley as hon. peal secretary. This was seconded by Mr. S. H. Steel and again carried unanimously, coupled with thanks for his work during the past year.

5s. ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION

The general secretary next reported that the committee had, at its last meeting, given most earnest consideration to a report submitted by a specially appointed sub-committee, dealing with the Association's finances. The report revealed that the upward trend in the cost of printing the annual report had risen by no less than £14 in the last two years, and a further increase was anticipated this year. The cost was now more than double the pre-war figure, and all that had so far been done to offset it was a 50 per cent. increase in the annual subscription rate. When borne in mind that administration costs under other headings, such as postages, fares and notice charges, also continued to rise, the inescapable result was a position far removed from sound economics. A pointed illustration was the fact that the accumulated funds amounted to £324 19s. 3d. in 1939, and had fallen to £249 7s. 2d. in 1955—a net decrease of some £75. Furthermore, remaining assets are still in danger of being further diminished in value by the steady pressure of inflation, even when invested on the most favourable terms, and it may not be inappropriate to comment that today, accumulated reserves would need to be in the region of some £850–£900 at least, to compare in value with their worth in 1939.

Faced with these stark and unpalatable facts, the committee was at once agreed that the situation was not only an alarming one now, but was bound to deteriorate rapidly unless immediate counter-measures were taken, and came to the conclusion that if the Association was indeed to survive, let alone return to a state of financial stability, a drastic revision of the annual subscription rate was inevitable. Accordingly, the general committee recommended for approval by the annual meeting the following proposals with effect from January 1st, 1958:—

(*a*) That the annual subscription rate be increased to five shillings, with consequent amendment to Rule 2.

(*b*) That the entrance fee be abolished, thereby making a uniform annual payment of five shillings.

(*c*) That the cost of the annual report to out-county members be increased to 2s. 6d.

(*d*) That the qualifying year for life membership of the Association be raised from 1905 to 1910.

The committee appreciated that at first sight their proposed increase to five shillings did seem rather a lot, and gave careful thought to its likely impact on the membership in general. On analysis, however, the value of the pound now stands at approximately 6s. 8d. compared with 1939 values, from which it must follow that five shillings now represents about 1s. 8d. proportionately, or less in actual value than the 2s. rate that obtained in 1939. The proposed increase, therefore, was in effect more of an adjustment made necessary by the vastly changed value of the pound than an increase as such. The secretary then formally moved adoption of the proposals on behalf of the committee, and Mr. V Bottomley seconded.

A long and lively discussion ensued, during the course of which many questions and answers were exchanged, and useful views expressed. On being put to the vote, the meeting approved acceptance of the entire proposals by an overwhelming majority. It was unanimously agreed to arrange the next meeting on September 21st, and that an endeavour be made to arrange it at Norton, near Malton.

Mr. N. Chaddock reported that arrangements were already in hand for the Snowdon Dinner to be held at Rotherham on October 26th next. The general secretary said that he had received word from Mr. E. A. Barnett, intimating his hope to be present, to which he had replied on their behalf, extending a hearty welcome to both Mr. and Mrs. Barnett, which they had kindly accepted. Dorothy Wood (Batley), Joan M. Dawson (Calverley), Mrs. W. Cannings (Tickhill), Olive M. Gray (Chapel Allerton), Sylvia Holt (Leeds), J. Newton (Huddersfield) were elected members, and Mrs. B. Holmes (Bolsover), Thomas Ogden (Oldham) and Roger Maher (Haywood) as out-county members, on the motion of Mr. V. Bottomley, seconded by Mr. W. Barton.

READING, BERKS.—At the St. Mary's Church, on May 12th, 1,284 Cambridge Surprise Major: R. G. Burton 1, K. Cotterell (first of Surprise 'inside') 2, R. W. Rex 3, Mrs. A. Diserens 4, R. H. Beerie 5, A. Diserens 6, R. F. Diserens 7, N. J. Diserens (cond.) 8.

LEICESTER RINGERS AT WELLS

With friends from the Cathedral, All Saints', St. John-the-Divine, Anstey, Syston, Wigston (Magna and South), the St. Margaret's, Leicester, Guild, numbering 40,. had their annual outing on May 11th.

Starting at 8 a.m., after the usual slight delay for the well-known late-comer, they proceeded to Wells, Somerset, which although a very long distance was duly reached at 2 p.m. A short halt en route at Stow-on-the-Wold for coffee, and a splendid ride through Cheddar Gorge, brought us first to St. Cuthbert's, Wells, whose rather 'springy-going' heavy eight were rung to rounds for learners, Stedman and Double Norwich.

At the lovely Cathedral we were privileged to ring until service time at 5 p.m. The bells—England's heaviest ten—were raised, and after rounds and a bob-course of Grandsire Caters were rung, Cambridge Royal, Bob Royal, Kent T.B. Royal duly came round. To satisfy the notorious John E. C., Bristol Surprise on the back eight was rung, and one wonders if his 'bobs' could not have been heard in the Lady Chapel at the far end of the Cathedral!

After seeing the famous Jack Blandiver kick his bells, and the battle royal on horseback by the clock puppets, tea at the Fountain was very welcome. The long journey home via Bristol (under the suspension bridge), Gloucester, Tewkesbury, with a brief halt at Stratford-on-Avon, was safely accomplished by midnight, and the company, though tired, voted it as a very fine outing. Our thanks to the Wells company for their help and welcome.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Chew Deanery Activities

Twenty-nine ringers representing 12 different towers 'signed the book' at the Chew Deanery Branch quarterly meeting at Chew Magna on April 27th. The service followed tea and the business meeting, and at 4.30 the tower was deserted for the Parish Hall for tea, very kindly prepared by the local ringers and their ladies.

The Vicar of Chew Magna (Rev. C. M. Luxmoore-Ball) presided at the meeting, when one new member from Clutton was elected, and it was decided, subject to permission, to hold the next quarterly meeting at Backwell, with practice meetings at Winford (May) and Butcombe-with-Nempnett Thrubwell (June).

The Association service was conducted by the Vicar, and after this the heavy octave was again available and ringing, under the direction of the Branch Ringing Master (Mr. H. W. Knight).

CORPORATE COMMUNION

There was a good attendance at the Corporate Communion held at Yatton the next morning, a good selection of the towers in the Branch being represented, together with friends from the Bath and Axbridge Branches. Ringing commenced soon after 7 on this beautiful morning, and the ringers then attended the Parish Communion, at which the celebrant was the Vicar (Preb. G. A. Beechey).

On adjourning to the Parish Hall it was pleasantly obvious that Mrs. Norton, Mrs. Knight and helpers had been busy, and the Vicar joined the members for breakfast. Ringing continued for Matins, when the local band were joined by those visitors who did not have to return to their own towers. M. J. H.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

The spring quarterly meeting of the N.W. District was held at Epsom on May 4th. The counter-attractions of the Cup Final and the opening of the cricket season no doubt accounted for the attendance being only 33, representing 11 towers. Ringing in the afternoon, under the direction of the District Master (Mr. Gordon Peters), was interrupted for half-an-hour at 3.30 for a wedding. At 4.30 Evensong was conducted by the Vicar, who afterwards joined the company for tea in the Scout Hut. This was an excellent meal prepared by the local ringers.

At the business meeting it was decided to proceed with a striking competition on the lines suggested by the committee, which emphasises that the competition is a means to the end of improved Sunday service striking, and was not an end in itself.

On the proposal of the chairman, a motion asking the general committee to consider reverting to the printed report in view of the revised estimate of the cost of printing it in 'The Ringing World' was carried by 12 votes to five. After the votes of thanks and the collection of £1 for the Bell Fund, the company adjourned to the belfry, where ringing up to Surprise continued until 8.25. B. L.

READING UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

The Reading University Society held its annual general meeting after ringing at St. Giles' on May 10th. Twenty-five members and friends rang and there was a good attendance at the business meeting.

The following officers were elected for 1957–58: Master, Mr. John Coates; secretary, Miss Lucy Allen (St. Andrew's Hall, Redlands Road, Reading); treasurer, Miss M. Twidale.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The attempt for a farewell peal to the Vicar (Rev. J. T. George) at Cheddar on May 11th came to grief after 2¼ hours' good ringing. Those ringers who have rung at Cheddar know of the peculiarities of these bells, especially the rocking tower. Not dismayed, another attempt will be on June 29th, which we hope will be brought to a successful conclusion. The Vicar was a good friend of the ringers, and through his close interest the frame is to be strengthened and the 'go' of the bells improved.

Ladies of the Suffolk Guild rang a peal of Minor in four methods at Polstead on May 4th. The conductor was Miss Rosemary J. Seabrook.

Mr. W. A. J. Knight, of Gillingham, Kent, inquires when Nynehead, Somerset, was made a ring of five.

A father and daughter, Mr. G. Rand and Margaret, rang their first quarter at Steeple Claydon, Bucks, on May 4th.

We are informed that the Christian names of the late Mr. Turner were Ernest Cecil Seymour and not Ernest Charles Seymour, as printed.

The conductor of the peal in 21 Surprise Minor methods at Apsley End on April 23rd (see page 293) states that the third 720 should read: Beverley, Berwick, Hexham and Surfleet, and not as submitted and printed.

Visitors to East Ilsley Church, Berks, will find a new screen covering the entrance to the tower, which was dedicated on May 3rd. Ringing used to take place round the font which has now been removed.

While the wedding of two of their ringers, Mr. John Hill and Miss Marjorie Hunter, was taking place at St. James' Church, Accrington, bellringers of St. Mary's Church, Ewell, rang a complimentary peal. The bride and bridegroom first met while studying at University College, Leicester.

Mr. F. W. Lack, who has represented Ely Diocesan Association on the Central Council since 1951, has been elected an hon. vice-president of the Huntingdon Grocers' Association. While ringing is his chief hobby, Mr. Lack, who lives at Great Staughton, holds the following positions: Churchwarden, secretary of Church Council, chairman of school managers, president of cricket club, and is past chairman of the Parish Council.

The second of the experimental series of combined practices was held at Ewell on May 7th; 19 ringers from five towers were present. Methods practised included rounds, Plain Bob, Stedman, Double Norwich and Cambridge. Double Norwich was especially featured. Mr. John Hill was in charge, deputising for the District Master (Mr. Gordon Peters).

Mr. F. C. Mogford, head ringer, and the Vicar (Rev. D. V. Clatworthy) signed an appeal asking for 1,000 ringers to give 5s. each towards the cost of recasting the fifth bell of All Saints' Church, Publow, Somerset. 'We are determined that the bells, some of the sweetest in Somerset, shall not be left silent indefinitely.' Contributions should be sent to the hon. treasurer of the ringers, Mr. R. W. Treasure, Viaduct House, Pensford, near Bristol.

Peal attempts at Bexhill-on-Sea are rare, the last being on February 1st, 1947. Another attempt was made on May 11th but was lost after some 75 minutes. An appropriate note appeared in the parish magazine, explaining the purpose of the peal to proclaim the Resurrection of Our Lord. 'Let those who hear changes on church bells know that the Church of England is alive and working in their midst, for in no other Church are changes normally rung.' Two of the local band would have scored their first peal had the attempt been successful.

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BATH AND WELLS HAVE NOW 1,500 RESIDENT MEMBERS

THE 67th annual general meeting of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association was held this year at Wrington on Easter Monday. The fine ring of ten bells at the Parish Church of All Saints was pealing forth from 10.30 a.m., culminating in a good service touch of Grandsire Caters prior to the Association service at 12 noon. The service was conducted by the Rector of Wrington (Rev. B. Leigh), the lesson being read by Mr. H. A. Price, lay reader, of Yatton, and the sermon being preached by the Rector of Exford (Rev. Henry Warren). Some 110 people attended the service, the usual lusty congregational singing being led by members of the local choir.

After a very good and substantial lunch, provided by Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Knight and a willing band of helpers, the members adjourned to the Memorial Hall for the business meeting, which was attended by 140 people. Mr. Knight was voted to the chair, in the absence of the Master. Apologies for absence were received from the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, who was recovering from a serious operation, from the Bishop of Taunton and from the former Master (Rev. Michael Hurst-Bannister), who sent a telegram of greetings.

The Master's report, read for him by Mr. Knight, referred to the sad occasion of his having to leave the post of Master on accepting the living of Fugglestone-with-Bemerton in the Diocese of Salisbury. He had felt honoured to be elected Master of the Association and he would look back with many happy memories of his many friends in Somerset. He commended to the members the recommendation of the general committee regarding the alteration of the Rules; these had been arrived at after much careful consideration and thought for the future good of the Association.

The general secretary (Mr. Roger O. Fry) commenced his report by referring to the resignation of Mr. Hurst-Bannister, who during his three years of office as Master had not spared himself in carrying out his duties and attending meetings of ringers throughout the diocese.

The past year had again been a period of much activity in all matters connected with ringing in the diocese. The membership had increased to 1,590 resident members in 184 affiliated towers. Many rings of bells had been restored; the only 12 in the diocese, those at Taunton, were again in good ringing order, as were all the rings of ten, with the exception of Bath Abbey, where the bells were being rehung and retuned, to be ready in the autumn. The rings of eight, too, were generally in very good order, the only black spot being the eight at Christ Church, Bath, where the bells hung in a truly disgusting state in a filthy belfry, despite efforts to persuade the Church authorities to have an inspection by proper advisers. The rings of five and six bells in the diocese would be the subject of an investigation during the next few months, and it was hoped that a report on the state of these would be available by the next meeting.

In concluding his report on the amount of bell-restoration work going on in the diocese, the secretary hoped that the firms at present employed in bell-hanging would take every care to ensure the highest possible standard of work, and would continue to make every effort to ensure that work done would be thoroughly finished in every detail.

CHRISTMAS DAY RINGING

The ringing on Christmas Day deserved special mention, for two Somerset towers had taken part. Long Ashton bells had been rung during the 9.15 to 9.30 broadcast, along with several other towers. Then Timberscombe bells had rung at 11.30 for the 'People's Service,' and further, a carol had been rung on handbells by the local ringers during the service. In common with all the ringers with whom he had discussed the matter, he believed that the standard of ringing from both towers was quite high; one should always remember that any band would suffer a little from 'stage fright' on such an occasion, and as the ringing was done entirely by local ringers, their efforts were all the more worthy of commendation.

Mr. Fry continued: 'However, those of us who take "The Ringing World" will have witnessed two controversies recently, and one concerns the first broadcast. A ringer who was described in "The Ringing World" as being "an eminent ringer and member of the Central Council" saw fit to send his observations concerning the quality of the ringing to the Editor under a cloak of anonymity. His observations consisted entirely of disparaging remarks, his most charitable description of any of the ringing being "fair." While nobody should resent or be afraid of being criticised by people who know what they are talking about, since it is only by listening to such criticism that we learn to correct our mistakes, I would respectfully suggest that this particular criticism was in very bad taste. In any case, it is not for Central Council members, eminent ringers, or anybody else to make these declamations, unless they are also prepared to help the people they are criticising, by ringing with them and showing them how things should be done.'

Ringer Received Royal Maundy

Among the recipients of the Royal Maundy when the Queen visited St. Albans Abbey was Mr. John Henry Price Conquest, of 64, Stanbridge Road, Leighton. Mr. Conquest, who is 70, has been a ringer for more than 40 years. Born at Streatham, he has lived at Leighton for 23 years. His many friends will congratulate him.

Referring to the College of Campanology, the secretary said that at a dinner recently he had been privileged to meet the founder of the College and discuss the matter with him at some length. He felt that much sincere hard work had been put into the compilation of the Manual, which had appeared in serial form during the past few months. It might well be that there was much in the Manual which would not be readily palatable, and which might need to be modified, but the point was that a start had been made, and all ringers should guard against dismissing the matter out of hand, since if they thought carefully about it and examined conditions obtaining in the majority of towers, they might feel that there was dire need of a book of instruction on ringing.

The committee had been very busy during the year, debating the proposed changes in the Rules, and the alterations which were to be put to this meeting had been carefully studied and were put forward by the committee as a whole having thought for the future good of the Association. The annual report for 1956 had been printed and distributed to the Branch secretaries and would be available to members very shortly. The secretary's report was received with acclamation and adopted.

NO INCREASE OF SUBSCRIPTIONS

The treasurer (Mr. L. W. Pullin) presented a favourable report, showing a balance in hand of £135. Two grants had been made from the Bell Fund, and the Association had also subscribed £20 to the Bow Bells Appeal Fund. It was hoped that despite rising costs of reports and so forth, it would not be necessary yet to increase subscriptions; the way to keep the Association financially sound was to increase the number of members.

The peal secretary (Mr. H. J. Sanger) reported that 76 peals had been rung during the past year, an increase of 11 on 1955. Generally, the standard and variety of methods rung had improved, and there was much evidence of marked progress by the younger ringers. The young men from Royal Air Force, Locking, also came in for mention, for their peal ringing and for the help which they gave to local towers.

The Diocesan Adviser on the Care of Church Bells (Mr. W. A. Osborn), in giving his 13th annual report, stated that 1956 had been his busiest year yet, he having given advice in 17 towers. Bath Abbey bells were at the Loughborough Bell Foundry, the founders having been given a free hand to hang these bells to give the best possible results. At Stanton Drew there had been a scheme afoot to sell the existing five bells, in order to buy an electronic chime, but this scheme had been opposed, and a faculty was refused. Mr. Osborn also gave details of his findings in 15 other churches in the diocese, and paid tribute to the help which he had received from Mr. R. Gardiner, who was his deputy and whom he hoped would take on the job in the near future.

The meeting passed on to the election of officers. The Rev. H. F. Warren, Rector of Exford and chairman of the Dunster Branch, was elected Master. Mr. Warren, in thanking the members, said that he was very proud to hold the office which his father, the Rev. W. M. K. Warren, had held before him.

Mr. G. Salmon, of Wells, was elected treasurer in succession to Mr. Pullin, who had asked to be relieved of his duties on the advice of his doctor. All the other officers and Central Council representatives were re-elected.

FOUR ORDERS OF MEMBERSHIP

Under the new Rules approved by the meeting, the Association now becomes the 'Bath and Wells Diocesan Association of Church Bell Ringers,' with four orders of membership, being

(1) Honorary Life Members, elected by the committee for outstanding service to the Association, or to ringing;
(2) Associate Members, who may subscribe 5s. annually;
(3) Non-Resident Life Members, who may ring peals for the Association, but shall have no part in running the Association.
(4) Performing Members, who to be eligible for membership must be capable of raising and lowering a bell, and of ringing rounds accurately. This rule now allows members of call-change bands to join the Association.

Three members were elected honorary life members, in recognition of their services to the Association: The Rev. Michael Hurst-Bannister, past Master; Mr. H. C. Lintern, of Ditcheat, formerly secretary of the Cary Branch; and Mr. W. J. Prescott, of Bath Abbey, who had joined the Association in 1896 and had served in a variety of offices.

Visitors present at the meeting included ringers from Exeter, Devon, Staffordshire, Wiltshire, Gloucestershire, Middlesex, Swansea, Berkshire, Glamorgan and Dorset. Mr. W. H. Coles, now nearly fully recovered from his accident, brought greetings from the Middlesex Association.

Before the meeting adjourned, votes of thanks were accorded to the Rector of Wrington for placing his church, bells and hall at the disposal of the Association, and for conducting the service; to Mr. and Mrs. Knight and their band of helpers for the wonderful lunch: and also to Mr. Knight for all the other arrangements which he had made for the benefit of the meeting. The members then dispersed for ringing at Wrington, Nailsea, Backwell, Yatton, Wraxall, Long Ashton, Chew Magna and Congresbury.

A RECORD YEAR FOR NORWICH ASSOCIATION

THE annual meeting of the Norwich Diocesan Association, held in Norwich on May 4th, had a record attendance for many, many years, there being 115 present.

Ringing at St. Peter Mancroft, St. Giles' and St. George's preceded the annual service, held in St. Peter Mancroft Church, conducted by the Rev. C. N. Tubbs.

The Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, in his address, took the text (Acts ii, 14) 'Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice and spoke. 'When we ring we are doing exactly what Peter and his friends were doing,' he said. 'Like Peter, we have in our hands the power to spread the news of the Resurrection. What are you doing about it? It's grand to ring the bells put there for us to ring and thus apply the power in the tower. It's grander still to share the Resurrection and thus apply the unconquerable power of Christ to those around us. It is the job of everyone who believes the Christian faith to spread it. That is the power you hold in your grasp, and it must be applied. In Yarmouth we have not the mere task of manning the bells, we have the far greater task of putting them there and the greater task of recreating the life of a church, which is now a ruin. The people of Yarmouth are facing that task. A contract has been signed for restoring the church. A brand new ring of 13 bells has been ordered, and it is said that from the roping position and design of the frame it will be the best layout in England. Yarmouth needs your encouragement. The best thing you can do is to apply the power you have already, to ring the bells in your tower, and like Peter, to proclaim the everlasting Gospel in your words and lives.'

The president (Rev. H. G. Lillingston) presided at the business meeting which followed tea in the Chantry Hall.

THE OTHER SIDE OF THE PICTURE

In his opening remarks, the president said he would like to give the other side of the picture to the oft-levelled charge that ringers do not take any part in the Church's work after ringing the bells for service. That was just not true. Looking round at the meeting he saw Church workers of every description, both men and women. In his view this should be put on record. Those members—a small minority—who were letting the Exercise down in this respect, should take heed of Mr. Thurlow's words in his address that afternoon.

He congratulated Messrs. A. G. Bason and W. C. Medler on completing 50 years' membership of the Association. Mr. H. Tooke was presented with a smoker's outfit in recognition of his 19 years' service as a Branch secretary, resigning last year.

The general secretary reported that membership now stood at a total of 461, the highest ever recorded. The 87 new members elected during the year was another record. The report drew attention to the disturbing fact that 49 old members had lapsed their membership, and appealed to tower captains to make a determined effort to regain the support of these old and valued members.

Losses by death were: Mr. Chas. E. Borrett, one of the leaders of the Association during the first 20 years of the century, general secretary of the Association 1903–1919, Central Council member 1902–1910 and 1923–1938; Mr. Fred R. Borrett, the most outstanding ringer and personality in Norfolk ringing circles, whose contribution to the Exercise and to ringing was greater than that of any other in the county during this century; Robert Freezer had 75 years' service as Sunday service ringer, and attended his church at all services after ringing; Fredk. W. Munnings; Herbert Nichols, 60 years a Sunday service ringer and chorister; H. R. Cobbin, Geo. R. Daynes, Isaac Emery, Fred R. Dexter, John W. Jones, Ben A. Knights, William J. Thyng, Chas. Whiting, Leslie C. Wightman, Francis S. Wilson and Canon R. L. Whytehead. In memory of these, members stood in silence.

The treasurer presented the balance sheet, which showed an excess of income over expenditure of £30 12s. 3d. The General Fund account stood at £190 6s. 1d. and the Belfry Repair Fund at £87 3s. 10d.

HIGHEST PEAL RECORD

The Ringing Master reported that the peal total of 117 was the highest ever recorded for the Association: 180 members took part in the peals and there were 24 conductors. Gressenhall Delight Major and Mulbarton Bob Triples were firsts in the method. A peal of Erin Caters was the first of Caters in the method. Eleven members rang their first peal. He put on record the congratulations of the Association to Mr. Nolan Golden on his achievement in completing a total of 1,000 peals. The 1,000th was rung at Gressenhall on January 18th, 1956, and was a new method for the Association, named Gressenhall Delight Major, composed and conducted by Mr. Golden.

Branch reports indicated that meetings were well attended throughout the year.

Officers elected were: President, the Rev. H. G. Lillingston; vice-presidents, re-elected en bloc, with the addition of Messrs. H Tooke and A. G. Harrison: general secretary and treasurer, Mr. W. Love; Ringing Master, Mr. H. W. Barrett; hon. auditor, Mr. A. G. Bason: Central Council representatives, the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, Messrs. F. Nolan Golden, H. W. Barrett and N. Harding.

A motion submitted by Mr. B. Thompson at the last annual general meeting, that a non-resident life member's subscription be 5s. instead of 10s., was thoroughly debated. It was pointed out that other Associations made the same stipulation as Norwich, in that non-resident life members' subscriptions should be double that of the annual residing members' subscriptions. The motion was put to the meeting and heavily defeated.

Mr. Harding made an eloquent appeal for more members to take 'The Ringing World,' preferably by post, and emphasised that if the paper went under for lack of support all organised ringing as now known would collapse.

COLLEGE YOUTHS' WEST COUNTRY RALLY

For the spring country meeting Yeovil was the venue. A very cordial invitation had been extended to the Society to visit this charming town two years ago, but it was not until May 4th that it was possible to go there. A large party of London members met at Waterloo Station, and travelling in reserved accommodation, spent a pleasant time in yarning on the journey to Somerset.

On arrival they were met by Mr. Tom Setter and members of the local company, and the glorious ring of ten was soon set going to various methods. On coming down, photographs were taken, and the company, numbering about 60, sat down to a substantial lunch at a nearby hostelry. Promptly at 2 o'clock the Master called on all present to raise their glasses and drink the health of that Midland stalwart and most loyal College Youth, Albert Walker, who was at that time toasting the Society in Birmingham.

The business meeting was held in the School Room, and the Master (Mr. J. S. Mason) presided. Several more West Country College Youths had arrived by this time, and were able to see the expeditious way in which the Master disposed of the business. Mr. Setter formally welcomed the visitors and the Master suitably replied. Three new members were elected. It was announced that invitations had been received from Henfield, Sussex and Cambridge for the Society to visit them. The Master promised to investigate the possibility of going to both places this year.

Mr. Setter and his friends had kindly arranged motor transport to take the members to and from Sherborne and Queen Camel. Justice was done to these noble rings and good striking showed up their fine quality to advantage. The party left with many happy memories, and the thanks of all concerned are due to Tom Setter and his colleagues for their efforts to ensure a most enjoyable meeting. J. F. S.

EAST DERBYSHIRE & NOTTS

A large circle of members and friends, numbering about 100, attended the annual meeting of the East Derbyshire and Nottingham Association held at Clay Cross on Easter Monday. Ringing commenced at 2 p.m. and this gave a good send off to Miss C. Fletcher, a former member of Clay Cross, who was married just previously.

The service at 4.15 p.m., conducted by the Vicar (Rev. Wynford Phillips), who also gave an address, was well attended. Mr. J. W. Price, the local tower captain, read the lessons. Full justice was done to the well-filled tables at the tea.

At the business meeting the reports of the officers were adopted. The general statement of the accounts showed £26 17s. 4d. in the Bell Fund and £12 3s. 3½d. in the general account. Mr. J. W. England, of South Normanton, was re-elected president and Mr. C. M. Heathcote hon. treasurer for the 21st year. Vice-presidents elected were Messrs. W. Dobb, J. E. Hobbs, J. Brothwell, A. Elliott, J. W. Price and T. H. Radford. Mr. B. A. Sollis was returned unopposed as hon. secretary.

Further ringing until 9 p.m. brought to a close a very happy 70th birthday. B. A. S.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

WHEN WRITING FOR TOWERS

Dear Sir,—The recent letters on this subject prompt me to quote a case which was brought to my notice recently. A well-known Midlands Association applied for the use of the bells at Tilsworth-with-Stanbridge for a Branch meeting. The reply they got from the Vicar (Rev. M. J. Shiner) was to the following effect:—

'Dear Sir,—I am afraid I cannot grant permission for you to ring at Tilsworth and Stanbridge owing to the sad fact that during the past few weeks we have had visits from several teams of ringers, and the standard of behaviour and treatment of God's House leaves so much to be desired that I have for the moment decided to close both towers to ringers' visitations.

'I am sorry your Society is the first to feel the weight of this decision, but when, after ringing for nearly three hours, a team left the ringing chamber in a state of chaos, and 3d. in the Church Offertory box, I feel the time has come to say that the church bells are not a form of amusement but an aid to worship, and are to be used for the greater glory of God. My decision will remain in force for at least six months. I regret the necessity for this decision, but if you can through your journal make it known, then perhaps in the future it may help to make members of ringing societies approach the work they enjoy with a more Christian and careful attitude. I hope it will be possible to welcome you at a later date.'

The letter needs no comment from me, but I trust its lesson will be learned by all who aspire to visit new towers.—Yours faithfully,

J. FRANK SMALLWOOD.

SILENT PEAL OF BOB MAXIMUS

Dear Sir,—I would like to congratulate the band that rang the peal of Bob Maximus at High Wycombe, non-conducted and silent. I admire their grit and determination, but why the explanation in 'The Ringing World' (page 295): not even 'Go.' 'That's all,' or 'Stand' being said?

I always took it for granted that not one of these words of command is used, or any other for that matter. Please don't tell me there have been silent peals rung with one of the ringers giving a running commentary on the weather.—Yours faithfully,

SAMUEL J. TWITCHETT.

Sudbury, Suffolk.

BELL DISAPPEARS FROM IPSWICH TOWER

Dear Sir,—'The Church Bells of Suffolk,' J. J. Raven (1890), quotes as follows:—

'No. 287 Ipswich St. Mary Stoke, 2 bells, 1 No Inscription. 2 Miles Graye made me 1615. Item bells in the stepll iiij Return of 1553. Another removed 1887, which Davy 2 Aug. 1824 notes "plain"'.—Yours, etc.,

Torquay. W. SIMMONDS.

EYE, SUFFOLK.—On May 11th, 1,264 Bob Major: T. C. Ford 1, A. E. Cook 2, A. G. Harrison 3, C. Catchpole 4, R. Plummer 5, H. Moss (cond.) 6, L. E. Etheridge 7, L. E. Last 8. Rung for choir's festival at Eye, and for the birth of a grand-daughter for the 3rd ringer, born on April 19th.

GONGS IN CHURCH TOWERS

Dear Sir,—With reference to the article 'Ringing in England 80 Years Ago,' I was interested to read the late C. A. W. Troyte's description of the invention of Mr. Seage, of Exeter, whereby a gong in the ringing chamber could be operated by the swinging of a silenced tower bell.

There is in my home tower—St. Peter's, Tiverton—a set of gongs as described by Mr. Troyte, although unfortunately they became redundant when the bells were rehung in 1923. I should be interested to know if any of your readers could tell me of any tower that has, in working order, a set of gongs similar to those of Mr. Seage.—Yours faithfully,

R. J. BOWDEN.

Plymouth.



YORKSHIRE LADIES' PEAL.—The band that rang the peal of Bob Major on May 4th at Handsworth, Sheffield, for the Ladies' Guild and Yorkshire Association.

Back row (left to right): Susan Chaddock (Rotherham), Mrs. B. Holmes (Bolsover), Miss Sheila Schofield (Pudsey), Miss Elizabeth A. Wardill (Rotherham), Mrs. D. E. Matli Sheffield).

Front row: Mrs. N. Chaddock (Rotherham), Miss Elizabeth Bate (conductor, Handsworth), Mrs. D. E. Kelly (Handsworth).

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FOUR-BELL TOWERS

Dear Sir,—Further to the correspondence concerning 4-bell towers: I can give information concerning four such towers:—

Plumstead (St. Nicholas'), Kent. — Frame fairly sound; most of the wheels broken; one bell cracked.

Icklesham, Sussex.—These appear to be ringable, but the tower is reputed locally to be unsafe.

Addington, Kent.—I believe the tower is unsafe, but there is a plan for renovation and making the ring up to six.

Biddisham, Somerset.—I can confirm that these are perfectly ringable, with almost new fittings throughout.—Yours sincerely,

I. H. ORAM.

Bempton, E. Yorks.

GUILD OF MEDICAL RINGERS

The second annual meeting of the Guild took place at Stevenage on May 11th. Ringing began on the octave of the Parish Church of St. Nicholas soon after 3 o'clock, and continued until 4.30. The Rector (Rev. E. W. B. Cordingly) conducted Evensong.

After tea, provided by Mrs. D. L. Gullick, the party returned to the church for further ringing, until the time came for the business meeting. In the tower the Guild enjoyed the assistance of members of the local band, notably the captain (Mr. W. Lawrence) who has, for more than 50 years, set such a fine example there. Also, throughout the day, the Guild was honoured to have as its guest Mr. E. G. Buck, president of the Hertfordshire County Association.

The most notable items of business were the election of a new president, Dr. P. T. Spencer-Phillips, and that of the first associate members, provided for under the recently adopted Rules. The retiring president, Dr. F. S. Poole, stating that he did not think that he should hold office indefinitely, proposed the election of his successor, which was carried with enthusiasm, together with a vote of thanks to Dr. Poole for his services to medical ringing. The meeting welcomed the names put forward for associate membership, which included those of four nurses, and hoped that others would be elected in the future. The other two officers, viz., Drs. R. E. Price (Master) and D. L. Gullick (secretary), were re-elected.

Finally the company proceeded to the Coach and Horses Hotel for dinner. After a very enjoyable meal, a few short and informal words were said by the new and old presidents, and by Mr. Buck, who remarked how pleased he had been by this his first official engagement since assuming office. The evening ended, as it began, with a touch 'in hand' to send us homeward in the right mood.

D. L. G.

JOINT MEETING AT HEPTONSTALL

A joint meeting of the Archdeaconry of Halifax Guild and the Rochdale Branch of the Lancs Association was held at Heptonstall on May 4th. The bells were put to good use during the afternoon under the direction of the Rochdale Branch Ringing Master.

Adjourning to the Co-op Cafe at 5 p.m., an excellent tea was enjoyed by 40 ringers and friends. While the Lancs ringers carried on ringing, the Halifax Guild held their meeting. The secretary noted that two members who had been ill were now making progress towards recovery. A vote of thanks to Mr. C. Ashworth for the splendid arrangements made for the meeting was proposed and seconded by Messrs. G. Briggs and A. Rogers. One new member was elected and this concluded the business.

The bells were kept going with only a few seconds between touches until 8.55 p.m. Methods rung ranged from Plain Bob to Cambridge and Yorkshire Major. As more experienced ringers came along in the evening the standard of striking improved, and a good lower in peal at 9 p.m. concluded tower ringing. Handbell ringing to Stedman and Plain Bob finally brought this successful meeting to a close.

A. W. B.

DEDICATIONS

New Ring of Six for St. Albans

An interesting event took place on May 11th at the Church of St. Stephen, St. Albans, in the dedication by the Rt. Rev. C. T. T. Wood, M.C., Assistant Bishop of St. Albans, of a new ring of six.

The bells were cast from the metal of the former ring of six. The tower originally contained four mediæval bells. In 1803 they were recast by Thomas Mears into a ring of six (tenor 9¼ cwt., total weight 40 cwt.). About 60 years ago a larger tenor was added by another founder, the metal of the old treble was incorporated and the old fourth was recast a semitone lower. The new tenor weighed about 15¼ cwt. and the total weight was increased to 50 cwt. The bells were rehung with completely new fittings in a cast-iron 'H' frame on oak sole plates. The tower was, however, unable satisfactorily to carry the increased weight, and ringing was very hard work.

For some time the movement of the tower has caused increased anxiety and it was finally decided to put in a lighter ring. The new tenor weighs 8 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. The bell-frame has been retained but altered in design to reduce the stresses on the tower, which has been strengthened with additional bracing. The result is that the movement in the tower is now negligible.

The bell work was carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, who were warmly congratulated in the excellent 'go' and fine tone of the bells.

Churchill, Oxon

A new ring of eight bells was dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Oxford at All Saints' Church, Churchill, on May 9th, in the presence of a full congregation which included 50 ringers representing many Districts of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. A Confirmation preceded the dedication. The opening rounds were rung by local ringers. In his address the Bishop commented on how proud Churchill should be to have so many friends and ringers who, with help from other sources, had raised the amount needed in such a short time.

After the service, ringing of rounds, Grandsire, Stedman and Bob Major took place, with Mr. J. P. Fidler, of Messrs. John Taylor and Co., in attendance. Visiting ringers were entertained to refreshments, during which a presentation was made to Mr. W. Clark, for many years tower foreman and a chorister, who had now left. The Vicar thanked Mr. J. Keyte, Branch secretary, who was in charge of the ringing, for the efficient arrangements

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

St. Denis' Church, Silk Willoughby, with its beautiful spire rising over the green fields that surround it, proved a popular meeting place for the Southern Branch of the Guild on May 4th. Over 70 ringers representing 25 towers attended, and were welcomed by the Rector (Rev. H. Bailey), who also officiated at the choral service. An excellent tea followed, served by the ever-faithful ladies, and was enjoyed by all, 'the handstroke leads' being exceptionally good.

The Rector presided at the business meeting and was unanimously elected an honorary member. A pleasing feature was the number of young and enthusiastic members present. Methods ranging from Grandsire Doubles to Spliced Surprise were enjoyed until 9 p.m.

J. H. M.

SANDON, ESSEX.—On Mar. 9th, 1,260 Bob Minor: M. Golding (first quarter) 1, R. J. Harrison (first 'inside') 2, R. Kemp 3, B. G. Brinkley 4, M. J. Edwards 5, I. J. M. Saunders (cond.) 6.

PROSPECTS OF NEW BELLS IN COVENTRY

Promise of New Installations

THE 49th annual meeting of the Guild was held at Southam on April 27th, at which only 32 members attended, travel difficulties being the reason for such a poor attendance. The bells of St. James' Church were kept going to various methods until service time at 4.30 p.m. The service was conducted by the Rector, who in his address gave a warm welcome to Southam. Tea, which had been arranged at a local hostelry, was followed by the business meeting. In the absence of the president, who was visiting East Africa, Mr. A. H. Beamish was voted to the chair.

Arising from the minutes, members' attention was drawn to two items: That the Central Council representatives be elected at the January meeting, and that the office of hon. secretary and treasurer be divided. These changes were approved by the meeting.

The balance sheet, which had been circulated, was discussed. The General Fund stood at £49 and the Bell Repair Fund at £10.

The hon. secretary, in giving his first report said how pleased he was with the year's working in spite of petrol rationing, which had a restraining effect of visitation, but he hoped to remedy that. The Guild membership stood at 205, which was only an increase of one, and 16 peals had been rung. The losses in membership had been made up by new members, and the peal total compared favourably with other years. The annual dinner, held in Coventry in October last, had been a most enjoyable evening, with the Assistant Bishop (the Very Rev. Newnham Davies) as the principal guest.

The Guild had the pleasure of meeting the new Bishop (the Rt. Rev. Cuthbert-Bardsley) at a special meeting and service at St. Mary's Church, Warwick. Over 250 attended the service from parishes within the diocese. It was regrettable that no peals were rung to welcome the Bishop to the diocese, as his arrival coincided with the visit of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth to lay the foundation stone of the new Cathedral. He has shown his keen interest in bells, and had already been of considerable help. The Bishop had promised to attend the 50th anniversary dinner of the Guild, to be held at St. Mary's Guildhall, Coventry, at the invitation of the Civic Authorities.

During the year the Guild had sustained the loss of Mr. Harry Webb, who had maintained the Guild peal book right up to his death. He had undoubtedly written his own epitaph in the loving care and pride he took in its maintenance. The passing of Ray Lydster, of Bedworth, at such an early age was a heavy loss to his church and fellow bellringers.

MANY RESTORATIONS

Bell restorations had been completed at Long Compton, Stoneleigh, Honiley and Southam, and work was in hand at Brailes, Napton, Bedworth and St. Nicholas' Warwick. It was hoped that a ring of bells will be re-installed in Holy Trinity Church, Coventry, in the not-too-distant future. A frame for eight had been placed in the new Christ Church, Coventry, and these may be installed within the next two years. A number of towers in the diocese required attention and it was up to local ringers to give all the help they could, and arouse local interest. 'I am sure there is a revival of interest in church bells, so do all you can to get work started.'

Instructors' classes would be started again in the autumn if there was sufficient demand. Quarterly meetings had been well attended, and the standard of ringing had been very high, young members giving a very good account of themselves. Combined practices had been tried out and their popularity was borne out by the attendances. In some cases they had more than at a monthly meeting. 'In this, our 50th year, I hope that great efforts will be made by all to rope in new members, as only by a large and virile membership can we hope to keep our church bells ringing for Sunday services, which is our first duty as bellringers.'

The Northern Branch secretary (Mr. D. Carpenter) in his report stressed the need for sending names for teas at meetings, as it was difficult to arrange catering in some villages. At no meeting this year had more than two cards been received, always from the same people, several regular attenders being as guilty as the chance visitor.

Mr. H. Windsor, Branch secretary of the Southern section, in giving his report said that the year had been one of good progress, and meetings had been well attended. He was particularly pleased with the support given by young ringers, both at meetings and at their own towers.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Mr. F. W. Perrens; hon. secretary, Mr. J. L. Garner-Hayward; Ringing Master, Mr. C. Underwood; hon. treasurer, Mrs. D. E. Beamish; Northern Branch secretary, Mr. D. Carpenter; Southern Branch secretary, Mr. H. Windsor; hon. auditor, Mr. F. Pervin; Central Council representatives, Mrs. D. E. Beamish and Mr. F. W. Perrens.

New members elected from Allesley, Brinklow, Willowby, Nuneaton and unattached totalled 18—a good start to the new year.

The chairman expressed on behalf of the company present his appreciation to the Rector for the use of the bells, and to Mr. Hobley for arranging such a bountiful tea. The place of the next meeting would be Stratford-on-Avon if it could be arranged.

ST. MARY'S, TWYFORD, OUTING

The annual outing of Twyford ringers was held on Easter Monday, when they were accompanied by friends from neighbouring towers.

Ringing took place at East Ilsley, Stanford-in-the-Vale, Faringdon (where an almost perfect touch of Grandsire Triples was rung), Witney, Woodstock, Kirtlington and Radley.

Miss M. R. Cross, an ex-member of Twyford band, joined the party at Witney and kindly acted as guide until tea time. Tea was taken at Woodstock, and after a very pleasant hour at Radley the return journey was made via Abingdon and Henley.



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WEDDINGS

At Oswaldtwistle

The wedding of Mr. John Hill, B.Sc., son of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Hill, of Ewell, Surrey, and Miss Marjorie Hunter, daughter of Major and Mrs. W. A. Hunter, of Oswaldtwistle, Lancashire, took place at St. James' Church, Accrington, on April 27th, the service being conducted by the Ven. C. H. Lambert, M.A. (Archdeacon of Blackburn) and Canon W. E. Cunliffe, M.A.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a gown of heavy ivory brocade embroidered with mother-of-pearl and silver. The full-length veil was held in place by a coronet of diamante and pearls. The bouquet was of deep red roses and lilies-of-the-valley. The bridesmaids were Miss J. M. Earnshaw, B.A., and Miss M. J. Hellewell.

Mr. John Chilcott efficiently fulfilled the duties of best man. The ushers were Dr. Iwan Jenkins and Mr. D. Earnshaw.

About 60 guests attended the reception, which was held at the Swan and Royal Hotel, Clitheroe. The honeymoon was spent touring the West Country.

Both the bride and bridegroom are regular ringers at St. Mary's, Ewell, where a complimentary peal of Bob Major was rung during the afternoon. J. E. B.

At Swanage

Friends from Northants and Lincolnshire were among those who rang for the wedding at St. Mary's Church, Swanage, Dorset, of two well-known ringers on April 27th—Mr. James William Haw, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. James Haw, of Mablethorpe, Lincs, and Miss Ruth May Morgan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Morgan, of Swanage. The Rector (Rev. Norman Miller) officiated at the choral service, with Mr. Geoffrey Times as organist.

Given away by her father, the bride wore a dress of white brocade with a short veil. The bridesmaids were Miss Margaret Gosling, of Swanage, and Miss Jill Neal, of Peterborough, and the best man Mr. William Redhead.

The bells were fired after the ceremony, and as the bride and bridegroom left for their honeymoon in Southern Eire, well-struck Grandsire Triples sped them on their journey.

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At West Wickham

On Easter Saturday, April 20th, the wedding took place at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, West Wickham, Kent, of Mr. Richard W. Stephens, of Kempston, Bedford, and Miss Mary Fuller, of West Wickham. The bride, given away by Mr. A. S. Richards, wore a dress of ivory grosgrain and carried a bouquet of orange blossom, and was attended as bridesmaid by Miss Mary Stephens, sister of the bridegroom, in a dress of pale gold brocade.

The Rev. J. B. Shortt, M.A., Rector of West Wickham, officiated at the choral service with Mr. S. F. Edom as organist. Duties of best man were carried out by Mr. J. Michael Stephens, brother of the bridegroom, and Mr. J. E. Cannell acted as usher.

The bridegroom has for the past few years resided in Kent, and is now secretary of the band at Hayes. Thus both bride and bridegroom are equally well known and popular in Kent and Bedford, and this was testified by the gifts and telegrams of good wishes they received. Both are also members of the University of London Society.

Major repairs to the church tower, begun only the previous week, unfortunately silenced the bells, but in their place handbells were rung before and after the ceremony by Miss Susan Porter and Messrs. W. A. Hughes, M. F. Oakshett and L. W. Skinner. After the reception, the couple left for a honeymoon in Kent and the Norfolk Broads.

To the gratification of Hayes and West Wickham ringers, Mr. and Mrs. Stephens are to remain in the district, their new address being 35, Woodland Way, West Wickham.

A peal of Bristol Surprise Major was attempted on the following Friday at St. John's, Erith, but was lost through a miscall. Yorkshire Major was arranged for Friday, May 10th, but on that afternoon a derailment near Dartford delayed trains so that the band met short, and a peal of Cambridge Minor was rung instead, Ralph Bird conducting seven different extents, despite his protests that he needed prior notice. This enabled Arthur G. Mason to complete the quartet of peals of Cambridge from Minor to Maximus.

A SUSSEX VETERAN

Mr. Henry Stalham, for his 85 years, is indeed a remarkably able person and an active member of our Art. This alone is confirmed by the peal of Bob Major rung at Crawley on April 27th, in which he took part.

At the conclusion of the peal his fellow ringers at once showed their respect and appreciation in offering hearty congratulations, not only for his achievement in ringing yet a further peal but also for the splendid power of concentration and physical ability he displayed.

'Harry,' to his many ringing friends, maintains a very active interest in his tower—St. Nicholas', Brighton—where his duties of head ringer and tower keeper are maintained in no uncertain way. At 85 his interest in the St. Nicholas' band is still 'just part of his life.' Young ringers always find Harry giving them more than a helping hand.

Friday evenings find him in attendance at St. Peter's practice and, when ringing, invariably around the back end.

A very proud College Youth of many years' standing, Henry Stalham is also a Central Council representative for his county Association. Well done! and many happy returns.

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES

Canterbury District Visit Dover

A meeting of the Canterbury District was held at Dover on May 4th. The town is rapidly recovering from the bomb and shell damage, evidence of this being seen in the ancient church of St. Mary, with its new east window and recently restored organ. It was here that the usual service was held, after ringing during the afternoon, with a welcome from the Vicar (Canon A. S. Cooper), himself a ringer. During the service a prayer was said to the memory of Frederick Leonard, a ringer of many years' standing at Ospringe.

Tea in the Parish Hall was an excellent meal, prepared by Mrs. George, the local secretary, and friends from the M.U. Mr. John Willis took the chair for the business meeting. Three new practising members from the local band were elected. A letter from the recently-appointed Bishop of Dover was read, thanking the members for their letter of welcome.

Petham was chosen for the next quarterly meeting, with Sturry for a by-meeting, on June 29th. A welcome was given to Dennis Chapman, of Doncaster, who had recently come to live in the area; also a welcome home from honeymoon to Mr. and Mrs. M. Stephens.

Further ringing was held during the evening. The thanks of all were given to Mrs. George and her helpers for the tea, also to the former for making the local arrangements. B. J. L.

Seven Cranbrook Ringers, Including Vicar, Join

The quaint old town of Cranbrook was the venue of a joint meeting of the Hawkhurst Guild and the Tonbridge District of the Kent Association. It is a long time since a meeting has been held in this grand old church, dedicated to the Saxon St. Dunstan.

The Vicar (Rev. R. S. G. Bradshaw) warmly welcomed the visitors when he very humorously presided over the business meeting. Seven Cranbrook ringers, including the Vicar, were elected members of the Kent Association. The Vicar promised that the Church Council would pay their subscriptions.

The lovely-toned eight (23 cwt.) were kept going from 2.30 p.m. in rounds, Grandsire, Plain Bob, Stedman, Double Norwich, Superlative, etc. To hear the bells it is necessary to leave the door open. A curious muffling of the sounds occurs if a person stands in the doorway.

A. F. W.

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.—On May 8th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: R. Ludford-Brooks (aged 14, first quarter) 1, E. Leggett 2, B. Gibbons 3, D. Mills (cond.) 4, A. Cansdale 5, J. Macbeth 6. Followed by 1,260 Bob Doubles: J. Leggett (aged 11, first quarter) 1, E. Leggett (cond.) 2, B. Gibbons 3, A. Cansdale 4, D. Mills 5, J. C. Macbeth 6.

OBITUARY

MR. H. L. MARTIN

The passing of Mr. Harry Lionel Martin, secretary of the Cambridge District of the Ely Association, has dealt a hard blow to the Cambridge district, and it will take some time to recover from the loss sustained. He had been ill for some time with recurring abdominal trouble, and entered Addenbrookes Hospital for treatment on April 17th, necessitating two operations which so weakened his vitality that he collapsed, and died on May 3rd from pneumonia at the early age of 47. Our deepest sympathy goes out to his widow and four young children in their bereavement.

The funeral was held at Fen Ditton, where he learnt to ring under the tuition of his father. The Rev. R. H. Harrison officiated, assisted by Canon A. L. Woodard (president of the Branch), who read the lesson. Psalm 23 and hymns 'God moves in a mysterious way' and 'Hark, my soul,' were sung impressively by a large congregation of friends, colleagues from Pye's, Ltd., and members of the Association from Cambridge, Fen Ditton, Sawston, Newmarket, Huntingdon, Sutton, Meldreth, Harston, Wisbech, Chesterton, Trumpington and Cambridge University Guild. As the cortège left the church for cremation, the bells were rung half-muffled. During the evening quarter peals were rung at Great St. Mary's and the Church of Our Lady (where he had acted as steeplekeeper for the past ten years).

Harry joined the Association in 1932, and became District secretary in 1932. He rang his first peal in 1933, and up to the time of his death rang 34, his last being at Ely on February 2nd, on the occasion of the new Bishop's enthronement. He had also been interested in rowing, and rowed in an eight for Pye's in the C.R.A. races.

Of his 17 years of faithful service as District secretary, his interest in promoting the welfare of the Association was unflagging, and he was never happier than when rewarded with good attendances at the meetings and making arrangements for their needs: and although to our great regret he was absent at the last A.G.M., it was largely due to his efforts, and Mrs. Martin with her helpers, that the meeting was brought to a successful issue on Easter Monday last.

An adept in the art of rope-splicing, with a good engineering knowledge, one always felt a sense of security when Harry was about, and his annual reports on the progress of his District were straightforward and well worth listening to. His loss will be keenly felt throughout the District, and his work gratefully remembered by all.

MR. W. V. D. FLOWER

Mr. W. V. D. Flower, for whom a muffled peal was rung at Frome on May 11th, was a ringer for 68 years, 53 of them at Frome. He learnt to ring at All Saints', Nunney, at the age of 11, and on moving to Frome joined the band of ringers at St. John's Parish Church, where he was vice-captain for 30 years—for 19 of these tower secretary as well. He was always the first to arrive, waiting at the door for the band to assemble, then he would take the treble to lead the bells up and afterwards the sixth (a 17 cwt. bell) for a touch of his favourite, Grandsire Triples. Never late or absent for practice or service ringing was his fine record, until the last few months when his health began to fail. He leaves a widow and two sons, both ringers—Mr. W. E. Flower at Paulton, and Mr. D. H. Flower, captain of the Frome ringers.

E. D. O.

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY

On May 11th 20 members and friends of the Society visited the Newport, Mon, area on an outing, which for most of the party provided a brief respite from examination studies.

The Cathedral Church of St. Woolos (12, 21½ cwt.) was first visited, and after admiring its Norman architecture we opened our day's ringing with a touch of Grandsire Cinques. Stedman Caters and Cinques were also rung, and a half course of Cambridge Royal brought round. During the ringing the Dean visited the ringing chamber and welcomed us to the tower.

A good light Taylor eight (tenor 8½ cwt.) awaited us at Caerleon, and after a due note of warning on the weight of the bells, they were got going to Bob Major. This was followed by Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Double Norwich, and finally a course of Superlative. Our return bus to Newport seemed rather late in arriving, and it was not until two buses had departed in the opposite direction that we realised we were waiting in a one-way street to Usk!

However, we eventually arrived on time at All Saints', Newport, where a Warner eight (tenor 14½ cwt.) were got going to Spliced Cambridge and Yorkshire. Stedman and Grandsire Triples were followed by courses of Superlative and Bristol, and before the bells were lowered a course of Duffield Major was rung. We were most impressed by the upkeep of the ringing chamber, and those not ringing were always entertained examining the cuttings and photos pinned to the wall, and the visitors' book dating back to 1902. Surely this is a fine example of what can be done to make a large ringing chamber most interesting.

The party returned to Bristol by train to various musical accompaniments, and the outing was voted a 'major' success. Finally the Society would like to thank all local ringers for their kind welcome, and the clergy for allowing us to ring.

At the Society's A.G.M. on May 7th a vote of thanks was expressed to the retiring Master (Miss P. M. Bourn) for her hard work during two years of office. The Society's very best wishes for the future were conveyed both to her and Mr. A. R. Wright (tower secretary), who is also going down.

The following officers were elected for the next session: Master, D. Heighton; secretary, P. J. Bird; tower secretary, A. J. Smith; treasurer, B. J. Wylde. A first year representative remains to be elected, and enquiries from intending students would be welcomed by the secretary, Society of Change-Ringers, c/o Victoria Rooms, Clifton, Bristol, 8. P. J. B.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

The spring quarterly meeting of the Salisbury Branch was held at Hindon on May 4th, when 'musical honours' were accorded to Mr. Frank Haines, the 'father' of the Wilton band, whose 71st birthday it was. Mr. Haines has been ringing for 60 years. The chairman had received with regret the resignation of Mr. Jim Maidment as Ringing Master, and was also sorry to have to report that Mr. William Chalk (vice-president) was not so well. A certificate of proficiency had been gained by Miss Irene Bush, of Damerham, who has recently left to start work in Bath.

The new Vicar of Hindon (Rev. C. A. Duke-Baker) was there with the captain to welcome the visitors, and took the Guild service. The small ringing room was packed both afternoon and evening, and a variety of methods rung, up to courses of Cambridge and Beverley.

20 TOWERS (PLUS 1) IN BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

Tower-grabbers from seven counties met in Bucks on Easter Monday for their annual dashabout tour.

The first tower was Great Horwood, where Cambridge Minor was rung and consternation caused by the non-arrival of the organising secretary (who was still many miles away, having overslept). He did turn up, however, in time to ring at the next tower, Winslow, on the augmented eight. The gated roads and lanes delayed some in reaching Aston Abbotts, but everyone rang there in the end.

Our disappointment at finding Mentmore bells (on Lord Rosebery's estate) unringable was more acute as it was to have been one of only two new towers for 'A. P. C.')! Aston Clinton was our next call, and good ringing was accomplished. How noisy Walter Lee's bells at Wendover are! Nevertheless, we enjoyed meeting Walter again, and his bells. We found the next tower, Ellesborough, to contain six rather rough bells—partly due, perhaps, to sway of the tall brick-faced tower.

By the time we reached Great Kimble the pubs were open, and some delay to the ringing was caused by having to drag our weaker brethren from the bars! We were welcomed at Monks Risborough by the Vicar. Our poorer ringing there may have been due to the weariness of the party, who had, after all, rung in nine towers since breakfast!

After lunch the pleasant six at Little Missenden were rung to Spliced Surprise Minor. Naturally, we were sorry that permission was not forthcoming to ring at Great Missenden on the 26¾ cwt. six, but the six at Chesham, and its beautiful park, were most enjoyable. At Chenies, with its church close by the great house, we were met by the bell major, and were told that a peal had been lost there that morning.

In Chalfont St. Giles, as well as ringing on the six bells we saw the Morris men performing their ancient dances in the square, and sympathised with the fiddler who was trying to play against our racket! Fulmer proved another elusive tower for some, but most of us rang on the peculiar six, with their strange whistle, caused by rubber buffers on the clapper ball.

Excellent Yorkshire was ringing across the Elegiac churchyard at Stoke Poges when the writer arrived, and indeed, these lovely eight were well rung by everyone (except those listening to the Archers in R. G. E.'s car!). Farnham Royal's, close by, were also pleasant, but our stay was too short to bring out the best of the eight bells.

George Gilbert's 'musical box' at Burnham (Taylor's, 1949) sounded well to Bristol, and though G. G. complained at having to meet ringers on a Bank Holiday, he made us so welcome it was obvious he didn't really mind.

The recently rehung eight at Woburn were nice, too, but Superlative went better than Stedman. Mears' eight at Great Marlow came next, and we were pleased to meet and ring with Dennis Poole and other local ringers. Lane End, with its saddleback tower and handy six, was new for Mr. Edwards' friend, who thereafter rode no more with us, but went sadly home!

What a shame we left Hughenden till last! No less than three vehicles failed to locate the church in the park, even though we rang short touches till 9.15, hoping they would hear the bells and be able to enjoy them as much as we did, helped out by Roland Biggs and Walter Lee.

We must express our grateful thanks to all who met us at the towers and prepared for our visit.

Thank you, Buckinghamshire! P. I. C.

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ENGAGEMENT

BORDER—JACKSON.—The engagement is announced between Ruth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Jackson, of Sale, Cheshire, and Peter, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Border, of Trumpington, Cambridge. 295

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The address of Mr. R. Stilwell on and after May 27th, 1957, will be: 34, Bramber Road, Worthing, Sussex. Tel. Worthing 4594. 274

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WANTED.—Set of handbells, 12, 16 or 20, in good condition. Tenor not more than 4½ in. in diameter. Please write.—Mr. S. Webb, Corner House, Staverton, near Daventry, Northants. 296

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MISCELLANEOUS

NORFOLK and SUFFOLK TOUR. June 8th to 14th.—Anyone interested in joining party of West Country ringers? Limited transport available. Will send programme as soon as completed. Write R. Short, Quantock View, Chilton Trinity, Bridgwater. 289

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MEETINGS

DEVON GUILD (N.E. Branch) and BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION (Taunton Deanery).—Joint meeting, Sampford Peverell, Saturday, May 25th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5.15 p.m. Numbers for tea by 20th to W. H. Ware, 1, Holly Road, Cowley Moor, Tiverton. 234

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District. —Meeting, Bourn (8), Saturday, May 25th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—W. J. R. 249

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. —Meeting at Braintree, Saturday, May 25th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea, please, to G. Wiffen, 13, Warren Road, Braintree 194

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Chertsey District. —Meeting at Send-with-Ockham on Saturday, May 25th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Ockham 2.30 to 4 p.m. and after meeting. Service, Send, 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. 236

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Minster on Saturday, May 25th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea as soon as possible to Mrs. F. E. Baker, 334, Minster Road, Minster, Sheppey.—T. Barton, Asst. Dis. Sec. 211

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District. — By-meeting at Ulcombe on Saturday, May 25th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Please bring your own tea.—R. L. Sills. 196

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Practice, Chesham (6), Saturday, May 25th, 3.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Further ringing after till 8.30 p.m.—W. Butler.

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Meeting at Holme Pierpont (6) on Saturday, May 25th. Bring own food; cups of tea available. Subscriptions for 1957 required.—J. K. Wagstaff, Hon. Sec. 276

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD. — Meeting at Rayleigh, Saturday, May 25th, at 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. Blower, 37, Highfield Crescent, Rayleigh. 272

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Meeting at Salford Priors, Saturday, May 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting. 250

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—There will be a district practice at Ewhurst on Thursday, May 30th, 7.30–9 p.m. All welcome.—A. M. Cox, M. E. Collins, Joint Hon. Dis. Secs. 307

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Saturday, June 1st: St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, 3 p.m.; Ship, Talbot Court, 6 p.m.—A. B. Peck, Sec. 299

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Crewkerne Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Shepton Beauchamp, Saturday, June 1st. Service 4.30 p.m. Usual arrangements. Notify for tea.—J. T. Locke, Hon. Sec. 280

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—The meeting will be at Harrold on Saturday, June 1st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday to Miss Phyllis Gray, 18, Durler Avenue, Kempston, Bedford. 282

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—Meeting at Weaverham, Saturday, June 1st. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Names for tea not later than May 29th to W. Hornby, 33, Forsters Avenue, Weaverham, Northwich. 304

DEVON GUILD. — Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.—Meeting, Clyst St. George, Saturday, June 1st. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by May 30th to W. Wills, Restholme, Clyst St. George, near Exeter. 252

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Cramlington on Saturday, June 1st. Bells from 3 p.m. Names for tea to G. S. Deas, 65, Elsdon Road, Gosforth, Newcastle, 3. 284

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Meeting at Stretham (6) on Saturday, June 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Wilburton (6) available from 7 p.m.—D. E. R. Knights, Dis. Sec. 294

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — S.W. Crusader meeting, Langdon Hills, Saturday, June 1st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. C. Willmington, 79, Wallwood Road, Leytonstone, E.11. 266

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch. Saturday, June 1st, Stoke Bishop (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, Church House, 5.15 p.m. Meeting follows.—A. Bennett. 288

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, June 1st, at Madeley (8), 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to H. Edge, 10, The Crescent, Much Wenlock, Salop. 279

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION — Watford District. — Meeting at Elstree (6) on June 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5.—K. R. Dunstan, Dis. Sec. 308

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Little Chart (6) on Saturday, June 1st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Thursday to me.—C. T. Hillis, 244, Hythe Road, Willesborough, Ashford. 300

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—Meeting at East Peckham on Saturday, June 1st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, May 29th, to Mr. T. Saunders, East Peckham, Tonbridge. No name no tea 265

LADIES' GUILD.—West Midland District.—Meeting at Solihull (10) on Saturday, June 1st. Service 3 p.m. Bells from 4. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by May 29th, please, to Diana Perrins, 153, Plank Lane, Water Orton. 292

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at Whalley on Saturday, June 1st. Tower open 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Cups of tea provided.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 283

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Meeting at Silverdale on Saturday, June 1st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to W. Bolton, Kirkmeade, Cove Road, Silverdale.—R. F. Eccles, Sec. 291

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch.—Meeting, Emmanuel, Southport, on Saturday, June 1st. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those notifying, by Wednesday, May 29th, Mr. R. Kenrick, 19, Glenpark Drive, Southport.—M. E. Ridyard. 305

MARKSBURY, NEAR BATH. — Annual ringers' service on Saturday, June 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea early as possible to W. A. Prescott, Elmleigh, South Road, Timsbury, near Bath. Tel. Timsbury 287.

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Biddulph on Saturday, June 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, May 29th, to J. Stanway, School House, Biddulph, Stoke-on-Trent.—E. H. Edge, Hon. Sec. 297

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting at Newport Pagnell, Saturday, June 1st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Please notify for tea by May 27th R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bucks. 255

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Saturday, June 1st, practice meeting, Codford. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. for those who send names by May 28th. Boyton (5) also available evening.—Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Meeting, West Lavington (6), Saturday, June 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service and tea. Names for tea to S. Cockell, 19, Craybourne Road, Melksham, Wilts. 277

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting at Cotgrave (6) Saturday, June 1st. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names by previous Tuesday to Mr. L. Henson, 14, Scrimshire Lane, Cotgrave, Notts.—C. W. Towers. 256

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Cup contest meeting at Thrybergh, Saturday, June 1st, 3 p.m. Cups of tea available—bring food.—J. Seager, Sec. 269

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Stowmarket District.—Meeting at Cotton on Saturday, June 1st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., Names for tea by May 28th.—B. Chilvers, Dis. Sec., Cotton, Stowmarket. 259

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Sudbury District.—Meeting at Cowlinge (5), Saturday, June 1st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss R. Seabrook, Clare. 263

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Withyham (8), Saturday, June 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names by previous Wednesday, please, to Mr. I. Butcher, 14, Withypitts, Turner's Hill. 298

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, June 1st. Hordle (6) bells from 2.30 p.m. Service, tea and meeting at Milford. Milford bells (8), evening. Notify for tea to Admiral Everett, Gillinghams, Milford-on-Sea, Hants. 285

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at Tring on Saturday, June 8th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, June 5th, to Mr. B. Barker, 26, Haverlock Road, Kings Langley. No names, no tea.—J. Good, Dis. Sec. 287

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Diamond Jubilee, Saturday, June 8th. Ringing arrangements: St. Olave's (Hart Street) and St. Giles-in-the-Fields, 2.30 to 4 p.m. Service, St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, 4.30. Dinner, Fanmakers' Hall, 6 p.m.—F. W. Goodfellow, 46, Slough Road, Iver Heath, Bucks. Tel. Iver 1039. 293

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Long Stratton, Saturday, June 8th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, June 5th, to C. F. Phillippo, 1, Council Houses, Bunwell, Norwich. 303

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Whilton, Saturday, June 8th. Names for tea by Monday previous to Mr. H. Haynes, Whilton, Daventry.—F. W. Hancock 286

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—Quarterly meeting, June 8th, Hazelbury Bryan. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea. Visitors welcome. Please notify the Rev. R. A. Wells, Iwerne Minster Vicarage, Blandford, Dorset. 310

SUFFOLK GUILD.—General meeting. Long Melford, Saturday, June 8th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in Church School. Names by Thursday, June 6th, to Mr. V. Ambrose, 2, Westgate Street, Long Melford.—J. Blythe. 290

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Annual joint meeting with District Societies and LADIES' GUILD (Yorkshire District) at Whiston, near Rotherham, June 8th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. T. E. Cutts, 15, Stag Lane, Broom, Rotherham, by 6th. Subscriptions now due and annual reports available. A good attendance is hoped for and a pleasant afternoon guaranteed.—Elizabeth Wardill and J. J. L. Gilbert. 309

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting on Whit Monday, June 10th, at Chelmsford. Service at 11 a.m. in the Cathedral, conducted by the Provost. Address by the Bishop of Barking. Meeting immediately afterwards in the Chapter House. Cathedral bells available from 9.30 to 11 a.m. and from 5 p.m. From 3 to 6 p.m. the following towers are available: Galleywood (8), Widford (8), Writtle (8), Danbury (6), Sandon (6), and from 6 to 9 p.m.: Boreham (8), Great Waltham (8), Broomfield (6), Little Waltham (6), Springfield (6). Coffee and biscuits available in the Cathedral Hall from 10.15 a.m. to 10.45 a.m. Lunch, 1.30 p.m.—cost, 4s. 6d. Tea to be served at a running buffet from 5 to 6.15 p.m.—cost, 2s. Tickets for lunch and tea must be obtained prior to the day. Please apply early and by June 3rd, enclosing stamped addressed envelope.—F. V. Gant, 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch, Essex. 241

THE GUILD OF RAILWAYMEN CHURCH BELL RINGERS.—Provisional arrangements for the annual meeting at Crewe on June 22nd, full day.

The tower and bells and parochial buildings will be available from arrival to lunch time, approximately 1 p.m. Meeting at 2 p.m. Service (Guild office), hallowing by the Vicar of Christ Church (Rev. Francis G. Gentry), and dedication of peal board and photograph at 3 p.m., after which Christ Church bells will again be available; also Nantwich and Sandbach, both eights, not more than half-an-hour away.

A running buffet will be available from 4 p.m. Tea will be available on arrival and throughout the day. 273

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—The annual festival will be held at Teignmouth on Whit Monday, June 10th. Service at St. Michael's Church, 12.15 p.m. Lunch at Gervis Café, 1 o'clock. Tickets (5s.) obtainable in advance from Mr. E. M. Atkins, Rock Cottage, Woodland Avenue, Teignmouth. Business meeting afterwards. Ringing at St. Michael's (8) and St. James' (8) from 11 to 12, and after the business meeting.—Preb. E. V. Cox, Hunthay Close, Axminster. 277

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting and festival at Bridgnorth, Whit Monday, June 10th. Service 3.30 p.m., at St. Leonard's. Towers: St. Mary's, Bridgnorth, Claverley, Quatt, Chetton, Worfield. Bells available 11 a.m. Names for tea to H. G. Thomas, 104, Victoria Road, Bridgnorth, Salop. 154

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Meeting at Wolverley, Saturday, June 15th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business. Names for tea by Thursday, June 13th. Catering difficult here.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 306

QUARTER PEALS

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.—On Mar. 24th, 1,300 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure: R. J. Carlton (cond.) 1, Miss R. E. Gower 2, M. S. Lancefield 3, A. J. Lancefield 4, W. P. Garner 5, W. Gill 6. First in the method for the band. Also on Mar. 31st, 1,272 Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Spliced: Mrs. M. Pope 1, Miss R. E. Gower 2, A. J. Lancefield 3, M. S. Lancefield (cond.) 4, W. P. Garner 5, L. T. Pope 6. For Evensong. Also on April 7th, 1,280 Bob Doubles: R. J. Carlton (cond.) 1, Mrs. M. Pope (first in method) 2, Miss R. E. Gower 3, W. P. Garner 4, W. J. Lancefield 5, W. Gill 6. For Evensong. Also on April 7th, 1,260 Bob Minor: E. S. Ruck 1, Miss P. Lowes 2, M. S. Lancefield 3, C. T. Hillis 4, L. C. Smith 5, L. T. Pope (cond.) 6. For Matins. Also on April 14th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob: E. S. Ruck 1, Miss P. Lowes 2, Miss R. A. Gower 3, C. T. Hillis 4, L. C. Smith 5, L. T. Pope (cond.) 6. Also on April 21st, 1,320 Bob Minor: Miss P. Lowes 1, E. S. Ruck 2, Miss R. E. Gower 3, C. T. Hillis 4, L. C. Smith 5, L. T. Pope (cond.) 6. For Matins.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION

Ringing history was made on May 4th when the Northern District held what is believed to be the first-ever meeting of the Association at Embleton, Northumberland. Embleton, or Emeldon as it is also known in official documents, lies near the sea coast almost in the shadow of Dunstanburgh Castle, one of the outstanding examples of the majestic Northumbrian strongholds, and described by Freeman, the historian, as 'surpassing all other Northumbrian castles in the grandeur of its site and abiding as a castle should abide in the majesty of a shattered ruin.'

The parish church of the Holy Trinity is of ancient foundation, and the advowson is held by Merton College, Oxford. The tower contains a ring of six bells (tenor 11 cwt.), installed by Mears and Stainbank in 1894. Two peals of Minor have been recorded, in 1896 and 1935, but in recent years the bells have been going badly and little or no ringing has been done on them. Now, however, a scheme of restoration of the fabric of the tower and the rehanging of the bells has been completed, at a cost of over £1,000, and the bells were reopened last Christmas. At the invitation of the Vicar (the Rev. P. Karney), the Association arranged this meeting to try the bells and give a stimulus to ringing in this out-of-the-way village.

A full bus-load of ringers travelled from Newcastle. They and other members were met with a warm welcome from the Vicar and the local ringers and were accorded the freedom of the belfry. A little difficulty was experienced on first ringing owing to the maladjusted ropes, the sally of the treble being so low that the first touch was rung literally 'aux genoux.'

A picnic tea was taken in the Vicarage, the study, conservatory and kitchen being overrun for the purpose. Following this, a ringers' service was held in church, conducted by the Vicar of Embleton who, in an address, expressed the appreciation and thanks of the parish for the Association's visit. Mr. J. Brewster (hon. editorial secretary) officiated at the organ, and a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbell in the chancel by P. Giles 1-2, C. N. Lea 3-4, K. Arthur 5-6, E. N. Harrison 7-8. A collection realised £2 2s. 6d., of which £1 was allocated to the Association bell restoration fund and the remainder to the local belfry maintenance fund.

Further ringing continued until 8.30 p.m., when the order to re-embark was given and the journey back to Newcastle was made by a route of longer length when the driver missed a bob early on in the course!

Embleton now has a pleasant, easy-going six and looks like becoming the venue of many future Association meetings. It is planned to supply instruction in change-ringing to the local ringers, and it is hoped they will become members of this Association when qualified.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Bicester Deanery Branch

A pleasing sign at the quarterly meeting of the Bicester Deanery Branch meeting at Piddington on May 11th was that one-third of those present were young members of school age. Their keenness and good progress were commented upon.

The wives of Piddington ringers, under the supervision of Mrs. Jones, provided an excellent tea. The Rev. H. J. B. Elkerton presided at the business meeting, when arrangements for the outing on July 13th in the Bibury area were agreed and the annual meeting fixed for September 28th. He thanked the Vicar (Rev. A. F. Gatehouse) for conducting the service, Mrs. Bayliss (organist), Rev. H. Benson, for preaching the sermon, the ringers' wives and Mr. E. G. Jones.

RINGING IN ENGLAND 80 YEARS AGO

Extracts from 'Church Bells,' 1875–76

THE SALUTARY INFLUENCE OF BELL-RINGING AND ITS MELODIES

(Continued from page 285)

A correspondent, George Gregory, M.D., of Brackley Park, Great Lever, near Bolton, writes: '. . . I doubt if there be any physical exercise to equal bell-ringing for keeping the body in health . . . . In bell-ringing, the important muscles of the chest, the spinal column and the arms are brought into powerful, steady and regular motion—usually at regular intervals. The length of time which bell-ringers keep their muscles in exercise is generally sufficient to produce a wholesome effect; seldom, I presume, so long as to cause a feeling of exhaustion.

'The majority of our belfries are on elevated ground, that is, where the air is purer and lighter. . . . The temperature of the ringing rooms, with their thick walls, is not influenced by alternations of heat and cold, but should the weather unduly affect them, its influence can be easily modified. The mental effort to ring in order, together with the harmony of the bell-sounds, produces a beneficial effect, both on the mind and body. I certainly know of no "all-the-year-round" exercise which is as good for the health (especially of those persons who lead sedentary lives) as bell-ringing.

'The above thoughts were suggested by reading that a concert was to be given for the benefit of the bell-ringers of a neighbouring church in a town of about 100,000 inhabitants. However necessary it may be to pay working men for ringing church bells in rural places, I am sure that in towns and crowded villages there are many men who ought to consider it a privilege to be bell-ringers, and who should expect no reward except such as springs from the consciousness of having done good, in however humble an office, especially if connected with the service of their Maker. . . .

'. . . To the public, especially those who have "an ear for music," the sound of bells has a cheerfully soothing effect, sometimes diverting our thoughts from needless cares and anxieties, to calm and tender moods and pleasant remembrances; old thoughts and scenes are brought back fresh and new almost as in days long gone by . . . .'

CHURCH BELLS AND HOW TO USE THEM

This appeared to be a big item at the Sixteenth Church Congress which was held at Plymouth in October, 1876, the opening service being at St. Andrew's Church. Mr. C. A. W. Troyte's paper followed others, and it included:—

'. . . There are few of the qualities God has given to man which are not exercised and improved by the practice of this art. Patience . . . sharpness of the eye and ear . . . strength of muscle . . . skill and judgment . . . presence of mind, endurance and memory . . . concentrating the attention . . . . Yet, in many parishes, from the parson and most influential inhabitants down to the school children, everyone is proud of the bells and loves to hear them . . . few but the ringers themselves care what goes on in the steeple or know anything about the ringing, the state of the bells or the character of those who perform them . . . this state of things is altering for the better . . . . It is no longer allowed as a rule that the ringers should be the roughs of the parish, and that, as such, they should be banished to a dirty loft in the tower, there to drink and smoke as they please. . . . There are few parishes which do not possess a sufficient number of respectable and intelligent young men to ring the bells in the proper way, and to put them to their full use by practising change-ringing upon them. . . . I have enjoyed and been proficient in many sports and pastimes . . . and for the encouragement of would-be change-ringers, I may say that some of my happiest and most exciting moments have been in a church tower. The excitement lest a "crab" should be caught in a boat race; a catch sent at the end of a cricket match; a shoe thrown towards the end of "the best run of the season"; to any of these may be fairly compared the end of a peal. . . . A man need not necessarily be a "peal ringer" to enjoy all the greatest pleasure of change-ringing. Is he fond of music? . . . Is he an athlete? . . . the indescribable charm in the study for the methods and compositions . . . the greatest of its charms, it may be a great Church work . . . . The merry peals at Christmas, the muffled peal which should be rung on Good Friday; the silence now so often enforced during Lent . . . . How is it then that they are so often allowed for most despicable of uses? To ring for races—to ring because one's sewerage scheme is passed and another rejected; because this gentleman is returned to and that gentleman is turned out from the Town Council—and, worst of all, to be rung whole days and nights in miserable ups and downs and rounds and rounds in contests for a few paltry money prizes got up by beer-house keepers!. . . . We (the Devon Guild of Ringers) consider it most unfit that God's House should be made a contest at all . . . . They are invariably got up by the publicans, and lead to drunkenness, fighting and all kinds of excesses . . . . I make an earnest appeal to those who have the entire power over the bells to encourage with all their great influence the practice (of using these beautiful instruments to do much good), and at least to use the absolute power of veto which they possess to put an end to the abuses which still so largely exist in our steeples.'

Mr. Troyte's paper was followed by an address from Rev. F. H. Fisher, M.A., of Fulham.

Regarding ringing and chiming, he said that he thought our English church tower-bells were *always* meant to be rung. Then he gave his opinion as to the proper uses of church bells. 'First . . . chief and primary use, to summon our people to church . . . the external voice of the Church, as Catholic as the Church itself . . .

'Second. The Church's voice should be lifted up, especially on her great festivals. The higher festivals might be marked by either a short touch in the early morning, or before one of the early celebrations; and the penitential seasons might be marked by the ringing giving place to the less joyous chiming.

'Third. There are occasions when most appropriately our bells may send forth in public our national joys and sorrows.

'Fourth. It is right that on certain occasions the voice of the Church should be heard proclaiming the happiness or the losses of her faithful children . . . only it must be remembered carefully to *what* joys and sorrows the Church's voice *may* proclaim her sympathy. They must be such as connect the *private* life with the *privileges* and offices of the Church . . . the Church as such, cannot rejoice over the return of a parishioner to represent a portion only of a constituency in Parliament, although she may very well express her gladness at the safe return from travel of someone whose position gives him influence, or the happy coming-of-age of one upon whose after-life much of the happiness of his native place maay depend. The difficult points which will arise will be most easily met by remembering that the bells speak for all and to all and that their voice is the Church's note of feeling. . . . No one should be allowed to ring the Church's bells who is not a *bona-fide* member of the Church, and who does not take a pleasure in devoting whatever talent he may have to the service of the Church and the glory of God. The same attention should be bestowed upon the selection of the ringers as upon that of the choirmen . . . .'

The Rev. B. L. Langdon Fulford, M.A., of Brodbrey, Devon, followed:—

'. . . the ringers have been almost universally forgotten, because the clergy have become ignorant of the art which in former ages of the Church they practised . . . . I earnestly plead, therefore, for the recognition of the ringers by the Church at large—making societies either coterminous with deaneries, archdeaconries or (far better than either) dioceses. . . . There must be found men of good social position . . . then the hearty sympathy and co-operation of Church authorities must be sought for, and surely cannot be refused . . . . Such societies will render possible the presence of the parish priest in the belfry at many impressive times. . . .

'In another way the duty of the Church towards the ringers has been imperfectly fulfilled. The annual supervision by the rural dean of the fabrics and ornaments of our churches has rarely, until of late years, extended to the belfries or bell-chambers, and churchwardens . . . have neglected their steeple, until the surrounding tokens of carelessness and indifference have had their effect upon the ringers, and have prevented the more respectable parishioners from entering the tower . . . . Let the Church of England put the noble rings of her parochial steeples in order, and we shall see a like change in the character of the ringers as is discernible in the case of members of our choirs. Ere I conclude, I would venture to suggest that a recognition of the ringers as Church workers by bishops on the occasions of their visits to the different parishes would be highly esteemed. . . .'

(To be continued)

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

South and West District

Perhaps because a number of neighbouring Societies were also holding meetings on that day, the attendance was not as good as usual at the South and West District meeting at Heston on April 27th.

Ringing was confined to the standard methods in which, however, there was some good striking, and was somewhat curtailed by a broken rope. After this, the Association form of service was conducted by the Vicar (Preb. F. W. Ferraro); the organ was played by Mr. F. C. Price. The local band arranged an excellent tea which was fully in keeping with this band's fine tradition of entertainment.

The business meeting opened with the members standing in silence in memory of Ernest C. S. Turner. A letter was read from old friends Mr. and Mrs. Webb, who apologised for their absence, but who appeared to be having a very pleasant holiday. One new member, Mrs. Gotham, of Uxbridge, was elected. The vice-president (Mr. W. H. Coles) then referred to the wedding of Miss Barbara Thrush, of Cranford, which had taken place that afternoon, to whom the meeting extended their congratulations and best wishes. He also mentioned how pleased they were to find Mr. Ernest Gladman with them; he has been a member of the Heston band for over 60 years. 'I have enjoyed every minute of it,' Mr. Gladman said in reply. The secretary (Mr. F. A. Finch) announced that the next meeting would be at Ealing on June 15th; and the meeting concluded with votes of thanks to all those concerned with the arrangements for the afternoon. W. T. C.

5,152 WHITCHURCH SURPRISE MAJOR

By R. F. B. SPEED

23456	B	5/4	W	M	H
42635			—	—	
36245			2		2
26543				—	
64235	X				
43652	X				
56342		X		—	
23564			—	—	—

Repeat twice, omitting 2B 5/4 in last part. Rung at Willesden on May 2nd, 1957.

5,056 CASSIOBURY SURPRISE MAJOR

By JOHN R. MAYNE

23456	M	W	B	H
42356				—
43526		—		2
(4326,5)		—	X	
26435		—		—
(26354)		—	X	
52364		—		3
53624		—		2
62534		—		—
24536	—			2
(24365)		—	X	
62345		—		3
63425		—		2
(32654)			X	
(25346)			X	
23456		—		2

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A LEADER RETIRES

SINCE 1930, proceedings of the Central Council have been under the wise guidance and direction of Mr. Edwin H. Lewis. The Exercise has been led by one who is fully conversant with, and in many departments a master supreme of, its varied facets, with a statesmanlike dignity that has gained the confidence and admiration of thousands of ringers. Not only has Mr. Lewis held the office of president longer than any other holder, but he has succeeded in knitting the great ringing fraternity into one whole. To serve under him has been a great privilege.

Born on June 13th, 1881, the youngest son of Canon D. Lewis, then Vicar of St. Ann's, Nottingham, Mr. Lewis was educated at Charterhouse and at Trinity College, Cambridge, where he was Mechanical Science Exhibitioner in 1903. Before going to Cambridge he had learnt to ring at Trowell, Notts, in 1900, and in 1901 he joined the Cambridge University Guild, whom he represented on the Central Council from 1908 until 1936, when it was decided that as president he should become an honorary member of the Council. He was made a life member in 1951 on creation of this class of member.

Since 1912 Mr. Lewis has been a member of the Council's Towers and Belfries Committee, and as such has given advice on bell restorations on many occasions. In 1914 he presented to the Council a survey of his investigations into the nature of the horizontal and vertical forces which bells exert on a tower, disproving the previous accepted theories of Lord Grimthorpe. This work was acknowledged at the meeting by the heads of the three leading firms of bellfounders to be of the greatest value, and by the then president, Sir Arthur Heywood, himself an engineer, to have revolutionised bell-hanging. His calculations were tested in 1921 on behalf of the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings, as a result of which an agreement was reached between the Society and the Council, the two bodies having previously been frequently in dispute.

Mr. Lewis rang his first peal at St. Andrew's, Cambridge, on June 17th, 1902, and has taken part in 266 peals. He was one of the first to compose extents of Spliced Minor methods, and as far back as August, 1912, contributed an article to 'The Ringing World' on the Splicing of Minor Methods, setting out rules for composing extents and including an example in four plain methods. The same year saw him a member of the Methods Committee, on which he served until 1932. In March, 1923, he published a number of extents in six Delight methods. Of his peals, in December, 1930, he took part in the first and so far the only 'Edwin' peal to be rung, in which the present secretary of the Council rang his first peal of Major.

The Ancient Society of College Youths elected Mr. Lewis as Master in 1936 and again in 1937 for its tercentenary. He presided over that memorable annual dinner when the company numbered over 400 and included the Lord Mayor of London, the Bishops of London and Kensington and the Duke of Argyll. Despite a very busy and responsible professional life, Mr. Lewis took part not only in Sunday ringing, when possible, but taught new bands of ringers at Widnes and at Brasted, Kent. While at Wishaw he served as churchwarden and was a lay representative of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church to the Diocesan and Provincial Representative Church Council.

He had a long business connection with the Glasgow Iron and Steel Company Ltd., being appointed general manager in 1927, the company at the time working six collieries, an iron works, a cement works, an ammonia works, a limestone mine and an iron ore mine. Whilst with the company he introduced dry blast on the furnaces as a successful innovation. For four years he was president of the West of Scotland Iron and Steel Institute. In 1929 Mr. Lewis joined the board of directors of the Tunnel Portland Cement Co., and remained on the board until last year.

In two years' time Mr. and Mrs. Lewis will celebrate their golden wedding. Mrs. Lewis was a daughter of the Ven. J. G. Richardson, Vicar of Southwell and Archdeacon of Nottingham. They had four sons and three daughters, of whom three sons and two daughters served in the Royal Navy, one son and one daughter being lost on active service.

Although the Central Council meeting at Chelmsford will see the election of a new president, the Council has this knowledge that it will not be deprived of his advice and guidance, as his life membership carries with it a seat on the Council.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., May 11, 1957, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 26 cwt. 18 lb. in D.

*CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	*Treble*	†PAUL J. RIGBY	7
STELLA HUGHES	2	‡ARTHUR T. DUTTON	8
FREDERICK G. HANDLEY	3	GEORGE W. HUGHES	9
BARNABAS G. KEY	4	JOHN R. JOYNER	10
ALAN G. FORSTER	5	HOWARD HOWELL	11
P. GEORGE GOLDER	6	†JOHN A. ANDERSON	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by GEORGE W. HUGHES.
* 550th peal. † First peal on 12 bells. ‡ 50th peal of Stedman Cinques.
A 21st birthday compliment to J. R. Joyner.

TEN BELL PEALS

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., May 8, 1957, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5041 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	*Treble*	JOSEPH W. COTTON	6
*BRIAN G. WARWICK	2	JOHN M. JELLEY	7
*PHYLLIS POOLE	3	G. RONALD EDWARDS	8
†JOHN A. ACRES	4	ERNEST J. JELLEY	9
ROLAND H. COOK	5	‡J. HARRY COOK	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* 100th peal together. † 100th peal on the bells. ‡ First peal on ten bells.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Sat., May 11, 1957, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 24 cwt. 7 lb. in D.

IAN P. McEWAN	*Treble*	†IVOR BENTLEY	6
*ALAN SHARPLES	2	ALAN PENDLEBURY	7
CAROL EUSTACE	3	JOHN F. BRYANT	8
*GEOFFREY HOPKINSON	4	DEREK OGDEN	9
BRIAN A. TOMLINSON	5	*KENNETH D. PERKINS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by DEREK OGDEN.
* First 10-bell peal. † First peal. The first 10-bell peal for the Guild.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., May 15, 1957, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

*BRIAN G. WARWICK	*Treble*	‡JOSEPH W. COTTON	6
ERNEST MORRIS	2	G. RONALD EDWARDS	7
†JOAN K. BROWN	3	*JOHN A. ACRES	8
‡BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	4	‡ERNEST J. JELLEY	9
‡PHYLLIS POOLE	5	‡JOHN M. JELLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal of Royal in the method on tower bells. † First peal of Royal and first peal in the method. ‡ First peal of Royal in the method. First peal of Royal in the method as conductor.

CARDIFF, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 18, 1957, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 26 cwt. 4 lb. in D.

JAMES E. DANIELS	*Treble*	GEORGE E. EVENDEN	6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	2	FRANK L. HARRIS	7
DAVID R. REED	3	LEWIS F. COBB	8
JOHN HARTLESS	4	MICHAEL J. BEST	9
PHILIP N. TUBBS	5	RONALD N. MARLOW	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

ABERAVON, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., May 10, 1957, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Six-part. Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr.

ROBERT E. COLES	*Treble*	TREVOR M. RODERICK	5
GWYN I. LEWIS	2	*ERNEST STITCH	6
ALFRED HANNINGTON	3	ALBERT J. PITMAN	7
EDMUND J. MORRIS	4	WILLIAM T. PETTY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT J. PITMAN.
* 500th peal, and rang same bell which he rang in his first peal in 1919 in above tower, and the same conductor.

AYLESTONE, LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 11, 1957, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

*TERRY I. ROPER	*Treble*	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON	5
*CHRISTINE WAKEFIELD	2	†RALPH ELKINGTON	6
TERENCE BOLINGBROKE	3	*RUSSELL S. MORRIS	7
GEORGE H. BRAY	4	*DEREK G. E. BECK	*Tenor*

Composed by E. TAYLOR. Conducted by REDVERS F. ELKINGTON.
* First peal. † First peal in the method.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Frederick E. Wilson, late Ringing Master.

BURNHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Sat., May 11, 1957, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5056 BOB MAJOR
Pritchard's. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

GORDON W. LIMMER	*Treble*	KENNETH BUCKINGHAM	5
*HOWARD OGLESBY	2	RICHARD DEAN	6
MISS M. R. JAYCOCK	3	WILLIAM HENLEY	7
MISS A. L. J. SMALLBONE	4	GEORGE GILBERT	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT.
* First peal other than Minor
Rung as a farewell to Nurse Audrey Smallbone (G.M.), shortly leaving for Canada.

FRINDSBURY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 11, 1957, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5056 BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

*RUTH HIGHLEY	*Treble*	RONALD C. BURNS	5
*LAWRENCE A. MITCHELL	2	‡JOHN C. S. BENSON	6
†GEORGE KENWARD	3	§GEORGE J. BUTCHER	7
†TERENCE BARTON	4	CYRIL S. JARRETT	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by GEORGE BUTCHER.
* First peal of Major. † 25th peal together. ‡ First peal 'inside.' § 300th peal. The ringer of the tenor has now 'circled the tower.'

HALSTEAD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 11, 1957, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5120 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in F.

*GEORGE A. TRENDELL	*Treble*	*ALAN R. SYDER	5
FRANK CLAYDON	2	*JOHN A. WARNER	6
*LEWIS W. WIFFEN	3	WALTER ARNOLD	7
*TERRY EARLE	4	HILDA G. SNOWDEN	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by HILDA G. SNOWDEN.
* First peal of Rutland. First peal on the bells since their recasting and rehanging by John Taylor and Co.

THAME, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 11, 1957, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5184 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt.

ROBERT B. BLOND	*Treble*	JAMES P. BLOND	5
HENRY L. BISHOP	2	ALFRED R. T. GREENOUGH	6
HENRY BADGER	3	ERNEST G. GARRARD	7
*FRANK GODDEN	4	JACK O. BERRY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by ROBERT B. BLOND.
* First peal of Treble Bob Major.

WEST HALLAM, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 11, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

*VIVIENNE M. HORTON	*Treble*	GORDON A. HALLS	5
PHILIP H. WHITAKER	2	ALBERT E. THOMPSON	6
FRANCIS R. LOWE	3	HAROLD TAYLOR	7
†PATRICIA A. M. FORSTER	4	*DENIS R. CARLISLE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by DENIS CARLISLE.
* 25th peal together. † First peal in the method. The first peal of London Surprise Major to be rung by a resident Derbyshire Association band.

WIGSTON MAGNA, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 11, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5024 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Comprising 704 each of Wigston, Leicestershire, Loughborough, Huntingdon, Bognor, Buckingham and 800 Crayford, 153 changes of method.
Tenor 16 cwt. 11 lb. in E.

WILLIAM JOHNSON	*Treble*	RICHARD F. ROE	5
RICHARD J. CARTER	2	SAMUEL J. HAINES	6
T. MAUREEN LLOYD	3	KENNETH A. ROE	7
THOS. EDWARD HARROLD	4	WILLIAM J. ROOT	*Tenor*

Composed by A. G. DRIVER. Conducted by KENNETH A. ROE.
First peal in seven Surprise Major methods by all except the ringers of 5 and 7.
The 20th anniversary of this same peal rung at Wigston Magna on May 12th, 1937.

WOBURN, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 11, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in D.

*JOHN R. JORDAN	*Treble*	†ROBERT L. PIRON	5
†MALCOLM G. HOOTON	2	DENNIS KNOX	6
ERNEST J. MUNDAY	3	KENNETH G. SPAVINS	7
JAMES G. NEWMAN	4	JOHN W. SINFIELD	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JOHN W. SINFIELD.
* First peal. † First peal of Cambridge Major. First peal of Major as conductor.
Rung to celebrate the founding of the Bedfordshire Association 75 years ago on March 13th, 1882.

OVER, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Mon., May 13, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5072 BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15½ cwt.

J. DESMOND PAINTER	*Treble*	JOHN G. GIPSON	5
*J. MARY BOISARD	2	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN	6
DERECK LATCHFORD	3	ERNEST G. HIBBINS	7
T. REGINALD DENNIS	4	JAMES W. R. QUINNEY	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by ERNEST G. HIBBINS.
* First peal of Bob Major away from the treble.
In memoriam Harry L. Martin.

MAYFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., May 14, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Vicar's Six-part. Tenor 20 cwt. 4 lb.

*FREDERICK J. LAMBERT	*Treble*	‡ERNEST J. LADD	5
*†CHARLES A. BASSETT	2	†WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE	6
‡STANLEY G. PONTING	3	WILLIAM R. MANSER	7
BERNARD V. COLLISON	4	ROY CHANDLER	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE.
* 50th peal together. † 75th peal together. ‡ 25th peal together.

SOUTH LEIGH, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., May 15, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5152 CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

*HARRY P. FLOYD	*Treble*	ALAN R. PINK	5
CHARLES COLES	2	*BERTRAM J. COGGINS	6
*DOUGLAS O. WILKS	3	CYRIL H. KINCH	7
*DERMOT J. ROAF	4	*EDGAR J. SMITH	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.
Rung to welcome Canon C. A. Wheeler, who was instiuted to this living on May 8th.

GOLDHANGER, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., May 16, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. WHITE	*Treble*	JOE E. G. ROAST	5
ARTHUR HUBBLE	2	BRIAN J. HOWARD	6
HARRY R. APPLETON	3	FRANK B. LUFKIN	7
BERNARD C. MANN	4	SYDNEY C. EASTER	*Tenor*

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.
First peal in the method by all and for the Association.

BUCKLEY, FLINTSHIRE.
THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 18, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB TRIPLES
Hubbard's Ten-part. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

*GEOFFREY PARTING	*Treble*	†HENRY O. BAKER	5
†JOHN S. DEAN	2	†DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD	6
†JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	3	PERCY SWINDLEY	7
†JOHN HUGHES	4	†JOHN T. TILSTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.
* First peal. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam John E. Usher, ringer at this church since the company was formed in 1903.

COWBRIDGE, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 18, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,
A PEAL OF 5056 BOB MAJOR

WILLIAM T. PETTY	*Treble*	*ERNEST STITCH	5
ROBERT E. COLES	2	TREVOR M. RODERICK	6
ALFRED HANNINGTON	3	*ALBERT J. PITMAN	7
THOMAS YEOMANS	4	GWYN I. LEWIS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by GWYN I. LEWIS.
* 150th peal together.
A wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Coles on their 29th anniversary. Also a birthday compliment to Miss Gwyneth Williams.

GODSTONE, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 18, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 4 lb. in G.

*REV. K. G. HOARE	*Treble*	*BRIAN A. CRACKNELL	5
EDWARD G. L. COWARD	2	GEORGE OLLIVER	6
ALFRED J. BULL	3	†F. ERIC ROBERTS	7
*WILLIAM PARROTT	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by F. ERIC ROBERTS.
* First peal of Double Norwich. † 100th peal.
Rung with the best wishes of the band to the ringer of the third, who this day celebrated his 65th birthday and the beginning of his retirement.

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NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 27, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Tenor 12½ cwt.

Wendy Ellam	*Treble*	Geoffrey Lloyd	4
Ken Edwards	2	Peter A. Millward	5
*Jennifer Ann Ellison	3	David Burgess	*Tenor*

Conducted by Peter A. Millward.
* First peal.

RADLEY, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 29, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James-the-Great,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Reverse Canterbury, and two extents each of Kent T.B. and Plain Bob.
Tenor 6¼ cwt., approx.

*Susan Alexander (14)	*Treble*	Alan R. Pink	4
*Daphne J. Pollard (13)	2	Donald H. Niblett	5
Marie R. Cross	3	Wilfrid F. Moreton	*Tenor*

Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.
* First peal in five methods.
Rung for the wedding of Miss Elizabeth Llewellyn Jones (a former member of this tower) to Mr. R. Arkell.

ELSHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., May 8, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being one extent each of Bourne, London, Wells, Beverley, Surfleet, York and Cambridge. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

Harry Hall	*Treble*	George E. Feirn	4
Ronald Chafer	2	Jack Bray	5
C. Aubrey Harrison	3	Philip Barnes	*Tenor*

Conducted by Jack Bray.

HORSHAM ST. FAITH, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., May 9, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Mary and Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

*Adrian A. Blyth	*Treble*	Derick W. Pardon	4
John R. Smith	2	‡Walter C. Medler	5
†Arthur C. Wells	3	‡William R. Catchpole	*Tenor*

Conducted by William R. Catchpole.
* First peal at first attempt. † First peal 'inside.' ‡ 25th peal together.
Rung for the institution of the Rev. A. F. Roberts to this living by the Bishop of Norwich.

NORWICH, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 29, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. George, Colegate,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR
Being one extent of Double Oxford and one extent of St. Clement's, and five extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

Barbara Payne	*Treble*	Muriam A. Higdon	4
*Barbara M. Johnson	2	William H. Barrett	5
Bridget Mutimer	3	Arthur G. Bason	*Tenor*

Conducted by Arthur G. Bason.
* First peal.

BATLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., May 9, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in four methods: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2 and 3) Oxford Treble Bob, (4 and 5) Kent Treble Bob, (6 and 7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 10¼ cwt.

Alexander E. Marsh	*Treble*	Vernon Bottomley	4
Maurice J. Thurmott	2	*David Atkins	5
Harold B. Schofield	3	Wilfrid F. Moreton	*Tenor*

Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.
* First peal in four methods.

FRYERNING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., May 9, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being an extent each of Wells, London and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent T.B., Double Court and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

Harry J. Wright	*Treble*	Howard W. Egglestone	4
Henry T. Wilson	2	John H. Sitch	5
Ernest W. Furbank	3	Harry Turner	*Tenor*

Conducted by Harry Turner.
Rung as a 70th birthday compliment to Ernest W. Furbank.

LONGSTANTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., May 9, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

Alec T. Denson	*Treble*	Robert H. Brooker	4
Claud Gimbert	2	Geoffrey A. Lucas	5
Donald E. R. Knights	3	Mansfield Ginn	*Tenor*

Conducted by Mansfield Ginn.
Rung in memoriam Harry L. Martin, secretary of the Cambridge District of the Association, by members of the Ely District.

PACKINGTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Thurs., May 9, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of The Holy Rood,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Oxford T.B. and Kent T.B., and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 lb. in B flat.

Wm. Geoffrey Hair	*Treble*	*Richard Clifton	4
Joseph W. Cotton	2	John W. Rawson	5
William T. Goadby	3	Arthur E. Rowley	*Tenor*

Conducted by Arthur E. Rowley.
* First peal.

YOXFORD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Thurs., May 9, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being 720 each of Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt.

C. Jack Gibson	*Treble*	Peter S. Bedford	4
Edwin T. Chapman	2	H. William Barrett	5
Peter Kindred	3	John W. Blythe	*Tenor*

Conducted by John W. Blythe.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., May 10, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
C.C.C. Nos. 59, 65, 64, 66, 68, 67 and 58. Tenor 15 cwt.

Arthur S. Richards	*Treble*	John L. Morris	4
Arthur G. Mason	2	Brian Bladon	5
Ralph Bird	3	Philip Mehew	*Tenor*

Conducted by Ralph Bird.
Rung as a compliment to Richard W. Stephens, of Kempston, Beds, and Mary Fuller, of West Wickham, who were married at West Wickham on Easter Saturday.

CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 11, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Thomas-a-Becket,
A PEAL OF 5160 DOUBLES
In 14 methods, being three extents each of Stedman, Shipway's Place Bob, Westminster II Bob, Blackburn Place Bob, St. Hilary Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, St. Nicholas' Bob, Winchendon Place Bob, St. Remigius' Bob, Plain Bob, St. Simon's Bob, St. Martin's Bob, St. Osmund Bob, and two 240's of Grandsire. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

William H. Dowse	*Treble*	*Bernard Groves	3
Robert B. Smith	2	Brian J. Woodruffe	4
Alan McFall	*Tenor*		

Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.
* 25th peal. The first peal in 14 Doubles methods by all the band and on the bells. The most methods yet rung to a peal of Doubles for the Association.

EDLESBOROUGH, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 11, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 CUNECASTRE SURPRISE MINOR
Being composed of seven different extents.
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in F.

PHYLLIS M. MAYNE	*Treble*	*KENNETH R. DUNSTAN	4
JOAN M. WILCOCKSON	2	WILLIAM WENBAN	5
RICHARD G. OUSTON	3	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
* 25th peal of Surprise Minor. The first peal in the method.

HOLYWELL, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 11, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF 5040 IPSWICH SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

HAROLD J. F. MUNCEY	*Treble*	DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS	4
DOROTHY A. M. ROBINSON	2	HAROLD S. PEACOCK	5
GEOFFREY A. LUCAS	3	MANSFIELD GINN	*Tenor*

Conducted by MANSFIELD GINN.
The first peal in the method by all. Rung in memoriam Harry L. Martin, secretary of the Cambridge District of the Association.

HOME HALE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 11, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt. in E.

*FRIEDA A. M. FROST	*Treble*	TONY OWEN	4
ALBERT E. DIXON	2	SAMUEL H. WATERFIELD	5
H. JOHN LARWOOD	3	CECIL V. EBBERSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by CECIL V. EBBERSON.
* First peal.
A farewell peal for the Rev. and Mrs. Underhill, who are leaving the village for Hadlow in the diocese of Rochester.

TAXAL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 11, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being seven extents in 29 methods: (1) St. Werburg, Combermere, Canterbury, Vale Royal, Abbeyville and Crowland Delight; (2) College Exercise, Duke of Norfolk, Ockley, Norbury and Morning Star Treble Bob; (3) Neasden, St. Albans, Charlwood, Humber, Braintree and Wragby Delight; (4) Old Oxford, College Bob IV, Newdigate, Taxal, Marple and Willesden Delight; (5) Taxal Delight; (6) Oxford, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure, Sandal and Capel Treble Bob; (7) Kent Treble Bob; 93 changes of method, 63 bobs. Tenor 11 cwt. 23 lb.

*FRANK OSBALDISTON	*Treble*	*ROBERT B. SMITH	4
*BERNARD GROVES	2	WILLIAM A. SMITH	5
*†ALAN MCFALL	3	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.
* First peal in 29 methods. † 25th peal. The most methods yet rung to a peal for the Association.

WILLINGDON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 11, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR
Being seven 720's, each called differently.
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in A flat.

ROBERT W. PERCY	*Treble*	RONALD W. PANKHURST	4
KATHLEEN M. YEO	2	FREDK. LAMBERT	5
MRS. BETTY PERCY	3	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE.
Rung for the sixth birthday of Susan and Charles, twin children of the ringers of treble and third, and for the christening of Allen and Geoffrey, twin sons of Mr. and Mrs. H. Reynolds.

LAMAS, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., May 13, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
AT THE PARISH CHURCH.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 21 six-scores of Grandsire and 21 six-scores of Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

*BRIAN E. MASON	*Treble*	HERBERT G. SMITHSON	3
WALTER C. MEDLER	2	DOUGLAS E. RUST ANDREWS	4
WILLIAM R. CATCHPOLE	*Tenor*		

Conducted by WILLIAM R. CATCHPOLE.
* First peal of Doubles.
Rung for the dedication of the new belfry floor.

FRYERNING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., May 14, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In eight methods, viz.: (1) London and Wells Spliced, (2) Oxford Bob, (3) Double Oxford, (4) St. Clement's, (5) Kent T.B., (6) Cambridge Surprise, (7) Plain Bob Tenor 9½ cwt.

MARY DOWSETT	*Treble*	*ALFRED J. HOUSE	4
PATRICK W. SALTMARSH	2	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE	5
BRIAN J. HOWARD	3	JOE E. G. ROAST	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.
* First peal in over seven Minor methods.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., May 14, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 14 extents of Grandsire, ten of Plain Bob, ten of April Day and eight of Hurdibras. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in A.

JANET BROWN	*Treble*	WALTER WESTON	4
D. HENRY METTAM	2	JAMES H. MUSSON	5
HENRY P. COLLIN	3	JOHN F. WRIGHT	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.
Rung half-muffled as a last token of respect and esteem to Mr. Thomas Covell, a faithful worshipper at St. Denis' Church for over 50 years, who was laid to rest that afternoon.

CASTLE EATON, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 18, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Consisting of 42 extents in 22 methods, each having its own plain course, being two extents each of Union Bob, St. Faith's S.C., St. Julian, Reverse New Bob, Reverse Huntspill, Reverse St. Vedast, Westminster II, Blackburn, St. Hilary, New Bob, Huntspill, St. Vedast, St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place, St. Remigius, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Osmund Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury, and one extent each of Grandsire and Stedman. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

VICTOR GRIFFIN	*Treble*	ERIC SUTTON	4
FRANCIS G. WILTON	2	ANTHONY R. PEAKE	5
RAYMOND C. WESTNEY	3	THOMAS R. COLLINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.
The greatest number of methods to a peal by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.
Rung as a wedding anniversary compliment to the Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Harrison, of Castle Eaton.

HANDBELL PEALS

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Fri., May 10, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Taylor's Six-part. Tenor size 15 in C.

WILLIAM H. JACKSON	1—2	ROBIN A. HODGSON	5—6
DEREK G. GOODMAN	3—4	DONALD H. NIBLETT	7—8

Conducted by DONALD H. NIBLETT.

RADLEY, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., May 12, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
IN THE VESTRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,
A PEAL OF 5056 BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 14 in D.

MARIE R. CROSS	1—2	WILLIAM H. JACKSON	5—6
ROBIN A. HODGSON	3—4	*STEPHEN J. IVIN	7—8

Composed by E. W. TIPLER Conducted by WILLIAM H. JACKSON.
* First peal on eight bells 'in hand.'

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Hinckley District.)
On Wed., May 15, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT 128, LEICESTER ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor size 15 in C.

ALFRED JORDON	1—2	ALFRED BALLARD	5—6
JOHN VERNON	3—4	MICHAEL VERNON	7—8

Conducted by MICHAEL VERNON.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCS.—On May 12th, at St. Peter's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss C. B. Clayton 1, Miss P. S. Gatty 2, Miss J. Halliday 3, W. Harrison 4, J. P. Schoolden 5, N. Bennett 6, D. Ogden (cond.) 7, A. W. Stone 8. First of Stedman for 1, 2, 3 and 5. Rung for Evensong.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On May 19th, 1,260 Bob Triples: J. Bray (first quarter) 1, J. Dear 2, C. Harwood 3, P. Flack 4, E. Buck 5, R. Castledine 6, D. Sutcliffe (first as cond.) 7, P. Stacey 8.

BATTLE, SUSSEX.—On May 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Miss I. Gill (first quarter) 1, H. Ballard 2, Miss C. Whitfield 3, G. A. Masters (first 'inside') 4, Miss K. Stisted (cond.) 5, J. F. Whitfield 6, I. S. Holland 7, G. Prodger 8. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 8th, captain of the tower.

BILLESDON, LEICS.—On May 18th, 1,344 Bob Major: R. Russell 1, B. S. Payne 2, G. Geary 3, E. F. Payne 4, P. D. Baldock 5, G. Brewin 6, R. Wilmore 7, E. Morris (cond.) 8. First quarter on the newly-augmented bells.

BORDEN, KENT.—On May 19th, 1,260 Bob Minor (with 6–8 cover): Patricia D. Robinson (first quarter) 1, J. E. Grensted 2, T. Barton 3, G. A. Naylor (cond.) 4, E. C. Barton 5, K. D. Williamson (first quarter) 6, G. Kenward 7, A. Bax 8. A 21st birthday compliment to Kenneth D. Williamson.

BOURNEMOUTH, HANTS.—On May 16th, at St. John's Church, Surrey Road, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss L. Evendon 1, H. A. Mitchell 2, Mrs. C. Boyce 3, Miss K. Fletcher 4, F. Price (cond.) 5, M. Bazeley 6, M. Best 7, E. Booth 8. Rung half-muffled as a last token of respect to Cclr. Charles William Wells, J.P., Mayor of Poole.

BREWOOD, STAFFS.—On May 14th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. G. Hunt 1, R. L. Hawkesworth 2, Miss S. Seery 3, R. J. Warrilow 4, R. K. Mowforth 5, H. Wakelam 6, E. Malin (cond.) 7, C. S. Dumbell 8.

BRISTOL.—At St. Ambrose's Church, on Good Friday, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. D. M. Bennett 1, D. J. Hunt 2, F. Skidmore 3, G. M. Nichols 4, A. V. Bennett, 5, A. A. Hilliar 6, R. G. Hooper (cond.) 7, F. R. Hussey 8. Rung half-muffled for the family service.

BROADCLYST, DEVON.—On May 20th, 1,302 Grandsire Triples (the first and last of Holt's Original): A. Tapley 1, W. Seldon 2, W. Eveleigh 3, J. Salway 4, E. E. Retter 5, A. Holway 6, G. E. Retter (cond.) 7, E. Morgan 8.

BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX.—On May 12th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: D. Sims 1, G. M. Rouse 2, S. W. Bigmore 3, K. Everett (cond.) 4, A. T. M. Perry 5, E. Deacon 6. For morning service.

CHEDDAR, SOMERSET.—On May 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): R. Brown 1, E. E. Wickham 2, R. Pavey 3, J. Small 4, E. F. Connock (cond.) 5, T. Taylor (aged 15) 6, J. Hudson 7, M. Evans 8. First quarter 1, 3 and 6. Rung for Evensong and as a farewell to the Rev. J. T. George, in appreciation of his interest in the ringers during his five years' ministry.

CHELFORD, CHESHIRE.—On Mar. 31st, 1,260 Bob Doubles: D. Briscall 1, R. Barratt 2, A. Campbell 3, G. Forrester 4, E. Pimlott (cond.) 5, T. Norbury (first quarter) 6. For Mothering Sunday. Also on April 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. P. Jackson 1, R. Barratt 2, E. Pimlott (cond.) 3, H. Callwood 4, D. Briscall (first 'inside') 5, G. Forrester 6. For Easter Day. Also on May 1st 2,040 Doubles (360 Rev. St. Bartholomew, 480 Bob, 1,200 Grandsire): D. Briscall 1, G. Forrester 2, R. Barratt 3, H. Callwood 4, E. Pimlott (cond.) 5, A. Campbell 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Wm. Callwood, a ringer at this church for 23 years.

CHIPPENHAM, WILTS.—At St. Paul's Church, on May 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. J. Austin 1, D. T. Darby 2, D. G. Blows 3, M. W. Martin 4, M. B. Kemp 5, R. G. Smith 6, J. C. Taylor (cond.) 7, J. R. Scarth 8. First of Triples for 1, 2 and 8. Rung by a band from R.A.F., Yatesbury, as a farewell to Michael Kemp.

DAMERHAM, HANTS.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N. Bush 1, Miss E. Brown 2, Miss J. M. Gray 3, Miss M. Mackenzie 4, P. Waterman (cond.) 5, J. Baverstock 6. Rung to mark the visit of the Bishop of Salisbury during his pilgrimage through the Chalke Deanery.

QUARTER PEALS

EALING, MIDDLX.—At St. Mary's Church, on May 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. P. Kent 1, A. M. Stacey 2, D. Fowles (first on eight bells) 3, P. E. Clarke 4, F. A. Finch 5, D. Theedom 6, W. T. Cook (cond.) 7, E. Palmer 8. Also on May 19th, 1,264 Bob Major: J. P. Kent 1, W. G. Wilson 2, H. J. Eldred 3, Miss J. Scrutton 4, S. Croft 5, A. M. Stacey 6, F. Ranson 7, W. T. Cook (cond.) 8.

EAST ILSLEY, BERKS.—On May 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. M. C. Hibbert 1, E. T. Sneller 2, A. Sayers 3, J. W. Wilson 4, Miss E. Wilson 5, M. Kosier 6, C. J. Hibbert (cond.) 7, R. H. Wells 8. Rung for Confirmation service conducted by the Bishop of Oxford, and the dedication of oak screen as memorial to the Rev. Thomas Robert Terry, Rector, 1884–1913, the gift of Mr. George Terry.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On May 5th, 1,316 Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original): R. Clarke 1, F. Hurrell 2, E. J. Coode 3, J. Sims 4, G. Hurrell 5, E. B. Crowder (cond.) 6, J. Hurrell 7, F. Mounts 8. For Evensong and as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Hurrell on their 55th wedding anniversary.

FENNY STRATFORD, BUCKS.—On May 17th, 1,260 Doubles (60 Stedman, 120 Grandsire, April Day, New Bob, Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Simon's, St. Martin's and 240 Bob): P. Newing 1, Miss A. Grainger 2, M. Hooton 3, Rev. C. E. Wigg 4, A. E. Butcher (cond.) 5, R. Williams 6. First in 10 methods for all except the ringer of 4. Rung as a farewell to Canon C. A. Wheeler, Vicar of Fenny Stratford for the past 23 years, and also as a welcome to his successor, the Rev. K. Wright.

GREAT HASELEY, OXON.—On May 12th, 1,260 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob Doubles: Biddy Hamilton (first quarter) 1, D. J. Roaf (cond.) 2, R. A. Jackson 3, P. R. Sanders 4, N. J. Maggs 5, C. R. C. Coussmaker 6. First quarter by all in the method. Rung by members of the Oxford University Society for the Confirmation service taken by the Bishop of Oxford.

HALESOWEN, WORCS.—On April 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. H. Harris 1, Nancy Tromans 2, H. Shilvock 3, J. H. Cox 4, Molly Tromans 5, A. Pickering 6, T. Greenhall (cond.) 7, J. Byng 8. To commemorate the visit to the borough of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II. and H.R.H. Prince Philip.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On May 12th, 1,264 Bob Major: S. Penfold 1, Miss J. Peacock 2, J. Carrott 3, R. Brown 4, R. Hoskins (first 'inside') 5, F. G. Richardson 6, Dr. C. E. Wright 7, A. J. Salisbury (cond.) 8.

KINGSWINFORD, STAFFS.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): D. Downing (aged 9, first quarter) 1, C. F. Jukes 2, A. E. Morgan (cond.) 3, F. E. Jukes 4, M. Wright 5, Dorothy Morgan 6, F. Preston 7, H. Morgan (age 74) 8. For evening service.

LANGLEY-MARISH, BUCKS.—On May 14th, 1,296 Cambridge Minor: A. D. Rivers 1, D. A. S. Hawkins 2, W. S. Deason 3, G. E. Ruck (first in method) 4, F. R. Scott 5, A. E. Hartley (cond.) 6. To celebrate the treble ringer's 21 years as a ringer.

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.—1,260 Bob Doubles: V. Pennington (first quarter) 1, M. V. Braddock (first 'inside') 2, W. Dowse 3, B. Groves 4, R. B. Smith (first as cond.) 5, F. Osbaldiston 6.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Powell 1, Mrs. H. Kingcott (first as cond.) 2, Mrs. Quint 3, Mrs. R. Smith 4, Miss M. Fray 5, Mrs. D. Strong 6.

NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS, LANCS.—On May 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Garratt (first quarter) 1, D. Aspen 2, Wendy Ellam (first 'inside') 3, G. Lloyd 4, D. Burgess (cond.) 5, K. Edwards 6. Also on May 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. A. Flint 1, D. Burgess 2, Wendy Ellam 3, G. Lloyd 4, P. A. Millward (cond.) 5, D. Aspden 6.

PRESTON, WEYMOUTH, DORSET.—On May 15th, 1,260 Doubles (780 Grandsire, 480 Bob): Dr. C. A. G. Ward 1, Mrs. A. J. Slade (cond.) 2, G. H. Perry 3, Miss B. J. Marsh 4, A. J. Slade 5, H. T. Cornick 6. Rung to commemorate the official opening that day of the Church School extensions by the Bishop of Sherborne.

RAVENINGHAM, NORFOLK.—On May 18th, 1,260 Doubles (being 360 each of Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas, Bob, 120 St. Martin's and 60 Grandsire): W. Warner 1, E. Long 2, G. Walpole (cond.) 3, J. Forder 4, H. W. Barrett 5. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Miss Joanna Bacon to Mr. Edward Palmer at Norwich Cathedral.

SEAVINGTON ST. MARY, SOMERSET.—On May 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Drayton (first quarter) 1, F. Welsh (cond.) 2, J. Cornelius (first 'inside') 3, T. Hill 4, G. Monckton 5, S. Wills 6.

SELLINDGE, KENT.—On May 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. L. T. Pope 1, C. T. Hillis 2, Miss M. Jones (first of Doubles) 3, A. Berry (first quarter) 4, J. R. Cooper (cond.) 5, A. Jones (first of Doubles) 6.

SHAFTESBURY, DORSET.—On May 14th, at St. James' Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss S. Brooks 1, C. Morgan 2, A. E. Woods (cond.) 3, Miss J. Godfrey 4, J. Powesland 5, J. Morgan 6. To welcome Corinne Sandra, sister for Adrian, and daughter to Mr. Whatmore, the St. James' captain..

SHIPTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD, OXON. — On May 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (6–8 covering): Miss M. Scott 1, Miss S. Lewis 3, W. Lewis (cond.) 4, L. G. Pittaway 5, Miss D. Clifford 6, E. J. Townsend 7, W. Izod 8. For Evensong.

SHRIVENHAM, BERKS.—On May 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Key 1, Miss M. Daish (first 'inside') 2, Miss S. E. Miles 3, J. Basher 4, P. Anger (cond.) 5, T. Cox 6. First quarter 1 and 6. Rung to congratulate Miss Key on her engagement.

STAMFORD HILL, N.—At St. Ann's Church, on May 12th, 1,320 Bourne Surprise Minor: L. Hawes 1, M. Cubitt 2, F. Secker 3, B. Bladon (cond.) 4, M. J. Rowe 5, E. J. Rowe 6. First quarter in the method by all.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.—On May 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Double (6, 7, 8 covering): June Smith 1, M. Gartside 2, Grace Burchnall (cond.) 3, B. Haugh 4, J. Read 5, Katharine Burchnall 6, Eleanor Rose 7, J. Wilson 8. First quarter 1, 7 and 8. For Evensong and as a farewell to J. Read, who is leaving for Malaya.

THETFORD, NORFOLK.—On Easter Day, 1,264 Bob Major: G. Peck 1, W. Bowers 2, N. Watson 3, Miss Reeve 4, H. Fuller 5, T. Stagg 6, W. Paul (cond.) 7, J. Paul 8. For the Easter festival and the Queen's birthday.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.—At St. James' Church, on May 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Barfield 1, G. H. Harding (cond.) 2, Mrs. F. Penn 3, C. Butcher 4, J. Lucas 5, D. Roberts 6, F. Penn 7, R. Burbidge 8. First quarter for 1, 6 and 8.

WELLS, SOMERSET.—At St. Cuthbert's Church, on May 15th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: E. E. Bray 1, E. Brown (first on eight bells) 2, E. J. Chivers 3, M. Rose 4, D. Hoare 5, V. Roberts 6, D. E. Lee 7, G. Salmon (cond.) 8. First quarter of Surprise Major for 2, 4 and 6.

WHADDON, BUCKS.—On May 13th, 1,260 Bob Minor: P. R. Andrews (first of Minor) 1, Miss S. E. Miles 2, H. Scar 3, G. E. Parrott (first quarter) 4, J. R. Mossop 5, C. F. Loke (cond.) 6.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT. — On April 21st, 1,260 of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure: R. J. Carlton (cond.) 1, Miss R. A. Gower (first in method) 2, C. T. Hillis 3, A. J. Lancefield 4, W. P. Garner 5, W. Gill 6. For Evensong. Also on April 28th, 1,380 Bob Minor: Mrs. M. Pope 1, Miss R. E. Gower 2, R. J. Carlton 3, W. J. Lancefield 4, C. T. Hillis (first as cond.) 5, W. P. Garner 6. For Evensong.

WOBURN, BEDS.—On May 5th, 1,260 Bob Triples: Frances Spavins 1, K. Fleming (first of Bob Triples) 2, Angela Grainger 3, Ann Spavins 4, P. Newing (cond.) 5, I. Pett 6, A. Butcher 7, B. Grainger 8. For Industrial Sunday.

WOODDITTON, CAMBS.—At Sunny View, on May 14th, 1,280 Bob Major, on handbells: A. R. Mann (cond.) 1–2, A. E. Austin 3–4, J. R. Heath 5–6, T. F. Varney 7–8. Rung as a tribute to Harry L. Martin, of Cambridge, who died on May 3rd. He used to visit Newmarket for handbell practice, and this quarter was rung by four of his friends on a set of handbells (Shaw and Bradford), tenor 19 in F, on which he was always delighted to ring.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

A meeting of the Eastern District was held on May 18th at Little Hadham. The minor five (tenor 11¼ cwt.) were rung during the afternoon until tea, which was served at the local inn.

At the business meeting it was decided not to hold a District meeting in June, so as to encourage members to attend the summer festival at St. Albans. The meeting in July will be held at Great Munden.

After the meeting members attended Evensong at Much Hadham, conducted by Canon L. Dewar. The light eight at Much Hadham were then rung to a variety of methods up to 9 p.m.

C. E. H.

LLANDAFF CATHEDRAL RINGERS' OUTING

Some 13 young ringers from Llandaff Cathedral had their first outing on Easter Monday. At the first tower, Llantrisant (8, tenor 12 cwt.), ringing was curtailed owing to illness. The Vicar, however, conducted the party round the church and allowed his lawn to be used for the picnic lunch. Finally, he gave a cordial invitation to the party to visit Llantrisant on Whit Monday.

Afterwards the octave at Pontypridd was rung to plain courses of Grandsire Doubles and Triples and call-changes. An uninteresting train journey to Aberdare was enlivened by teaching two of the youngest members to ring handbells. Everybody was surprised at the splendid 'go' of the bells at Aberdare (8, tenor 16 cwt.). The half-hour spent on the railway station waiting for the train was beguiled by handbell ringing, to the delight of the station staff.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Between 40 and 50 members and visitors from quite a wide area attended the May meeting at Hodnet, and after ringing during the afternoon the Vicar conducted a short service, in the course of which he extended a warm welcome to the Association. Tea was partaken of at Hodnet Hall, one of Shropshire's most beautiful mansions, and afterwards many of the visitors enjoyed a walk through the extensive gardens.

At the business meeting Chetwynd was selected for the meeting on June 15th. Miss E. V. Jones said that as she had secured an appointment at Barrow-in-Furness, and would be leaving Shrewsbury in July, she would be obliged to relinquish the position of secretary, which she had held for the last two years. After members had expressed their regret at her impending departure, it was resolved to ask for nominations for a successor for the next meeting.

In the course of an animated discussion of the Central Council agenda, it was evident that the idea of a 'College of Campanology' found little favour with the members who spoke strongly in support of the two resolutions on this subject. It was felt that 'Plain Bob' is a more fitting name for that method than 'Bob.'

Mr. H. Edge raised the question of notifying members of the place and date of meetings. He thought that a post card should be sent to each tower in union with the Association, and Mr. E. Fox supported this. After a discussion, it was agreed to place the matter on the agenda for the next annual meeting.

Hearty thanks to all who had helped to make such a good meeting having been expressed, members returned to the tower, and the excellent light ring of eight was kept going until 8.30. Ringing ranged from rounds to London Surprise Major.

COMBINED UNIVERSITY EFFORT AT ABINGDON

After 75 minutes of excellent ringing the attempt for a peal of Cambridge Royal by five members of the Oxford University Society and five of the Cambridge University Association came to grief. About 1,000 changes of Stedman Caters were afterwards rung exemplarily.

The ringers were Shirley Rymer 1, T. H. R. Freeborn 2, C. W. Woolley (conductor) 3, D. Painter 4, Joan Gray 5, Jean Darmon 6, D. Niblett 7, S. Darmon 8, Rev. C. Elliot Wigg 9 and W. J. Ridgman 10.

After tea at Abingdon, seven members were to be found in a punt on the Cherwell, which happens to flow at the bottom of the senior member's garden in Oxford.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. Ernest Stitch, who now resides at Wolverhampton, returned to South Wales to ring his 50th peal on the same bell in his home tower, Aberavon, on which he rang his first peal on July 5th, 1919. Both peals were called by Mr. A. J. Pitman, the latter being their 149th together. Many thanks to the ringers who had rung with them in these peals.

'Hints for Beginners' is now out of print. Money will be refunded on orders that cannot be executed.

Rye Church ringers wish to congratulate two former members of their band, Ruth Carey and Robin Hodgson, on being elected Masters of their respective University Guilds, namely, Southampton and Oxford.

Miss B. J. Beeson has sailed for Melbourne. She has been in England nearly two years and rang in the peal of Grandsire Caters at St. Stephen's, Bristol, for the St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, Society.

King's School, Canterbury, has recently formed a bell-ringing society with 15 practising members. The regular practice night is Saturday at St. Alphege's Church. The Society also ring at this church on Sundays.

Mr. Fred Youngman, of the Leiston band, has been in hospital for a month and is improving after a serious operation. Fred has been unable to ring for a long time now and best wishes for a speedy recovery are sent to him.

Repairs to Theberton, Suffolk, tower, estimated to cost £700, are now in hand. Yoxford Drama Group have raised £16 by their play, 'One Wild Oat.' The fund is still open and donations may be sent to Theberton Bell Fund, c/o A. R. Bridges, Post Office, Theberton, Leiston, Suffolk.

Mr. J. A. Freeman completed 50 years as a member of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild on April 27th. The day coincided with the annual meeting of the Guild, and he was the recipient of many congratulations and good wishes.

Will the person who dropped a small fruit knife in Aldeburgh belfry at the District meeting please communicate with A. R. Bridges, Post Office, Theberton, Leiston.

The ladies who rang in the peal at Handsworth congratulate Mr. J. G. L. Gilbert, of Handsworth, on training a very efficient lady conductor.

Michael C. May, 11-year-old son of Mr. B. W. May (hon. treasurer of the Kent County Association), made a good start to peal ringing on May 18th at Bobbing. He rang his bell well. And many more, Michael!

To our ringing parsons must be added the name of the Rev. K. G. Hoare, who rang his first peal of Double Norwich at Godstone on May 18th. After the peal he and Mrs. Hoare kindly entertained the band to tea.

The pages of 'The Norwich Mercury' for 300 years have carried news of Mancroft bells ringing for Mayor's Day. This year the bells rang for the election of a member of the congregation when Mr. Tom Eaton took office. The traditional refreshments, too, were not forgotten after the peal.

Reporting on the first peal at Mayfield, Sussex, since the new tenor was installed, our correspondent writes that this bell fully maintains the reputation of her founders but dominates the ring. 'It is hoped that funds will soon be available to enable one or two of the "baleful buckets" thought to be fixed on the end of some of the ropes to be cast into the burning fiery furnace.'

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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

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Proceedings at the annual general meeting of the Lancashire Association, held at Blackburn on April 27th, started with ringing at Blackburn Cathedral (10), Holy Trinity Church (8) and the Church of St. Michael (8). The annual service was held at the Church of St. Michael, conducted by the president (Rev. R. D. St. John Smith), and the address was given by the Rev. C. E. Rogerson. Tea was enjoyed at St. Michael's Church School, and this was followed by the business meeting.

The proceedings opened with the president in the chair, but after an apology had been read from the Rev. D. P. Roberts and the minutes accepted, he vacated the chair for the election of officers. The vice-president (Mr. N. M. Newby) reported that there had been only one nomination for president—the Rev. R. D. St. John Smith—and he had great pleasure in declaring him duly elected.

The president then took the chair and announced that there had been only one nomination for ringing secretary, Mr. S. Ll. Parry, and for treasurer, Mr. P. Crook, and they were accordingly elected. The re-elected officers thanked the members for their renewed confidence.

The ballot for the election of Central Council representatives, announced by Mr. C. Blakey, resulted in the election of the Rev. R. D. St. John Smith, Messrs. F. Dunkerley, J. Ridyard and P. Crook, sen.

The report of the committee referred to a letter received from Miss G. I. Howlett (Liverpool Branch secretary) drawing attention to 'The Ringing World' finances. It was suggested by the general secretary that Branch secretaries at their meetings should ask members to try and increase the sale of copies, and a motion be submitted to the annual meeting that a donation of three guineas be made to 'The Ringing World' for 1956 only.

The following losses by death were announced: Hon. life member, Mr. R. S. Schofield (Milnrow); life ringing members, Messrs. Edwin Timbrell (Chipping), John W. Holme (Silverdale), Fred Abbott (Deane), Thomas P. Brandwood (Helmshore), Charles Dearden (Newhey), Thomas K. Driver (Middleton), John W. Haslingden; ringing members, Messrs. J. Carter (Ashton-under-Lyne), Albert Horrocks (Hindley) and Robert J. Critchley (Halsall).

The membership of the Association was made up of: Honorary life members, 63; non-resident members, 547 (new, 11); ringing members, 1,144 (new, 151). Congratulations were offered to Mr. Lawrence Green (Blackpool) and Mr. E. Roger Martin (Preston), who had completed 50 years' valued service.

The ringing secretary's report stated that 113 peals had been rung during 1956. Forty members rang their first peal, 191 their first in some particular method or in higher numbers or 'in hand,' 249 members took part in peals, one peal was non-conducted whilst 42 members shared in conducting.

Congratulations were offered to Messrs. A. Tomlinson on his 625th peal for the Association; Peter Crook, sen., 400th; J. Ridyard, 350th; L. J. Williams, 300th; J. W. Grounds, 250th; E. R. Martin and Roger Leigh, 200th; R. Kenrick, 175th; Ivan Kay and N. Heaps, 125th; E. J. Gower and J. Thornley, 100th; N. M. Newby and H. Hamer, 75th; N. Tompkins and Miss D. Dutton, 50th.

The list of 'Firsts in the Method' were: 17 Plain methods on handbells, Prittlewell Surprise Royal, 18 methods T.B., Double Bob Minor 'in hand,' Hereward Court Bob Major, Southport Surprise Major. The advancement of youth, especially in the Manchester District, was noted with great pleasure. The report, presented by the general secretary, was adopted.

The balance sheet showed an excess of receipts over payments during the year of £70 6s. 4d. The assets of the Association totalled £589 6s. 10d. This and the auditor's report were accepted.

The following ringing members were transferred to life ringing membership: Mr. William H. Hunter, Mr. Arthur Hague, Mrs. Mary Hague and Mr. Ernest Farnworth.

The secretary briefly reported the acquisition of the Woodhouse ringing machine, and called on Mr. Roger Leigh to give a report on it, which was received by the body of the meeting.

The vice-president (Mr. N. M. Newby), on behalf of the Furness Branch, invited the Association to hold their next annual general meeting at a date and place to be arranged by the Furness Branch. This was accepted.

A vote of thanks was proposed to all those who had in any way contributed to the success of the meeting.

Ash, Sevenoaks, Want New Frame

SS. Peter and Paul's, Ash, near Sevenoaks, wants to raise between £1,000 and £1,500 to restore their ring of six. The work will include replacing doubtful timbers supporting the bell frame, which is now very badly eaten by woodworm. The village is small, and unfortunately has no funds available. Captain of the ringers is Mr. John V. Muller, School House, Ash.

A SUFFOLK GOLDEN WEDDING

Captain of the Eye ringers and steeplekeeper for many years, Mr. Fredk. Brunning and Mrs. Brunning celebrated their golden wedding on May 18th. Mr. Brunning scored his first peal in 1906, and he was with Messrs. Geo. Day and Son, of Eye (bellhangers), for a long time, hanging bells and doing repairs to bells, towers and wells over many counties.

In the evening a peal of Spliced Surprise Major (Yorkshire, Cambridge and Superlative) was rung at Eye. Appropriately, as Fred is a Suffolk man and Mrs. Brunning a Norfolk woman, four ringers came from each county. The band was Arthur G. Bason, Wm. Clover, Nolan Golden (conductor) and George Sayer (Norfolk); Charles W. Beecroft, Walter Miller and Frank and Walter Ruffles (Suffolk).

While they were struggling through the last hour (and struggling it is now at Eye) eight Suffolk ringers who had rung a peal at Wymondham arrived to listen to the performance. There was a happy gathering at the conclusion, but William Clover broke adrift to have a chat with Fred Brunning, his old friend, whom he had not seen for 20 years or more.

The Brunnings celebrated the day with a family party, attended by Mrs. Brunning's sister, who was her bridesmaid, and her husband, who was best man. One of the two sons, a baker at Colchester, brought a giant horseshoe-shaped golden iced cake, and there were dozens of greetings cards.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

THE annual meeting was held at Worcester on Easter Monday, and the large number present at the service, meeting and during the afternoon must have been something in the nature of a record. The service in All Saints' Church was conducted by the Rt. Rev. Bishop C. E. Stuart (vice-president) and the chaplain (Rev. L. J. Birch). The lesson was read by the Rev. A. Webb (vice-president) and Miss D. Hicks was organist.

The general business meeting was held in College Hall, and in the absence through illness of the president (the Very Rev. W. E. Beck, Dean of Worcester), the chair was taken by the Master (Mr. W. B. Cartwright). Among the apologies for absence was one from Mr. J. Bass, who had completed 56 years' unbroken membership.

Letters of thanks were received from Great Comberton and Redmarley for grants from the Belfry Repairs Fund, and from the Ladies' Guild for hospitality and welcome at their annual meeting in Worcester last July.

The meeting stood in silence in memory of members who had died during the year—Messrs. W. A. Dowding (King's Norton), Arthur Wyre (Cradley), S. R. Duggan (Ombersley) and Frederick Jordan (Hampton). The librarian reported on 14 applications for the loan of 17 books during the year, and the secretary intimated that the Guildhall had been booked for October 5th for the annual dinner.

The general secretary and treasurer's report stated that the paid-up performing membership was 470, 19 less than in 1955. Forty-nine peals were rung, five less than in 1955. Nine of the total were handbell peals. A noticeable feature was that only one was rung by a local Sunday service band—Grandsire Doubles at Suckley. Six members rang their first peal, and two their first as conductor. A peal of Grandsire Triples at Chaddesley Corbett was rung non-conducted—always a good performance. The handbell peals included two of Stedman Caters and one each of Stedman and Grandsire Cinques.

It was unanimously decided that the Dean of Worcester be re-elected president. In view of the impending resignation, through ill health, of the Very Rev. W. E. Beck, it was felt that this course would leave the way open to invite the new Dean on his institution. Other officers re-elected were: Master, Mr. W. B. Cartwright; chaplain, the Rev. L. J. Birch; general secretary and treasurer, Mr. J. D. Johnson; Central Council representatives for the next three years—Messrs. W. B. Cartwright, B. C. Ashford and D. Beacham (Mr. S. T. Holt not wishing to stand for re-election). Worcester was again chosen for next year's annual meeting on Easter Monday, and arrangements for the annual peal left to the Master. It was decided to make a donation of £15 15s. to the Bow Bells Fund, this to include amounts subscribed and the service collection that morning.

The secretary reminded the meeting that this year marked the 75th anniversary of the foundation of the Association—founded at Bromsgrove on April 10th, 1882. He gave brief statistics, showing the steady growth and progress of the Association from the issue of the first report in 1885 until 1957. Towers affiliated from 12 to 77, performing members 71 to 470, and balance of funds from £10 to £280. The first report consisted of 12 pages and cost 1½d. each to print; the latest report cost 2s. 10d. and nearly the amount of the annual subscription. The first secretary remained in office only one year, but since then the Association had only had three general secretaries—J. Smith (22 years), J. R. Newman (30 years) and himself (22 years).

The meeting closed with a comprehensive vote of thanks to the Master and secretary for arrangements and work during the year: the Master, for presiding; the organist; and Dean and Chapter, incumbents of All Saints', St. John's, Hallow and Powick, whose bells were open for ringing during the day. J. D. J.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY'S ANNUAL TOUR

THIS year's tour of the Society, from April 20th until the 25th, centred on Winchester, was extremely enjoyable, perhaps partly due to the reason that there was no over-emphasis on the ringing itself.

Members arriving at different times on Easter Saturday found an adequate hotel awaiting them a few steps from the station, and having installed themselves glanced a casual eye over Winchester. Dermot Roaf, a 'gen' man on the area, soon rounded up a small knot of idlers, and with promises of a short walk in idyllic surroundings, enhanced by fine views of the city, exhorted them to follow.

A somewhat jaded band ascended St. Catherine's Hill, which it had reached by an extremely devious route, watched the leader vanquish the maze at the top in 3 minutes and 42 seconds, and eventually regained the hotel 2¼ hours after leaving.

On Easter Sunday, ringing for Mattins took place on the five 12 at the Cathedral (35 cwt.), and in the afternoon the ringing for Evensong included a protracted touch of Grandsire Cinques which ebbed and flowed alarmingly.

VISIT TO STONEHENGE

During the day the idea that a visit to Stonehenge would be a good thing was driven home with such persistence by its originator that later one car and one motorcycle departed in the direction of Salisbury, leaving Mr. Roaf, with a smaller but no less enthusiastic band, to explore the glories of St. Catherine's Hill once more.

At Salisbury, the tower-grabbing instinct pervaded, and St. Thomas' (8, 27 cwt.) and St. Paul's (8, 12 cwt.) were put to good use. Grateful thanks are tendered to the local ringers who very willingly let us ring.

Stonehenge was reached in good time, and although the official ticket office was closed and the ancient monument rested behind the security of the barbed wire erected by the Ministry of Works, two senior members negotiated all hazards and added another 'grab' to their list.

Monday, the first day of the official tour, saw the party at Curdridge (8, 25 cwt.), where the ringing was somewhat indifferent and did not do the bells justice. Shedfield provided another good ring (8, 12 cwt.) and a generous break for lunch was enjoyed in the 'local' with food (alas, minus a considerable quantity of eggs) provided by our organiser.

After lunch the party visited Swanmore (6, 8¼ cwt.), Soberton, with a very pleasant light eight, where the Vicar entertained us to a very welcome tea, and finally Owslebury (6, 9 cwt.).

On Tuesday, all the 10-bell ringing of the tour was done in the first three towers of the day—North Stoneham (10, 9 cwt.), a lovely musical little ring, and St. Michael's (10, 16 cwt.) and St. Mary's (10, 21 cwt.), Southampton, both excellent rings. Ringing at the latter was curtailed but at St. Michael's we were very pleased to see the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, who rang a half (!) a course of Cambridge with us.

The ringing on the eight (24 cwt.) at Romsey Abbey was not good, and ambition went no further than Yorkshire, but at Hursley (8, 13 cwt.) a touch of Spliced was brought round.

During the evening the activities of the comet produced learned discussion between Mr. Roaf and others interested, and culminated in a further ascent to view the phenomenon. Unfortunately, the lights of the city foiled the 'star-gazing' and nothing was seen of the comet. It was, however, an interesting evening, during which everyone profited by the lucid discourse given by Mr. Roaf, including the sceptical Meadows, who was almost convinced of the soundness of Newton's concept on various physical matters.

On Wednesday, the party travelled by train and car to Basingstoke, where the eight at St. Michael's (14 cwt.) were followed by the nine (11 cwt.) at All Saints'. Here some abysmal Grandsire Caters in the handstroke started the proceedings, and everything was capped by a course of Bristol rung with the tenor covering, which, by some deficients, was acclaimed musical.

Ringing at Overton followed in the afternoon—the bells here sound but little better outside than in—and then Laverstoke (6, 11 cwt.). The party then returned to Overton, where it consumed a large and splendid tea, provided by the Rev. and Mrs. Sanders at the Vicarage.

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE

The last tower of the day was Whitchurch (8, 14 cwt.), where the bells, in contradistinction, sound much pleasanter inside than out. A peal of Yorkshire had been arranged and was duly accomplished, whilst the 'grabbers' traversed much of the Hampshire countryside in search of towers, their only 'scalp' being Preston Candover (6, 4 cwt.).

The last day of the tour saw the party in the Meon valley. No one would describe the octave at West Meon (12½ cwt.) as good, but nevertheless the bells were put to good use and under pressure from a certain quarter a touch of Duffield was rung. East Meon (8, 19 cwt.?) were a nice mellow ring but they required some handling.

Lunch in Petersfield was followed by a peal attempt for Little Bob Major on the eight (16 cwt.), but this went up about half way due to a premature call and the inability of the band to shake off the stupor produced by the method.

We were very pleased to have Michael Lakin with us for the first day and on one or two subsequent occasions, and the Cathedral handbells lent to us were often used and much enjoyment derived therefrom.

On Friday the main party headed back towards Oxford by car, a peal attempt at Wonston (6, 8½ cwt.) en route coming to grief in the sixth extent, when the tenor rope snapped.

Everyone had pleasant memories of the tour, which if not outstanding for the quality of the bells was certainly successful in all other respects, and our thanks are due to Peter Sanders who looked after the organisation, and the drivers of the very efficient stud of cars used in transporting the party. C. J. B. T.

MARSTON, OXON.—On May 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Milward (first quarter) 1, B. C. Machon 2, Miss C. M. Woodward (cond.) 3, D. C. Woodward 4, C. Holloway 5. For Evensong.

NORTH STAFFS SECRETARY'S WEDDING

The wedding at St. Mary-the-Virgin, Prescot, on April 27th, of Mr. Ewart H. Edge, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Edge, of Wrexham, and Miss Julia M. Preston, daughter of Mrs. N. and the late Mr. H. R. S. Preston, of Prescot, Lancs, was a 'ringers' day.' Both bride and bridegroom learned their ringing with the Oxford University Society, and the bride, before working for three years in Switzerland, was secretary of the Liverpool Branch of the Lancashire Association and a member of the Prescot band. The bridegroom, member of the band at St. Margaret's, Wolstanton, is secretary of the North Staffordshire Association. The principal bridesmaid was Miss Frances Martin, of Truro, and the best man Mr. Rodney B. Meadows, both members of the Oxford University Society.

Appropriately, the service was conducted by the Rev. D. P. Roberts, Vicar of Whiston, Lancs, an enthusiastic ringer belonging to the Lancashire, North Staffordshire and Universities Associations.

The bride wore a long, full-skirted gown of white lace over taffeta, a waist-length veil secured by a coronet of orange blossom, and a double row of pearls (the gift of the bridegroom). Miss Martin's gown was of figured brocade in shades of cream and pale apricot, and two small attendants wore long frocks of pale yellow sprigged nylon over pale apricot taffeta, and small wreaths of primroses.

Among those present were Dr. J. E. Spice, former Master of the Oxford University Society and founder of the Universities Association: Mr. B. D. Threlfall, secretary of the U.A., and Mrs. Threlfall, O.U.S.; Mr. C. S. Ryles and Mr. D. R. Whalley, tower captains of Norton-le-Moors and Wolstanton, Staffs, respectively, and the members of the Prescot band, who rang before and after the wedding.

The couple spent their honeymoon in the Scilly Isles—where there are no rings of bells! A peal attempt by the O.U.S. at Cowley was unsuccessful, but a quarter was brought round.

ST. ALBANS DISTRICT RINGERS' OUTING

On Easter Monday a small party from the St. Albans District made their way, by car and motor cycle into the pretty countryside of Bedfordshire and Buckinghamshire. The day started with rain, but improved in time for the party to have a picnic lunch.

Stewkley in its Norman splendour, Wing with its renowned Saxon apse, and Edlesborough with a pulpit and tester of outstanding beauty, were among the churches rung at. Houghton Regis, Tilsworth, Stanbridge, Linslade and Slapton were other towers of the day, and everywhere the decorations for Easter made the day even more enjoyable.

To the incumbents for permission to ring the bells in their churches, to the local ringers who gave their time to meet our party, our sincere thanks; also to the organisers for arranging such a compact tour.

Various methods were rung during the day up to Cambridge, with rounds for those just embarking in the world of ringing. M. A. C.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A QUESTION FROM MALAYA

Dear Sir,—Recently when on leave in Singapore I visited St. Andrew's Cathedral, and found in the belfry beneath a very fine spire a ring of eight bells, hung dead, their crowns about eight feet from the floor in a metal frame. The bells, which were dedicated on February 6th, 1889, are hung on the same level from left to right, one to four, and by their side from right to left numbers five to eight. Each bell is named after a saint, the tenor being dedicated to St. Audrey.

The bells are rung or struck by ropes tied to the flight on the clapper. The ropes lead down through the floor in the middle of the west wall of the tower to a very simple Ellacombe type of apparatus, situated in the gallery below. Not having a tape measure with me, I could not measure the tenor, and I was also unable to obtain the founder's or the bellhanger's name. Can any reader enlighten me further on these bells?—Yours faithfully,

C. MICHAEL ORME.

Kuala Lumpur, Malaya.

THE LIGHTEST SIX

Dear Sir,—I notice in Belfry Gossip that Mr. Nolan Golden believes the ring at Saxthorpe, Norfolk, to be the lightest six an any church. This claim to fame must belong, however, to Wormhill, Derbyshire, where the tenor is 1 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. They are quite ringable—peals have been rung on them in the past year or two—despite their minute sallies and short ropes. The majority of the bells are usually stayless, which contributes to rather than detracts from their ease of ringing. To set them at handstroke you let the bells go over and then, to recommence, heave on the tail end until they are on balance.

Lowers in peal are particularly interesting, as the slightest overpull sends the bell back up to and beyond the balance and you all start again. Wormhill is a mile or so from Millers Dale, not far from Tideswell, and the church has an unusual hip-gabled tower, reminiscent of Sompting in Essex.—Yours sincerely,

EWART H. EDGE.

Wolstanton, Staffs.

Note.—A similar reply has been received from Mr. Alan McFall.—*Ed.*

GRANDSIRE MINOR

Dear Sir,—A short while ago the ringers of St. Peter's, Newton-le-Willows, endeavoured to ring a quarter peal of *Grandsire Minor*. After consulting a number of composition books, however, we were unable to find a touch any longer than 192 changes.

Could any reader please be so good as to come to the assistance of this young enthusiastic band and forward a touch (extent) of 720 changes of *Grandsire Minor*?—Yours truly,

D. BURGESS.

Newton-le-Willows, Lancashire.

Note.—Grandsire Minor is not recommended by the Central Council as an appropriate method to ring.—*Ed.*

THE RABBITS' GUILD

Dear Sir,—So scholarly an editor should not have failed to observe that Rabbits use Dog Latin. Their rallying-cry is not, as you print it, Sursum corda (Lift up your hearts) but Sursum cauda (Up tail). The joke is triple, if not cater. The donnish part of it requires the use of the 'old' or English pronunciation.

The pun is not original. It was used by the late W. J. Locke, but whether he coined it we do not know.—Yours faithfully,

T. B., B. M. W. D.

THE COLLEGE OF CAMPANOLOGY

Dear Sir,—The establishment of the above organisation and the publication of Part I of the 'Manual' has caused the appearance in 'The Ringing World' of a number of letters both for and against the ideas of the College, but none seem to have discussed or made suggestions on the actual content of the Manual. One wonders whether all correspondents have, in fact, read through all the parts of the Manual (Part I).

Although rather detailed and containing some administrative details that might with advantage be put in an appendix, Part I of the Manual does give a *reasonably sound and complete system* of tutoring in the early stages, which is better than no system at all. Some parts of the Manual are very good indeed, e.g., the analysis and drill of ringing action and stroke practice, the list of exercises, and the appendix containing a list of faults and remedies.

'Ropesight' and the Council's publication 'Hints for Instructors and Beginners' are good publications, but neither is so complete or detailed as the Manual on *initial* instruction. Quite definitely, the Manual can be most useful as a basis of instruction for new and less experienced tutors. The most urgent need of the Exercise today is more instructors, and the College is to be commended in making this its main aim.

I should like to make the following observations on Mr. P. N. Bond's confused motion on page 297 of 'The Ringing World' (May 10th):

(1) The words 'unlikely to prove of any service to the furtherance of the Art . . .' are a prophecy which cannot be fairly made.

(2) '. . . that no form of official recognition whatever be accorded . . .' This aspect must be left until the College does ask for official recognition.

(3) '. . . valuable space in "The Ringing World" should not be wasted in any further College Manuals. . . .'

Firstly, this is an implied criticism, *not of the College*, but of the Editor and the Editorial Committee of 'The Ringing World,' and is most unfair. The articles have been well worth publication and the Editor and his committee need not reproach themselves for publishing them.

Secondly, this part of the motion attempts to 'tie the hands' of the Editor and his committee beforehand on what may or may not be published—an intolerable situation.

(4) '. . . the Exercise being already well supplied with instruction manuals.' This contradicts the Central Council's own decision last year that a more complete book for instructors was needed.

Quite obviously, Mr. Bond's motion is not the result of clear thinking.

If it has done nothing else, the College has at least focused further attention on the problem of providing more instructors and has given this year's Council a more worthwhile subject for discussion than some we have had in recent years.—Yours faithfully,

NORMAN CHADDOCK.

Rotherham.

FALSE PEAL

Dear Sir,—The peal of Spliced Surprise Major No. 5 in three methods, rung at Loughborough Bell Foundry on March 27th and published in the 'R.W.' of April 19th, is false. My thanks are due to Mr. M. Lancefield for bringing it to my notice, and I wish to offer my apologies to the members of the band who took part in the peal.—Yours sincerely,

SHIRLEY BURTON.

Leicester.

Note.—The composition was printed on page 256.—*Ed.*

THEN AND NOW

Dear Sir,—It is probable that the first controversy on Method Extension occurred in 1907, after the College Youths rang a peal in November at St. Dunstan's, Stepney, and called it London Surprise Royal. The following week after publication a letter appeared in 'The Bell News' from the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, saying that the method as published was very good but definitely not London. He suggested that it be called Stepney, and it came to be known by this name, but I believe it was entered in the College Youths' peal book as London.

A few years earlier there had been some discussion in the Central Council that London Major was not a Surprise method at all. So for a time it was known as London Marvel. A witty letter appeared in the correspondence columns during the extension controversy. It ran as follows:—

If Stepney Ten is marvellous,
Its eight must marvel be;
Why all this Surprising Marvellous fuss
Because they don't agree?

It seems a pity that Ernest Morris does not give details of this peal in his 'History and Art of Change Ringing.' It was undoubtedly a great performance, and note that the figures of the method were published at the same time as the peal. The standard in those days was high and the College Youths had a really good peal-ringing band. A rival band was going strong at the same time for the Middlesex Association, under the conductorship of William Pye.

Just one example of the standards of those far-off days: When Yorkshire S. Major was first introduced the Pye brothers would not ring it because of the triple dodging in 5, 6, when the treble is in 7, 8. This they said was a blemish, but that did not prevent other people ringing it, and today it is our most popular Surprise method. It is only fair to say that the famous brothers later relented and rang peals of Yorkshire Royal and Maximus.

Before coming to the 'now' part of the story, all young ringers should get hold of Ernest Morris' book and read what was done by their forbears. Unfortunately the book is out of print, but most public libraries will have a copy even if not for lending out.

About two or three years ago the Leicester Cathedral band rang a peal of Bristol Surprise Maximus. This has been followed recently by Bristol Royal at Macclesfield, but no figures have yet appeared in each case. The reputation of both bands is high, so we may be sure that a good performance was made by both teams. But if the true extensions of Bristol have been discovered, then the Exercise should know or at least the usual place notation given. This is not said in any 'sour grapes' attitude, for it takes some patience and practice to get a band up to Surprise Royal and Maximus. There are plenty of ringers interested in methods and extensions, and they should be encouraged. Quoting once again from 'H. and A. of Change Ringing,' it says of Bristol: No true extension has been found (1930). So, ladies and gentlemen, which do you prefer—then, 1907, and now, 1957?.—Yours, etc.,

CANDIDUS.

SHROPSHIRE'S 4-BELL TOWERS

Dear Sir,—The 4-bell towers in Shropshire are: Baschurch, Bourton, Diddlebury, Ditton Priors, Hopesay, Hughley, Kemberton, Munslow, Onibury, Stoke St. Milborough, Stottesdon and Wenthor—12 in all. Some of these are very ancient and are in bad order; a few are quite good.

Stottesdon's are not a 'true' four, as they were originally five, by Rudhall, but the second got cracked and was taken down. It stood on the floor of the church for many years, but I am told it was sold for scrap a few years ago.—Yours faithfully, E. V. RODENHURST.

Whitchurch.

LINCOLN GUILD MASTER COMPLETES 50 YEARS

The 58th annual meeting was held at Lincoln on April 27th, with the usual ringing at the Cathedral and other city churches. The attendance was not quite up to the usual standard for this meeting—it may have been that petrol rationing was the cause.

At the Cathedral Evensong the Guild president, the Dean of Lincoln, welcomed the members to Lincoln once again. For the first time for this gathering tea was served in the cloisters by ringers' wives and friends, and the excellent tea provided made one forget the very cool breeze. The ladies who had worked so hard were thanked by the president, supported by the Master.

The business meeting was held in the Consistory Court, where so much ecclesiastical history had been made over the centuries.

It was greatly regretted that an important engagement prevented the Bishop of Lincoln attending the meeting.

The Master (Mr. J. A. Freeman) in his report stated that the number of peals rung in 1956 was 110 compared with 123 the previous year. Gainsborough and Braunstone Surprise Major were rung for the first time, while peals of Sibsey and Billingborough were the first ever rung. These peals were rung by members of the Lincoln District, but he would like to see peals in Surprise Major methods rung in other parts of the county. There were many ringers in the county capable of this.

The report congratulated Mr. J. Walden, of Lincoln, and Mr. H. Bingham, of Willingham, on attaining 50 years' membership of the Guild. The resignation of Mr. J. E. Allen as secretary of the Elloe Deaneries Branch was regretted, and thanks were accorded to him for the good work he had done for the Branch and Guild.

'At the meetings I have attended there seems to be quite a number of promising young ringers, and I offer a warm welcome to all those who have become members during the year, and appeal to them to put Sunday service ringing at their church before anything else.'

The officers were re-elected as follows: Master, Mr. J. A. Freeman; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. J. Bray; hon. peal secretary, Mr. G. E. Feirn; Central Council representatives—Messrs. Jack Bray, J. A. Freeman, John Freeman and G. E. Feirn.

Some comment was made on the fall in the peal total. The Master felt that this was caused by circumstances of a temporary nature and need not cause any concern for the future.

The hon. librarian (Mr. R. F. Smith) spoke of additions to the library during the past year which had helped to build up the interesting collection the Guild was acquiring.

It was announced that on April 27th, 1907, in that same room, Mr. John A. Freeman was made a member of the Guild. There was applause when several members spoke of Mr. Freeman's service in several offices over the 50 years.

In view of the possibility of the Central Council meeting being held in Dublin in the near future, the limitation of representatives' expenses was considered. After a lengthy discussion it was resolved that the normal expenses should be allowed, no matter where the meeting should be.

A very pleasing feature of the meeting was the number of young members attending and taking part in the ringing.

HANSLOPE, BUCKS.—On May 18th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: N. Line 1, D. W. James 2, I. J. Dickin 3, B. S. Cope 4, A. C. Cozens 5, R. A. Eldridge 6, R. V. Baker 7, G. F. Roome (cond.) 8.

IXWORTH, SUFFOLK.—On May 12th, 1,320 Minor (720 St. Clement's, 600 Bob): H. Ivings 1, K. G. Brown (cond.) 2, L. Pierce 3, H. King 4, L. Melton 5, E. Bishop 6. For morning service.

ST. STEPHEN'S, ST. ALBANS

Mr. H. V. Frost, hon. general secretary of the Herts County Association, supplies the following notes concerning the bells of St. Stephen's, St. Albans. A report of the dedication of these bells appeared in our last issue.

The history of St. Stephen's bells and spire is of more than usual interest, owing to the fact that the belfry is entirely of wood from above the walls of the church, and the number of alterations made to the bells.

In 1803 the existing four bells, weighing 40 cwt., were recast into a ring of six by T. Mears. This in itself was unusual, as John Briant, of Hertford, was doing practically all the bell-founding necessary in the county at that time.

These six bells, with a tenor of 9¼ cwt., were apparently hung in an 8-bell frame, as in 1892 it was decided on the advice of Lord Grimthorpe not to complete the octave but to increase the weight of the ring of six by adding a 15 cwt. tenor and recasting the old fourth. The Mears treble metal was used to cast the new Taylor tenor.

The first peal on the bells was in 1894 by the Hendon ringers, but W. H. L. Buckingham, of St. Albans, was the conductor. The peal was rung for the Middlesex Association. In 1914, after the next peal, which was by local ringers, the movement of the belfry was arrested by supporting it on girders placed horizontally across the walls of the church. About six more peals were rung on the bells, including one in eight Surprise methods by the Apsley band, under Mr. W. Ayre.

In 1949 the church authorities called for expert advice on the tower movement as the weathercock was going round in circles when the bells were rung! It was finally decided to stop ringing altogether and to raise funds for strengthening the belfry and rehanging the bells. Many and varied were the schemes submitted, some costing £2,000, but finally it was decided to recast the bells into a lighter ring with an 8 cwt. tenor and to rehang them all to swing north and south.

The bells are now hung and roped to swing in one direction, and there is room to get in amongst them. The circle of ropes has been improved for the ringers and there is a minimum of movement. This work has been carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of the Whitechapel Bell Foundry, and the general consensus of opinion of those at the dedication service was that the bells 'sound well and "go" well.' Recordings of the old and new bells were played.

St. Albans now has rings of 6, 8, 10 and 12 bells, and it does not appear that there will be any difficulty in keeping the new bells ringing on Sundays as there are two or three ringers of some experience in the parish, and they are being joined by some young learners who have already learned to handle a bell.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

Dartmouth was the venue on May 18th for a meeting of the Mid-Devon Branch of the Guild, which was much enjoyed by the small number of members who attended. The pre-Reformation bells at Townstal were rung before service and tea to a variety of methods, from Kent Minor to Doubles and rounds, and later the Church of St. Petrox, which romantically stands at the harbour entrance by the Castle, was visited.

The service was conducted by the Rev. N. F. D. Coleridge, who is in charge of the parish, and the presence of the Guild's president (Preb. E. V. Cox) was much appreciated. Those who attended mainly comprised ringers from Teignmouth and the local ringers, who thus got plenty of practice. The latter were congratulated on ringing a quarter peal for service on the previous Sunday.

E. M. A.

THE BELLS OF LADY ST. MARY, WAREHAM, DORSET

It is difficult to say when the first bells were hung in the tower, but by 1550 there were four bells, and at some later date one more bell was added, making a ring of five.

By an Order of Vestry, September 29th, 1784, these five bells were taken down. At that time there were four bells in the tower of Holy Trinity Church. Three of these were taken down, and with the five bells from Lady St. Mary were recast into a ring of eight by William Mears, of London. These were hung in the tower of Lady St. Mary in 1785.

The total weight of metal was 75 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb., and the tenor weighed approximately 17 cwt. The cost was £290 4s. 10d., 'to which John Calcroft, Esq., contributed a donation of £50, and the inhabitants of St. Mary's parish the residue.' The inscription on the tenor was: 'Messrs. Cole and Swayne Churchwardens. William Mears of London fecit.' It is not known who carried out the hanging, as in those days the bell founders only cast the bells and made the clappers, and then contracted with professional hangers. The oak frame, now 172 years old, is still in good condition.

There still remains one bell in the tower of Holy Trinity (which is now used as a parish hall) and the old frame with its places for three more bells. Unfortunately the bell has no inscription, but from its shape it would not appear to be of great age.

In 1864 the second bell was recast by George Mears and Co., probably because it was cracked. It was invoiced to Mr. S. Bennett, churchwarden, and cost £49 15s. 3d.

In 1900 it was found that the 3rd, 5th, 6th and 7th were cracked, but nothing was done about it.

The first and only peal of more than 5,000 changes to be rung on these bells was on Monday, August 3rd, 1903, being a peal of Stedman Triples in three hours and half a minute. The conductor was Frank Bennett.

By 1910 the tenor was also cracked. John Warner and Sons, Ltd., recast the 3rd, 5th, 6th, 7th and tenor, and rehung them in the old frame. The tenor is reputed to be 21 cwt., but is probably about 19 cwt. by its size.

The first peal on these bells was 5,024 Double Norwich Court Bob Major, on August 1st, 1910, conducted by Frank Bennett. The bells were reported to go very well.

However, for several years now, the bells have been increasingly difficult to ring. The 7th is cracked right across the head of the bell, the elm headstocks are badly affected by worm, the wheels are out of shape, and the gudgeons and bearings are badly worn. The tone of the bells, especially that of the 7th, is not good. The church now has a keen band of ringers, and the bells are rung regularly on Sundays and practice nights, but it has become obvious that before very long they will become unringable. If this happens Wareham will have no bells ringing from its parish church for the first time in 400 years.

A fund has now been started to raise about £900, which is the estimated cost of recasting the 7th, tuning the others and rehanging the bells in completely new fittings. Contributions to the fund, however small, would be greatly appreciated, and should be sent to: Mr. J. E. Ashton Taylor, The Gables, Worgret Road, Wareham, Dorset.

BEXLEY, KENT.—On May 19th, 1,260 Bob Minor: Judith Cox 1, Jean Jones 2, Brenda Foster 3, Susan Nicholson 4, Mary Andrews 5, J. L. Morris (cond.) 6.

SALISBURY, WILTS.—On May 12th, at St. Martin's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Sutton 1, Miss A. Bacon 2, Miss A. Sweeney (first quarter) 3, R. N. Marlow 4, H. Abrahams (cond.) 5, Miss Y. Eloie 6. For Evensong.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

A very pleasant meeting was held at Marsham on May 11th, when over 50 ringers and friends attended. The service was conducted by the Guild president (the Rev. H. G. Lillingston).

At the business meeting which followed an excellent tea (thanks to the Mothers' Union), new members elected were: Mr. L. Hindle (Mulbarton), Ray E. Cullington (Aylsham), Mr. H. T. Miller (Buxton), Miss D. C. Osborn (Blakeney); unattached, Leslie Melton (Ixworth), Miss B. Payne (Southwold); probationers, Margaret Browing, Sheila Curson, Jennifer Glister, Mary Maddison and John Stroud, all of Norwich.

It was decided to hold an interim meeting at Knapton and Paston on June 15th, and the quarterly meeting on Saturday, July 13th, at Shipdham.

The Ringing Master (Mr. G. Sayer) said names for the peal for the North Norfolk Branch, at Wymondham on October 5th, were very slow in coming in; would any ringer interested please advise him.

Thanks were expressed by the chairman (Mr. A. G. Bason) to all who had helped to make the meeting such a success. C. B.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

The annual meeting of the Saxmundham District took place at Aldeburgh on May 11th, with ringers attending from St. Giles-in-the-Fields, London, Kingston-on-Thames, and from many parts of Suffolk. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m. to suit all tastes and ended with handbell ringing. Twenty-two ringers sat down to tea at the Windmill Restaurant, and a collection for the Bell Restoration Fund raised 14s. 6d. The Vicar (Canon R. Godfrey) took the service.

At the business meeting the hon. secretary (Mr. A. R. Bridges) gave a warm welcome to the visitors, and expressed his regrets that Mr. J. Pilgrim, who had arranged the meeting and tea, was in bed with lumbago. A message of thanks and best wishes for a speedy recovery was sent to him from the meeting.

Mr. A. R. Bridges was re-elected hon. secretary and Mr. J. M. Bailey Ringing Master. Miss Pam Warner, who had recently moved from Mears Ashby, Northants, to near Leiston, was elected a full ringing member, and John Peck a probationer. Leiston was chosen for the next meeting to be held on July 20th.

A DAY IN FENLAND

Easter Monday was spent in Fenland by 12 ringers from Grantham, who were joined by two more cars of ringers from Ancaster.

Some of the best ringing of the day took place on the pleasant six at Wigtoft, which was followed by Algarkirk, a slow, anti-clockwise six. The party was here augmented by two more cars from Spalding, Silk Willoughby and Stamford. Kirton (8) and Frampton were visited before a picnic lunch.

Three 6-bell towers at Benington, Freiston (a very slow and heavy ring) and Butterwick were visited before tea at Boston. The fine ten at the famous Stump were well worth the climb of the tower, but being rather tired we were glad to find that the previous party from Macclesfield had left the bells up. The last call was Bicker, where despite blisters, some good ringing on the light eight was enjoyed.

Methods rung during the day included Grandsire from Doubles to Caters, Plain Bob from Minor to Royal, Little Bob, Single and Double Court, Kent Major, Cambridge Minor and, of course, rounds and Queens, plus several solo items after 'Stand' had been called, which proved very popular! Thanks go to incumbents and local ringers, especially those who gave up their Bank Holiday to meet the party.

OBITUARY

MR. GEORGE A. ANDREWS

With deep regret we record the passing on April 24th, after a short illness, of Mr. George A. Andrews, of Thorington, Essex, aged 82 years.

'George,' as he was affectionately known to his many friends, learnt to ring at Thorington in the early 1890's with the then call-change band, but soon progressed in method ringing at the neighbouring tower of Great Bentley. It was here that he rang his first peal, one of Minor in seven methods, in 1895, and he joined the Essex Association the same year, being made a life member a few years ago.

The early 1900's were the peak years of the band, of which he was the last survivor, and he is known to have called over 100 720's of Minor in 1907.

After the bells at Great Bentley were augmented to eight he became the usual conductor for Grandsire Triples, and was very proficient at calling the bells home at either stroke from any position at will.

His peal total is uncertain, owing to sketchy records, but it was considerable, although he preferred teaching ringers to peal ringing. It was always his endeavour to instil his own high standard of striking in his pupils, and there must be many ringers in the district, the writer included, who owe their proficiency to the sound tuition which they received from him.

He was well known and generally liked and respected throughout N.E. Essex, and was always glad to attend meetings or help ringers at other towers, while his record of regular Sunday service ringing can have been surpassed by few.

Besides being tower captain and steeplekeeper at Thorington for a great many years, he was the last to hold the ancient office of church clerk, which post he held for 43 years, being also sexton and grave-digger, while the well-kept churchyard bears silent witness to his patience and skill.

His two sons were taught to ring at an early age; the younger, Alan, is now tower captain at Thorington, while his daughter-in-law, son-in-law and grandson also ring there.

At the funeral on April 27th he was laid to rest in the shadow of his beloved tower, a few yards from the gardens of Thorington Hall, where he spent many years of his working life as gardener-handyman.

Among those present were Messrs. H. J. Millatt (District Master, E.A.C.R.), J. Gould (District secretary), A. Cole, E. E. Davey, F. Erith, C. Marven, and members of the local band.

After the service a half-muffled quarter peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor was rung by J. Gould 1, E. E. Davey 2, R. Duesbury 3, G. N. Orman 4, G. Button 5, H. J. Millatt (conductor) 6. May he rest in peace. H. J. M.

MR. JOHN E. USHER

With regret and sorrow the band at St. Matthew's, Buckley, heard of the death of Mr. John E. Usher on May 12th, aged 73 years. He had been in failing health for the past five years, but in spite of this he made his way to the tower occasionally, and was always ready to participate in a quarter peal.

A few weeks ago his illness took a more serious turn, and he was compelled to take to his bed, but his interest in the tower and ringing was maintained to the end, always with words of encouragement and advice.

He had been a ringer at St. Matthew's since the company was formed in 1903, when he was the youngest member of the band. For many years he held the position of captain. He was also an early member of the North Wales Association.

Mr. Usher did not keep a record of the peals he rang, but his last one was Oxford Bob Triples at St. Matthew's on Easter Monday, 1952, to which he rang the tenor—the only time he rang a tenor to a peal.

The bells of St. Matthew's were rung half-muffled when his body was brought into church on the Tuesday evening, and again after the funeral service on Wednesday. Many ringers were present and the North Wales Association was represented by the secretary and Ringing Master.

John will always be remembered for his ability as a ringer and for his ready smile. R.I.P. D. H. B. M.

LATE NEWS

We regret to announce the deaths of Mr. Frank Attwater, of Cuckfield, aged 73; Mr. Arthur Wright, B.Sc., of Bargoed, Glam; Mr. James S. Napper, of East Hagbourne.

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CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

713 Ringing Members

THE annual meeting of the Chester Diocesan Guild was held at Hartford on May 11th, by kind permission of the Vicar (Canon F. P. Cheetham, M.A.), who is himself a ringer and was Principal of Egerton Hall, Manchester, from 1924 to 1939, during which time he introduced many of his students to the art of ringing and thus ensured that some clergy at least had some idea of the scope of the Art.

At the festival service he preached an interesting sermon, in which he pointed out that the good gifts of life were gifts from God to be used according to His will, and that ringing was to grace the service of the church just as music did, and that they must have the best they could get. The summoning of men to worship should be an act of worship, and he felt that any other means of calling people to worship other than bells would be inadequate. On this count he made an appeal for good striking for Sunday service ringing, and that ringers should endeavour to teach the public what good ringing was.

After tea in the nearby Church Hall the annual meeting was held, under the chairmanship of the Master (Mr. J. W. Clarke), and some 80 members were present. The accounts, which showed a welcome change from past years in so far as there was now a small credit balance instead of a deficit, were adopted, and also the annual report, which embodied an attempt to state the advantages which accrued from joining the Guild. Membership was 17 honorary, 20 life ringing members and 713 ringing members drawn from 84 towers.

Among the performances recorded in the report were the first peals of Chester Imperial, and Hampton Imperial Bob Major and New Grandsire Doubles, and it was interesting to note that 115 resident members took part in the 87 peals rung together with 49 non-residents. There were 19 first peals and 61 rang peals in new methods. Of the 30 conductors, which itself was a goodly figure, there were two who rang their first peal as conductor.

An important addition to the constitution of the Guild was made by the creation of the office of Deputy-Master, and Mr. A. R. Elkins was elected to the new office.

It was decided to hold the annual dinner at Chester on October 12th and the annual festival in the Stockport Branch on May 10th, 1958.

The officers were all re-elected with expressions of thanks for the work which they did on behalf of the Guild.

The meeting closed with a cordial vote of thanks to Canon Cheetham for his assistance, to the churchwardens, the organist, the local ringers, ably led by Mr. R. W. Worrall, and the ladies who catered so successfully for the tea.

During the afternoon and evening ringing was enjoyed at Hartford, Witton and Davenham, by kind permission of the respective incumbents. C. K. L.

BARNSLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

By special invitation, a meeting of the Barnsley and District Association was held at Holy Trinity, Holmfirth, on May 18th. A variety of methods was rung in the afternoon and tea was served in the vestry, followed by the business meeting. At this the Rev. A. Crow, who is vicar-designate of Shelley, presided, and he not only welcomed the Association but expressed his pleasure at meeting Shelley ringers. Arrangements were made for the annual trip in July and for the shield contest to be held at Wentworth on June 29th. Eleven towers were represented.

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DEATH

WILLIAMS.—On Friday, May 24th, 1957, after sudden illness, Glyn Williams, towerkeeper and ringer of St. Sannan's Church, Bedwellty. 330

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The address of Mr. L. Stilwell on and after May 27th, 1957, will be: 34, Bramber Road, Worthing, Sussex. Tel. Worthing 4594. 274

PERSONAL

Mr. John F. W. Reed, of Sutton-on-Trent, Notts, is now living in Malaya, and would be interested in getting in touch with any other ringers in Malaya. Address: The Chartered Bank, Kuala Lumpur, Malaya. 325

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MISCELLANEOUS

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Applications for grants and any motions for insertion in the agenda for the annual Guild meeting should be sent to the hon. general secretary by Tuesday, June 4th.—M. R. Cross. 312

PEAL CARDS & QUARTER PEAL CARDS can now be ordered at 5s. a set of 12, post free (minimum charge). Order and remittances must be sent with peal report. For quarter peals write separate copy in same style as peals.

MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Saturday, June 1st: St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, 3 p.m.; Ship, Talbot Court, 6 p.m.—A. B. Peck, Sec. 299

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Meeting at Stretham (6) on Saturday, June 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Wilburton (6) available from 7 p.m.—D. E. R. Knights, Dis. Sec. 294

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — S.W Crusader meeting, Langdon Hills, Saturday, June 1st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. C. Willmington, 79, Wallwood Road, Leytonstone, E.11. 266

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Little Chart (6) on Saturday, June 1st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. 300

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—Meeting at East Peckham on Saturday, June 1st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. 265

LADIES' GUILD.—West Midland District.—Meeting at Solihull (10) on Saturday, June 1st. Service 3 p.m. Bells from 4. Tea 5 p.m.

LADIES' GUILD. — Southern District. — Meeting arranged for June 1st will not, unfortunately, take place, as Epsom bells not available. In lieu, please see arrangements for meeting at Merrow on June 8th. 345

ALTERATION

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Owing to illness, the Cup Contest meeting is altered from Thrybergh to Wentworth. Start 3 p.m., June 1st. Please bring food unless you have notified for tea; cups of tea available.—J. Seager, Sec. 347

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Stowmarket District.—Meeting at Cotton on Saturday, June 1st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. 259

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Sudbury District. — Meeting at Cowlinge (5), Saturday, June 1st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss R. Seabrook, Clare. 263

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Withyham (8), Saturday, June 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. 298

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Felds on Monday, June 3rd, at 7 p.m. Church one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station.—T. J. Lock. 314

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—There will be a combined practice at Christ Church, Epsom, on Wednesday, June 5th, at 7.30 p.m. All welcome.—W. Parrott, Hon. Sec. 275

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Combined practice at Nutfield (6) on Friday, June 7th, at 7.30 p.m. 333

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT RINGING SOCIETY.—Meeting at Rise, Saturday, June 8th. Bells (5) available 2.30 to 9 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. C. W. Gray-Nicholson, Hinds House, Park Farm Rise, Skirlaugh, Hull. 343

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD. —Wadhurst (8), Saturday, June 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at Fullbrooks Café. Names by 6th.—C. A. Bassett, 3, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst, Sussex.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Melbourne (6) on Saturday, June 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—E. W. Bullman, Dis. Sec. 326

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Bishopstone (8) on Saturday, June 8th. Names for tea to Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Swindon. Tel. 3936. 324

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Pirbright (6) on Saturday, June 8th, from 6 to 9 p.m.—C. J. Beadle, Hon. Dis. Sec. 337

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at Tring on Saturday, June 8th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, June 5th, to Mr. B. Barker, 26, Haverlock Road, Kings Langley. No names, no tea.—J. Good, Dis. Sec. 287

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Lyme Regis on Saturday, June 8th. Bells (8) available 4 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Other towers available: Broadwindsor, 11.45 a.m. to 12.30 p.m., and Whitchurch Canonicorum, 2.30 to 3.30 p.m. Lunch available at Lyme Regis. Names for lunch and/or tea and for seats on coach from Bath/Bristol district to Mrs. de Jong, 6, Beresford Close, Saltford, Bristol. Visitors welcome. 322

LADIES' GUILD (Southern District) and GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Leatherhead District) — Combined meeting, Saturday, June 8th, Merrow, near Guildford. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Room 5 p.m. Bells available at West Clandon 7.30–8.30. Names for tea to Miss P. Warren, Hallhurst, Swaynes Lane, Merrow, near Guildford, by Wednesday, June 5th.—W. Oliver, A. Smith. 344

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch. — Half-yearly meeting at St. Mark's, Worsley, June 8th, 3 p.m. Business after tea. Names before June 5th to P. Derbyshire, 251, Beesley Green, Worsley.—R. Benson. 348

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District.—Meeting, Kirkby-in-Furness, Saturday, June 8th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Names to F. Moorhouse, Suncrest, Kirkby-in-Furness.—N. M. Newby. 331

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at Farnworth (Widnes) Parish Church on Saturday, June 8th. Ringing 3 p.m. Names for tea before Wednesday to T. Heathcote, 51, Norlands Lane, Widnes. — G. I. Howlett. 328

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—Meeting at Bilsborrow, Saturday, June 8th. No tea arrangements—small café nearby. Frequent buses, main A6 Preston–Garstang road: alight Roebuck.—L. Walmsley. 316

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at St. Luke's, Heywood, on Saturday, June 8th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Free tea for those who notify by first post, Saturday, 8th, A. Crabtree, 30a, Starkey Street, Heywood. —F. Pritchard. 319

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION. — Diamond Jubilee, Saturday, June 8th. Ringing arrangements: St. Olave's (Hart Street) and St. Giles-in-the-Fields, 2.30 to 4 p.m. Service, St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, 4.30. Dinner, Fanmakers' Hall, 6 p.m.—F. W. Goodfellow, 46, Slough Road, Iver Heath, Bucks. Tel. Iver 1039. 293

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Long Stratton, Saturday, June 8th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, June 5th, to C. F. Phillippo, 1, Council Houses, Bunwell, Norwich. 303

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting at Steeple Claydon, on Saturday, June 8th. Bells (6) 2.45 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, please, by June 4th.—E. F. Gibbard, 30, Horn Street, Winslow, Bucks. 336

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Notts District.—Meeting at Dunham (5) on Saturday, June 8th. Brumpton bus from Anchor Inn, Retford, 1 and 3.15 p.m. Lincolnshire from East Retford Church at 3 p.m. Bridge Inn for refreshments.—H. Denman. 339

SUFFOLK GUILD.—General meeting, Long Melford, Saturday, June 8th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in Church School. Names by Thursday, June 6th, to Mr. V. Ambrose, 2, Westgate Street, Long Melford.—J. Blythe. 290

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Southern District. — Annual joint meeting with District Societies and LADIES' GUILD (Yorkshire District) at Whiston, near Rotherham, June 8th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. T. E. Cutts, 15, Stag Lane, Broom, Rotherham, by 6th. Subscriptions now due and annual reports available. A good attendance is hoped for and a pleasant afternoon guaranteed. — Elizabeth Wardill and J. J. L. Gilbert. 309

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Walpole St. Andrew, Whit Monday, June 10th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 335

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Annual general meeting on Whit Monday, June 10th, at Chelmsford. Service at 11 a.m. in the Cathedral, conducted by the Provost. Address by the Bishop of Barking. Meeting immediately afterwards in the Chapter House. Cathedral bells available from 9.30 to 11 a.m. and from 5 p.m. From 3 to 6 p.m. the following towers are available: Galleywood (8), Widford (8), Writtle (8), Danbury (6), Sandon (6), and from 6 to 9 p.m.: Boreham (8), Great Baddow (8), Great Waltham (8), Broomfield (6), Little Waltham (6), Springfield (6). Coffee and biscuits available in the Cathedral Hall from 10.15 p.m. to 10.45 a.m. Lunch, 1.30 p.m.—cost, 4s. 6d. Tea to be served at a running buffet from 5 to 6.15 p.m.—cost, 2s. Tickets for lunch and tea must be obtained prior to the day. Please apply early and by June 3rd, enclosing stamped addressed envelope.—F. V. Gant, 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch, Essex. 241

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—The annual festival will be held at Teignmouth on Whit Monday, June 10th. Service at St. Michael's Church, 12.15 p.m. Lunch at Gervis Cafe, 1 o'clock. Tickets (5s.) obtainable in advance from Mr. E. M. Atkins, Rock Cottage, Woodland Avenue, Teignmouth. Business meeting afterwards. Ringing at St. Michael's (8) and St. James' (8) from 11 to 12, and after the business meeting.—Preb. E. V. Cox, Hunthav Close, Axminster. 277

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting and festival at Bridgnorth, Whit Monday, June 10th. Service 3.30 p.m., at St. Leonard's. Towers: St. Mary's, Bridgnorth, Claverley, Quatt, Chetton, Worfield. Bells available 11 a.m. Names for tea to H. G. Thomas, 104, Victoria Road, Bridgnorth, Salop. 154

BEDS AND HERTS ASSOCIATIONS—Summer festival at St. Albans on Saturday, June 15th. Cathedral service (with handbell voluntary) 4 p.m. Tea at Abbey Institute 5 p.m. Ringing arrangements: Hemel Hempstead (8) 9.30 to 10.25 a.m., Apsley (6) 10.15 to 11.15, King's Langley (8) 11 to 12, Langleybury (6) 11.30 to 12.30, Aldenham (8) 12.30 to 1.30, St. Peter's (10) 2 to 3.30 only. St. Stephen's (6) and St. Michael's (8) 2 to 3.30, also Cathedral (12) 2 to 3.55, are open after tea until 8 p.m. Kimpton (6) open 7 p.m., and other towers if required. Names for tea essential, by previous Wednesday, to H. V. Frost, 43, Leyland Avenue, St. Albans. 332

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION and LADIES' GUILD (North Eastern District). — Combined meeting with Western District at St. Mary's, Whickham, Saturday, June 15th. Bells available 3 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday, June 13th, to S. Thompson, Poplar Villa, Whickham. 320

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Market Deeping (6), Saturday, June 15th. Bells 2 p.m. Service 3.30. Tea and meeting 4 p.m. Names for tea by Monday previous to Mr. H. M. Day, Market Deeping, near Peterborough. Deeping St. James' bells available in the evening.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 340

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Interim meeting at Knapton and Paston on Saturday, June 15th. Bells: Paston (6) and Knapton (5) from 2.30 p.m. Service at Paston 4.15 p.m. Own arrangements for tea, please.—C. B. 342

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Chetwynd, Saturday, June 15th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea available at garden party. 341

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Annual meeting, Lichfield, Saturday, June 15th. Bells: Cathedral (10) 2.30 to 3.15 and 6.30 to 7.15, St. Mary's (8) and St. Michael's (6) also available during the afternoon and evening. Service at St. Maary's 3.30. Tea 4.15 p.m. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, June 12th.—Fred Bennett, Pool House Road, Wombourn. 323

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Quarterly meeting at Godstone on Saturday, June 15th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, June 12th, to Mr. A. K. Wood, 18, White Cottages, Holland, Oxted. 313

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch.—Meeting at Wolverley, Saturday, June 15th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business. Names for tea by Thursday, June 13th. Catering difficult here.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 306

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Annual quarterly meeting at Otley on Saturday, June 15th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Committee meeting 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in the Burras Lane School, followed by business meeting. Special business, election of officers. Names for tea by the morning of the meeting to Mr. P. Whitaker, 97, Ilkley Road, Otley.—A. E. Marsh, Hon. Dis. Sec. 334

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Branch.—Annual meeting at Churchill on Saturday, June 22nd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. All ringers welcome.—J. Keyte, Charlbury. 338

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Annual meeting and festival, New Radnor, Saturday, June 22nd. Towers available: Eardisland (8) 11.30 a.m. to 12.45 p.m., New Radnor (6) 2.30 to 4 p.m. and after meeting until 6.30 p.m., Old Radnor 6.45 to 8 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea (2s. per head) and meeting. Names, please.—J. A. Hoare, 6, Gendros Crescent, Swansea. 315

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Bournemouth on Saturday, July 6th. Further details later.—J. A. C. King, Hon. Gen. Sec. 329

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual dinner.—The next dinner will be held at the Old Bell, Holborn, on Saturday, February 1st, 1958. Tickets, price 13s., are now obtainable from J. L. Morris, 25, Lancing Road, Orpington, Kent. 327

NORTHAMPTON.—At the Church of St. Edmund, on May 19th, 1,260 Doubles (240 Kennington, 240 Old, 240 April Day, 240 Bob and 300 Grandsire, 7, 6, 8 covering): R. S. Roberts 1, Miss D. M. Miller 2, E. Billings 3, R. V. Baker 4, G. F. Roome (cond.) 5, R. Brawn 6, J. M. Roberts 7, C. R. Harte 8. For morning service.

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By STEPHEN IVIN

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23645	2			1

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SOUTHAMPTON.—At St. Michael's Church, on May 15th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: R. A. Reed (cond.) 1, Isobel Inman 2, Ruth A. Carey 3, D. C. Exell 4, Margaret E. L. Beamish 5, P. W. M. Jones 6, M. V. White 7, R. E. Finch 8. First of Major for 2 and 4, and also for the Guild. Rung by the University Guild for Commemoration Day.

SPONDON, DERBYS.—On May 11th, 1,272 Treble Bob Minor (552 Oxford and 720 Kent): J. Ryde 1, G. A. Hall 2, F. R. Lowe 3, Wm. A. Morley 4, Vivienne M. Horton 5, D. R. Carlisle (cond.) 6. Rung for the wedding of Mr. Keith B. Maddocks, of Allenton, and Miss May Just, of Spondon.

STRATFORD, ESSEX.—At the Church of St. Mary-atte-Bow, on May 16th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. J. H. Crampion 1, L. S. Woods 2, C. A. Hughes 3, J. H. Crampion 4, C. E. Willmington 5, L. J. Batley 6, E. D. Smith (cond.) 7, J. McPhail 8. For Confirmation service.

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POINTS FROM RECENT PEALS

BY THE REV. K. W. H. FELSTEAD

AS the result of my last article with the above heading on February 1st, I have been able to clear up one or two points, thanks to various correspondents. The claim for the 100th peal at Ewell was quite correct. Claines is not quite as near the century mark as I thought. Mr. Woodyatt has found that five of the peals there were false (which I did not know about or did not spot their withdrawal), so the grand total at the tower is actually 97 now. It won't be a long delay before the 100th true peal is rung there.

Since I last wrote, the 100th peal has duly been rung on the bells of St. Giles', Lincoln, and the 300th (probably) at Hughenden. Congratulations to both towers. I noted last time their nearness to these goals. I did not mention that Leicester Cathedral was also near a milestone (perhaps because peals are rung so frequently there that in the course of a few months such milestones are neared and passed!). However, I believe the 200th peal on the bells was rung there in February. The first of these was in 1902, but before that peals had been rung at the church in the old tower and on the old bells—the last of them on March 27th, 1837. I believe there are four of the old bells in the present ring of twelve. Debenham must be about at the 300 peal mark. I have 'logged' 294 peals there since 1881, but also have found five rung before then, and there may have been others I haven't come across yet. So it would seem there are 15 towers now with 300 or more peals. Bolton, Holy Trinity, has just had its 100th peal since 1881, but I have ten there previous to that. Other landmarks—Bletchley's last peal was the 50th on the bells—the first was in 1894, and Ashbocking's next will also be the 50th there.

And now for infrequent names in the peal lists. There have been two towers which hadn't appeared for nearly 50 years, i.e., before the first world war. Bloxham had had one peal before the recent one—in 1908, whilst Great Comberton had had three, in 1907, 1909 and 1912. Then we find five towers which had had no peals for about 30 years. Thus the only previous peal at Whittington, Shropshire, was one of Stedman Doubles in 1923. Wootton Wawen also has had a peal silence of the same length of time, but it has had two previous peals—both rung in 1923. West Buckland is the next on the list, also with two previous peals rung in 1920 and 1926, whilst Esher, celebrating the first peal on the eight, had peals on the six in 1924 and 1929. Walsoken has a very similar history of two peals before the recent one, in 1923 and 1929.

Then we come to the 1930's. The only time Porlock has appeared in the peals before was in 1932. Todmorden, Unitarian Church, was last featured in 1933, but this tower was a much more frequent visitor to the peal columns before that date. There have been 21 peals here, the first in 1891. New Mills, Derbyshire, was an even more popular tower at the same time as Todmorden. The last peal here was also in 1933, but the grand total is over 50. There were actually 47 peals from the first in 1900 to 1914, and then four more before the recent one, from 1921 to 1933. Only one of the total is Grandsire Triples (which is rather unusual for that total), and one of the earliest peals of Yorkshire Surprise Major was rung here in 1903—the first in the method was rung only two months before. Aston Abbots broke a silence of 20 years with the first peal ever of Stamford Surprise Minor. The two previous peals here were in 1930 and 1936. Reedham's only previous peal was in 1937. I confirm the footnote to the peal at Wandsworth that it was the first since 1937. I have 15 peals here from 1922 to 1930, and only these other two. Stoke-by-Clare seems to like its peals spread out! The three it has had have been in 1903, 1937 and 1957. Five towers had not been heard since 1938. Terrington is the first of these with a total now of five peals. Then comes Keysoe (three in all now), Huntingfield (a five-bell tower, which now joins the select few which can claim 10 peals or more—Stockbury is another addition to this list lately), Brant Broughton (only the second peal since 1914, but there have been seven in all, first in 1906), and Stoke-by-Nayland (both the two previous peals were in 1938, when it was a six-bell tower, of course).

Three more towers were last heard in a peal in 1939. None of them has had many peals. Shelfanger is the first of these—the first peal was rung there in 1930, and there have been four in all now. Then comes Pembridge, whose total is now five—first peal 1928. Lastly, St. Peter-in-Thanet. The nine peals here have been spread over the years from 1892, so they are certainly few and far between.

Finally, we come to a few points of general interest. I last wrote when the peals of 1956 had still not all been published. Now that they have, we find the Loughborough Bell Foundry claiming the most peals rung at any one tower last year—35. It has already had 18 in four months this year, so it looks as if the number will be well beaten this year. It won't be long before it passes the 700 peal mark! The peal at Bredbury (Cheshire) means that all the eight-bell towers in the county have now been 'conquered.' During the last few months Ashton-under-Lyne has had the first peal of Cambridge Maximus since the record long peal in that method (15,312) in 1929, which was, incidentally, the only peal of Cambridge Maximus ever to have been rung there before the recent one. Lastly, it was pleasant to welcome an old friend back to the peal columns—Framlingham. This tower reached the century mark in 1924—long before many other popular towers of to-day, but of late it hasn't appeared very often. The last time was in 1949.

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TWELVE BELL PEALS

CROYDON, SURREY.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., May 18, 1957, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 36 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in C sharp.

MICHAEL P. MORETON	*Treble*	THOMAS W. SHEPPARD	7
DAVID E. PARSONS	2	GORDON T. PETERS	8
ROBIN G. LEALE	3	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON	9
MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT	4	JAMES G. A. PRIOR	10
JOHN HILL	5	FREDERICK E. COLLINS	11
ARNOLD BRUNTON	6	FRANK C. PRICE	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.
Conducted by FREDERICK E. COLLINS.

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., May 18, 1957, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE BELL TOWER,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 36 cwt.

GERALD C. HEMMING	*Treble*	EDWIN G. MOORE	7
WALTER F. JUDGE	2	WILLIAM C. PORTER	8
RAYMOND G. BURTON	3	EDGAR J. SMITH	9
R. GEORGE MORRIS	4	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	10
PETER BAKER	5	WILLIAM HIBBERT	11
PHILIP WALKER	6	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

LONDON, E.C.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., May 18, 1957, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, CORNHILL,
A PEAL OF 5001 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 41 cwt.

J. FRANK SMALLWOOD	*Treble*	JOHN ARMSTRONG	7
JOHN PHILLIPS	2	GEORGE W. CECIL	8
WILFRED WILLIAMS	3	JOHN S. MASON	9
S. ANTHONY JESSON	4	JACK A. WAUGH	10
PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	5	JOHN H. CRAMPION	11
ALAN F. THIRST	6	FRANK E. DARBY	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., May 18, 1957, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 26 cwt. 18 lb. in D.

BRIAN D. THRELFALL	*Treble*	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	7
*ALBERT WALKER	2	H. JAMES TURNER	8
BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY	3	RALPH G. EDWARDS	9
HENRY H. FEARN	4	JOHN PINFOLD	10
LEONARD TREVOR	5	RODNEY B. MEADOWS	11
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	6	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.
* 550th peal on 12 bells.

SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 18, 1957, in 3 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS
Tenor 40 cwt. 10 lb. in B.

*DAVID ARMSTRONG	*Treble*	†ERNEST J. JELLEY	7
BARRY HOLLAND	2	DENNIS HOLLAND	8
†JOHN S. SEAGER	3	HERBERT O. CHADDOCK	9
JOHN J. L. GILBERT	4	†JOHN M. JELLEY	10
†HAROLD TAYLOR	5	†PHILIP MEHEW	11
NORMAN CHADDOCK	6	DEREK P. JONES	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
* First peal of Treble Bob Maximus. † First peal on 12 bells. First peal on 12 bells as conductor, and has now conducted peals of Treble Bob from Minor to Maximus

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., May 20, 1957, in 3 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5280 ALDENHAM SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 25 cwt.

PHYLLIS POOLE	*Treble*	*JOHN A. ACRES	7
*REDVERS F. ELKINGTON	2	*J. FREDK. MILNER	8
*WILLIAM A. LACEY	3	*S. ANTHONY JESSON	9
ERNEST W. RAWSON	4	PETER J. STANIFORTH	10
*DOREEN DUTTON	5	*E. ALAN JACQUES	11
SHIRLEY BURTON	6	HERRICK B. BOWLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.
* First peal of Surprise Maximus in the method.

TEN BELL PEALS

DERBY.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 4, 1957, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 19 cwt. 1 lb. in D flat.

CHARLES W. WALKLATE	*Treble*	GORDON A. HALLS	6
DENIS R. CARLISLE	2	DEREK P. JONES	7
PATRICIA A. M. FORSTER	3	*VIVIENNE M. HORTON	8
PETER J. SKINNER	4	HAROLD TAYLOR	9
ALBERT E. THOMPSON	5	PHILIP H. WHITAKER	*Tenor*

Composed by G. FREEBREY. Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
* 50th peal. First peal of Caters as conductor.
Rung in honour of the wedding this day of Robin G. Turner, of Wellingborough, and Margaret Saunders, of Derby, at St. Mary's R.C. Church, Derby.

GRANTHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 11, 1957, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WULFRAM.
A PEAL OF 5001 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 32 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

ALBERT W. COLES	*Treble*	JOHN W. EUSTON	6
JOHN WALDEN	2	FREDK. W. GOODFELLOW	7
ARTHUR G. MASON	3	HAROLD W. CLARK	8
JOHN FREEMAN	4	H. REGINALD WOODS	9
STANLEY E. BENNETT	5	W. NORMAN GENNA	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

LUTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 18, 1957, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 25 cwt. 24 lb. in D.

STEPHEN IVIN	*Treble*	WALTER AYRE	6
*JUNE GLADMAN	2	FREDERICK J. PLUMMER	7
*JOYCE DODDS	3	GEOFFREY DODDS	8
*ANN M. COX	4	WALTER LEE	9
DENNIS KNOX	5	ALFRED E. RUSHTON	*Tenor*

Composed by G. E. SYMONDS. Conducted by DENNIS KNOX.
* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal 'inside.'
Rung as a birthday compliment to Alfred E. Rushton.

WREXHAM, DENBIGH.
THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 18, 1957, in 3 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
No. 3 version. Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

EDWARD JENKINS	*Treble*	JOHN WORTH	6
FRED DUNKERLEY	2	BRIAN HARRIS	7
BASIL JONES	3	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	8
JOHN E. BIBBY	4	PETER LAFLIN	9
C. KENNETH LEWIS	5	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER	*Tenor*

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NORWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., May 21, 1957, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, MANCROFT,
A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 37 cwt. 99 lb. in C.

*WILLIAM LOVE	*Treble*	JOHN S. BARNES	6
NOLAN GOLDEN	2	GEORGE P. ADAMS	7
GEORGE SAYER	3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	8
*F. CHARLES GOODMAN	4	*CLIFFORD BIRD	9
ARTHUR G. BASON	5	BERT GOGLE	*Tenor*

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal of Stedman Caters.
A compliment to Mr. Tom Eaton, a member of the church, on his election as Lord Mayor.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 25, 1957, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,
AT THE PREBENDAL CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB ROYAL
Tenor 32 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in C sharp.

ERNEST MORRIS	*Treble*	*WILLIAM A. LACEY	6
*PETER J. KIRK	2	COLIN P. WALKER	7
*S. ANTHONY JESSON	3	ALAN CATTELL	8
GORDON A. OLLIFFE	4	JOHN E. COOKE	9
*JOHN MOORE	5	†EDWARD J. CLEMENTS	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.
* First peal in the method. † First of Royal in the method.
A farewell to the tenor ringer, who left for Canada on May 31st, the ringers wishing him God-speed.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BARKWAY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., April 23, 1957, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

JACK S. DEAR	*Treble*	T. REGINALD DENNIS	5
EDWIN G. BUCK	2	*DAVID SUTCLIFFE	6
K. PATRICIA HUTTON	3	DEREK P. JONES	7
*J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE	4	PHILIP MEHEW	*Tenor*

Composed by J. S. WILDE (C.C.C. 10). Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
* First peal of Surprise Major 'inside.'
Rung in honour of the wedding this day of Mr. Frank E. Haynes to Miss Jane E. Thorpe, at Frodsham, Cheshire.

GRESSENHALL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., May 8, 1957, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

SIDNEY MARSHALL	*Treble*	NOLAN GOLDEN	5
ARTHUR G. BASON	2	JOHN S. BARNES	6
GEORGE SAYER	3	*GEORGE P. ADAMS	7
H. WILLIAM BARRETT	4	BERT GOGLE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Wed., May 15, 1957, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

JOHN CHILCOTT	*Treble*	ROBIN G. LEALE	5
C. ERNEST SMITH	2	FREDERICK A. MUNDAY	6
JOHN S. MASON	3	JOHN H. CRAMPION	7
MICHAEL P. MORETON	4	WILFRED WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., May 15, 1957, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

CLIFFORD BIRD	*Treble*	JOHN S. BARNES	5
H. WILLIAM BARRETT	2	BERT GOGLE	6
ARTHUR G. BASON	3	GEORGE P. ADAMS	7
GEORGE SAYER	4	NOLAN GOLDEN	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
First peal in the method on the bells: the only other peal in the method in the tower was in 1914, conducted by Frank Bennett.
A compliment to Susan Harrison, of Diss.

COLE-ORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Fri., May 17, 1957, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Being 2,880 Yorkshire and 2,176 Cambridge, with 134 changes of method. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

ERNEST J. JELLEY	*Treble*	GORDON A. HALLS	5
*JOSEPH WM. COTTON	2	*VIVIENNE M. HORTON	6
*ROLAND BENISTON	3	DEREK P. JONES	7
†FRANCIS R. LOWE	4	JOHN M. JELLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE FREEBREY. Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major. † First peal of Spliced Surprise Major 'inside.' First peal of Spliced Surprise Major as conductor.
A farewell to John M. Jelley on joining H.M. Forces.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 18, 1957, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN.
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in F.

*ERNEST PAULSON	*Treble*	GEORGE H. PAULSON	5
*DAVID A. MELLOR	2	HERBERT E. TAYLOR	6
MRS. GLADYS RICHARDSON	3	ALEX. RICHARDSON	7
WILLIAM A. SMITH	4	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	*Tenor*

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.
* First peal in the method.

EYE, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., May 18, 1957, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Being 1,472 Yorkshire, 2,176 Cambridge and 1,408 Superlative; 134 changes of method. Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

CHARLES W. BEECROFT	*Treble*	GEORGE SAYER	5
*WILLIAM CLOVER	2	ARTHUR G. BASON	6
FRANK RUFFLES	3	WALTER RUFFLES	7
WALTER W. MILLER	4	NOLAN GOLDEN	*Tenor*

Composed by YORK GREEN. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal in three Spliced Surprise. First of Spliced Surprise on the bells.
Rung in honour of the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Brunning.

FINCHLEY, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 18, 1957, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

*MICHAEL CARTER	*Treble*	FREDERICK A. BARKER	5
THOMAS BEVAN	2	CHARLES C. WARD	6
MABEL A. PROCKSON	3	†BERNARD J. WILLIS	7
ARTHUR W. J. BUTLER	4	LEONARD E. TUBB	*Tenor*

Conducted by BERNARD J. WILLIS.
* First peal. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Barker, who give thanks for attaining their golden wedding anniversary.

HATFIELD BROAD OAK, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 18, 1957, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

DAVID HODGSON	*Treble*	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE	5
JOE E. G. ROAST	2	PETER J. CAME	6
MARY DOWSETT	3	PATRICK W. SALTMARSH	7
ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON	4	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

HIGHER WALTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 18, 1957, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5280 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

FRANK STEAD	*Treble*	G. ALEC DIMMOCK	5
RONALD KENRICK	2	*VICTOR J. C. WOOD	6
*NORMAN SMITH	3	CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE	7
*ROGER LEIGH	4	JOSEPH RIDYARD	*Tenor*

Composed by E. A. BARNETT. Conducted by CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE.
* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor.
Rung as a 70th birthday compliment to Mr. E. Roger Martin, a member of this Association for 50 years.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 18, 1957, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

JOHN H. BAILESS	*Treble*	ALFRED BALLARD	5
*JOHN VERNON	2	†GRAHAM T. BALL	6
MICHAEL E. BROWN	3	†MICHAEL VERNON	7
PETER J. STANIFORTH	4	PHILIP A. CORBY	*Tenor*

Composed by S. J. IVIN. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.
* First peal in the method. † First peal of Surprise Major.
Rung as a compliment to Mrs. Sarah Peters, a lifelong Church worker of this parish, on the occasion of her 102nd birthday.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 18, 1957, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes.
AT THE ABBEY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY AND ST. ALBAN,
A PEAL OF 5120 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. in D.

JAMES BENNETT	*Treble*	ROBERT E. LESTER	5
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY	2	RANALD W. M. CLOUSTON	6
GILBERT R. GOODSHIP	3	ERNEST V. BLAKE	7
HARRY D. LISTER	4	CECIL W. PIPE	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by CECIL W. PIPE.
Rung by eight Suffolk men, at the special request of the authorities and ringers of the Abbey, to commemorate the 850th anniversary.

TONBRIDGE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., May 19, 1957, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's No. 2 variation. Tenor 21 cwt.

WILLIAM ROGERS	*Treble*	BERNARD V. COLLISON	5
THOMAS E. SONE	2	WALTER H. DOBBIE	6
ERNEST J. LADD	3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	7
*WILLIAM R. MANSER	4	ROBERT COLLINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.
* First peal in the method.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., May 22, 1957, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in F.

*ARTHUR E. BODYCOTE	*Treble*	JOHN A. ACRES	5
ERNEST MORRIS	2	BRIAN G. WARWICK	6
PHYLLIS POOLE	3	BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	7
JOHN M. JELLEY	4	ERNEST J. JELLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal of Yorkshire. Last peal by John Jelley before joining H.M. Forces.
A 21st birthday compliment to Glenys Bodycote and to mark her engagement to Andrew Haines.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
On Thurs., May 23, 1957, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

C. EDWARD LANKESTER	*Treble*	RICHARD F. B. SPEED	5
RONALD H. BULLEN	2	ALICK CUTLER	6
LEONARD BOWLER	3	DENNIS KNOX	7
ALFRED J. HOUSE	4	THOMAS J. LOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by DENNIS KNOX.
First peal in the method as conductor.

ERITH, KENT.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Fri., May 24, 1957, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF 5024 EALING SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	*Treble*	JOHN L. MORRIS	5
ALFRED J. HOUSE	2	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	6
ARTHUR G. MASON	3	PHILIP MEHEW	7
THOMAS H. FRANCIS	4	FREDERICK J. CULLUM	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.
First peal in the method as conductor, and for the Society.
Rung on Empire Day.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., May 24, 1957, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM WOODWARD	*Treble*	ERNEST W. RAWSON	5
PHYLLIS POOLE	2	E. ALAN JACQUES	6
JOHN A. ACRES	3	JOSEPH W. COTTON	7
J. FREDK. MILNER	4	PETER J. STANIFORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.

BLOXHAM, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 25, 1957, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF BLOXHAM,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in D flat.

WILLIAM J. CHESTER	*Treble*	EDGAR J. SMITH	5
J. HOWARD R. FREEBORN	2	GEORGE F. BURTON	6
CHARLES COLES	3	GEORGE W. HOLLAND	7
EDMUND E. PEARSON	4	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Composed by J. S. WILDE. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
The first peal of Major on the bells. The conductor's 600th peal, 400 of which have been rung for the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

BREDBURY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 25, 1957, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,
A PEAL OF 5376 BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in G.

BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	*Treble*	ALAN MCFALL	5
BERNARD GROVES	2	MICHAEL J. PRYOR	6
*FRANK OSBALDISTON	3	WILLIAM A. SMITH	7
COLIN DEWSNAP	4	†ROBERT B. SMITH	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS ('R.W.', 17/5/57).
Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.
* First peal of Bob Major. † 25th peal and first as conductor. First peal in the method and longest length on the bells.

CRESSWELL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 25, 1957, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.

*GEORGE CHALLANS	*Treble*	*DENNIS A. SMEDLEY	5
HERBERT T. ROOKE	2	F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER	6
GEORGE E. FOSTER	3	WILLIAM L. EXTON	7
LEWIS HEMSTOCK	4	CHARLES J. COPP	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM L. EXTON.
* First peal of Triples. First peal in the method on the bells.

DEANE, BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 25, 1957, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-BLESSED-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

NORMAN TOMPKINS	*Treble*	JAMES L. WRIGHT	5
ALBERT GREENHALGH	2	ROGER LEIGH	6
CHARLES SHARPLES	3	PETER CROOK, SEN.	7
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	4	SYDNEY LEATHERBARROW	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by PETER CROOK.
First peal in the method on the new bells.
An 81st birthday compliment to the third ringer.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 25, 1957, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in A flat.

MARIAN H. MILLS	*Treble*	†URBAN W. WILDNEY	5
GEORGE N. ORMAN	2	ALLEN W. CANSDALE	6
*ROSEMARY J. SEABROOK	3	SAMUEL J. TWITCHETT	7
EVELYN R. M. CANSDALE	4	†HARRY J. MILLATT	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by HARRY J. MILLATT.
* 50th peal. † 25th peal together. First in method on the bells.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

MELBOURN, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., April 25, 1957, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being an extent each of London, York, Beverley, Surfleet, Ipswich, Norwich and Cambridge. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

PAMELA A. LATCHFORD .. *Treble*	*T. REGINALD DENNIS .. 4
JOHN G. GIPSON 2	DEREK E. LATCHFORD .. 5
J. DESMOND PAINTER 3	DEREK P. JONES .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

* First peal in seven Surprise methods. First peal in seven Surprise methods as conductor.

Rung to welcome Christine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Gipson.

BARKSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 11, 1957, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

The extent of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double and Single Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 13 cwt. 13 lb.

HARRY BARNES .. .. .. *Treble*	G. LEONARD THOMPSON .. 4
LOUIS WILLDERS 2	WILLIAM H. DALE 5
AMOS INGALL 3	GEORGE W. CREASEY .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE W. CREASEY.

A compliment to Mr. C. D. Bent upon completing 50 years as organist at the neighbouring Church of St. Mary, Syston.

CADOXTON, NEAR NEATH, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., May 15, 1957, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATWG,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Kent Treble Bob and four extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

EDMUND J. MORRIS .. *Treble*	*TREVOR M. RODERICK .. 4
EDWARD PHILLIPS 2	GWYN I. LEWIS 5
*ERNEST STITCH 3	BENJAMIN WILLIAMS .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by GWYN I. LEWIS.

* 75th peal together.

GREAT EASTON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., May 15, 1957, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. JOHN AND GILES,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two 720's each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B. and Oxford T.B., and one 720 of Plain Bob. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

HAROLD W. MOORE .. .. *Treble*	H. WALTER SMITH 4
ALFRED H. LITTLE 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN 5
FRANK E. L. HARRINGTON .. 3	GEORGE SAUNDERS .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

BLYTHBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Thurs., May 16, 1957, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in eight methods: Norwich Surprise, Combined Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

*C. JACK GIBSON .. .. *Treble*	*PETER S. BEDFORD 4
*EDWIN T. CHAPMAN 2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 5
*PETER KINDRED 3	JOHN W. BLYTHE .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

* First peal in eight methods.

HIGH EASTER, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., May 17, 1957, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods: Chester, London, Wells, York, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge. Tenor 19 cwt.

DAVID HODGSON .. .. *Treble*	PATRICK W. SALTMARSH .. 4
DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 2	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE .. 5
IVAN J. M. SAUNDERS .. 3	JOE E. G. ROAST .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

Rung at the invitation of the local ringers as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Norma Peacock, ringer and Sunday School teacher at High Easter. Also with the best wishes of the band to Ewart Edge, on his recent wedding to Miss Julia Preston. A birthday compliment to John Symonds, son of the second ringer.

TILNEY ALL SAINTS, NORFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., May 17, 1957, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, one of St. Clement's and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb. in E flat.

MICHAEL G. GATHERCOLE *Treble*	NORMAN V. HARDING .. 4
JOHN WILSON 2	WILLIAM ROSE 5
LESLIE W. HOUGHTON .. 3	RICHARD E. PAICE .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by RICHARD E. PAICE.

BOBBING, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 18, 1957, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*MICHAEL C. MAY (age 11) *Treble*	EDWARD C. BARTON 4
HAZEL V. DADSON 2	GEORGE KENWARD 5
BERT W. MAY 3	GEORGE A. NAYLOR .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.

* First peal and first attempt.

BUXHALL, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., May 18, 1957, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 15 cwt. 7 lb. in F sharp.

FRANK BORLEY .. .. .. *Treble*	*AUBREY T. BRETT 4
HUBERT A. MITSON 2	*M. PAUL UNDERWOOD .. 5
TREVOR N. J. BAILEY 3	LESLIE N. MELTON .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE N. MELTON.

* First attempt for a peal.

A birthday compliment to Hubert H. Mitson and Miss Alice E. J. Lester.

CHENIES, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 18, 1957, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 12 extents of Plain Bob (four callings) and 30 extents of Grandsire (ten callings). Tenor 9 cwt, 1 qr. 21 lb.

EDGAR G. SWIFT .. .. *Treble*	‡DONALD R. BARTHOLOMEW 4
*MARY G. CARNOCHAN .. 2	§D. JOSEPH GOODMAN .. 5
†MICHAEL G. SWIFT 3	§BRIAN J. EDWARDS .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by EDGAR G. SWIFT.

* First peal 'inside.' † First in two methods. ‡ First peal. § First of Doubles.

DEEPING ST. JAMES, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 18, 1957, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven 720's, one each of London, Cambridge, Primrose, Norfolk, Ipswich, Beverley and York. Tenor 19¼ cwt.

MRS. J. W. HAW .. .. *Treble*	LEONARD C. BLANCHARD .. 4
ALBERT E. SCOTT 2	JAMES W. HAW 5
CECIL WADE 3	RICHARD E. PRICE .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by CECIL WADE.

Rung in honour of the marriage of Ruth Morgan (ringer of the treble) to James W. Haw (ringer of the fifth), which took place at St. Mary's Church, Swanage, Dorset, on Saturday, April 27th, 1957.

GREAT BIRCHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 18, 1957, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB DOUBLES

Being four callings. Tenor 9 cwt. 17 lb.

TONY OWEN .. .. .. *Treble*	CECIL V. EBBERSON 3
ROBERT ALLCOCK 2	SAMUEL H. WATERFIELD .. 4
JOHN COUZENS .. .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by TONY OWEN.

KELVEDON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 18, 1957, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Double Court, three of Cambridge Surprise, one of Oxford Treble Bob and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 21 cwt. 3 qr. in E.

JOSEPH PAPWORTH .. .. *Treble*	ALAN R. SYDER 4
JOHN WARNER 2	CHARLES W. BURTON .. 5
ALAN R. ELLIOTT 3	TERRY EARLE .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by TERRY EARLE.

A birthday compliment to Mrs. A. R. Elliott.

NORTHAMPTON.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 18, 1957, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND, KING AND MARTYR,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (four callings). Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

*ROBERT S. ROBERTS	*Treble*	MICHAEL R. BENNETT	4
*ERIC BILLINGS	2	ROBIN V. BAKER	5
GEORGE F. ROOME	3	VICTOR A. PERRY	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE F. ROOME.

* First peal.

Rung as a farewell to Eric Billings, who is joining H.M. Forces.

SPAXTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 18, 1957, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 19 cwt.

*B. JEAN STEVENS	*Treble*	DENNIS G. MILLER	4
*PAMELA M. STEVENS	2	CECIL T. CLARKE	5
†F. A. KEITH PRIME	3	RONALD D. SHORT	*Tenor*

Conducted by RONALD D. SHORT.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First of Minor on the bells.

SANDIACRE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., May 20, 1957, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise and Kent Treble Bob, two extents of Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

DENIS R. CARLISLE	*Treble*	GORDON A. HALLS	4
*IVAN BARLOW	2	†ARTHUR B. SHEPPARD	5
PETER G. BELLAMY-KNIGHT	3	DEREK P. JONES	*Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

A 55th birthday compliment to Mrs. I. M. Jones, mother of the conductor.

WROXHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., May 20, 1957, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two 720's each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain, and one 720 of St. Clement's. Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.

*JOHN D. DOWE	*Treble*	HORACE V. LUBBOCK	4
JOHN R. SMITH	2	WALTER C. MEDLER	5
A. FREDERICK BOYCE	3	WILLIAM R. CATCHPOLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. SMITH.

* First peal.

BAGLAN, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., May 21, 1957, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 1,440 Plain Bob, 3,600 Grandsire. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb.

*JEAN HOWELL	*Treble*	TREVOR M. RODERICK	4
ERNEST STITCH	2	GWYN I. LEWIS	5
EDWARD PHILLIPS	3	EDMUND J. MORRIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE I. LEWIS.

* First peal.

Rung for the 75th anniversary of the dedication of the church.

WHEPSTEAD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Wed., May 22, 1957, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETRONELLA.
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (four callings). Tenor 7 cwt.

*JOE PETTITT	*Treble*	*ARTHUR W. ROLFE	3
KENNETH G. BROWN	2	*ANTHONY R. MANN	4
†LESLIE N. MELTON	*Tenor*		

Conducted by KENNETH G. BROWN.

* First peal of Bob Doubles. † 25th peal.

WENHASTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Thurs., May 23, 1957, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 12 cwt. 6 lb.

JOHN W. BLYTHE	*Treble*	C. JACK GIBSON	4
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	2	PETER S. BEDFORD	5
JOHN W. G. KINDRED	3	PETER KINDRED	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER KINDRED.

ASTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 25, 1957, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 30 extents of Grandsire and 12 of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

WILLIAM LAWRENCE	*Treble*	GEORGE CHERRY	4
WALTER BROWN	2	*DAVID GULLICK	5
KENNETH TIMBURY	3	†REGINALD LUXON	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID GULLICK.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal.

GREAT TOTHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 25, 1957, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being 720 each of Chester, London, Wells, York, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge. Tenor 7½ cwt.

DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS	*Treble*	PETER J. CAME	4
MARY DOWSETT	2	ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON	5
*GERALD M. ROUSE	3	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE	*Tenor*

Conducted by HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE.

* First peal in seven Surprise methods. The ringer of the fifth has now 'circled the tower.'

REDBOURN, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 25, 1957, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten different callings). Tenor 15½ cwt.

*MICHAEL D. FROST	*Treble*	†BERTRAM C. JOHNSON	4
BERTIE A. CORNELL	2	*FREDERICK W. ELLIS	5
†STANLEY H. HUCKLE	3	JOE HOBBS	*Tenor*

Conducted by BERTRAM C. JOHNSON.

* First peal in method. † First of Doubles.

SUTTON-IN-THE-ISLE, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 25, 1957, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. in E.

WILLIAM SEEKINGS	*Treble*	GEOFFREY A. LUCAS	4
DOROTHY A. M. ROBINSON	2	MANSFIELD GINN	5
HAROLD S. PEACOCK	3	DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS	*Tenor*

Conducted by DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS.

The first peal of Surprise on the bells.

Rung as a compliment to Peter Border, Association Central Council representative, and Miss Ruth Jackson, on their engagement.

WIGTOFT, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Eastern Branch.)
On Sat., May 25, 1957, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

MALCOLM FLANKLIN	*Treble*	LESLIE H. TAYLOR	4
JOSEPH W. BAILEY	2	HAROLD GIBSON	5
*FREDERICK W. ELKINGTON	3	ALBERT E. FLATTERS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT E. FLATTERS.

* First peal.

HANDBELL PEALS

LEVERSTOCK GREEN, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., May 19, 1957, in 2 Hours and 8 Minutes,
IN THE SCHOOL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In two methods, being one extent of Double Bob and six of Plain Bob.
Tenor size 11 in G.

*GERALD PENNEY	1—2	WALTER AYRE	3—4
†STANLEY HUCKLE	5—6		

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal in two methods 'in hand.' † First peal in two methods.

CHILCOMPTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., May 23, 1957, in 1 Hour and 42 Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (ten different callings). Tenor size 11 in C.

*E. J. CHIVERS	1—2	R. G. BECK	3—4
†E. C. WADMAN	5—6		

Conducted by R. G. BECK.

* First peal away from tenor. † First peal on handbells.

BRISTOL.—At the Lord Mayor's Chapel, on May 25th, 1,260 Bob Minor: D. Heighton (cond.) 1, T. P. Edwards 2, Miss P. M. Bourn 3, P. J. Bird 4, A. P. Smith 5, F. D. Mark 6. Rung by members of the University of Bristol Society prior to the Founders' Day service held in the Cathedral.

BROUGHTON, STAFFS.—On May 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ann Taylor (first quarter) 1, J. Nixon (first 'inside') 2, P. S. Whalley 3, H. Roberts 4, W. N. Lawton 5, W. Talbot 6, D. R. Whalley (cond.) 7, H. Whittal 8. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Vicar, who had recently died.

BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX.—On May 26th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: E. Deacon 1, G. M. Rouse 2, S. W. Bigmore 3, A. T. M. Perry 4, D. Robinson (first in method) 5, H. Stebbings (cond.) 6.

CHIPSTABLE, SOMERSET.—On May 21st, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: H. Purchase (cond.) 1, W. Baker 2, G. Sparkes 3, W. Nurcombe 4, F. Caseley 5, A. Gale 6.

HALESOWEN, WORCS.—On May 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Greenhall 1, I. H. Cox (cond.) 2, L. Clissett 3, B. E. Woodall 4, Winifred Pretty 5, T. Greenhall 6, H. Shilvock 7, A. H. Harris 8. Rung for a service of commemoration and thanksgiving on the occasion of the centenary of James Grove and Sons, Ltd.

HANDSWORTH, BIRMINGHAM.—On May 26th, 1,260 Doubles (four extents of Bob and 6½ of Grandsire): A. R. Crump (first quarter) 1, Miss E. M. Yardley 2, I. D. Thompson 3, L. C. Willday 4, A. N. Stubbs (cond.) 5, P. M. Fleming (first quarter) 6. First quarter in more than one method for all the band. Rung for Evensong.

HELMDON, NORTHANTS.—On May 11th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: W. J. Chester 1, M. Saunders 2, Miss B. Mansfield 3, A. Mansfield 4, W. F. Eyden 5, W. A. Yates (cond.) 6. A compliment to John G. Shellard and Miss E. Ballard, married this day at Paulerspury, Northants.

QUARTER PEALS

KEMPSTON, BEDS.—On May 25th, 1,344 Bob Major: Mary E. Stephens 1, Angela Grainger 2, K. Fleming (first of Major) 3, Phyllis M. Gray 4, B. Grainger 5, R. Piron 6, P. Newing (cond.) 7, J. B. Long 8. Rung for the birthday of Mary Stephens.

KING'S WALDEN, HERTS.—On April 28th, 1,260 Bob Minor: C. Walklate (13, first of Minor) 1, K. Ballington (13) 2, P. Mehew 3, Angela Willes 4, R. Coppage 5, D. P. Jones (cond.) 6.

LLANBADARN, CARDS.—On April 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Gareth Harris (first of Doubles) 1, Glenys Thomas 2, T. Gwilliam 3, R. Hitchcock 4, G. Harris (cond.) 5, P. Humphreys (first quarter) 6. A birthday compliment to Her Majesty the Queen. Also May 18th, 1,240 Doubles (240 Reverse Canterbury and 1,000 Bob): Anne Jones 1, R. Hitchcock 2, G. Harris 3, D. Walklate (cond.) 4, A. Evans 5, T. Gwilliam 6.

ROMSEY, HANTS.—On May 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Allen 1, G. Northway 2, Miss A. Knight 3, M. Northway (cond.) 4, A. Fry 5, I. Templeton 6, J. Page 7, C. White 8. Rung for the election of Cclr. R. A. Duke as Mayor.

RYE, SUSSEX.—On May 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Rosemary G. Hicks 1, Noreen Winter 2, C. A. Jordan (first 'inside') 3, A. J. Hicks 4, J. Small (cond.) 5, Geraldine Saunders 6, Judith S. Walker 7, S. Skinner 8. Cover 7, 6, 8. For Mayoring Day.

STAMFORD HILL, N.—On May 25th, 1,320 St. Clement's Bob Minor: P. Rowe 1, L. Hawes 2, F. Secker 3, M. Cubitt 4, E. J. Rowe 5, M. J. Rowe (first of Minor as cond.) 6. Conductor's 50th quarter on bells. Also on May 26th, 1,320 Netherseale Surprise Minor: L. Hawes 1, P. Rowe (25th quarter on bells) 2, M. Cubitt 3, M. J. Rowe 4, B. Bladon (cond.) 5, E. J. Rowe 6. First in method by all.

TETSWORTH, OXON.—On May 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Stone 1, R. Lindars 2, A. Peasley 3, W. Elles 4, W. Gibbard (cond.) 5, T. Lay 6. Rung for the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. T. Lay.

THURNBY, LEICS.—On May 26th, 1,260 Doubles (240 St. Simon's, 480 Bob, 540 Grandsire): W. Bott 1, M. Roote 2, J. Pawley 3, K. Rands 4, L. Wykes (cond.) 5, J. Cadwallader 6. For Evensong, and as a compliment to Miss L. Hickin and Mr. P. Pawley (both ringers in this tower) on their marriage the previous day.

WANDSWORTH, SURREY.—At All Saints' Church, on May 19th, 1,264 Bob Major: J. Chapman 1, J. Euston (cond.) 2, Miss A. Garnett 3, M. Williamson 4, J. Rea 5, G. Parsons 6, E. Talbot 7, R. Bullen (Darley Dale, Darbys.) 8. For choir festival.

WEST KIRBY, CHESHIRE.—On May 12th, 1,260 Bob Triples: Jane Pettit 1, Elizabeth Taylor 2, Elizabeth Bailey 3, J. B. Andrew 4, J. N. Jukes 5, A. C. Houston 6, I. M. Robertson (first as cond.) 7, K. G. Boyce 8. First quarter for 1, 2 and 3. To celebrate the conductor's 21st birthday.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On May 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: M. Sinden 1, J. Tomsett 2, A. Bishop 3, Susan Jacobs 4, P. Devenish 5, M. P. Moreton 6, F. Corfield (cond.) 7, E. Jacobs 8.

WOBURN, BEDS.—On May 24th, 1,344 Bob Major: Mrs. F. Spavins 1, Angela Grainger 2, Anne Spavins 3, H. B. Whitney 4, B. Grainger 5, R. R. Churchill 6, P. Newing (cond.) 7, K. G. Spavins 8. Rung for the birthday of His Grace, John, 13th Duke of Bedford.

WRINGTON, SOMERSET.—On May 19th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: T. Ferris 1, M. Collins 2, Mrs. M. Collins 3, Mrs. W. Kingcott 4, J. Brain (first on eight) 5, W. Kingcott 6, H. W. Knight (cond.) 7, M. Board 8. For evening service.

ZENNOR, CORNWALL.—On May 21st, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: H. Miles (cond.) 1, Marion L. Lidgey 2, Mrs. G. E. Bawden 3, Una T. Crawley 4, G. E. Bawden 5, M. Peters 6. First in method by 3, 4, 5 and 6.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

May 18th was a great day for the Ancient Society of College Youths, when six peal attempts of Stedman Cinques were made. Peals were rung at Croydon, Evesham, Cornhill and Walsall. The attempt at Newport, Mon, failed due to a shift course after an hour and a quarter's ringing, and the other at Southwark Cathedral came to grief about the same time due to a broken rope.

The peal at Longstanton on May 9th (see page 344) was rung at the Church of All Saints and not St. Michael (which has only two bells). Sender's correction.

Mr. Albert Walker, of Birmingham, has rung his 550th 12-bell peal. With that optimism that never forsakes him, he writes: 'Only 450 more for the 1,000th!'

Bells will be heard prior to the morning service to be broadcast on Whit Sunday at 9.30 a.m. from Sturry Parish Church, Kent, when the Archbishop of Canterbury will preach the sermon.

As a wedding compliment to Mr. Eric M. Brett, only son of Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Brett, and Miss Sybil A. Smith, the Framsden band attempted a peal of Yorkshire Surprise, which unfortunately came to grief through a broken rope after 2½ hours.

Sixteen members of Oxford University Society had a tower grab on May 18th, ringing at Lambourn (8, tenor 23 cwt.) and Uffingham (5, tenor 15 cwt.). The grab involved a nine-mile walk. On the White Horse landmark on the Downs a course of Bob Major was rung on handbells. It is said that on reaching Oxford and counting the party through the railway barrier, the organiser struggled off to the Labour Exchange to look for a vacation job as a shepherd.

The ringers of the golden wedding peal at Eye found their hostelry, Sunnyside, in Castle Street, already taken over by a band of ringers who had been up to Wymondham, Norfolk, for a peal of Cambridge. But there was no need for concern, for the hospitality of Superintendent and Mrs. Claude Rush is equal to any occasion. All are most grateful to them for welcome refreshment—especially the back-enders, who toiled with unusual ardour not many yards away.

The date of the peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Penn should be Saturday, May 4th, and not May 8th (see page 323).

With a peal of Doubles at Redbourn, Mr. Bertram C. Johnson has now conducted Grandsire from Doubles to Cinques.

Miss Barbara A. Mitchell has returned to Bahrein. During her holiday she only scored one peal, Cambridge Surprise Major, at Hythe on May 25th.

Guildford Diocesan Guild has lost by death two veterans this past week. Mr. Robert Whittington, of Cranleigh, aged 89, a vice-president, died on Saturday, and Mr. Reginald Lathbury, aged 71, of Walton-on-Thames, in St. Peter's Hospital, Chertsey, on May 30th. Mr. Lathbury was also connected with the Surrey Association and was hon. secretary of the Northern District until recent years.

We hear that the wooden tower at Horley, Surrey, is unsafe and the bells are expected to be silent for many years. Mr. Alfred J. Bull, captain of this tower, we note, was ringing in a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major at Godstone to mark the beginning of his retirement. He hopes to devote his time to beekeeping, bell ringing and 'bobbying' (as a special constable).

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CHELMSFORD'S GREAT WELCOME

Mr. Robert C. Heazel, of Wimbish, Saffron Walden, the Master of the Essex Association, has sent the following letter of welcome to Mr. Edwin H. Lewis, M.A., president of the Central Council. It was in 1929 that the Council last visited the county town of Essex.

Dear Mr. Lewis,—As Master of the Essex Association of Change Ringers I extend to you and all the Central Council representatives a welcome to Chelmsford. I am convinced that the Essex ringers will do all in their power to make your visit a success and will endeavour to give you all a happy time.

I am looking forward to meeting many friends, both young and old. There will be some who owing to the passage of time I shall find it hard to remember; the light of memory will brighten when someone mentions a long-forgotten incident.

The wonderful fellowship which exists between ringers, of which you as president of the Central Council are the focal point, draws us all together, male and female, old and young, with their own talents uniting in their efforts to give joy and happiness in a cause, the bounds of which it is not possible to assess by human standards.

I trust that your visit to our county town on the occasion when it is your intention to retire from your high office will prove to be a very memorable experience.—Yours sincerely,

ROBERT C. HEAZEL,
Master, The Essex Association.



ROBERT C. HEAZEL

CENTRAL COUNCIL'S FINAL ARRANGEMENTS

HEADQUARTERS.—The County Hotel. All ringers and friends will be welcome at headquarters during the weekend and after the Council meeting.

WHITSUN TUESDAY

Holy Communion in the Cathedral at 7.30 a.m. Council meeting in the Shirehall at 10 a.m. Members are asked to sign the roll and be in their places by 9.45 a.m.

Tea, by the kind invitation of the Essex Association, at 5 p.m.

Social gathering at Headquarters in the evening.

E. A. BARNETT,
Hon. Secretary.

RINGING ARRANGEMENTS

SUNDAY, JUNE 9TH.—Cathedral (12), 10 to 11 a.m. and 5.30 to 6.30 p.m.; Great Waltham (8), 10.15 to 11 a.m. and 5.30 to 6.30 p.m.; Great Baddow (8), 10 to 11 a.m. and 5.30 to 6.30 p.m.; Writtle (8), 10 to 11 a.m. and 5.30 to 6.30 p.m.; Danbury (6), 10 to 11 a.m. and 5.30 to 6.30 p.m.; Sandon (6), 10 to 11 a.m. and 5.30 to 6.30 p.m.; Kelvedon (6), 10 to 11 a.m. and 5.30 to 6.30 p.m.

For Monday's ringing see Essex Association notice.

RINGING TOURS

SUNDAY.—Leave Headquarters at 1 p.m. for Coggeshall, Colchester, East Bergholt, Stoke-by-Nayland and Halstead.

MONDAY.—Leave Headquarters at 9.30 a.m. for Hatfield Broad Oak, Great Dunmow, Thaxted, Saffron Walden, visit to Audley End House, Finchingfield and Bocking.

TOWERS IN THE COUNTY TOWN & VILLAGES THAT WOULD REPAY A VISIT

CHELMSFORD, the county town of Essex and centre of the Chelmsford Diocese, might have been described as a pleasant, quiet country market town a few years ago. The weekly cattle market is still held in the town centre, causing much confusion on market day. The precincts of the town have spread considerably in latter years and its industries increased to provide work for many from the surrounding countryside.

The Parish Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, raised to Cathedral status in 1913 and recently renamed the Cathedral Church, St. Mary-the-Virgin, St. Peter and St. Cedd, has a solidly built 15th century west tower with set back buttresses: the battlements are of Decorated flush flintwork carrying the eight pinnacles. The tower is topped with an open lantern and leaded needle spire. The Cathedral contains a number of interesting monuments—the American Memorial Porch is unique and worthy of careful inspection. There are plans showing a building worthy of the great diocese that the Cathedral serves. Planning approval has been granted to clear the land on the north side to form a close, which will be bordered by local and diocesan administrative buildings—this will provide an open space in the centre of the town. The bells are 13 in number (tenor 34 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in C sharp), including a flat sixth to form a lighter octave.

Great Baddow.—The Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin has a very pleasant exterior—the many period restorations have added to its charm; there are a number of very interesting items among its treasures. The tower contains a fine ring of eight bells (tenor 14¼ cwt.). These bells have been tuned by the early Simpson Tuning Principle; being hung on ball-bearings they are a joy to ring.

Boreham, a small village on the Chelmsford to Colchester road, is a place of historical interest; it has great houses and quaint cottages. The Church of St. Andrew, with its central Norman tower, is a building where the student of architecture can browse and contemplate on its many unusual features. The central tower contains a ring of eight bells (tenor 13 cwt. 19 lb.).

Broomfield, a pretty little village on the Chelmsford to Braintree road, is being completely surrounded with new estate houses. The Church of St. Mary has a Norman nave and chancel and also a round Norman tower. The 6-bell ring (tenor 11¼ cwt.) is the pride and care of the local band, who have done a great deal to get them in the splendid condition they are in today.

Danbury, with its famous hill, the village nestling on the top like a coronet, with the church spire seeming to look out and survey the whole of Chelmsford. The vast open common with its views of the surrounding countryside is the venue of many picnickers in the summer months. The Church of St. John-the-Baptist, now fully restored after its heavy war damage, is full of interest to historians and ringers. The belfry, with its ring of six (tenor 12 cwt.), has been the nursery of some fine young ringers.

Galleywood, with its common, which in the past provided a racecourse, is a favourite place for trippers. The church, standing on the common, had the race track round it, and it must have sounded very suburban to have had a race around the church. The church, dedicated to St. Michael and All Angels, has an 8-bell ring (tenor 14¼ cwt.).

Sandon, a small growing village between Great Baddow and Danbury, has its church in a very pretty setting. Dedicated to St. Andrew, it has a Norman chancel with remains of Roman brickwork, whilst its early 16th century tower is of brick construction. The tower contains a 6-bell ring (tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.).

Springfield, with its church standing among the trees close to the green, is a most delightful spot. The church, All Saints', has a tower of varied construction and a 6-bell ring (tenor 12 cwt.).

Great Waltham, where the road wends through the village street on its way to Dunmow, has a number of interesting old houses. The greatest of these is Langleys, a large, red brick house standing in its park behind the church, with a lodge at the entrance gates styled on the lines of the mansion. The Church of St. Mary and St. Lawrence is a fairly large church with very early foundations; traces of Roman and Norman work are to be seen. The great west tower is Norman, substantially restored and strengthened by brick buttresses; the bells, a grand ring of eight (tenor 26½ cwt.), have a long draught, being rung from the ground floor.

The Church of St. Martin, Little Waltham, in the adjoining parish, has a number of interesting items for the historian. The Perpendicular tower contains a ring of six bells (tenor 12 cwt.).

Widford, once a quiet village, is now being absorbed completely into the borough; the main road has been diverted so as not to pass through its one narrow street. The Church of St. Mary is of no great age; the tower, surmounted by a tall stone spire, contains a ring of eight bells (tenor 11¼ cwt.).

Writtle has its lovely village green surrounded by houses, many as picturesque as the church, which lies slightly back from the green.

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SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The Master Retires

APPROXIMATELY 85 members were present at the 72nd annual meeting of the Sussex County Association held in the hall of the Good Shepherd, Brighton, on May 4th. The service was taken by the Vicar (Rev. H. J. Hills), followed by tea.

At the business meeting the Master (Mr. S. E. Armstrong) presided, and announced that we had been given the use of the hall free of charge and the organist would not accept a fee for his services. Apologies were received from Mr. S. Knight and Messrs. Butcher, Laker and Weller. The meeting stood in silence as a token of respect to those who had passed on recently, viz.: Mr. W. Booth (Heathfield), Mr. E. Bishop (Rotherfield), Mr. A. Cherryman (Aldrington) and Mr. J. Netley (Lyminster).

Arising from the minutes of the last A.G.M. and special A.G.M., the charge of 6d. per rope for peals rung for the Association was discussed. It was agreed to alter the wording to read 6d. per ringer, this to include handbell peals. Conductors please note that it is their responsibility to collect these fees and pass them on to the treasurer, either direct or through a divisional secretary. Peals rung without a fee being paid must be classed as non-Association peals and will not appear in the report. The money collected will go towards the increasing cost of printing reports.

It was reported that Mr. J. Dearlove, former peal secretary, was making a good recovery from illness. The secretary was requested to send him the meeting's best wishes.

The various reports were read and passed and the auditor's suggestion that the papers relating to investments, etc., should be deposited in the bank was carried. The peal secretary reported 81 peals rung last year; this year at the end of March more peals had been rung than last year, despite the 6d. per ringer per peal.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

On the Master's retirement after 25 years' service as general secretary and Master, Mr. R. V. Johnson, of Cuckfield, was unanimously elected Master. All the remaining officers were re-elected; Mr. J. Dearlove was elected an honorary life member and Mr. Armstrong a vice-president.

The certificates were finally approved, 100 badges ordered and permission for a small committee to redesign the annual report carried.

The alteration to the Rules dealing with the financial side was brought before the meeting by Mr. S. E. Armstrong. Much discussion took place and it was agreed to leave this over. The suggestion that the savings certificates be sold, £50 reinvested and £30 put into the general fund for use by the treasurer, was carried. The financial position of the Association would be reviewed next year, when the effect of the increased affiliation fees and peal subscriptions were known.

Mr. Elphick informed the meeting that he had been approached to show handbells, etc., at the Sussex Agricultural Show at Bognor Regis on July 17th and 18th. Anyone wishing to help please contact him direct.

BOURNEMOUTH RINGERS' RALLY

THE Bournemouth dinner and rally, held on May 4th, was again a very happy occasion. Ringing took place at Christchurch Priory and at Bournemouth, St. Peter's and St. John's, during the afternoon; but it is suspected that the attraction of a walk through the Pleasure Gardens (looking their very best) to the sea front proved a greater attraction than a visit to the belfry. A company of 80 assembled at the Gaumont Restaurant for dinner. Admiral D. H. Everett presided, and he was supported by Canon L. S. Brasnett (representing the Vicar of Bournemouth) and Mrs. Brasnett, the Vicar of Milford (Rev. P. Marling-Roberts), Councillor and Mrs. H. P. E. Mears and Col. Spencer.

After the loyal toast, the chairman welcomed the company to Bournemouth for the eleventh rally and eighth George Williams commemoration dinner. He read apologies for absence from several members, including the Vicars of Bournemouth, of Christchurch and of St. John's, Surrey Road, all of whom were enjoying a short break after a very busy Lent, Holy Week and Eastertide.

St. Nicholas', Great Yarmouth

The Parish Church of St. Nicholas, Great Yarmouth, is to be rebuilt at a cost of £316,750. The contract provides for completion of the work in five years.

At the Parochial Church Council meeting the Vicar (Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow) said the Church Council proposed immediately to give the order for the bells. He had put their proposals before Mr. F. Sharpe, the leading expert in England on the subject. Mr. Sharpe had judged the plan for them—by the Whitechapel Bell Foundry, which cast the old Yarmouth bells in 1807—to be on certain technical grounds likely to produce the finest ring of 13 bells in England.

Mr. Fred Price proposed 'The County Borough of Bournemouth,' to which Councillor H. P. E. Mears responded. Councillor Mears seemed a little surprised that Mr. Price had not given him something controversial to respond to, but he and Mrs. Mears thoroughly enjoyed coming to the ringers' dinner, and at all times he was pleased to respond to the toast of the Borough which, in his opinion, was one of the most beautiful towns in England.

The chairman proposed 'The Memory of Mr. George Williams,' which was honoured in silence. After a short interval, Canon L. S. Brasnett rose to propose the toast of 'The Bells and Bellringers,' during which he paid a glowing tribute to the work of the ringers up and down the country. He outlined the different contacts he had made with the Exercise during his years as a vicar in parishes in the Midlands, and said it had been his experience to find that church bellringers were always ready, not only to ring the bells but to help on other Church work besides.

The speeches were interspersed with handbell ringing, a touch of Spliced Royal being rung by Miss K. Fletcher, Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay, Messrs. Matkin, Hurst and Best. Tune ringing was by St. Peter's Handbell Ringers. Songs and duets rendered by the incomparable Mr. and Mrs. Charles Beresford delighted the company.

To conclude, the chairman proposed the toast of 'The Visitors,' especially the outing party of 14 from Selly Oak, led by Mr. W. B. Cartwright. Mr. Cartwright suitably responded, and Mr. D. R. Reed proposed a vote of thanks to the chairman for presiding that evening.

The company also included Mr. and Mrs. R. Blackmore, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Buchannon, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Cartwright, Mr. and Mrs. N. Goodman, Mr. and Mrs. F. and Miss Harris, Mr. and Mrs. H. Harrison, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. C. Hemms, Mr. and Mrs. Laker, Mr. and Mrs. F. Price, Mr. and Mrs. G. Pullinger, Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Reed, Mr. and Mrs. S. White.

Messrs M. Bazeley, M. J. E. Best, E. Booth, B. Bowden, R. Buchannon, W. E. Cheater, J. Coles, A. V. Davis, J. R. French, W. Godfrey, J. Hartlett, R. C. Hurst, J. A. C. King, Long, R. H. Marlow, D. T. Matkin, H. A. Mitchell, C. Parker, R. Pike, J. Pinfold, J. R. Sharman, H. J. Turner, F. Walters, A. Westwood.

Mesdames D. T. Gardiner, Heavens, F. J. Marshallsay.

The Misses Barnes, P. Barnett, D. Battersby, N. Crofts, S. Day, D., E., E. M. and K. E. Fletcher, J. Howell, C. Jones, B. Monk, B. Powell, M. Purkess, G. Rea, M. Reay.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

The spring festival of the Mid-Cornwall Branch was held at St. Mewan on May 11th, when nearly 90 members attended, representing the towers of St. Austell, St. Mewan, St. Erme, St. Stephen-in-Brannel, St. Ewe, Newlyn East, Bodmin and St. Gorran.

A short service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. S. Oddie) and Mr. W. Hancock was organist.

Judges for the test ringing were Messrs. W. H. Southeard, C. E. Lanxon and A. Locke, of Truro. Certificates were awarded to almost every band that rang, the main test being 44 changes.

Tea and evening refreshments were served by the ladies of St. Mewan. At the short business meeting it was decided to hold the next meeting at Newlyn East.

The president (Mr. A. Carveth) and some of the Kenwyn band took part in the ringing on the eight at St. Austell later in the evening. All agreed that the festival was most enjoyable.

D. B.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

BEHIND THE COLLEGE OF CAMPANOLOGY

Dear Sir,—The launching of the College of Campanology last August engaged widespread interest throughout the Exercise and continues to do so. With the 'fitting out' of the new ship nearing completion, your readers would doubtless wish to have some information about the crew.

The short biographical notes include other ringing connections, but this does NOT imply representation in the College of such connections. 'H.' indicates 'Honorary,' and 'C.C.', 'member of the Central Council.'

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Invitation to apply for College membership is open to ALL, and further information may be obtained from the Registrar, 24, Doyle Avenue, Portsmouth.

The College now has representatives in some 20 counties in England, Wales and Ireland, and has aroused interest overseas.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN HATCHER.

Maidstone.

NAME THEM

Dear Sir,—Mr. Smallwood's letter makes unpleasant reading. The Vicar's treatment smacks somewhat of schoolmaster punishment. I hope the 3d. in the box did not offend. It did show willing. Stories of ringers' misbehaviour live long. I have been in belfries for over 50 years and when I tell them in the local I have never seen any beer in the belfry they tell me to try another optician.—Yours faithfully,

T. H. VALLANCE.

Nuneaton.

MR. T. H. TAFFENDER RANG IN RECORD PEAL

Dear Sir,—The footnote to the peal of Yorkshire rung at South Wigston, which appears on page 323 of the issue for May 24th, is incorrect.

Referring to the record peal of 17,104 Double Norwich rung there on December 27th, 1904, it states that the late Josiah Morris was the last survivor of the band.

The second bell was rung on this occasion by Mr. Thomas H. Taffender, Master of the London County Association since 1913.—Yours faithfully,

C. M. MEYER.

Westminster.

NOTE.—We also thank Mr. John G. Nash for the same information.—*Ed.*

A Rapid Recovery

On May 8th, Mr. Leonard King, Master of the East Harling Guild of Ringers, was taken suddenly ill with acute appendicitis and rushed to the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital.

He made such a good and rapid recovery that on May 13th he was transferred convalescent to the Wayland Hospital nearer home. The same night he was visited by four members of the South Norfolk Branch, including his 14-year-old son and two from his tower. Touches on handbells were rung with him, to the delight of the other patients in the ward.

He returned home on Saturday, May 18th, and was back in church the following day. He even came into the ringing chamber and gave the Rector, who was ringing the third bell, quite a shock!

Our correspondent sends this story as an example of good surgery and absolute faith in God to help overcome all difficulties.

PEALS AT BEXHILL-ON-SEA

Dear Sir,—The last peal attempt at Bexhill-on-Sea was not, as stated in Belfry Gossip, page 330, on February 1st, 1947.

I called Holt's Original there on March 12th, 1949. It was the last peal rung by Fred Smeaton before going to Australia. Miss A. Eldridge and C. Grisbrook, both members of the local band, rang in it.—Yours truly,

C. ALFRED LEVETT.

Hastings.

NOTE.—Mr. Arthur D. Cook writes, informing us of a peal of 5,120 Ashtead Surprise Major, rung on the bells on August 21st, 1950, conducted by C. Edward Jefferies.

PEAL WITHDRAWN

Dear Sir,—I wish to withdraw the peal of Spliced Surprise Major in three methods which was rung at the Bell Foundry, Loughborough, on March 27th, 1957, as the composition has now proved to be false.

Will all concerned please note that the composition was published on page 256 of the 'R.W.' (April 19th).

If this composition was the one used for the peal rung at West Bromwich on May 4th, that peal will also have to be withdrawn, and I tender my sincere apologies for having caused to be published a false composition.—Yours faithfully,

BRIAN G. WARWICK.

South Wigston, Leicester.

BEDFORDSHIRE TOUR

On the last two days of April a party, including Mr. Ronald H. Dove, of Leeds, visited 24 towers in Beds and Hunts by car in fine weather, local ringers giving welcome assistance at many places. The advance guard, in the shape of two very youthful ringers from Derby, arrived the previous Saturday to spend a few days under canvas in N. Herts, thus adding Hitchin (fine old 8, 26 cwt.) (annual meeting), Offley (6) and King's Walden (6) (quarter peal) to their list.

The first day's visits were to Goldington (new 6), Biddenham (6), where veteran Miss Evelyn Steele joined the ringing, Bromham (8, 23 cwt.), where the ringing did not do justice to the fine bells, Oakley (5), Clapham (6, 5 cwt.), where the less experienced ringers had an anxious time owing to the immense draught of rope in this Saxon watchtower, Renhold (5, unusual tune), Eaton Socon, an excellent modern eight, Eynesbury (6, anti-clockwise), and culminating with the grand 'Somerset' tower at St. Neots. These fine bells with a wonderful 30 cwt. tenor inspired the best ringing of the tour. Time allowed for a 720 Bob Minor by: Clive Walklate (13) 1, Ken Ballington (13) 3, June Gladman 4, G. C. Galley 5, D. P. Jones (conductor) 6, P. Mehew 7, R. H. Dove (cover) 8.

The second day was much enlivened by the presence of Pat Cannon, Philip Mehew bringing an extra car for the increased manpower, and hearty conversation was bandied all day. The towers were Haynes (new 5), Elstow (6, detached tower where John Bunyan rang), Bedford, St. Peter's (8), where Eddie Jeffries gave a warm reception and ringing was of good standard, Cople (6, anti-clockwise), Willington (6), Great Barford (5, 15 cwt., a grand Hugh Watts ring), Roxton (5, require pulling), Tempsford (6), where Mrs. Houghton and local youngsters welcomed us, and Blunham (a fine 6).

After tea came Sandy (6, just rehung) met by Joan Ashton; Northill (6, 19 cwt., a fine old tenor), where Mr. William Wagstaffe showed us many interesting bell items he has collected; Old Warden (6), with famous carved pews: Southill (6, a good ring), where the Vicar and several local youngsters joined the ringing; Henlow (6), where we joined Mr. Bywaters' practice, and Arlesey (6). D. P. J.

Chelmsford Churches—Cont.

Usually on Whit Monday there is a travelling fair to entice the young people away from the bells, and on other days cricket to cause the older ones to stop and look. What could be more pleasant than cricket on the village green to the music of a grand ring of bells floating through the air? The Church of All Saints invites its visitors to step down into the nave, then to gaze up to view the roof and other features of this fine old building. The tower, large and not very high, was rebuilt just over 150 years ago: it has brick battlements with stone pinnacles. The tower contains a grand ring of eight bells (tenor 18¼ cwt.). The peal boards remind visitors of the ringers and of their high standards many years ago.

This church with its bells has a very special place in the affection of the Essex ringers—there on Whit Monday, June 2nd, 1879, the Essex Association was founded by the Rev. J. B. Seaman; and we trust that as the years go by the Association will ever grow towards the goal our founders had in mind on that eventful day. May Whitsuntide, 1957, be a notable landmark in its life and history.

R. C. H.



Members of the Ancient Society of College Youths pose for a photograph outside St. John's Church, Yeovil. The visit was highly successful and included ringing at Yeovil, Sherborne and Queen Camel.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards' Legacy

THE 74th annual festival was held at Salisbury on May 18th. The proceedings commenced with the annual general meeting in the Assembly Rooms at 2.30 p.m., Canon C. Carew Cox (Master of the Guild) presiding, supported by Mr. W. C. West (hon. secretary and treasurer) and Mr. F. S. Slatford (assistant hon. secretary).

After prayers were said, the chairman said apologies and good wishes had been received from: The Earl of Shaftesbury (president), the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, Messrs. Martin Stewart and L. A. Wilson (vice-presidents), Mrs. E. Pannell (hon. secretary, West Dorset Branch), Mr. R. H. Duke (assistant hon. secretary, Dorchester Branch), Messrs. J. S. Weeks and C. F. Andrews (hon. auditors) and Mr. Wm. Chalke.

The hon. secretary in his report stated that 25 peals had been rung, in methods ranging from Doubles to Spliced Surprise. The membership was static at 1,068 ringing members and 12 honorary members and 11 associates.

The meeting stood in silence while the following losses by death were remembered: Mr. J. Hale (Urchfont), 50 years a ringer in that tower; Mr. F. Hart (Wimborne Minster), 54 years' ringing service; Mr. S. Macey, hon. L. M. (Salisbury); Mr. F. J. Howard (Fordington); Mr. G. Derham, one time captain of Holt; Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, vice-president, 37 years hon. secretary and treasurer.

The treasurer's report made good reading, showing a credit balance in current account of £67 18s. 5d. and deposit account of £32 5s. 11d. This was considered satisfactory, and Mr. West was thanked for his work as hon. secretary and treasurer. A grant of £5 5s. was made to the Chisledon Bell Restoration Fund.

The following officers were unanimously elected: President, the Earl of Shaftesbury; Master of the Guild, Canon C. Carew Cox; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. W. C. West; assistant hon. secretary, Mr. F. S. Slatford; hon. auditors, Mr. J. S. Weeks and Mr. C. F. Andrews; committee—Messrs. A. Macdonald, G. H. Harding, F. Preecy and R. H. True; vice-president, Canon A. W. Markby; hon. life ringing member, Mr. A. W. Angel (Melksham).

In replying to his re-election as hon. secretary, Mr. West thanked the members for their continued confidence, remarking the work was made easier by the fact of having such an excellent assistant secretary and Branch officers. He would like to see a longer list of honorary members, as this would bring the clergy into the Guild and closer in touch with its principles.

The chairman informed the meeting that under the will of the late Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, the Guild would receive £150, to be known as the 'Edwards Memorial Fund,' to be used for grants to bell restorations under the conditions stated in the document. It was unanimously decided to invest the money for the time being and expend the interest. This would keep the name of the Rev. Edwards always before them.

Votes of thanks were then passed to the Vicar of St. Thomas' (Rev. P. J. Hayes), the Salisbury Branch officers for their part in the arrangements, and others who may have assisted in any way. Canon Cox then closed the meeting with grace.

The service in St. Thomas' was most inspiring. The Vicar (Rev. P. J. Hayes) delivered the address, Canon Cox led the prayers, Mr. W. C. West read the lesson, Harold Roles officiated at the organ, and H. G. Keeley 1-2, C. W. Powell 3-4, G. S. Morris 5-6, Canon Cox 7-8 and Mrs. C. W. Powell 9-10 rang a course of Grandsire Caters on handbells. A collection was made to be divided between the Guild funds and the St. Thomas' Church Fund.

A meat tea was served in the Assembly Rooms, 120 sitting down.

The quiet atmosphere prevailing here was sufficient to show observers that all were enjoying themselves. This completed the activities, and members returned their various ways home, and so ended once again the Guild annual festival.

Gillett and Johnston Plan New Foundry

The old Bell Foundry of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., Whitehorse Road, Croydon, is to be sold as it is no longer suitable for modern production. Plans for a new foundry are complete, and the company hope to start erection of the new premises in the very near future.

In the meantime, while the company are still carrying on all erection work, arrangements have been made with Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, to cast the bells.

ST. KEVERNE, CORNWALL, BELL JUBILEE

A special celebration of the jubilee of St. Keverne bells was held on May 9th. It was then exactly 50 years since the Bishop of the diocese came to dedicate the new ring of eight, and the opening ceremony was performed by the then Lord Mayor of London, himself a Helstonian, Sir William Treloar.

There was a service in the fine Priory Church of St. Keverne to mark the occasion, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. E. J. Saunders); neighbouring towers sent teams, as did also the Cathedral, and there were numbers of good touches.

In the Church Hall, the Vicar had prepared an exhibition of photographs of the 1907 event. It included the original three ancient bells, which when recast provided four for the new ring; the new bells being received at the church garlanded with flowers; and the Lord Mayor presenting commemoration mugs to all who had raised £5 or more for the bells and clock. Set out in large print were the full weights and inscriptions of the eight.

The people's warden presented to the tower a framed copy of the weights and inscriptions surmounted by a very fine etching of the west front and tower, as a lasting memento of the jubilee.

Included in the congregation was Mr. J. Williams, who is still residing at St. Keverne, and the only surviving member who rang the three bells before recasting. He was given a free supper as a token. At the supper in the Hall a special cake was displayed, and later cut by the present captain of the ringers, Mr. R. Nicholls. It was a replica of the church tower, and open on one side to display eight bells with the ropes and sallies complete. This was made by the wife of one of the members of St. Keverne team, Mrs. D. Harry.

The three ancient bells had rung for many victims of tragic wrecks which had occurred on the Manacles, the treacherous reef about a mile-and-a-half offshore, and from which the spire of the church can be plainly seen. In fact, the reef takes its name from this, being in Cornish, 'Maen Eglos,' 'The Church Rocks.' A barometer and plates salvaged from the wreck of the 'Mohegan' in 1898, accompanied many other such relics in the exhibition.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

THE eleventh annual meeting of the Guild was held on May 4th at Southwell. The bells of the Minster were available from 2 p.m., as also were the bells of St. Michael's, Farnsfield, by kind permission of the Provost (the Very Rev. H. C. L. Heywood) and the Rev. K. D. Frampton respectively.

Sixty-five members and visitors sat down to tea in the Trebeck Hall. This was followed by the business meeting, which was presided over by the vice-chairman (Mr. F. W. Midwinter).

A brief silence was observed as a token of respect for members who had passed on since the last annual meeting, namely, Messrs. H. R. Cobbin, R. Knowles, John T. Newbert, F. S. Price, H. E. Thompson, Ralph Narborough and Mrs. Alice E. Rowsell.

All the officers were re-elected, and Messrs. John Segar, J. D. Clarke and B. N. Buswell were elected to represent the Guild on the Central Council for the ensuing three years.

The hon. general secretary's report noted that Ordsall had won the Crawford Cup competition on September 14th, 1956. To date, the report continued, the Guild had made grants aggregating £78 3s. to 12 different churches to help in restoration schemes, and the Guild might be proud of those contributions which had earned a considerable amount of goodwill.

Last year it was decided, so far as finances permitted, to make an annual grant to the Bishop's Appeal Fund for the restoration of ancient churches, and the committee had resolved to forward a donation of £5 5s. to the Fund out of the current year's surplus. This subscription was really only a token payment but it did show that the Guild was alive to its responsibilities and had accepted the challenge in a practical manner.

The District secretaries' reports showed a year of steady progress with meetings generally well attended.

The report of the peal committee stated that 32 peals were rung in 1956, which was a considerable drop compared with recent years. For the first time since the Guild was formed no peal was rung on handbells. Also no new conductors had appeared, although one record was achieved by ringing the first non-conducted peal. There were three first-pealers and 13 conductors. Several new compositions had been entered in the register but there were still some gaps to fill.

The hon. treasurer's statement of accounts showed a satisfactory financial position. The surplus for the year on income and expenditure account was £15 15s. 8d., and a further £3 2s.- worth of badges had been sold. The capital account balance stood at £128 9s. 8d. and the balance of the Bell Repair Fund £83 2s. 7d.

The business meeting ended with a comprehensive vote of thanks, proposed by Mr. J. W. Raithby, and the day closed with further ringing at the Minster and St. Michael's, Farnsfield.

J. W. R.

A NORTHANTS WEDDING

Mr. John G. Shellard, Ringing Master of the Culworth Branch, and Miss Edith J. Ballard, a member of the band of St. James' Church, Paulerspury, Northants, were married at Paulerspury on May 11th.

The bride, who was given away by her brother-in-law (Mr. W. A. Yates), wore a dress of gold and white brocade, and carried a bouquet of lilies of the valley, carnations and irises. The service was choral with Mr. Eric Walker, secretary of the Culworth Branch, as organist. Members of Paulerspury tower cheerfully rang the bells as the happy couple left the church.

A quarter peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor was rung by friends during the evening at Helmdon, where Mr. and Mrs. Shellard are settling in their new home.

OBITUARY

MR. FRANK ATTWATER

The death is announced of Mr. Frank Attwater, aged 73, of Cuckfield, Sussex, at Lewes Hospital on May 12th. He was one of six brothers, all ringers at one time at the Parish Church. Two went abroad eventually, leaving the four, who kept up a good standard of ringing at the beginning of the century, as the peal boards show. The brothers have now passed on except Isaac (78), who is still carrying on 'the good work' of instructing a young band at Enfield.

Ernest was killed in the closing stages of World War I, and was a fine specimen of a man, being a physical instructor in the Army. Louis, who came to London, was instructor at St. Leonard's, Streatham, in 1920. Subsequently he went as instructor at All Saints', Wandsworth, where he took part in the first peal of Spliced Surprise Major by the College Youths in 1926; he also took part in the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus at St. Paul's. Louis died at the early age of 48 in 1928.

Isaac, as previously mentioned, was between the wars chosen as instructor to a band formed for the new ten at Kent School, U.S.A. There are still many veteran ringers in Sussex and London who remember the Attwater family, including myself, who took over at Streatham after L. Attwater went to Wandsworth.

J. W. C.

MR. ARTHUR WRIGHT

The archæological side of bells in Wales owes much to the research and writings of Mr. Arthur Wright, B.Sc., whose death took place last month at his residence, Elmsleigh, Bargoed, Glam. In 1904 he came from Norfolk, on accepting the post of science master at Lewis School, Pengarn, and he remained there until he retired a few years ago.

Although not a ringer, he had been interested in bells since boyhood days. He found when he came to Wales that very little had been done apart from the collection of inscriptions, etc., by the late Rev. Meredith Morris, of Clydach Vale, Rhondda, and he wrote up a description of bells in some of the deaneries in Monmouthshire and Glamorgan, which duly appeared in the Llandaff Diocesan Magazine. In August, 1920, he had the great pleasure of the company of Mr. H. B. Walters, M.A., author of 'Bells of England,' on a week's walking tour around Usk, and they visited 26 churches and examined 67 bells.

In 1935 the Cambria Archæological Association kindly offered him the hospitality of their pages for the results of his researches, and thus were put on record the 'Church Bells of Monmouthshire,' the first Welsh county to be published.

He discovered four long-waisted early 13th century bells at Gwernesney (2), Kemeys Commander (1) and Bettws Newydd (1), the interesting 13th century inscribed bell at St. Bride's, Netherwent, which is unique, and should be scheduled as an ancient monument, and the tenor at Caldicot, with its beautiful lettering (1450).

Mr. Wright afterwards published a limited edition of 120 copies of 'The Bells of Monmouthshire' (1942). He also wrote the History of the Lewis School, Pengarn, and when he retired he was honoured by the past and present students at a reception and many presentations were made to him. In his retirement he was busy on 'The Bells of Glamorgan,' which was at the time of his death nearly ready for going to press.

When on holidays he was always looking out for bells, and discovered an interesting Dutch bell at Penygan Farm, Broadley, Ferryside, when there on a visit. This interesting bell, dated 1760, was used to call the farmhands to meals.

E. J. T.

MR. JAMES S. NAPPER

James Stibbs Napper was laid to rest at his beloved village, East Hagbourne, on May 20th, and as the cortege left the church on its last journey to the new cemetery, the beautiful eight of this village commenced a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples, half-muffled, by a majority of friends who had known Jim for over 40 years—E. Sawyer 1, K. White 2, W. F. Judge 3, W. White 4, W. Hibbert (conductor) 5, M. Bishop 6, A. Webb 7, D. Napper 8. The quarter successfully came round to striking that Jim would have been pleased to either ring or listen to.

James Stibbs was only 16 when he rang his first peal, Grandsire Triples, at his native village, and up to 1914 he rang quite a number in this method. Being an enthusiastic soldier of the Berkshire Yeomanry, he was called up in 1914 and saw service in Egypt and Gallipoli, and it was at Gallipoli he won the D.C.M., saving the life of his life-long friend, Harold Pryor, who was a ringer. After Gallipoli he volunteered for the Royal Flying Corps, and soon won his wings and flew many sorties over enemy territory in France.

But it was between the wars that Jim made his mark, especially in the O.D.G. with the writer's late father. Jim was a big man in every way, although perhaps a little 'strong with the English language,' nevertheless big in physique and big in mind and heart, and was always happy to go anywhere, take others and ring tough-going bells that many ringers would shy at; and what perseverance!

He came to Caversham Monday after Monday in 1920 to start his first peal of Stedman Triples, in fact in all 22 occasions; but he then had the satisfaction of ringing his first peal of Stedman at Hagbourne, and on the seventh, which any ringer who can remember this glorious eight before they were rehung will have to admit was a handful.

Even after moving to Coventry, where he did quite a deal of ringing, his name would more often be found in the peal columns of the O.D.G. The beginning of the second war saw Jim firmly established at Coventry and the writer was with him, but fortunately had left for home on the night that the city was 'coventrated.'

But the sadness of the last six or seven years when he began to go downhill, and the last two years, when he was practically bedridden, will not efface the grand fighting spirit he was always in when visited by old friends. He leaves a widow and many nephews and nieces who follow in his footsteps in our art, and who will ever remember Uncle Jim for all his kindnesses to them when they were children.

Besides the eight ringers mentioned in the quarter peal, many old friends were at the service, including Mr. and Mrs. A. Lock, several of the Nappers, Cyril J. Hibbert, E. Pryor, J. Pryor and members of local towers. And in such affection was Jim held, it was amazing the number of old friends who came from Coventry.

To know James Stibbs Napper was to love him, and although his total of peals and methods of which he was capable of ringing did not put him the 'elite' class, yet members of his generation will ever revere his name, as one of 'God's own gentlemen.' He *will* rest in peace.

W. H.

BOLTON, LANCS.—On May 22nd, at the Church of the Holy Trinity, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Wood 1, J. Fielding 2, J. W. Kay 3, J. Kay 4, A. Sewart 5, W. Tyson 6, P. Crook, sen. (cond.) 7, W. J. Stokes 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. Norton, a former Vicar's widow.

OBITUARY—Continued

THE VERY REV. W. E. BECK

The Dean of Worcester, the Very Rev. William Ernest Beck, passed to his rest on May 22nd after a long period of ill-health and, at times, of acute suffering, which he bore with considerable fortitude.

The Dean of Worcester is always by tradition president of the Worcestershire and Districts Change-Ringing Association. Dean Beck, like his predecessors, accepted the office in 1949 when he came to the Cathedral, and was president until his death. He could have assumed office as a formality, and no one would have complained. But he gave both time and trouble to his relationship with the ringers of the Diocese, and established a bond of affection between himself and them which will long remain. His was no cold presidency but a warm and a living friendship. We felt that he really cared. Everyone looked forward to his chairmanship at the annual dinner and the Easter meeting, and we knew that although he was as he freely confessed, a 'campanological ignoramus,' he was the true friend of all ringers, and that he thought of them as fellow workers who had a real part to play and a worthwhile contribution to offer in building up the Church life of the Diocese.

May God grant him light and peace.

L. J. BIRCH, Chaplain.

MR. T. R. GRIFFITHS

Many ringers in North Wales will hear with regret of the death of Mr. T. R. Griffiths, of the Pikey, Gresford. He died after a road accident on May 20th.

Mr. Griffiths, who was 78 years old, had rung at All Saints' Parish Church for 64 years and had been leader for the past ten years. He was a member of the North Wales Association, a reader of 'The Ringing World' since its birth, and had rung many peals, mostly Grandsire Triples. He lived for ringing, was ever ready to talk about his beloved bells (one of the wonders of Wales) and did much to enthuse young ringers in the ancient art.

The funeral service, attended by many ringers and friends, took place on May 25th, and was conducted by Canon W. V. Lost, M.C. A muffled peal was rung after the funeral. Canon Lost spoke of deceased's untiring life-long devotion to the church at the memorial service on Sunday, May 26th. He was a sidesman for over 60 years. G. W.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

A very successful Newark District meeting, attended by some 47 ringers and friends, was held at Elston on May 18th.

The bells were raised in peal and rung to a variety of methods ranging from rounds to Cambridge, London and Surfleet Surprise Minor, until 4.30 p.m. A short service was then conducted by the Vicar (Rev. A. V. Astin).

A splendid tea, provided by the Mothers' Union, was followed by a short business meeting, presided over by the Vicar. Sutton-on-Trent and Ossington were proposed for the July meeting, and it was finally resolved to invite the North Notts District to a joint meeting with both towers open.

Four new members were elected, namely, Miss L. Hulford, Miss E. Rose and Miss J. Smith, of Sutton-on-Trent, and Mr. T. Brewin, of Newark.

A collection for the Bell Repair Fund realised 16s. 6d.

Mr. F. W. Midwinter proposed a comprehensive vote of thanks to the Vicar and the Mothers' Union for their help towards a happy meeting. W. L. E.

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HYNARD.—To Mary and Edwin, on May 31st, 1957, at Vicarage Cottage, Bures, Suffolk, a second daughter (Diana). 368

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LATHBURY.—On May 30th, 1957, at St. Peter's Hospital, Chertsey, Reginald Lathbury, beloved husband of Violet Lathbury, of 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames, aged 71. 357

WEST.—After a short and sudden illness, Arthur J. West passed peacefully away on June 2nd, 1957. Ringer at Melksham 60 years. (Father of W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Salisbury Guild.) 386

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MEETINGS

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Wadhurst (8), Saturday, June 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at Fullbrooks Café.—C. A. Bassett, 3, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst, Sussex. 317

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Melbourne (6) on Saturday, June 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—E. W. Bullman, Dis. Sec. 326

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Pirbright (6) on Saturday, June 8th, from 6 to 9 p.m.—C. J. Beadle, Hon. Dis. Sec. 337

LADIES' GUILD (Southern District) and GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Leatherhead District) — Combined meeting, Saturday, June 8th, Merrow, near Guildford. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Room 5 p.m. Bells available at West Clandon 7.30–8.30. — W. Oliver, A. Smith. 344

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION. — Diamond Jubilee, Saturday, June 8th. Ringing arrangements: St. Olave's (Hart Street) and St. Giles-in-the-Fields, 2.30 to 4 p.m. Service, St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, 4.30. Dinner, Fanmakers' Hall, 6 p.m.—F. W. Goodfellow, 46, Slough Road, Iver Heath, Bucks. Tel. Iver 1039. 293

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting at Steeple Claydon, on Saturday, June 8th. Bells (6) 2.45 p.m. Service 4 p.m.—E. F. Gibbard, 30, Horn Street, Winslow, Bucks. 336

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Practice, Saturday, June 8th. Henley 3 p.m., Shiplake 6 p.m. Saturday, June 22nd, Swallowfield, 6 p.m.—R. G. Burton. 358

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—Practice meeting on Saturday, June 8th, Rudgwick 3 to 5 p.m., Slinfold 6.30 to 8 p.m. Tea at Rudgwick.—W. L. Weller. 372

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Southern District. — Annual joint meeting with District Societies and LADIES' GUILD (Yorkshire District) at Whiston, near Rotherham, June 8th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Subscriptions now due and annual reports available. A good attendance is hoped for and a pleasant afternoon guaranteed. —Elizabeth Wardill and J. J. L. Gilbert. 309

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Annual general meeting on Whit Monday, June 10th, at Chelmsford. Service at 11 a.m. in the Cathedral, conducted by the Provost. Address by the Bishop of Barking. Meeting immediately afterwards in the Chapter House. Cathedral bells available from 9.30 to 11 a.m. and from 5 p.m. From 3 to 6 p.m. the following towers are available: Galleywood (8), Widford (8), Writtle (8), Danbury (6), Sandon (6), and from 6 to 9 p.m.: Boreham (8), Great Baddow (8), Great Waltham (8), Broomfield (6), Little Waltham (6), Springfield (6). Coffee and biscuits available in the Cathedral Hall from 10.15 p.m. to 10.45 a.m. Lunch, 1.30 p.m.—cost, 4s. 6d. Tea to be served at a running buffet from 5 to 6.15 p.m.—cost, 2s. Tickets for lunch and tea must be obtained prior to the day.—F. V. Gant, 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch, Essex. 241

BEDS AND HERTS ASSOCIATIONS.—Summer festival at St. Albans on Saturday, June 15th. Cathedral service (with handbell voluntary) 4 p.m. Tea at Abbey Institute 5 p.m. Ringing arrangements: Hemel Hempstead (8) 9.30 to 10.25 a.m., Apsley (6) 10.15 to 11.15, King's Langley (8) 11 to 12, Langleybury (6) 11.30 to 12.30, Aldenham (8) 12.30 to 1.30, St. Peter's (10) 2 to 3.30 only. St. Stephen's (6) and St. Michael's (8) 2 to 3.30, also Cathedral (12) 2 to 3.55, are open after tea until 8 p.m. Kimpton (6) open 7 p.m., and other towers if required. Names for tea essential, by previous Wednesday, to H. V. Frost, 43, Leyland Avenue, St. Albans. 332

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Whitby, 3 p.m., Saturday, June 15th. Tea will be available at 5 p.m., but those attending must bring their own cups.—Peter W. S. Semmens, Hon. Sec. 349

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch. — Barthomley, Saturday, June 15th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea must be received by June 12th. —W. Kerr, 102, Moreton Road, Crewe. 382

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Joint meeting with Derbyshire Association (Peak District Branch) at Chapel-en-le-Frith on Saturday, June 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. For tea please advise by June 11th Mr. H. Hibbert, Telephone Exchange, Market Street, Chapel-en-le-Frith.—C. K. Lewis. 379

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch.—St. Oswald's, Bidston, Saturday, June 15th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea *free*, for those notifying by Wednesday previous.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 378

CHISLEDON, WILTS. — Rededication of Chisledon Parish Church bells (6) on Saturday, June 15th, at 3 p.m. Also blessing of new Vicarage. Ringing after tea. Please notify by Wednesday, June 12th, Mr. R. Court, 36, Badbury, Chisledon, Swindon, Wilts, if tea is required. 356

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Next meeting at Tysoe (6) on Saturday, June 8th, at 3 p.m. Tea at the Church Fete at 5 p.m.—H. M. Windsor, Dis. Sec. 365

DEVON GUILD.—Mid-Devon and South West Branches.—Joint meeting at Upton, Torquay, on Saturday, June 15th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Torre (6) from 6.15 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mr. B. E. Bartlett, 17, Ash Hill, Torquay.—A. L. Bennett and T. G. Myers, Branch Secs. 354

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Walpole St. Andrew, Whit Monday, June 10th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 335

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Whittlesey on Saturday, June 15th. St. Andrew's (8) at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. St. Mary's (8) after tea. St. Andrew's also available.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 364

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Chippenham Branch. — Meeting at Kington St. Michael on Saturday, June 15th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by June 13th essential to H. Heath, 89, London Road, Chippenham. 371

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—Quarterly, Tayntón, Saturday, June 15th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Great Barrington 6 p.m.—R. Wenban, 21, Aldsworth Road, Bibury, Cirencester. 355

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Tortworth (6), Saturday, June 15th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Notify for tea by June 13th.—Mary Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall. 380

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting at Oatlands Park with Weybridge on Saturday, June 15th. Bells: Weybridge 2.30 to 3.30 only, Oatlands from 3.30 onwards. Service, Oatlands 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names by June 12th to Miss J. Smith, 5, Pantile Road, Oatlands. 351

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Meeting, Woodhouse Eaves, Saturday, June 15th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please make own tea arrangements. 362

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Hallaton, on Saturday, June 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m., Bewicke Arms. Outing fare 18s. each to be paid by this date.—L. W. Allen. 373

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District. — Meeting, Queniborough, Saturday, June 15th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Hall 5 p.m. Names for tea by the previous Wednesday to Mr. S. W. Parker, 6, Marsden Avenue, Queniborough. 350

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Meeting at Aylestone (8) on June 15th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Good attendance, please. Names for tea to me before Wednesday previous. — W. A. Lacey, Hon. Dis. Sec. 385

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Market Deeping (6), Saturday, June 15th. Bells 2 p.m. Service 3.30. Tea and meeting 4 p.m. Names for tea by Monday previous to Mr. H. M. Day, Market Deeping, near Peterborough. Deeping St. James' bells available in the evening.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 340

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, St. Mary's, Ealing, Saturday, June 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m., followed by short business meeting. Further ringing until 8.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wed., 12th, to Mr. A. Fulwell, 38, Beaconsfield Road, Ealing, W.5.—F. A. Finch. 370

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Interim meeting at Knapton and Paston on Saturday, June 15th. Bells: Paston (6) and Knapton (5) from 2.30 p.m. Service at Paston 4.15 p.m. Own arrangements for tea, please.—C. B. 342

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch.—The summer meeting will be held at Binfield on Saturday, June 15th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea. Notify for tea by June 10th Mr. F. Tomlinson, 2, Ashton Villas, Terrace Road, Binfield, Bracknell.—B. C. Castle. 353

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Chetwynd, Saturday, June 15th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea available at garden party. 341

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Annual meeting, Lichfield, Saturday, June 15th. Bells: Cathedral (10) 2.30 to 3.15 and 6.30 to 7.15, St. Mary's (8) and St. Michael's (6) also available during the afternoon and evening. Service at St. Maary's 3.30. Tea 4.15 p.m. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, June 12th.—Fred Bennett, Pool House Road, Wombourn. 323

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Quarterly meeting at Godstone on Saturday, June 15th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, June 12th, to Mr. A. K. Wood, 18, White Cottages, Holland, Oxted. 313

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Advanced method practice at Crawley (8) on Saturday, June 15th. Evening only, commencing at 6.—I. Butcher. 367

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division. — Quarterly meeting, Horsted Parva (6), Saturday, June 15th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Bring own tea, please.—George North, 11, Richmond Terrace, Brighton. 384

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Southampton District. — Quarterly meeting at Sherfield English on Saturday, June 15th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Names for tea by June 12th to M. J. Butler, 8, St. Peter's Road, Southampton. 360

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch.—Meeting at Hagley (Wolverley not available), Saturday, June 15th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business. Names for tea by Thursday, June 13th. Catering difficult here.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 306

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Annual quarterly meeting at Otley on Saturday, June 15th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Committee meeting 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in the Burras Lane School, followed by business meeting. Special business, election of officers. Names for tea by the morning of the meeting to Mr. P. Whitaker, 97, Ilkley Road, Otley.—A. E. Marsh, Hon. Dis. Sec. 334

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Crowland, Saturday, June 22nd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to Mr. R. Strickland, Crowland, near Peterborough, Northants. — M. Bennett, Hon. Sec. 369

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—Meeting, Barrow-on-Humber (8), on Saturday, June 22nd. Names for tea by June 19th to Mr. A. Crowder, Manor Farm, Barrow-on-Humber. 359

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Branch.—Annual meeting at Churchill on Saturday, June 22nd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. All ringers welcome.—J. Keyte, Charlbury. 338

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rutland Branch.—A general meeting will be held at Cottesmore on Saturday, June 22nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Numbers for tea to Miss J. Hoy, 11, Ashwell Road, Oakham. 375

ST. DAVID'S GUILD.—Annual meeting at Carmarthen on Saturday, June 22nd. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea by June 15th to C. H. Hawkins, 2, Embankment Road, New Dock, Llanelly, Carms. 352

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS and LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Combined meeting, Saturday, June 22nd. St. Mary's, Twickenham (8), 2.30 to 4 p.m.; All Hallows, Twickenham (10), 3 to 4 p.m. Tea, Church Hall, South Street, Isleworth, 4.30 to 5.30. Service, Isleworth Parish Church, 6 p.m. Ringing: Isleworth (10) 6.45 to 8.45 p.m.; St. Lawrence, Brentford (6), 7 to 8.30 p.m. Names for tea to H. W. Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. Tel. HOU 3921.—Bond and Rogers, Hon. Secs. 363

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Halesworth District.—Quarterly meeting, Wenhaston (6), Saturday, June 22nd. Bells 3 p.m. Serviec 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by June 20th to Mr. R. S. Payne, 21, Hotson Road, Southwold. 374

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Meeting at Lakenheath (6), Saturday, June 22nd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—E. M. Peachey, Dis. Sec. 381

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Annual meeting and festival, New Radnor, Saturday, June 22nd. Towers available: Eardisland (8) 11.30 a.m. to 12.45 p.m., New Radnor (6) 2.30 to 4 p.m. and after meeting until 6.30 p.m., Old Radnor 6.45 to 8 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea (2s. per head) and meeting. Names, please.—J. A. Hoare, 6, Gendros Crescent, Swansea. 315

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—The next meeting will be held at Toddington on July 20th.—K. G. Spavins, Dis. Sec. 346

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ON STANDING BEHIND

'Hither, Page, and stand by me,
If thou knowest it, telling. . . .'

THE question of whether to stand behind or not to stand behind is one that has often been hotly debated and, as with most contentious subjects, the arguments for and against seem to balance each other pretty fairly. Very few, one imagines, are completely unacquainted with an old custom quite common in many belfries years ago (and possibly still not infrequent), the practice of introducing the beginner to plain hunting by setting him to the treble, standing behind him, and reciting to him the bells he must follow; and this regardless of whether or not he understood where he was going or what he was supposed to be doing. Whatever value this process may have, even in the most subsidiary degree, it must strike the thoughtful as a singularly unimaginative procedure, presenting a dismal blind alley to the duller pupil, and to the intelligent a meaningless rigmarole that only an innate sense of politeness forces him to tolerate.

The many text books of instruction now available for the beginner contain (if one recollects aright) no mention of 'standing behind.' Stedman the pioneer, Clavis, Troyte, Snowdon, Powell, and many others, take it as part of their various plans that the learner will actually approach the treble capable, in some degree, of attempting his hunting without direct assistance, and modern systems of instruction claim, in some instances, that the beginner will indeed be competent to hunt right from the start, provided that the preliminary guidance and explanation have been sound. The means by which this enviable state of things is to be realised cannot be set down in a few words, but it is certainly true to say that by carefully graded instruction in the elements of theory and an intelligent use of handbells, it is possible to set the student to his change-ringing in a mood of eagerness and with prospects of advancement that cannot be offered by the dreary recitation previously noted.

It is not, however, by any means true to say that no form of assistance is of value and that at no time should anyone stand behind another to assist him. Occasions spring to mind when such a procedure is not only justified but is a clear saving of time or a means of consolidating work done. The beginner, hunting the treble, may know his work and what is required of him, but his instructor may feel that a kindly word now and then will maintain confidence, or that a little reminder as to his course bell will be timely in the stress of trying to remember so many things at once. To the beginner, ringing Plain Bob 'inside' for the first time, some pointer as to striking the treble after dodges, some drawing of attention to change of course bell, may be of more value at the very moment than they would be after the attempt.

In more advanced work it is possible, too, to find occasion for profitable 'standing behind.' The budding conductor, striving to call Grandsire or Plain Bob from a non-observation bell, will benefit in the early stages by some simple direction in location of the treble, and in Stedman by the indication of certain key bells at the back. Such assistance, it is granted, may be overdone, and can be of little value unless it leads direct to further paper study; but we need not therefore assume that it is worthless or pernicious.

This brings us, of course, to the consideration of the art of 'standing behind,' for there is no doubt that there is an art in this method of assisting instruction. The two keys to success would seem to be preparation and taciturnity, by which we mean first standing by to emphasise some point previously studied, and second the restraint which shall prevent us from speaking too much. Knowing when to speak and realising instinctively how much to say are two priceless gifts, and some instructors have these qualities to perfection. By an uncanny sense they seem to know exactly where the learner will need assistance, and to appreciate the precise moment when their intervention will be most decisive.

Study of the problems of teaching practice, of the psychology of students old and young, and of the varied needs of divers degrees of comprehension, must convince the tutor that no means of instruction and no ancillary can safely be neglected, and that there is a time for everything and a place for everything. And everything includes occasional 'standing behind.'

E. C. S.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(The Ashton-under-Lyne Society.)
On Sat., June 1, 1957, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb.

Alan A. Potts	*Treble*	Leslie W. G. Morris	7
James Fernley	2	Brian Harris	8
Basil Jones	3	Leslie Boumphrey	9
John E. Bibby	4	Joseph W. Whittaker	10
C. Kenneth Lewis	5	Peter Laflin	11
John Worth	6	Edward Jenkins	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.

TEN BELL PEALS

WALTHAMSTOW, E.
LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.
On Sat., May 18, 1957, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Composer's Circuits A. W Tenor 19 cwt. 5 lb. in E flat.

Dennis A. Hewitt	*Treble*	Frank Lewis	6
Mrs. Olive L. Rogers	2	†George E. Ruck	7
Nevil G. Hollingworth	3	A. St. John Boyack	8
Wilfrid G. Wilson	4	Ronald F. Diserens	9
*James Wallman	5	Harold W. Rogers	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by Harold W. Rogers.
* First peal of Yorkshire. † First peal of Royal and first of Surprise.
To mark the centenary of the first peal (Grandsire Triples) recorded in this tower, rung on May 19th, 1857.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 25, 1957, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
At the Church of The Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 19 cwt.

Frederick Blowen	*Treble*	G. Leonard Hewitt	6
Alfred S. Bayley	2	Thomas Boreham	7
Joseph L. Stanier	3	B. Leslie Jones	8
E. Dennis Poole	4	Leslie Barry	9
*Harry Edge	5	†Frederick Jones	*Tenor*

Composed by W. Hudson. Conducted by Leslie Barry.
* First peal of Caters. † First peal.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. J. L. Stanier and Miss Valerie Poole.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Sat., May 18, 1957, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 9 lb. in F.

Peter N. Bond	*Treble*	S. Kathleen M. Knight	5
E. Winifred Keys	2	Bryan C. Stirland	6
Thomas J. Clark	3	Doris E. Colgate	7
Roger Baldwin	4	William T. Beeson	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. Parker. Conducted by Roger Baldwin.
A compliment to Josiah D. Harris, of Portsmouth, on his 85th birthday.

CHERITON, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 25, 1957, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Martin,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt.

*David Staples	*Treble*	John R. Cooper	5
†Crawford T. Hillis	2	Ralph Bird	6
‡Geoffrey Pearson	3	Brian Bladon	7
Dennis A. Chapman	4	Thomas Cullingworth	*Tenor*

Composed by F. H. Dexter. Conducted by Ralph Bird.
* First peal of Surprise Major. † First peal of Yorkshire. ‡ 100th peal.

GREAT TEW, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Sat., May 25, 1957, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt.

Peter R. Sanders	*Treble*	Donald H. Niblett	5
*Dermot J. Roaf	2	Robin A. Hodgson	6
*Robin N. Pittman	3	*Colin J. B. Taylor	7
*D. Roy Stoddard	4	*John E. Spice	*Tenor*

Composed by W. Barton. Conducted by John E. Spice.
* First peal in the method.

HYTHE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 25, 1957, in 3 Hours,
At the Church of St. Leonard.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt.

Crawford T. Hillis	*Treble*	John R. Cooper	5
Barbara A. Mitchell	2	Ralph Bird	6
Brian Bladon	3	Dennis A. Chapman	7
Geoffrey Pearson	4	Thomas Cullingworth	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Thomas Cullingworth.

PAKEFIELD, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 25, 1957, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints and St. Margaret,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in G.

George W. Howlett	*Treble*	*George Kindred	5
Edwin T. Chapman	2	Peter Kindred	6
Horace W. Easey	3	†Trevor N. J. Bailey	7
John W. G. Kindred	4	John W. Blythe	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. Sedgley (No. 1). Conducted by John W. Blythe.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal in the method.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., May 25, 1957, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Mary,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

Robert E. Lester	*Treble*	Gilbert R. Goodship	5
Leslie G. Foster	2	Edward E. Davey	6
Ivan Cooper	3	Leslie N. Melton	7
Harry D. Lister	4	Kenneth G. Brown	*Tenor*

Composed by Geo. H. Cross. Conducted by Harry D. Lister.
A birthday compliment to Leslie G. Foster.

TADCASTER, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 25, 1957, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20¼ cwt.

David Cubitt	*Treble*	J. Frederick Milner	5
Milton C. Fowler	2	W. Eric Critchley	6
Howard Scott	3	Gordon Benfield	7
Leslie W. G. Morris	4	Wilfrid F. Moreton	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 25, 1957, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mark.
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt.

Cyril Low	*Treble*	Alexander J. Martin	5
Henry Fielden	2	Derek Ogden	6
Cyril Crossthwaite	3	Edwin C. Birkett	7
Jack Ashcroft	4	Joseph Ridyard	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Joseph Ridyard.

DORCHESTER, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., May 26, 1957, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.
At the Abbey Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
A PEAL OF 5056 HOBART SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

Phyllis M. Mayne	*Treble*	Kenneth R. Dunstan	5
Daphne R. Castell	2	Dennis Knox	6
Joan M. Wilcockson	3	Frank A. Barrett	7
John R. Mayne	4	Stephen Ivin	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Stephen Ivin.
This is the first peal ever rung in the method, which is No. 163 in Corrigan's collection.

HANBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., May 26, 1957, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 ST. CLEMENT'S BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 12½ cwt.

*WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT	*Treble*	*DAVID BEACHAM	5
*CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	2	THOMAS W. LEWIS	6
SIDNEY T. HOLT	3	*NORMAN J. GOODMAN	7
*JOHN PINFOLD	4	JAMES F. NASH	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN HOLT. Conducted by CLIFFORD SKIDMORE.
* First peal in the method.
Specially arranged and rung to mark the completion of the repairs to the tower.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., May 27, 1957, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
F. H. Dexter's No. 1 variation. Tenor 10 cwt.

MRS. P. J. STANIFORTH	*Treble*	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY	5
ERNEST MORRIS	2	ERNEST J. JELLEY	6
JOHN A. ACRES	3	JOSEPH W. COTTON	7
PETER J. STANIFORTH	4	GEORGE W. RIDGWAY	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOSEPH W. COTTON.
Rung to mark the second anniversary of the Rev. A. J. Day's induction to the benefice of Measham.

BRENCHLEY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., May 20, 1957, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SOULS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb.

*OLIVE D. COUCHMAN	*Treble*	*†COLIN A. TESTER	5
REGINALD E. LAMBERT	2	BERNARD V. COLLISON	6
*MARGARET A. LADD	3	ERNEST J. LADD	7
THOMAS E. SONE	4	ROBERT T. LAMBERT	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.
* First peal in the method. † 50th peal.

HORSMONDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., May 29, 1957, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19½ cwt.

REGINALD E. LAMBERT	*Treble*	JOHN. R. COOPER	5
GEOFFREY PEARSON	2	THOMAS E. SONE	6
ROBERT T. LAMBERT	3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD	7
ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD	4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.
The first peal of Surprise Major on the bells.

MAULDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., May 29, 1957, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10¼ cwt.

ANDREW C. SINFIELD	*Treble*	ERIC SHARP	5
RONALD J. SHARP	2	ROBERT PIRON	6
C EDWARD JEFFRIES	3	PHILIP MEHEW	7
JAMES G. NEWMAN	4	R. GORDON CORBY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PRITCHARD (C.C.C. No. 31).
Conducted by R. GORDON CORBY.
Rung for Rogationtide.

BARROW-ON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., May 30, 1957, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr.

*ARTHUR CROWDER	*Treble*	*RONALD CHAFER	5
*C. AUBREY HARRISON	2	JACK BRAY	6
*MICHAEL CROWDER	3	GEORGE W. MOODY	7
*ARTHUR TOMLINSON	4	PHILIP BARNES	*Tenor*

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by JACK BRAY.
* First peal in the method.

ISLIP, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., May 30, 1957, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

CYRIL H. KINCH	*Treble*	DONALD H. NIBLETT	5
EDGAR J. SMITH	2	*CHARLES COLES	6
ALAN R. PINK	3	FRANK A. BARRETT	7
DAPHNE R. CASTELL	4	STEPHEN IVIN	*Tenor*

Composed by E. W. TIPLER. Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.
* First peal in the method. First peal of Rutland on the bells.
Rung for the Feast of the Ascension.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., June 1, 1957, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL OF ST. CHAD,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in F.

MURIEL REAY	*Treble*	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	5
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	2	JOHN PINFOLD	6
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN	7
TERRY R. HAMPTON	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.
Rung to celebrate the silver jubilee of the ordination of the Rev. B. H. Withers, administrator.

EARLS COLNE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 1, 1957, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Being 2,944 Yorkshire, 2,208 Cambridge, with 92 changes of method.
Tenor 14 cwt.

*BERNARD W. FAIRHEAD	*Treble*	*ALAN R. SYDER	5
*TERRY EARLE	2	HARRY J. MILLATT	6
*BRIAN J. HOWARD	3	FRANK B. LUFKIN	7
WALTER ARNOLD	4	*THOMAS BIRD	*Tenor*

Arranged by SHIRLEY BURTON (No. 2). Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.
On Sat., June 1, 1957, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16½ cwt. in E.

*ENID PALMER	*Treble*	H. MICHAEL WILLIAMSON	5
†VERONICA E. DUPRE	2	GEOFFREY M. HARVEY	6
WILFRID G. WILSON	3	HAROLD W. ROGERS	7
MRS. OLIVE L. ROGERS	4	JAMES WALLMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by WILFRID G. WILSON.
* First peal. † First peal in the method.
Rung as a welcome to G. M. Harvey, home from Malaya after his National Service.

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MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 1, 1957, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

CYRIL S. JARRETT	*Treble*	IAN H. ORAM	5
BRIAN BLADON	2	*JOHN L. MORRIS	6
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS	3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM	7
*GEOFFREY PEARSON	4	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	*Tenor*

Composed by S. IVIN. Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.
* 50th peal of Surprise Major.
A wedding compliment to Elizabeth Bate and Denis A. Chapman, who were married this day at Handsworth, Sheffield.

OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., June 1, 1957, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK, GLODWICK,
A PEAL OF 5056 BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9¼ cwt. in A flat.

*ALLEN SMITH, JUN.	*Treble*	FRED PRITCHARD	5
SELWYN DEARDEN	2	HAROLD HAMER	6
GEOFFREY S. MILLS	3	PHILIP J. H. HUDSON	7
STEPHEN LL. PARRY	4	IVAN KAY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by PHILIP J. H. HUDSON.
* First peal of Major. First peal as conductor. Mr. Fred Pritchard has now 'circled the tower.'

PENISTONE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 1, 1957, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's Variation. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	*Treble*	†DAVID ATKINS	5
HOWARD SCOTT	2	*ALEXANDER E. MARSH	6
MILTON C. FOWLER	3	WILFRID F. MORETON	7
*DAVID CUBITT	4	DOUGLAS BARKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
* First peal of Stedman Triples. † First peal in the method.

REPTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., June 1, 1957, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WYSTAN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation). Tenor 17¼ cwt. in E.

RHODA HEMMINGS	*Treble*	JOSEPH W. COTTON	5
AUDREY NOBLE	2	ERNEST J. JELLEY	6
MRS. S. H. JONES	3	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY	7
BRIAN G. WARWICK	4	WILLIAM MINOR	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

RIPLEY, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 1, 1957, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5152 HITCHIN SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in F.

VIVIENNE M. HORTON	*Treble*	HAROLD TAYLOR	5
PATRICIA A. M. FORSTER	2	GORDON A. HALLS	6
DEREK P. JONES	3	G. RONALD EDWARDS	7
ROBIN G. TURNER	4	DENIS R. CARLISLE	*Tenor*

Jointly Composed and Conducted by GORDON A. HALLS and DENIS R. CARLISLE.
The conductors' 50th peal together. First peal in the method by all except the third ringer, in the county, and for the Association.

SHIPLAKE, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 1, 1957, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 11 cwt.

*ROBERT J. CASTLE	*Treble*	WILLIAM J. PAICE	5
MRS. B. C. CASTLE	2	ARTHUR J. N. RANCE	6
BERNARD C. CASTLE	3	ALFRED K. STREET	7
WILLIAM J. H. PARKER	4	FREDERICK HICKS	*Tenor*

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by WILLIAM J. PAICE.
* First peal and first attempt. The conductor's 100th peal.
Rung for the Feast of the Ascension.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

FLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., May 23, 1957, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Single Court, Double Court, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Cambridge Surprise.
Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMSON	*Treble*	GEORGE R. G. BUTLER	4
STANLEY E. BENNETT	2	MAURICE BENNETT	5
JOHN G. AMES	3	FRANK TAYLOR	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK TAYLOR.
A birthday compliment to Mr. J. B. Hallifax, who has been a ringer at Fleet for 60 years. The band wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. Hallifax for their hospitality after the peal.

BUSHBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., May 25, 1957, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in A flat.

JEAN A. QUILL	*Treble*	JOHN B. DINERAGE	4
DIANA J. PERRINS	2	*CLIVE M. SMITH	5
JOHN A. ANDERSON	3	JOHN H. ALLEN	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN H. ALLEN.
* 100th peal on tower bells. First peal of Minor and in the method as conductor.

HORBLING, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 25, 1957, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Single Court, and two each of Single Oxford and Bob Minor. Tenor 9 cwt.

PETER E. PARRY	*Treble*	RONALD RUSSELL	4
PERCY D. BALDOCK	2	WALTER WESTON	5
*FREDERICK W. PINCHBECK	3	JAMES H. MUSSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.
* First peal in five methods.

ROTHERSTHORPE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 25, 1957, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being six extents each of Kennington, Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob, April Day, Old Bob, St. Simon's Bob and Grandsire.
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in G.

*ROBERT S. ROBERTS	*Treble*	PERCY AMOS	3
GEORGE F. ROOME	2	*MICHAEL R. BENNETT	4
*ROBIN V. BAKER	*Tenor*		

Conducted by GEORGE F. ROOME.
* First peal in seven methods.

STOKE-UNDER-HAM, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 25, 1957, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 17 cwt. 15 lb.

HERBERT W. PEARCE	*Treble*	SIDNEY W. WHITE	4
ROGER J. FOX	2	JAMES E. LOOKER	5
RAYMOND P. SELWAY	3	WILLIAM E. TURNER	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM E. TURNER.
Rung on the eve of Rogation Sunday.

STAPLEGROVE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., May 27, 1956, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES
Being 42 extents (ten callings). Tenor 12 cwt.

S. GEORGE COLES	*Treble*	†WILLIAM F. SLOCOMBE	4
ARTHUR H. REED	2	WILLIAM G. GIGG	5
*JAMES E. BREWER	3	‡REGINALD BEALE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM G. GIGG.
* First peal on an 'inside' bell. † First peal of Stedman Doubles.
‡ 75th peal. First peal in the method on the bells.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., May 29, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5760 MINOR

Being eight extents in 11 methods: (1) Reverse Bob, (2) Single Oxford Bob, (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Childwall Bob and St. Clement's Bob, (5) Double Oxford Bob, (6) Thelwall Bob, (7) Double Bob and Bob, (8) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 2 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in G.

ERNEST J. JELLEY	*Treble*	ERNEST MORRIS	4
BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	2	G. RONALD EDWARDS	5
JOHN A. ACRES	3	BRIAN G. WARWICK	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

YATESBURY, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD
On Wed., May 29, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 12 cwt.

*VALERIE L. PRESTON	*Treble*	DAVID T. DARBY	3
*F. BARRY PRESTON	2	DENNIS G. BLOWS	4
JAMES C. TAYLOR	*Tenor*		

Conducted by JAMES C. TAYLOR.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

SUTTON-ON-THE-HILL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., May 30, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 THELWALL BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents with all 5-6's at backstroke. Tenor 12 cwt. 18 lb. in G.

KENNETH BALLINGTON (13)	*Treble*	FRANCIS R. LOWE	4
VIVIENNE M. HORTON	2	GORDON A. HALLS	5
PATRICIA A. M. FÖRSTER	3	DEREK P. JONES	*Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

Believed to be the first full peal in this method (C.C.C. P.15).
Rung to mark Ascension Day.

BOUGHTON MONCHELSEA, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 1, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Cambridge, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

JOHN R. COOPER	*Treble*	CRAWFORD T. HILLIS	4
TERENCE BARTON	2	RALPH BIRD	5
GEOFFREY PEARSON	3	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

The first peal in seven methods on the bells.
Rung as a compliment to Elizabeth Bate and Denis A. Chapman, who were married this day at Handsworth, Sheffield.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Hinckley District.)
On Sat., June 1, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being two extents of Oxford, four extents of Kent, and one combined extent, with 12 changes of method. Tenor 6½ cwt. in B.

FREDERICK WATSON	*Treble*	GRAHAM T. BALL	4
*RODNEY RICHARDSON	2	JOHN H. BAILESS	5
*A. MAXWELL LINDSEY	3	MICHAEL VERNON	*Tenor*

Conducted by MICHAEL VERNON.

* First peal of Treble Bob.
Rung for the 29th anniversary of the dedication of the bells, and as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Heath, of Croft, on their wedding anniversary.

HIGHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 1, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Cambridge Surprise and St. Clement's, one of Kent T.B. and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

JOHN L. MORRIS	*Treble*	CYRIL S. JARRETT	4
MICHAEL J. ROWE	2	BRIAN BLADON	5
*SUSAN P. NICHOLSON	3	IAN H. ORAM	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN L. MORRIS.

* First peal 'inside.'

MILLOM, CUMBERLAND.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Furness and Lake District Branch.)
On Sat., June 1, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt.

*MALCOLM H. OVERFIELD	*Treble*	JAMES DICKINSON	4
NICHOLAS M. NEWBY	2	ALAN CAPSTICK	5
W. THOMAS TURNER	3	RAYMOND SUART	*Tenor*

Conducted by NICHOLAS M. NEWBY.

* First peal, first attempt.
Rung for the 80th anniversary of the dedication of the church.

PURLEIGH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 1, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

In 14 methods: (1) Alnwick and Newcastle, (2) Chester and Munden, (3) London and Wells, (4) Lightfoot and Wearmouth, (5) York and Durham, (6) Beverley and Surfleet, (7) Ipswich and Cambridge. Tenor 13 cwt.

HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE	*Treble*	PETER J. CAME	4
ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON	2	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS	5
PATRICK W. SALTMARSH	3	JOE E. G. ROAST	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

First peal in 14 Surprise methods by all the band and on the bells.

SOMERLEYTON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 1, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob, and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

JOHN W. G. KINDRED	*Treble*	SYDNEY J. MERRY	4
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	2	*GEORGE A. KINDRED	5
JOSEPH SAUNDERS	3	PETER KINDRED	*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWIN T. CHAPMAN.

* First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor.

ASHBOCKING, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Tues., June 4, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being extents of College, Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Kent T.B. and two extents Plain. Tenor 10 cwt. 21 lb.

JAMES BENNETT	*Treble*	*ROBERT E. LESTER	4
HEATHER G. STEWART	2	GEORGE WATERMAN	5
MARIAN H. MILLS	3	URBAN W. WILDNEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.

* 200th peal. Mr. James Bennett has twice 'circled the tower.'

HANDBELL PEALS

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., May 17, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT 17, QUEEN STREET,
A PEAL OF 5056 BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 11 in G.

GERALD PENNEY	1—2	JOYCE DODDS	5—6
GEOFFREY DODDS	3—4	*PATRICIA DOORN	7—8

Composed and Conducted by GEOFFREY DODDS.

* First peal of Major 'in hand.' In memoriam Frank Whiteman.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Sun., May 26, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CLARENDON LABORATORY,
A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

DONALD H. NIBLETT	1—2	JOHN E. SPICE	5—6
WILLIAM H. JACKSON	3—4	ROBIN A. HODGSON	7—8

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by WILLIAM H. JACKSON.

SALTDEAN, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(The St. Peter's, Brighton, Society.)
On Sun., May 26, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT REDLANDS, 86, LONGRIDGE AVENUE,
A PEAL OF 5152 BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 18 in G.

RUTH K. M. HOW	1—2	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON	5—6
O. MICHAEL SLANEY	3—4	ALBERT W. BOND	7—8

Arranged and Conducted by O. MICHAEL SLANEY.

BATTLE, SUSSEX.—On June 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 6, 8, 7 covering): Miss I. Gill 1, J. F. Whitfeld 2, Miss E. M. Foot 3, G. A. Masters 4, Miss K. Stisted (cond.) 5, Miss C. Whitfeld (first as cover) 6, G. Prodger 7, I. S. Holland 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to two members of the local band.

BEDWELLTY, MON.—On May 28th, 1,260 Doubles (300 Stedman, 420 Grandsire and 540 Bob): B. Thomas 1, Mrs. A. R. Price 2, J. Alsop 3, G. Flower 4, A. R. Price (cond.) 5, T. Pearce 6. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to Glyn Willams, tower-keeper and friend, who was interred this day.

BEXHILL-ON-SEA, SUSSEX.—On Ascension Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Carr 1, Miss A. Eldridge 2, Daphne Pankhurst 3, Joan M. Downing 4, Daphne Lester 5, J. Downing (cond.) 6, C. Verdon 7, C. Pilbeam 8. First quarter 1 and 8. For Evensong.

BRIGHTWALTON, BERKS.—On May 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. J. Sayers 1, G. Hedges (first quarter) 2, Mrs. C. J. Hibbert 3, C. J. Hibbert 4, A. Sayers (first as cond.) 5, W. J. Sayers 6. A birthday compliment to the wife of the conductor and on their 20th wedding anniversary.

CHARLWOOD, SURREY.—On May 26th, 1,260 Doubles (300 Grandsire, 480 Bob, 480 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure): A. W. King 1, A. J. Ede 2, Mrs. P. S. Cracknell 3, R. J. Elliott (first in three methods) 4, B. A. Cracknell (cond.) 5, J. Kearn 6. For Matins on Rogation Sunday, and also as a farewell to the ringers of 3 and 5, who are moving to Reigate.

CRANFORD, MIDDLX.—On May 19th, 1,440 Bob Doubles: June Richardson 1, Eileen Ricketts 2, G. Thrush 3, P. J. Woodgyer 4, D. Fowles 5, G. Ruck (cond.) 6. First in method for 1 and 2. Rung on the patronal festival for the visit of the Lord Bishop of London.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYS.—On May 23rd, 1,272 Minor (552 Kent, 720 Bob): J. R. Kennett (first quarter) 1, B. J. Woodruffe 2, Mrs. A. Richardson 3, H. Kirk 4, A. Richardson 5, W. A. Smith (cond.) 6.

FENHAM, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.—On May 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Prophet (first on eight) 1, Miss C. Dainty 2, J. A. Ainsworth 3, Mrs. K. Arthur 4, K. Arthur 5, T. Sewell 6, E. N. Harrison (cond.) 7, N. Hewitt 8. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

HAMPTON, MIDDLX.—On May 12th, 720 London Surprise Minor and 540 Single Oxford: D. Hawkins 1, Miss P. Feddern 2, W. Deason 3, R. Woodcock 4, P. A. Lawrence 5, S. Woodcock (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

HARLINGTON, MIDDLX.—On May 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Grice (first quarter) 1, Miss R. Sanders 2, G. W. Goulding 3, M. Hawkins 4, J. E. Chilcott (cond.) 5, J. E. Ricketts 6.

HARPENDEN, HERTS.—On May 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Day (cond.) 1, F. Ellis 2, Miss J. Godfrey (first of Triples) 3, R. Newson 4, F. Jacklin 5, Mrs. L. Coburn 6, M. Frost (first of Grandsire) 7, L. Coburn 8. Rung for the induction of the Rev. Peter Bradshaw, M.A., as Rector.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.—On May 26th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Jane Langton 1, L. Stilwell (cond.) 2, Audrey M. Trott 3, P. Langton 4, E. F. Fosberry 5, E. R. Rapley 6, D. R. Mitchell 7, C. Denyer 8. First in the method by 1, 4, 5 and 7. A farewell to the conductor, who is leaving for Worthing.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On May 26th, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: R. Biggs 1, A. Foxall 2, Mrs. A. E. Cox 3, D. Cornwall 4, J. D. Kape 5, A. Newton 6, P. Newton 7, A. E. Cox (cond.) 8. First in method for all except 1. Rung by the Sunday service band for Rogation Sunday.

KIRTON, LINCS.—On May 20th, 1,260 Bob Major: J. Green 1, B. Hunt 2, A. Young 3, F. Bishop 4, J. Kemp 5, A. E. Flatters (cond.) 6, D. Flatters 7, R. Bamber 8. Rung half-muffled for Dr. P. V. Hardwick, churchwarden, and one-time ringer at this church, buried this day.

LANCASTER.—At St. Peter's Cathedral, on May 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Woods 1, R. Rainford 2, H. Rainford 3, R. Warden 4, S. Jeffery 5, F. Hornby 7, J. Pye (cover). Rung to celebrate the centenary of the laying of the foundation stone of the Cathedral, and as a birthday compliment to Mr. R. Rainford, captain and tower-keeper.

QUARTER PEALS

LANE END, BUCKS.—On May 26th, 1,260 Bob Minor: R. Hazell 1, A. Free (first of Minor 'inside') 2, W. Avery 3, S. Smith 4, E. Hagger 5, K. Seymour (cond.) 6. For morning service.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On May 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. L. Taylor 1, Canon C. C. Cox 2, G. S. Morris (cond.) 3, S. Kathleen M. Knight 4, Mrs. C. W. Powell 5, H. G. Keeley 6, C. W. Powell 7, J. Rattenbury 8. For Rogation Day, also a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. Pannell on the birth of their daughter Ann. Mrs. Pannell is the secretary of the West Dorset branch of the Salisbury Guild.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On May 26th, 1,260 Bob Minor: H. Hardwidge 1, Mary Powell 2, Monica Fray 3, L. Derrick 4, B. Willgress 5, M. Horseman (cond.) 6. Rung for the christening of the treble ringer's grand-daughter.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.—On May 26th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Carol Fernley (first of Treble Bob) 1, Shirley Harris 2, Mrs. L. Boumphrey 3, Mrs. J. Fernley 4, J. Fernley 5, B. Jones 6, B. Harris (cond.) 7, L. Boumphrey 8. For Evensong, and on the first birthday of Martin Harris, son of the ringers of 2 and 7.

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On May 19th, 1,260 Bob Minor: C. Bingham 1, Miss W. Bowak 2, Miss J. Evans 3, L. Cordell 4, J. McPhail 5, H. King (cond.) 6. For morning prayer. Also on May 26th, 1,440 Minor (360 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Bob): Miss W. Bowak 1, Miss J. Evans 2, H. King 3, L. Cordell 4, J. McPhail 5, W. Wedlock (cond.) 6. Rung before morning prayer as a birthday compliment to H. King.

OLVESTON, GLOS.—On May 26th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: M. Sprackling 1, P. Gray (cond.) 2, T. Edwards 3, Mrs. J. Gray 4, F. Mack 5, A. Smith 6, J. Gilbert 7, A. Cleaver 8. For Evensong.

OXFORD.—At St. Ebbe's Church, on May 19th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Ruth Sanders 1, D. J. Roaf 2, Ruth Hodgson (first touch of Surprise Major) 3, Daphne Castell 4, C. J. B. Taylor 5, P. R. Sanders 6, R. N. Pittman 7, R. A. Hodgson (first of Major as cond.) 8. Also on May 26th, at the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, 1,260 Bob Minor: C. J. B. Taylor 1, Miss A. J. Bagnall 2, N. J. Maggs 3, R. A. Jackson 4, D. J. Roaf 5, R. N. Pittman (cond.) 6. Also on May 26th, at New College, 1,332 Bob Caters: N. J. Maggs (first on 10) 1, D. R. Stoddard 2, R. A. Hodgson 3, D. J. Roaf (first on 10 as cond.) 4, P. R. Sanders 5, D. H. Niblett 6, R. N. Pittman 7, J. E. Spice 8, W. H. Jackson 9, J. H. R. Freeborn 10. First of Bob Caters by all. For Evensong.

PAKENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Bob Doubles (four callings and a 60): L. S. Sharpe 1, L. Pierce 2, K. G. Brown 2, T. N. J. Bailey 4, L. N. Melton (cond.) 5. For morning service, and to commemorate the fourth anniversary of the Coronation of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On May 30th, 1,080 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: Miss M. Mills 1, Miss S. Chaddock 2, Miss E. A. Wardill 3, Mrs. N. Chaddock 4, J. N. D. Chaddock 5, F. Fisher 6, G. Lee 7, N. Chaddock (cond.) 8. First long touch of Double Norwich by all except the conductor. Rung by the local band for Ascension Day Evensong.

RUSHOLME, MANCHESTER.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Joan Cordwell 1, Carol Eustace 2, B. A. Tomlinson 3, T. Taylor 4, G. Hopkinson 5, G. D. Fearnehough 6, A. Ward (first in method as cond.) 7, D. Taylor 8. First in method for 2 and 5. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Joan Cordwell.

ST. MARY CRAY, KENT.—On May 26th, 1,260 Minor: R. Beard 1, S. Zobal 2, F. Gorringe 3, C. Coleman 4, F. Zobal 5, B. Aldridge (cond.) 6. First of Minor 2, 4 and 5. A farewell for ringers of 2 and 5, who are leaving to take up residence at Barnhurst, Kent.

SILSOE, BEDS.—On April 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. A. Martin 1, T. P. Harris 2, Miss S. J. Devereux 3, P. J. Lawton 4, D. R. Brazier (cond.) 5, H. A. Martin 6. Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Rachel Frances Baldwin and Mr. Roger Norman Clissold, married this day.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On June 2nd, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: Miss J. Adamson 1, N. V. Harding 2, F. R. Scott 3, J. C. Birt 4, A. J. Frost 5, B. T. Lister 6, W. Birmingham 7, A. D. Rivers 8, R. G. Leale (first on 10 as cond.) 9, A. E. Hartley 10. Arranged for the visit of Messrs. Harding, Frost and Leale.

STOKE BISHOP, BRISTOL.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Boult (first quarter) 1, N. Buckland 2, F. Dixon 3, J. Lavers 4, P. Gray (cond.) 5, M. Hill 6. For Evensong.

STOWTING, KENT.—On May 24th, 1,260 Bob Minor: L. T. Pope 1, J. R. Cooper 2, G. K. Finn 3, Miss M. Jones (first of Minor) 4, C. T. Hillis (cond.) 5, D. Staples 6.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.—On May 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (6, 7, 8 covering): June Smith 1, M. Gartside 2, Grace Burchnall (cond.) 3, B. Hough 4, J. Read 5, Katharine Burchnall 6, Eleanor Rose 7, J. Wilson 8. First quarter 1, 7 and 8. A farewell to John Read, who is leaving for Malaya.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.—At St. James' Church, on June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss K. Beale (first quarter) 1, R. Beale 2, F. Matravers 3, J. E. Brewer (first on eight bells) 4, W. Priddle 5, A. H. Reed 6, W. G. Gigg (cond.) 7, P. Pingelly 8. For Confirmation service.

TETTENHALL, STAFFS.—On May 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss B. Falkner (first on eight) 1, J. Roden 2, Miss C. Slater (first on eight) 3, H. Howell 4, A. G. Newman 5, E. Stitch (cond.) 6, A. Richards 7, E. Southwick 8.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.—On May 30th, at the Church of St. Peter, 1,344 Bob Major: B. V. Collison 1, Miss J. French 2, Mrs. W. Dobbie 3, A. F. Wellington 4, E. J. Brunger (first as cond.) 5, R. D. Divall 6, E. J. Ladd 7, W. H. Dobbie 8.

WARGRAVE, BERKS.—On May 27th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: A. A. Brown 1, Miss M. Golsan 2, Mrs. C. A. Eeles 3, W. Hunt 4, C. A. Eeles 5, A. K. Street 6, H. Smith (cond.) 7, E. G. Burrows 8. First in method for 1, 2 and 6. A wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Eele.

WEST BUCKLAND, SOMERSET.—On May 31st, 1,260 Doubles (360 Bob, 360 Grandsire and 540 Stedman): B. Jean Stevens 1, Pamela M. Stevens 2, A. H. Reed (cond.) 3, W. G. Gigg 4, C. J. Stevens 5, L. Morrell (first quarter) 6.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.—On May 5th, 1,260 Bob Minor: E. S. Ruck 1, Miss P. Lowes 2, Miss R. E. Gower 3, M. S. Lancefield 4, L. C. Smith 5, L. T. Pope (cond.) 6. For Matins. Also 1,320 St. Martin's: Mrs. M. Pope 1, R. J. Carlton (cond.) 2, C. T. Hillis 3, A. J. Lancefield 4, W. P. Garner 5, W. Gill 6. For Evensong. Also on May 12th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob: Miss P. Lowes 1, E. S. Ruck 2, Miss E. R. Gower 3, D. Staples 4, L. C. Smith 5, M. S. Lancefield (cond.) 6.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Euston 1, Anne Garnett 2, A. Bishop 3, Susan Jacobs 4, J. Tomsett 5, A. Bagworth 6, M. P. Moreton (cond.) 7, E. Jacobs 8.

WORCESTER.—On May 28th, at the Cathedral, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: S. T. Holt 1, J. J. Stanier (first of Caters 'inside') 2, R. G. Morris 3, J. C. Slater 4, D. R. Morris, C. Tansell 5, D. Sayers 6, D. Beacham (cond.) 7, G. E. Evenden 8, T. W. Lewis 9, F. C. Pugh 10. Rung half-muffled for the funeral of the Dean of Worcester (the Very Rev. W. E. Beck, M.A., D.Litt.), president of the Worcestershire and Districts Association.

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.—On May 30th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: J. Leggett 1, E. Leggett 2, R. Ludford-Brooks (first 'inside') 3, F. Pike 4, D. Mills (cond.) 5, B. Gibbons 6. For Ascension Day.

WYCHBOLD, WORCS.—On May 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (540 Grandsire, 240 April Day, 120 Reverse St. Bartholomew, 360 Bob Doubles): M. V. Chilcott 1, Mrs. W. Holm 2, Miss B. Holm 3, W. Holm 4, P. D. T. Cattermole (first on six, cond.) 5, R. Skerratt 6. First in four methods by all the band. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. Florence Aldis (late of Lakenham, Norfolk), who died May 7th, 1947, and was grandmother of the conductor. Also on June 4th, 1,260 Bob Minor: W. R. Jackson 1, Mrs. W. Holm 2, B. Holm 3, P. Cattermole 4, Wm. Holm (cond.) 5, M. Chilcott 6. First quarter in method by all except 6. A farewell to Paul Cattermole.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH

The Monmouth Branch meeting held at Shirenewton on May 18th proved most enjoyable and was attended by some 35 ringers and visitors, who kept the six bells ringing merrily.

The service was conducted by the Rev. Ivor J. Richards (Vicar of Llanarth), and the Rev. Basil Williams (Rector of Shirenewton) acted as organist.

Tea was afterwards served in the Church Hall, and Mr. J. Alsop expressed the thanks of the members to Mrs. Basil Williams and Mrs. Spence-Thomas.

The business meeting was held in the Church and the Rev. Basil Williams, who acted as chairman, gave the Branch a warm welcome. Two new members were elected from Abergavenny and St. Mellons. Mr. J. Sims reported on the restoration fund for Chepstow bells.

GORLESTON'S TOWER CAUSING TROUBLE

An announcement was made at the annual church and vestry meeting of St. Andrew's, Gorleston, that a chunk of masonry had fallen on the font. This, said the Vicar (Rev. E. L. Corbell), confirmed his suspicions that there was movement of the church away from the tower or vice-versa. Mr. Frederick Sharpe was coming to inspect the tower.

Continuing, the Vicar said no one regretted more than he that about 15 months ago he had to stop the bells being rung. The effect on the parish was dreadful, but they could not be used until something was done, for if anything went wrong, bellringers would be killed. If they could have the bells put right this side of the summer someone had agreed to pay the bill if it did not exceed £250.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Eastern Branch at Winterton

Winterton is thought by many to have the highest tower in Norfolk. It was at this coastal village that the Eastern Branch held their meeting on May 18th. Those who climbed to the top of the tower had a splendid view but found half a gale blowing. The wedding of the daughter of Sir Edmund Bacon, Bt., Lord Lieut. of Norfolk and an honorary member of the Branch, partly accounted for the small attendance as several members were ringing for the wedding.

In the unavoidable absence of the Rector (Rev. G. W. Harwood), the service was conducted by the incumbent from the nearby Broadland parish of Filby (Rev. H. Saunderson). After tea, the business meeting was presided over by the Branch chairman (Mr. E. R. Goate), the Association president (Rev. H. G. Lillingston) and general secretary (Mr. W. Love) also being present.

Subject to permission, the next full meeting is to be held at Norton Subcourse on September 28th, and a by-meeting at Carlton Colville on July 6th.

Votes of thanks were accorded the Rectors of Winterton and Filby, Mr. G. Hawkes, a Branch member, for playing the organ, and Mr. R. E. Woodhouse, Master of the local company, for the tea arrangements.

The president repeated his plea made recently at the annual general meeting of the Association that all ringers should pray for each other on Saturdays, that being the day when there was ringing activity.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Chertsey District

The Chertsey District meeting at Send and Ockham on May 25th was blessed with the fine weather so much needed for a meeting at these very rural towers, both well away from bus routes. The number attending was most encouraging: over 60 ringers visited the two towers and 42 sat down to a large tea in the Red Cross hut.

The Guild service was conducted at Send by the Vicar (Rev. C. E. Sylvester), who welcomed the Guild to Send and gave an interesting address.

At the short business meeting two new junior members from Send were elected and one senior. The District Ringing Master reminded members of the need to find a new general secretary

After the usual votes of thanks, ringing in Doubles and Minor methods continued until 9 p.m. at both towers. R. C.

Farnham District

A good number of ringers were attracted to the Farnham District meeting at Hawley on May 18h, where ringing was superintended by Mr. Rex Cork: (Ringing Master). The Vicar (Rev. S. M. Collier) conducted the service and made all welcome. Tea was served by local ladies in the Church Room, and at the business meeting Mr. S. Joyce thanked all who had made the visit a success.

HARROLD, BEDS.—On May 24th, 1,260 Bob Minor: P. Wakeman (first quarter) 1, H. Gayton 2, Iris Walker (first as cond.) 3, M. Podd (first of Minor) 4, R. Walker (first 'inside') 5, C. Payne 6. A birthday compliment to Mr. P. Wakeman.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Miss Judith M. Midgley, the Municipal Hospital, Lacombe, Alberta, Canada, writes, telling of the great thrill it was to her to ring at Victoria Cathedral, B.C. While at the practice she heard about the proposed installation of a ring of eight bells at Christ Church, Calgary, about 110 miles south of Lacombe. At present, only six bells have been hung, but there is an enthusiastic band of learners, and she is looking forward to going down there for a practice. She understands that the bells are to be dedicated in July, and the ringers from Victoria are hoping to fly to Calgary for the occasion.

Another four to be added to Mr. E. V. Rodenhurst's list of Salop bells is Cardington.

Mr. A. D. Rivers wishes to thank Mr. F. R. Scott and friends for arranging his '21 years a ringer at Slough' quarter peal, and for Mr. Scott's kind hospitality afterwards.

To the memory of Mr. A. H. Eastor, for many years a ringer and churchwarden at St. Peter's Church, Barton-on-Humber, Lincs, a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung on June 4th.

The peal of St. Clement's Bob Triples at Hanbury, Worcestershire, on May 26th was also rung as a compliment to Edward Cairns, who had just celebrated his golden wedding. He has been captain of the local ringers for 50 years.

When halfway through the quarter peal at Worcester Cathedral for the funeral of the late Dean on May 28th, a message came that one of the ringers was urgently required elsewhere. Fortunately, another of the Cathedral ringers was listening outside and was able to take his rope, and enabled the quarter to be completed.

Mr. C. E. Verdon, under the heading 'Hopes deferred,' tells in 'St. Peter's, Bexhill-on-Sea, Church News' the story of the failure to bring home the Easter peal on the bells. He writes an interesting column on the bells and ringing generally. The parish magazine is always a valuable source of propaganda.

An attempt to ring a quarter peal at Upper Gravenhurst, Beds, to congratulate Ven. B. T. Guy on being appointed Bishop of Bedford failed after some good ringing due to a broken rope, less than three extents from the end.

It had been the intention to ring six methods: 60 Stedman, 240 St. Simon's Bob, 240 St. Martin's, 240 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 240 Plain Bob, 240 Grandsire.

King's School, Canterbury, Bell-ringing Society inform us that owing to certain unforeseen circumstances they are not yet ringing on Sundays. The Society hope to be ringing on Sundays in the fairly near future.

The quarter peal rung for Evensong at Olveston on May 26th was the first time these bells have been rung on Sunday for many months. Unfortunately there are too few ringers there now to form a band. The band who rang this quarter all came from Bristol, at the special invitation of the Olveston captain, Mr. P. Addis.

So successful was the first Masonic ringers' meeting at Leicester on June 1st, arranged by Bro. Peter Staniforth, that the view was held that a similar gathering should take place annually. Brethren were present from widely separated areas—Kent, Berkshire, Bristol and Lancashire. The programme included ringing at Loughborough Parish Church and the Foundry Campanile, St. Margaret's and St. John-the-Divine, Leicester.

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THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Tribute to Late Secretary

THE 60th annual meeting of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild was held at Harrow Weald on May 18th. Ringing at Edgware, Stanmore and Harrow Weald preceded the Association's service at All Saints', which was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. R. Deasy). About 90 members and friends were present at the excellent tea, served in the Institute by the ladies of the local band.

At the meeting which followed tea, the chair was taken by the president (Rev. G. C. Taylor). The meeting stood in silence while the names of those members who had died since the last meeting were read. They were: F. R. Borrett (Pulham Market), R. Charge (Mitcham), R. Coles (High Wycombe), F. J. Dodson (Hersham), W. C. Dowding (Birmingham), I. Emery (Bromley), J. W. Jones (Newport), G. F. Margetson (Rayleigh), C. Nash (North Mimms), E. Pratchett (Hendon), F. Ringe (Brentwood), L. C. Wightman (Framlingham), W. W. Wolstencroft (Stoke Poges), S. Wade (Leigh-on-Sea) and E. C. S. Turner (Stanmore).

The loss to the Association and the Exercise by the death of the hon. general secretary (the late Ernest C. S. Turner) was referred to by Mr. W. H. Coles. Mr. Turner, he said had served the Association for many years, the last 12 as hon. general secretary. He thought that the best way to keep alive the memory of such a gifted gentleman was for everyone to apply his standards of service and integrity to their ringing activities.

The president gave a special welcome to Mr. Edwin Barnett, who has just completed 50 years as a member of the Association.

SIX NEW SURPRISE METHODS

The report for 1956, which was distributed to members before the meeting, was taken as read. The main features were as follows: Thirty-seven peals rung, including six Surprise Major methods rung for the first time, these being all conducted by R. F. B. Speed at Willesden. Nine other Surprise Major methods were rung for the Association for the first time, and one of these, Uxbridge, rung at Harrow Weald, was the 100th different Surprise Major method rung to a peal by the Association.

Each District held the usual number of Saturday meetings, a total of 21 towers being visited. New members elected during the year were two honorary, 37 ringing and nine non-resident life.

Quarter peals totalled 155. The total of 125 recorded in the North and East District is the highest for over 20 years.

The treasurer (Mr. F. W. Goodfellow) presented the accounts, which showed an excess of income over outgoings of over £6, and assets £11 higher than the previous year.

Arrangements for the 60th anniversary celebration service and dinner at Bishopsgate on June 8th were discussed, and the president announced with regret that he would be unable to attend as he would shortly be leaving for a visit to the United States.

Officers elected were: President, the Rev. G. C. Taylor; vice-presidents, Messrs. H. G. Hart and W. H. Coles; Master, Mr. T. Price; general secretary, Mr. T. J. Lock; assistant general secretary, Mr. W. N. Genna; treasurer, Mr. F. W. Goodfellow; auditor, Mr. M. Hodgson; trustees, Messrs. T. J. Lock, F. W. Goodfellow, A. Cutler; Central Council representatives, Messrs. T. J. Lock, F. W. Goodfellow, J. R. Mayne, F. T. Blagrove.

The Rev. Roy Deasy was elected an honorary member, and seven ringing and one non-resident life member were also elected. A donation from the Bell Restoration Fund of 15 guineas was made to the Hendon Augmentation Fund.

The meeting discussed a proposed alteration to Rule 3, which had the effect of admitting honorary members without payment of subscription. The alteration was agreed to without opposition.

Before the meeting closed, votes of thanks were accorded to the incumbents for permission to ring at the various towers, to the Rev. R. Deasy for conducting the service and for the use of the Institute, to Mrs. Beadle, the organist, to Mrs. Hart and the ladies for preparing and serving tea, and to the president for his presence and able chairmanship.

Ringing was continued after the meeting at Harrow Weald and Pinner.

CHURCH BELLS OF THE FENS

Mr. Trevor Allen Bevis has written a comprehensive and handy book on 'Church Bells of the Fens' (price 4/6 from the author, 17, North Street, March, Cambs.

The strength of the appeal of this book is not merely the archæological record of the bells, but references in many towers to first peals on the bells and also to ringers.

The area compassed by the survey (Isle of Ely and Lynn Marshland) contains some interesting towers. The illustrations are of SS. Peter and Paul's, Wisbech; St. Wendreda's, March; St. Leonard's, Leverington; St. John's, Terrington; St. Mary's, Sutton; St. Mary's, Whittlesey, and St. Mary's, West Walton.

Unfortunately a number of the towers in the area are unringable—Little Downham (4), Outwell (6, where a peal was rung in 1845 by the Outwell Youths to commemorate the treaty between England and China), Parson's Drove (5) and West Walton (5).

At Haddenham there was formerly a foundry under the church tower, and there is a traditional story of one occasion when short of metal at a critical stage in the operation, the bell founder rushed frantically from his foundry to the 'Rose and Crown,' and 'whipping up' the pewter pots and measures, as well as the culinary vessels, ran back and cast them into the furnace.

A list of bell-founders who have cast bells in the area, and the bells, makes a useful appendix.

LEEDS & DISTRICT SOCIETY

Between 30 and 40 members and friends attended the Society's monthly meeting at Batley on May 25th. Methods rung ranged from Bob Minor to Surprise Major.

An enjoyable tea had been arranged at a nearby café, and was much appreciated by those present. The president took the chair for the business meeting, when a new meeting rota was approved and the local company, Vicar and wardens thanked for all the arrangements made for the meeting. Five new members were elected.

The next meeting will be held at East Ardsley on June 29th.

SOUTH YORKSHIRE RINGERS' WEDDING

The wedding took place amidst glorious sunshine on June 1st at St. Mary's Church, Handsworth, Sheffield, of Mr. Dennis A. Chapman, of Doncaster, and Miss Elizabeth Bate. Both are well known in the area, the bride having been secretary of the Northern District of the Ladies' Guild and the bridegroom treasurer of the Doncaster and District Society.

The bridesmaids were Misses Maureen Aitchison and Jennifer Oldfield. The best man, Mr. Ronald J. Sanderson, is also, like the bride and bridegroom, a member of the Yorkshire Association. The groomsmen were Messrs. D. Batchford, G. Walker and W. Aitchison. The bride was given away by her uncle, Mr. J. Batchford, and the ceremony conducted by the Rev. H. Ferriby.

At the conclusion of the ceremony the bells were rung by members of the local company, of which the bride was a keen member.

The reception was held in the Endowed School, and among the many messages of congratulation received was one from the bride's brother and his wife in Vancouver, B.C., one from the Doncaster and District Society and one from ringing friends in Canterbury, where the bridegroom has been working for the past two months and where the couple are to take up residence after the honeymoon.

Rotherham Ringers in Leicestershire and Lincolnshire

A feature of this year's outing on May 25th was that of the 24 ringers who went (including friends from Thrybergh, Handsworth and Sheffield), half were aged 16 or under, and nine were of the fair sex.

Tune-ringing and change-ringing on handbells helped to make the journey to Loughborough Bell Foundry pass quickly and pleasantly. Mr. Paul Taylor and Mr. Colin Harrison provided a most interesting tour of the foundry, amidst the clicking of cameras of some of the youngsters. Even they, however, were less heavily laden than 'Jumbo' with his crate of handbells, for which no extra charge for carriage to Loughborough had been made.

After ringing at the Foundry, the party proceeded to the Parish Church, where Stedman Caters, Little Bob Royal, Double Norwich, Plain Bob, and lots of rounds for the beginners, were rung.

An excellent lunch followed at the Three Nuns, and the party regretfully said goodbye to their generous hosts and encoached for St. John-the-Divine, Leicester, where another fine ten, in the care of Mr. Sid Harrison, awaited them. Mr. Harrison soon disappeared from sight for the infrequent pleasure of hearing the bells of his own tower from outside, and we trust that our Grandsire Caters, Cambridge Major, etc., and even the abundant rounds for the youngsters, met with his approval. Not even the least experienced had the slightest difficulty on these delightful bells.

On the renowned bells of St. Wulfram's, Grantham, ringing included Treble Ten, Yorkshire Surprise Major and Stedman Caters, in which we were joined by Mr. Woods.

Another excellent meal awaited us at a nearby café, after which we departed on schedule for our last tower, Bottesford, with another pleasant ring in a magnificent old church. Here we were met by Mr. Box. The party arrived safely home after a most happy day amidst kind friends, good weather and excellent bells, and due thanks are accorded to Messrs. F. Fisher and N. Chaddock, who made the arrangements, and to the incumbents and ringers who provided such wonderful hospitality. N. C.

A STAFFORDSHIRE WEDDING

The wedding of Mr. R. Arthur Peakman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Peakman, of Kingswinford, and Miss Patricia Hemming, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. Hemming, of Brierley Hill, Staffs, took place at St. Mary's Church, Kingswinford, on June 1st. Mr. Peakman is a member of the St. Mary's band. The bride's father has for many years been a member of the Brierley Hill band at St. Michael's Church.

LADIES' GUILD FORM A NEW BRANCH

As the outcome of a meeting at St. Paul's, Bedford, on May 25th, a new Branch of the Ladies' Guild was formed for the counties of Bedfordshire and Northamptonshire.

Amongst those present to wish the new Branch success were Mrs. K. Lock (president of the Guild), Miss E. Steel (president of the Bedfordshire Association), Mrs. P. Poole, Mrs. J. Staniforth and Mrs. P. A. Corby (Midland District), and Mrs. E. Savory (Central District). A company of about 60 sat down to tea, and the business meeting which followed was well supported by ladies from both Bedfordshire and Northamptonshire.

The object and aims of the Ladies' Guild were explained by Mrs. Lock and Mrs. Staniforth. It was then unanimously agreed by those present to form the new Branch, and the following officers were elected: Miss Shelagh Collins, vice-president; Miss Anne Amor, District Secretary; and Miss Diana Lawless, Miss Miriam Pettitt and Mrs. K. Spavins to form the District committee. Twenty-seven new members were elected to the new Branch. The meeting closed with votes of thanks to those responsible for the arrangements, and to the ladies who prepared and served tea.

The fine ring of bells at St. Paul's was put to good use during the afternoon and evening, and prior to the service, which was conducted by the Vicar, a course of Grandsire Caters was rung by an all-ladies band.

The next meeting will be held at a Northants tower on September 28th.

WEDDING AT THURNBY

At a wedding at St. Luke's, Thurnby, Leics, on May 25th, the bride, bridegroom, one of the bridesmaids, the best man and both the ushers were ringers at the church. The bride was Miss L. Hickin, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Hickin, of Thurnby, and the bridegroom Mr. P. Pawley, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Pawley, Chapel Ash, Bushby. The best man was Mr. J. Pawley, brother of the bridegroom; the bridesmaids Miss N. Wykes and Miss G. Leavesley. The ceremony was performed by the Vicar (Rev. J. C. Meers), assisted by the Rev. P. Spink, curate.

At the reception in the Memorial Hall about 80 guests were present, including the remainder of the ringers. With so many ringers taking part in the ceremony, the assistance of two friends was obtained to ring as the bridal party left the church. A quarter peal was rung on the following day before Evensong as a compliment to the happy couple.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

The annual meeting of the South Oxon Branch was held on the recently restored ring at Warborough. The Vicar of Warborough (Canon Barker) was elected the new chairman, with Mr. T. S. Bowls vice-chairman. Mr. H. Badger was re-elected hon. secretary and treasurer, and Mr. F. Absolom Ringing Master. Twelve new members were elected, and a grant of £5 5s. made to the restoration of Benson bells. The Vicar was thanked for conducting the service, and the ladies for providing an excellent tea.

SHEFFIELD & DISTRICT SOCIETY ANNUAL CUP CONTEST

At Wentworth on the first of June,
The ringers gathered to play their tune.
Five towers competed for the Cup that day,
But the Cathedral had to show them the way.

Bolsover rang first, so was their fate,
Their score of faults was eighty-eight.
For only sixty-six faults the Cathedral are
Greatly indebted to W. L. R.

Now Handsworth's turn—that redoubtable crew
Gave an exceptionally good show, too.
Their striking was good, they were going along fine,
'Till they had a bad trip so they scored seventy-nine.

Warsop, the Champs, were next on the list,
They thought they'd the Cup held firm in their fist,
But were disillusioned—they didn't quite rate
For the faults they collected were seventy-eight.

Last up into the tower there went
The band from Rotherham—all intent
On putting up a faultless show,
But a hundred-and-fourteen—they rang too slow.

Our thanks to the judges we must pass,
Spending all afternoon sitting on the grass.
Messrs. Chant and Thorley, two splendid men,
And we hope next year they will do it again.

And so the Cup went back to Town,
From Warsop (last year they won it at Clowne).
And after the meeting under the trees,
The bells were rung until half-past eight.

I. H. and D. H.

HALF-DAY IN HEREFORDSHIRE

A perusal of the notice columns of 'The Ringing World' gave a Warwickshire ringer the idea of attending three Hereford Guild meetings on May 25th.

At Tenbury Wells the party were joined by that 'Crusader in exile,' David W. Beard. After several touches with friends of the Ludlow District a move was made to Kingsland, where the set of new ropes had all to be taken up at the garter holes before ringing.

Pembridge has an unusual type of detached campanile—a wooden tower with a canopied roof of two stages, rising from the centre of an octagonal stone barn. Several extents of Grandsire were rung on the five bells (tenor 16 cwt.). After standing in for several touches on the light six at Staunton-on-Arrow with members of the Kington District, we made our way to Aymestrey, where the anti-clockwise six were promptly put at the disposal of the party for two touches—a kindly gesture that was much appreciated.

Bredenbury was reached ten minutes ahead of schedule and here we were shown the grave of Mr. A. Tompkins, who worked so hard for the cause of ringing in the Bromyard District, and with whom the writer rang in 1939. The Rector (Rev. R. K. Canning) welcomed the party and after ringing had finished on the light six showed the party round the church. Thank you, Herefordshire, for the warm welcome you gave us.

W. A. S.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
Ashford District

The ideal weather, the peace and serenity of the countryside, and the warm welcome accorded by the local band, all combined to make the first meeting of the Ashford District at Little Chart an enjoyable and memorable gathering.

Readers may remember that the original church was blitzed during the war, and one of the derelict bells stolen. Mr. J. Batchelor, churchwarden and captain of the Little Chart ringers, in addition to pressing for the restoration of the bells was, more than anybody else, responsible for bringing the thief to justice. The present ring is a light, tuneful six, cast from the original metal, and their ease of handling was much admired by the visitors.

The priest-in-charge (Rev. D. P. Lury), Rector of Charing, welcomed the ringers to the new church, and conducted the service. He addressed to the visitors a most moving little sermon appropriate to Ascensiontide. Mr. Batchelor read the lesson, and Mr. J. R. Cooper combined the duties of organist and Ringing Master.

Some 40 visitors sat down to an ample tea, prepared and served by local lady ringers and friends. There was no formal business afterwards, but Mr. Batchelor spoke a few well-chosen words of welcome, and Mr. J. Willis responded for the visitors.

Courses of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major were rung in the Parish Hall by Messrs. T. E. Sone, A. Waddington, T. Cullingworth and J. R. Cooper, and, by special request, next door for a local resident.

Ringing in the tower which, as may be imagined, is beautifully clean and holds a surprisingly large number of people, continued until 9 p.m., and ranged from rounds to Cambridge Surprise Minor.

One came away with the thought that people like Joe Batchelor are the backbone of the Exercise.

C. T. H.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD
Elloe Deaneries' Joint Meeting

The Elloe Deaneries Branch held their quarterly meeting at Fleet on May 18th, when they were joined by members of the Ladies' Guild, which brought members from as far north as Winterton and Alford. Ringing commenced in the early afternoon. The service was conducted by the Rector (Rev. G. A. Beckett) and Mrs. Elston was the organist.

A very nice tea was served at the Bull Inn. This was followed by the business meeting, with Mr. W. A. Richardson in the chair, the attendance numbering 49. The Rector of Fleet was elected an honorary member, and a collection for the Belfry Repairs Fund amounted to £1 6s. 6d. Mr. J. Ames proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to all concerned in the arrangements for the meeting. Expressing the great pleasure of the company to see the older members present, Mr. Ames especially mentioned Mr. Halifax (in his 60th year as a ringer and who would be 83 years old on May 25th) and Miss Banks, of Gedney (first lady to ring a peal in Lincolnshire). Mr. J. Freeman also congratulated them both.

After the men had retired, the ladies held their meeting, with Mrs. J. Noon in the chair.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

GRANDSIRE MINOR

Dear Sir,—With reference to Mr. Burgess's inquiry in your issue of May 31st, the Newton-le-Willows ringers will find a number of extents of Grandsire Minor in the old editions of 'Grandsire' (by C. D. P. Davies) in the Snowdon series. Most of the extents have a call at each lead, but the one I quote here will perhaps be found the most useful. The part given must be twice repeated for 360, and for 720 a single must be substituted for the second bob of any part and the whole repeated.

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Interest in this method is in these days mainly academic, but Mr. Burgess and his friends need not be put off by your footnote from seeing what Grandsire Minor has to offer and to realise its limitations. It is an ungainly old friend, and one is hardly likely to be satisfied with it for long. On handbells, rung at a brisk pace, it has certain features of interest and demands careful attention. The Central Council will recognise peals in which extents of Grandsire Minor are used, but (wisely, in my opinion) will not attempt to define what must or must not be rung. Fashions in these matters speedily change, and the only ultimate test would seem to be the universal one of survival. The letter from Candidus in the issue of May 31st gives a reminder of some early views on Yorkshire Surprise, and students of ringing history will recollect the open hostility of Davies to Cambridge, an antagonism based chiefly on a supposed defect very similar to the defect of Grandsire Minor.

Thus, without wishing to offer advice any more gratuitous than your own footnote, I would recommend Mr. Burgess and his friends, when they have satisfied themselves on the question of Grandsire Minor, to explore the excellent opportunities for enterprise offered by the more regular Minor methods. There is a great number of fascinating ones as easy as Grandsire Minor and of more lasting worth.—Yours sincerely, EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

Solihull.

SEAGE APPARATUS

Dear Sir,—Mr. Bowden enquires in May 24th issue about Seage apparatus fitted in towers. There are four installations in Scotland, being at St. Mary's and at St. Cuthbert's, Edinburgh, St. Mary's, Glasgow, and at Paisley. I think I am correct in stating that the Glasgow apparatus is the only one now in regular use, but the one at St. Cuthbert's is more or less in working order.

The Edinburgh installations were much used between the wars; that at Glasgow has been in regular use for 30 years.

When ringing with this apparatus for the first time recently, the writer found the effect a little strange initially. After a short period one becomes accustomed to the tone of the gongs and quite a good standard of striking can be attained.

I think it would be correct to state that the apparatus was originally installed to overcome objections in the neighbourhood to the noise of the bells on practice nights. It must be remembered that rings of bells are a rarity in North Britain, and with two exceptions have all been installed since 1880 (approximately). The two exceptions are Edinburgh, St. Andrew's (c. 1780), and Dunkeld, both now unringable.—Yours faithfully,

J. MOSS.

Dundee, Angus.

THE PROOF

Dear Sir,—It was just after we had concluded one of the usual 'bellringing' turns that we ringers are called on to do at parish socials. I had done the 'talkie-talkie' and we'd finished up with a course of Grandsire Triples 'in hand' in the introduction of which I had said (to add a bit of interest) that all the changes in the course would be different and that I would give £250 to Church funds if anyone saw any change repeated.

Well, afterwards, a dear old lady—church councillor she is—came up to me and said: 'It's all very well for you, Mr. Viggers, to tell us that all the changes are different. You ringers know, but how can you prove the point to us?'

That started me thinking, and I devised the following method of proving things which might be of use to others if they are asked this kind of question. I obtained 24 small cards and on each of these I wrote one of the changes of a course of Bob Minimus. Then at the next social I counted these out singly on the stage, and then handed them round with the request that persons holding them should compare cards to make sure no two were alike. This completed, I asked that each person with a card should raise their hand when their particular change came up (while everyone else watched everyone else to see that *all* card holders raised their hands). Four of us then rang a 'visual' course of Minimus with cards bearing 1, 2, 3 and 4 round our respective necks and changing formation as we made each row.

I must add that this is easy for us as we were members of the original J. S. Goldsmith ringing machine, which used this particular technique in the days of yore. Anyway, it's simple with a bit of practice—you pass behind as you go up and in front as you go down to lead.

I issued the same £250 challenge in my introduction, but added (in case of a mix-up and to make sure I didn't lose the £250—I hadn't got it, anyway) that if I rang my bell muffin-bell fashion it was 'no go,' and we'd start again.

Well, things went off in a very excited fashion with all the audience in 24 groups all watching all the other groups (in case of repeats or omissions), and I think that they afterwards went home really convinced — maybe, who knows, for the first time for any audience ever —of the authenticity of our art.—Yours, etc.,

'DELIGHT.'

Aldershot.

PEALS AT LENTON, SALOP

Dear Sir,—The footnote to the peal of Grandsire Doubles rung at Lenton, Shropshire, on May 4th, and published in 'The Ringing World' of May 24th, is incorrect. A peal of Doubles in four methods was rung at this church on July 1st, 1922. Incidentally, this was my first peal.—Yours faithfully,

Chester. JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

NOTE.—Mr. Ernest Willcox also informs us of the error.—*Ed.*

PEAL WITHDRAWN

Dear Sir,—With reference to the letter from Mr. Shirley Burton on page 351 of 'The Ringing World' for May 31st, it is now necessary to withdraw the peal rung at West Bromwich on May 4th last, in which the composition by Mr. Burton was used.

As the organiser of the peal, I offer my apologies to the two 'long distance' members of the band.—Yours faithfully,

E. E. SPEAKE.

Woodsetton, Dudley

4-BELL TOWERS IN WARWICKSHIRE

Dear Sir,—'The Church Bells of Warwickshire,' by Tilley and Walters, gives a complete inventory of every church bell in the county of Warwick in 1910. There are three copies of this beautiful book in the County Library. Twenty towers are shown as having four bells, of which two have now been augmented, namely, Bulkington having eight and Shilton six.

The remaining 18 '4-bell' towers are: Anstey (St. James), Ashow (St. Mary), Church Lawford (St. Peter), Churchover (Holy Trinity), Cubbington (St. Mary), Ettington (St. Thomas-a-Becket), Frankton (St. Nicholas), Long Itchington (Holy Trinity), Lighthorne (St. Laurence), Upper Shuckburgh (St. John Baptist), Weston-under-Wetherley (St. Michael), Newbold Pacey (St. George), Offchurch (St. Gregory), Radford Semele (St. Nicholas), Seckington (All Saints), Sheldon (St. Giles), Withybrook (All Saints), Wolston (St. Margaret).

It is believed that all but three are ringable, the three exceptions being Weston-under-Wetherley, Ashow, and Radford Semele.

Of the remaining 72 bells, possibly less than a score are under 100 years old, and nearly all the 4-bell towers possessed three bells before the Reformation, indicating that there was an incumbent prior to that period.

There is a wealth of interest in the study of these bells. Of the Cubbington bells, Tilley and Walters report that the first and second bell bear Watts' mark and are dated 1646, although Watts died in 1643.

Weston-under-Wetherley has the oldest bells. The first and fourth are by Watts, dated 1624 and 1592 respectively. The second and third are by Giles, dated 1583 and 1585. Giles' bells are both badly cracked and the bell loft is in a neglected state. Had the bells been drinking goblets or something similar, they would have been worth several thousand pounds!

Frankton tower has all four bells by Watts dated 1636, 1607, 1623, 1616. This appears to be the only old ring all by one founder, and would be worth listening to.

Offchurch (tenor 43 in.) and Cubbington (tenor 38½ in.) appear to be the heaviest rings.

There was a good ring of four bells at Urswick in North Lancs, where the state of the tower made it dangerous to do more than chime the bells. Also at Grasmere was another ring of four. I have no information of either tower since 1940.—Yours sincerely,

HENRY ALLEN.

Leamington Spa.

ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL, GLASGOW

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. R. J. Bowden's query ('R.W.', page 333), we have, at St. Mary's Cathedral, Glasgow, the Seage apparatus which has been in constant use since 1930, and has proved very satisfactory. We were thus able to carry on our regular weekly practice throughout the war period. Perhaps the fact that we have, in Mr. H. Sargent, a first-class steeplekeeper, accounts for it being kept in perfect order.

Our apparatus does not employ 'gongs' but ordinary handbells fastened to the walls of the ringing chamber. We think it was erected by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. when the bells were installed in 1901.

If Mr. Bowden wishes further information, would he write direct to: Mr. H. Sargent, 86, Otago Street, Glasgow, W.2, who will be happy to oblige.—Yours faithfully,

Glasgow. ERNEST A. STAFFORD.

FAIRFORD, GLOS.—On May 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Pitts 1, Joyce Morse 2, Mrs. W. A. Godwin 3, W. A. Godwin (cond.) 4, G. W. Burse 5, J. Dowdeswell 6. Rung to mark the engagement of Miss Joyce Morse to Mr. A. W. Tucker.

RINGING IN ENGLAND 80 YEARS AGO

Extracts from 'Church Bells,' 1879–80

(Continued from page 339.)

'ROPE-SIGHT: AN INTRODUCTION TO CHANGE-RINGING'

By JASPER WHITFIELD SNOWDON

Mr. Snowdon has written a book that is very much wanted . . . not an uncommon thing to find a band of men who want to learn the mysteries of change-ringing, and yet who do not know how to set about it. A clergyman sometimes finds himself in charge of a ring of bells, and he naturally wants to make the best of them . . . . He finds a set of round-ringers who pull and catch the ropes with carthorse strength, and then say that ringing is harder than mowing and, of course, requires more beer. Mr. Snowdon is peculiarly fitted for the post of teacher of such a party. An accomplished ringer . . . few can expect to equal, none to excel . . . nevertheless not rung from childhood. He cannot say he rang a 5,000 before he was 15. . . . Mr. Snowdon thinks, and rightly, that if a man can ring Plain Bob well, he can easily go on to other systems without much further instruction, and that he will be in a position to understand at once what is said in any book about them . . . reading the ropes is like reading a book. When a child learns to read it spells out the letters and is confused by the words . . . . So a novice, entering a tower, sees nothing but confusion: the ropes seem all to come together, especially if the bells are rung quickly. But a good reader reads words, not letters: and yet he sees at a glance, by the look of a word, whether it is misspelt. And so a ringer sees at once who is leading, who is behind, which is dodging with which, and he can stand behind a ringer and follow his bell right through the peal. . . . Mr. Snowdon adopts the plan of commencing with three bells. It would have been better if he had followed Mr. Troyte's plan, and begun with two . . . at first there cannot be too few bells, nor can they be rung too slowly. It teaches the beginners to keep their bells up, and they can see the ropes more clearly when they go slowly: and the addition of an extra rope is a very serious addition to the family, especially when it is about the sixth.

The author's remarks about teaching another how to deal with a bell for the first time are especially valuable. The writer of this article took the book into a belfry and did exactly according to the directions. He taught three persons successively to set a bell at hand and backstroke, so that he could sit down and watch them, without danger to themselves or the machinery. This was done in 2½ hours, and none of them had ever rung a bell before, or hardly touched one. . . .

EXAMINE YOUR CLAPPERS

Bell-clappers, like everything else in constant use, suffer from wear and tear—so much so that the bulb often strikes below the thickest part of the sound-bow, and then, sooner or later, the bell is cracked, for which there is no remedy but the melting-pot. The ringers are often to blame for not reporting at once any such cases. Last week, the fourth bell at Alfreton, Derbyshire, was so cracked while ringing, although the ringers knew that the clapper had long been striking too low. On some former occasion the clapper had been altered by some unintelligent workman, who did not shorten the shank sufficiently for the bulb to strike at the proper place. Therefore we advise all rectors, vicars, curates and churchwardens to examine the clappers of their bells, and to be careful whom they employ to repair anything they may find out of order.

DEDICATION OF AN AUGMENTED AND RESTORED RING OF TEN BELLS AT ST. MARY ABBOTS, KENSINGTON

The dedication of these bells took place on Christmas Eve (1879). . . . During the singing of Hymn 203 (A. and M.) . . . the Bishop (Rt. Rev. Lord Bishop of Lichfield—former vicar), with the vicar and other clergy, and churchwardens, proceeded to the bell-chamber (where a platform had been prepared by removing the wheels); the Bishop then, laying his hand on one of the bells, said the Prayers of Dedication. By a signal, the same prayers were simultaneously offered up by a clergyman officiating in the church. . . .

The following special hymn, by Rev. Wharton B. Smith and . . . , were sung. . . . The bells were afterwards chimed by members of the Cumberland Society . . . two additional bells by Warner . . . fittings and cage of English oak . . . Ellacombe's chiming hammers. . . . We hope to report a first peal in our next issue.

But the next issue (January 10th, 1880) did not include a report of a *peal*. However, the following appeared as part of the report on the address given by the Bishop: 'It had been the Bishop's intention for a long period, if he had remained amongst them as their vicar, when the bells were again sounded in his parish, to suggest that a bell should be sounded by a few strokes at 10 o'clock every night, to call the time for "family prayers," which he hoped would have met with response.'

The hymn, specially arranged, referred to above, is shown as follows:—

Raised between the earth and heaven,
Now our Bells are set on high;
In the Name of Him Who giveth
Skill, and strength, and industry.

For His praise we meekly lay them
As a gift beneath His Throne;
All their sweet and noblest music
Shall resound for Him alone.

Faithful men afar shall listen,
'Mid their daily toil and rest,
While the melody shall bid them
Love the Church where all are blest.

Earth's rejoicings, bright and holy,
Shall be signed with joyful peal:
And the music from the steeple
Shall our faith and love reveal.

They who languish, sick and lonely,
Shall be minded, as they sigh
Of the Church's one communion.
God's true Home and Family.

When the spirits of the faithful
Pass away to light and peace,
Solemn tones shall then forewarn us
Soon our life and work must cease.

May these loud and well-tuned voices,
Pealing forth in grand accord,
Lift our hearts through joy and sorrow
To Thy Throne, most gracious Lord.

Glory be, from earth and heaven,
To the Blessed Trinity:
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
Glory evermore to Thee.

(May I say, why hunt for a dedication hymn when you have this one?—C. R.)

'NOTICE—DISS, NORFOLK

The forty-seventh anniversary of St. Mary's church bells will be held on Tuesday, January 6th (1880), when all friends will be cordially welcomed.—W. Ireland, Secretary.'

(Indicates that these bells were opened January 6th, 1833.—C. R.)

THE CLANGING, CLASHING OR FIRING OF BELLS

'Sir,—It is the practice here upon festive occasions to clang the bells, etc., such as three times three, cross-fire, alternately, and twenty-one times for royalty. Is there any danger likely to arise from the practice or not? An early answer will greatly oblige.

Chester. FREEMAN BALL.'

[In reply to the above we most unhesitatingly and emphatically denounce the practice as being most uproarious, most unmusical, and unscientific. It can do no good to the bell-gear, and if the bells are heavy, and any parts of the steeple are in a doubtful state of soundness, it might be most damaging to the upper part of the fabric: besides, it is a great nuisance to persons living near. Throughout Christendom the law does not allow even a single bell to be a nuisance to a neighbour, and if appealed to, will issue an injunction to silence it. If a nuisance to the neighbourhood and otherwise objectionable, why does the Dean allow it to be continued? It is a prostitution of the bells of a church to be used for purposes for which they were never intended—having been originally set for ecclesiastical uses and for occasions in which the Church may rejoice with thankfulness.—*Ed.*']

'ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL, 1880

The bells will be rung on the following days throughout the year:—

Thurs., Jan. 1 (New Year's Day), 7 p.m.
Mon., Jan. 26 (Dedication Festival), 9 to 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.
Sun., Mar. 28 (Easter Day), 9.30 a.m. and 2.30 p.m.
Thurs., May 6 (Ascension Day), 9.30 a.m. and 2.30 p.m.
Sun., May 16 (Whit Sunday), 9.30 a.m. and 2.30 p.m.
Mon., May 24 (Queen's Birthday), 9 to 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.
Sun., June 20 (Queen's Accession), 9.30 a.m. and 2.30 p.m.
Mon., Nov. 1 (All Saints' Day), 9 to 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.
Tues., Nov. 9 (Lord Mayor's Day), 12 noon and 3 p.m.
Fri., Dec. 24 (Christmas Eve), 11 to 12 p.m.
Sat., Dec. 25 (Christmas Day), 9.30 a.m.
Fri., Dec. 31 (New Year's Eve), 11 to 12 p.m.

And on the following Tuesday evenings for practice:—

Jan. 6, Feb. 3, Mar. 2 and 30, April 27, May 25, June 22, July 20, Aug. 17, Sept. 14, Oct. 12, Dec. 7.'

FALL OF A CHURCH TOWER

'The parish church of Holy Trinity at Milton Damerel is situated in North Devon. Exactly at midnight last New Year's Eve (i.e., 31 Dec., 1879) an ominous sound was heard in the village, together with the momentary clashing of bells. It was soon found that the church tower had suddenly fallen, and that, in its fall, two of the three bells had clashed together; and thus just on the stroke of twelve, as the old year was dying out, it rang its own funeral knell. The tower fell without any previous warning and without injuring anyone.

About 20 years ago we visited the church. The tower was then in a most dilapidated state, and might have been expected to fall at any time. The church itself had been well cared for by the Rector.'

(To be continued)

OBITUARY

MR. CHARLES H. PAGE
AN APPRECIATION

'Charlie' Page, whose death occurred in March this year, came from a family of ringers. His father, Henry Page, was a founder member of the North Staffs Association, or the Stoke-on-Trent Archidiaconal Association as it was then called, and its committee chairman for many years. His brothers, too, are ringers. His records give no indication of when he first learned to ring, but his first peal was at St. Peter-ad-Vincula, Stoke-on-Trent, on February 11th, 1908 (Grandsire Triples), when he was some 21 years old. It was at this church that he later became tower captain, an office he held for many years, and indeed until his death.

The last of his 306 peals was Plain Bob Minor at Kidsgrove on April 14th, 1956. By then, however, his health had begun to fail, and although he took part in two further peal attempts, his active ringing career came to an end in October last.

Charlie's deep love of ringing and his unwavering enjoyment of it are reflected in his peal ringing. He rang peals regularly and steadily, and for all the reasons that peals are rung—not just for personal satisfaction, but for the team work which is the basis of all ringing, and which is exemplified in the peal, to help less expert ringers (at least half his peals contain 'firsts'), for the prestige of his Association, and as a duty in celebration of many notable occasions of Church and State. Charlie was a good churchman and always regarded ringing in the first instance as work in the service of God and His Church.

Charlie Page rang peals for nine Associations—245 for the North Staffs Association, 27 for the Chester Diocesan Guild, 13 for the Sussex Association, 11 for the Lancashire Association, 5 for the Shropshire Association, 2 for the Ancient Society of College Youths (one a joint peal) and 1 each for the Midland Counties and Yorkshire Associations, and the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.

Of his 'First on the bells,' perhaps those of most note were the first peal of Maximus at Manchester Town Hall, the first peal on the ten at Newcastle (which he conducted) and the first on the eight at Audley. He was also a member of the bands which rang the first peals of Cinques and Maximus for the North Staffs Association. Overshadowing all these, however, was his peal on the fifth at Hoar Cross in 1924, the heaviest ring of six to be turned in to a peal of Minor to that date. The peal was conducted by Joseph E. Sykes. The only other non-North Staffs ringer who took part was Alfred E. Bacon, who worked with Joe Sykes, and who, from the many tales told of these two by Charlie Page, was a reluctant and conscripted ringer in all the peals Joe, his boss, decided to ring while on their travels.

Charlie Page was a railwayman and proud of it, and particularly, too, of his knowledge and experience with the North Staffs Railway Co., for which he always worked in spirit despite the take-over by the L.M.S. and later incorporation in British Railways. He took part in the first peal of Royal by an all-railwaymen band, at Crewe in 1930. He 'circled' the belfries of Longton and Stone, but the third at Stoke eluded him for all his 27 peals on the bells.

At the time of his death, Charlie Page was one of the oldest members of the North Staffs Association. He was, however, of a retiring nature, and the only offices he held were Ringing Master (1920 to 1923) and auditor from 1954 until his death. In recognition of his many years' service he was elected a life member at the annual general meeting in December, 1956.

PEAL ANALYSIS

TOWER BELLS

Maximus.—Kent T.B. 5, Oxford T.B. 1.

Cinques.—Stedman 3.

Royal.—Little Bob 1, Kent T.B. 15 (cond. 1), Oxford T.B. 2, Plain Bob 5 (1).

Caters.—Grandsire 7 (6), Stedman 9.

Major.—Burslem Surprise 1, Cambridge Surprise 10, Canterbury Pleasure 1 (1), Double Norwich 11 (1), Ipswich Surprise 1, Kent T.B. 44 (25), Oxford and Kent T.B. 1, Lincolnshire Surprise 3, Little Bob 1, New Cambridge 2, Norfolk Surprise 1, Oxford T.B. 16 (2), Painswick 2, Plain Bob 22 (4), Pudsey Surprise 1, Single Oxford 1, Rutland Surprise 1, Spliced Surprise 1, Staffordshire Surprise 2, Superlative Surprise 6, Yorkshire Surprise 3.

Triples.—Grandsire 48 (24), Stedman 23 (1).

Minor.—Cambridge 4, Ipswich 1, Oxford T.B. 1, Plain Bob 7, more than one method 19.

Doubles.—Grandsire 4 (4), Plain Bob 1, Stedman 2, more than one method 4.

HANDBELLS

Major.—Kent T.B. 2, Kent and Oxford T.B. 2, Plain Bob 8.

Doubles.—Grandsire 1 (1).

MR. ROBERT W. WHITTINGTON

Guildford Diocesan Guild has lost its oldest ringer by the death on June 1st of Mr. Robert W. Whittington, of Cranleigh, Surrey, aged 89. His long services to ringing were recognised by the Guild in 1954, when he was elected a vice-president.

Born at Ewhurst, Surrey, Mr. Whittington learnt to handle a bell at the age of eight, and on Ewhurst bells on March 18th, 1878, he rang his first 720 of Bob Minor. On his 80th birthday he rang the same bell to a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples. In the intervening 70 years much ringing history was made. The late Mrs. Whittington, whom he taught to ring, rang with him in a peal of Grandsire Triples at Cranleigh on February 29th, 1912, which was the first tower-bell peal ever rung in which husband and wife took part.

From 1907 onward they cycled on a tandem all over the country, putting up a recorded total of 100,000 miles, ringing in 400 towers. On December 1st, 1917, at Cranleigh, they rang in a peal of Grandsire Triples to celebrate their silver wedding, and this was also a 'first'—husband and wife ringing together in a silver wedding peal. Their golden wedding was celebrated in 1942; Mrs. Whittington died in 1945.

About 1900, together with the whole of the Ewhurst band, Mr. Whittington joined the Winchester Diocesan Guild. Three years later he was elected to the Guild committee and continued to serve on that body until the formation of the Guildford Diocesan Guild in 1928. He served on the Guildford Guild committee from its foundation until his death, and represented the Guild on the Central Council in 1928 and 1929. At Cranleigh and Ewhurst he was in business as a cycle, electrical and general engineer. The business is now run by his son.

The funeral service was held at Cranleigh Parish Church on June 4th, the Rector (Rev. H. L. Johnston) officiating. Among ringers attending were Messrs. A. C Hazelden, A. H. Pulling, H Hutton (representing Guildford Diocesan Guild, who sent a wreath), E. Warner and Gilbert Charman (Cranleigh ringers)

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At the Cathedral, on May 16th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. E. C. Goodenough (cond.) 1, W. J. Arnold 2, R. F. Ewer 3, W. Little 4, L. Cox 5, J. Ewer 6, G. Penny 7, M. Frost 8. In memoriam F. L. Whiteman, nearly 40 years a member of the Cathedral band, who was buried this day.

MR. REG LATHBURY

His many friends will be sorry to hear of the passing of Mr. Reg Lathbury, of Walton-on-Thames, which took place at St. Peter's Hospital, Chertsey, on May 30th. In recent months he underwent two operations, and it was gratifying to hear he was able to return home again, but his re-entry into hospital, coupled with the news of his passing, came as a shock to us all. He was 71.

Reg was a ringer in Surrey prior to his return to Cambridge in the early '20s, where he became a valuable asset in town and surrounding districts. On his return to Walton-on-Thames he soon set to work in many ways, not only for the Guildford Diocesan Guild but the Surrey Association as well, for Reg undertook many tasks in order to be of service to ringers and ringing. He was not a great peal ringer, yet he was a good striker on light or heavy bells and besides being a good instructor, organiser, District secretary, regular Sunday service ringer and practice night ringer, he attended many meetings whenever his duties as verger at Walton Parish Church permitted him.

At the memorial service, held at Walton-on-Thames on June 5th, many of his ringing friends attended, and a mixed band rang half-muffled touches on the bells Reg loved so well. Surrey ringers in all parts will miss a ringer who enjoyed the company of ringers old and young; one who cultivated friendship, gave cheerful and willing service to others and who won the respect of all with whom he came in contact.

W. S.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY

The Society held its early summer meeting at Penn on May 25th, when the local ringers and their wives even surpassed their efforts of March, 1953. Penn ringers know how to put on a good meeting, and in this respect they receive every assistance from their Vicar (Rev. T. O. Boulton).

The highlight of this most encouraging and enjoyable meeting was undoubtedly the fully-choral service in the fine Parish Church of St. Bartholomew, and an inspiring address by the Vicar. Following the service was a bountiful tea and this, coupled with unlimited ringing to suit all tastes, beautiful surroundings, good fellowship and fine weather, together with an attendance of 99, made the meeting one to rejoice the heart of any secretary.

The Society cannot fail to benefit from such an occasion and thanks are due from all who attended, to the Vicar of Penn, his ringers and the ladies, and the organist and members of the choir for their respective efforts. F. C. A. B.

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RINGERS' OUTINGS

ASHTEAD, SURREY

The Ashtead ringers, together with a few more experienced ringers from neighbouring towers, spent a very successful day in Buckinghamshire on May 25th. The first tower visited was Stoke Poges, with a very lovely church, bells and garden. Next was Farnham Royal, the home of the famous composer J. J. Parker, and then Hughenden, burial place of the great Disraeli. The lovely setting of this latter church and the beautiful bells left nothing to be desired. Ringing at West Wycombe, the church on the hill with the golden ball, a landmark for miles around, was hampered by the numerous visitors.

After lunch at High Wycombe, Great Marlow brought back, to the writer, memories of Herculean efforts on the well-known regatta course. The bells here were a real joy. Wooburn provided the heaviest eight of the day, and the bells here seemed to lend themselves to Major ringing. Last of all, Burnham, where Geo. Gilbert made everyone most welcome, so much so that there was ringing after tea as well as before.

Apart from numerous rounds, methods rung during the day were Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Kent, Double Norwich, Ashtead, Cambridge and London. But at Burnham, Bristol rung especially for Geo. Gilbert just would not 'go.' Grateful thanks are tendered to the various incumbents and to the various ringers who met us.

Thank you, Bucks. J. T. S.

LEEDS PARISH CHURCH

A round trip of 225 miles, eight out of 14 hours spent in travelling, only three towers and barely three hours' ringing time—such are the bare facts of the Leeds Parish Church ringers' outing on May 18th. Far from being the endurance test the statistics imply, the outing was acclaimed on all sides as an unqualified success.

The scenery included much of the best it is possible to find—moorland, fell country, Lakes Windermere and Coniston, the coastal route round Morecambe Bay—the bells also included some of which are as good as any, and not least important, the meals were of quality and quantity to satisfy the most exacting.

The first tower was Ambleside, the heaviest eight in the north, bells which it may truthfully be said are as good as any and better than most, especially when heard outside. Ringing here is restricted, and it was a privilege to be allowed an hour's ringing on these bells. A post-dated application had been made two years ago, when repairs to the fabric and consequent cessation of ringing resulted in our being disappointed in 1955.

During the afternoon an hour-and-a-half's ringing was allowed on the fine ten at Dalton-in-Furness, after which, greatly daring in view of the result of the Rugby cup-final at Wembley the week previous, the party ventured into Barrow. At this point it was noticeable that the Leeds colours bravely displayed earlier in the day disappeared!

After enquiring whether we had brought the Cup, the local ringers made us welcome, and perhaps knowing what an outsize tea we had just had to tackle they had kindly got the bells up ready so that the fullest use could be made of the brief time allowed for ringing before our long journey home.

Leeds was reached without mishap about 10.30 p.m. R. H. D.

BOLTON BRANCH

Ringers and friends of the Bolton Branch, Lancashire Association, went to the north of the county for their annual outing on May 18th. Standard methods were rung at Bilsborrow, a lovely eight (tenor 14¼ cwt.). After a delightful lunch at the Woodlands Hotel, Silverdale, the six at St. John's Church were tried, and proved a delightful ring.

The run to Cartmel Priory was through delightful country, and here Miss Snowdon showed non-ringers round the church. The six bells here were very noisy—four old bells with two added trebles—but they were delightful to handle. Tea was taken at Grange-over-Sands, a short distance from Flookburgh, the best six of the day, with a 17¼ cwt. tenor which runs like a top. The party are much indebted to Miss Mildred M. Jones, who arranged the trip, and to the incumbents and local ringers.

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MEETINGS

BEDS AND HERTS ASSOCIATIONS.—Summer festival at St. Albans on Saturday, June 15th. Cathedral service (with handbell voluntary) 4 p.m. Tea at Abbey Institute 5 p.m. Ringing arrangements: Hemel Hempstead (8) 9.30 to 10.25 a.m., Apsley (6) 10.15 to 11.15, King's Langley (8) 11 to 12, Langleybury (6) 11.30 to 12.30, Aldenham (8) 12.30 to 1.30, St. Peter's (10) 2 to 3.30 only. St. Stephen's (6) and St. Michael's (8) 2 to 3.30, also Cathedral (12) 2 to 3.55, are open after tea until 8 p.m. Kimpton (6) open 7 p.m., and other towers if required. 332

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Joint meeting with Derbyshire Association (Peak District Branch) at Chapel-en-le-Frith on Saturday, June 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m.—C. K. Lewis.

CHISLEDON, WILTS. — Rededication of Chisledon Parish Church bells (6) on Saturday, June 15th, at 3 p.m. Also blessing of new Vicarage. Ringing after tea. 356

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ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Whittlesey on Saturday, June 15th. St. Andrew's (8) at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. St. Mary's (8) after tea. St. Andrew's also available.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 364

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Tortworth (6), Saturday, June 15th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m.—Mary Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall. 380

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting at Oatlands Park with Weybridge on Saturday, June 15th. Bells: Weybridge 2.30 to 3.30 only, Oatlands from 3.30 onwards. Service, Oatlands, 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. 351

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SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Advanced method practice at Crawley (8) on Saturday, June 15th. Evening only, commencing at 6.—I. Butcher. 367

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division. — Quarterly meeting, Horsted Parva (6), Saturday, June 15th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Bring own tea, please.—George North, 11, Richmond Terrace, Brighton. 384

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch.—Meeting at Hagley (Wolverley not available), Saturday, June 15th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business. —Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 306

SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch. —Practice meeting at Bridport on Wednesday, June 19th Bells from 6 to 9 p.m. All welcome.—Barrett, Beaminster. 404

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting at Gainford on Saturday, June 22nd, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Names for tea essential by June 19th to E. P. Rock, 64, Tollesby Road, Middlesbrough. 401

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Meeting, Belper, Saturday, June 22nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—café nearby. Trent bus No. 2. All welcome.—V. M. Horton, Dis. Sec. 406

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, June 22nd, at Selston. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Thursday to Mr. Rawson, 14, Lindley Street, Selston, Notts.—B. A. Sollis, Hon. Sec. 407

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Evening meeting at Haddenham (6) on Saturday, June 22nd. Bells available 6 p.m.—D. E. R. Knights, Dis. Sec. 377

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Quarterly meeting, St. George, Bristol, E., Saturday, June 22nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea before June 18th.—T. T. Walters, 17, Newlands Avenue, Coalpit Heath. 395

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—South Forest Branch.—Meeting at Clearwell, Saturday, June 22nd. Bells (4) 3 p.m. Newland (6) available in the evening. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. D. Stafford, Staunton, Coleford, Glos. 416

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Dumbleton, Saturday, June 22nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business. Names by June 18th.—Mary Bliss, Beech Pike, Cheltenham. Tel. Miserden 232. 417

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Quarterly meeting at Chiddingfold (8) on Saturday, June 22nd. Bells from 2.30 to 4 p.m. and after meeting. Service 4 p.m. Tea at Toby Jug 4.45 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, June 19th, to Mr. R. Cooper, Red Cottage, Mill Lane. No names, no tea.—M. E. Collins and A. M. Cox, joint Secs. 389

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—Meeting at Stand, Whitefield, on Saturday, June 22nd. Tower open 3 p.m.—J. Porter, Branch Sec. 392

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—Meeting at Singleton Parish Church on Saturday, June 22nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting after tea. Ringing afterwards.—John F. Turner. 418

LAVENHAM RINGING ANNIVERSARY. Saturday, June 22nd. Bells available 2.30 to 8.30 p.m. Tea shop near church.—M. T. Symonds. 414

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Congerstone, Saturday, June 22nd. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Rooms 5 p.m. For tea, please notify Mr. H. McCullam, Barton Lane, Congerstone, near Nuneaton.—M. Vernon, Dis. Sec. 388

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Crowland, Saturday, June 22nd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to Mr. R. Strickland, Crowland, near Peterborough, Northants.—M. Bennett, Hon. Sec. 369

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—Meeting, Barrow-on-Humber (8), on Saturday, June 22nd. Names for tea by June 19th to Mr. A. Crowder, Manor Farm, Barrow-on-Humber. 359

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Branch.—Annual meeting at Churchill on Saturday, June 22nd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. All ringers welcome.—J. Keyte, Charlbury. 338

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD—Rutland Branch.—A general meeting will be held at Cottesmore on Saturday, June 22nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Numbers for tea to Miss J. Hoy, 11, Ashwell Road, Oakham. 375

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD—Towcester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Alderton, Saturday, June 22nd. Names for tea by Tuesday previous.—W. A. Yates, 4, Bannerlands, Dadford, Buckingham. 409

SALISBURY GUILD.—Calne Branch.—Meeting, Broad Hinton (6), Saturday, June 22nd. Usual arrangements. Names for tea.—Canon White, Vicarage, Broad Hinton, Swindon. 403

THE GUILD OF RAILWAYMEN CHURCH BELL RINGERS.—Provisional arrangements for the annual meeting at Crewe on June 22nd, full day.

The tower and bells and parochial buildings will be available from arrival to lunch time, approximately 1 p.m. (Names for lunch by Monday, 17th inst., to W. Frank Stenson, North Col, 142, Minshull New Road, Crewe.) Meeting at 2 p.m. Service (Guild office), hallowing by the Vicar of Christ Church (Rev. Francis G. Gentry), and dedication of peal board and photograph at 3 p.m., after which Christ Church bells will again be available: also Nantwich and Sandbach, both eights, not more than half-an-hour away.

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SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Meeting, Pewsey, Saturday, June 22nd. Names to T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Marlborough. 402

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Corfe Mullen on Saturday, June 22nd. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea for those notifying by June 19th Mr. I. Davis, Restormel, 13, Sandbanks Road, Parkstone, Poole. 405

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS and LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Combined meeting, Saturday, June 22nd. St. Mary's, Twickenham (8), 2.30 to 4 p.m.; All Hallows, Twickenham (10), 3 to 4 p.m. Tea, Church Hall, South Street, Isleworth, 4.30 to 5.30. Service, Isleworth Parish Church, 6 p.m. Ringing: Isleworth (10) 6.45 to 8.45 p.m.; St. Lawrence, Brentford (6), 7 to 8.30 p.m. Names for tea to H. W. Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. Tel. HOU 3921.—Bond and Rogers, Hon. Secs. 363

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Meeting at Colston Bassett (8) on Saturday, June 22nd, at 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—J. K. Wagstaff, Hon. Sec. 415

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Rettendon (6), Saturday, June 22nd, at 3.30 p.m. Please bring own food.—B. C. Sadler. 420

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Halesworth District.—Quarterly meeting, Wenhaston (6), Saturday, June 22nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by June 20th to Mr. R. S. Payne, 21, Hotson Road, Southwold. 374

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Meeting at Lakenheath (6), Saturday, June 22nd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—E. M. Peachey, Dis. Sec. 381

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division. Practice meeting, Saturday, June 22nd, Battle. Special method, Oxford Bob Triples. Probably some names for tea will be received by H. Reynolds, Sec., 10, Eastern Avenue, Polegate. 393

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Annual meeting and festival, New Radnor, Saturday, June 22nd. Towers available: Eardisland (8) 11.30 a.m. to 12.45 p.m., New Radnor (6) 2.30 to 4 p.m. and after meeting until 6.30 p.m., Old Radnor 6.45 to 8 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea (2s. per head) and meeting. Names, please.—J. A. Hoare, 6, Gendros Crescent, Swansea. 315

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting, Whitby (10), Saturday, June 22nd. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea by June 20th to Mrs. R. Elwick, 19, St. Mary's Crescent, Whitby.—Edward Hudson, Hon. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Corporate Communion at Radstock on Sunday, June 23rd, 8 a.m. Bells 7.15 a.m. Names for breakfast to Mr. F. Carter, 31, New Bath Road, Radstock. 394

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual shield contest, Saturday, June 29th, at Wentworth. For teas, notify not later than June 22nd Mr. George West, 25, The Square, Wentworth, Rotherham.—James W. Buxton, temp. Sec. 399

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Sturry, on Saturday, June 29th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea, 2s. per head. Numbers for tea not later than Wednesday, June 26th, enclosing cash, please, to Mr. H. R. French, Lamorbey, Sturry Hill, Sturry, Canterbury. Petham, Saturday, July 27th.—B. J. Luck. 396

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District.—Meeting, Saturday, June 29th, All Saints', Newport. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by June 25th, please, to Mr. D. James, 29, Walford Street, Newport, Mon. Gentlemen cordially invited.—J. S. Evans. 391

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Quarterly meeting at St. Mary's, Woodford, Essex, on Saturday, June 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea, business meeting and further ringing in the evening. Nearest station, George Lane, South Woodford (Central line). Buses to Gates Corner. 412

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Meeting at Welton (6), Saturday, June 29th. Tea for those who notify me by Tuesday previous.—C. Brown, 3, Altham Terrace, Lincoln. 408

SAFFRON WALDEN.—The 334th anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 29th. Bells (12) available from 11 a.m. Service 4. Lunch (3s. 6d.) 1. Tea (2s. 6d.) 5 p.m. Ninety already coming. Twelve-bell ringing guaranteed. Lunch and tea for those notifying me by June 27th.—L. E. Pitstow, 27, Highfields, Saffron Walden. Phone: 2074. 397

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Marksbury, Bath.—Corporate Communion at Marksbury, Sunday, June 30th, at 8 a.m. Bells 7.15 a.m. Names for breakfast, please.—W. A. Prescott, Elmleigh, South Road, Timsbury, Bath. Tel. Timsbury 287. 419

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—Special meeting at Bozeat on Saturday, July 6th, for dedication of peal boards by the Rev. G. P. H. Rowson (Northampton). Bells (5) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, July 2nd, to Miss C. Coleman, 55, High Street, Bozeat, Northants. 390

LADIES' GUILD.—Annual general meeting.—Saturday July 6th, at Newcastle upon Tyne. Bells available—10 a.m. to 12 noon: All Saints', Gosforth (10); SS. James and Basil, Fenham (8); St. Stephen's, Scotswood Road (8); 2 to 3 p.m.: St. John's, Grainger Street (8); 2 to 3.30 p.m.: Newcastle Cathedral (12); evening: Cathedral (12); St. Mary's, Gateshead (8). Service 3.30 p.m. in the Cathedral. Tea 4.15 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea by Tuesday, July 2nd, to Mrs. Lea, 9, St. Vincent Street, South Shields. 376

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THE NEW PRESIDENT

MR. FREDERICK SHARPE, who succeeds Mr. E. H. Lewis as president of the Central Council, started ringing at the age of 14 at Launton, Oxfordshire, the village in which he was born in 1905 and has made his home. His association with St. Mary's Church, Launton, has been continuous since boyhood days as chorister, server and ringer (captain since 1927). He has been churchwarden since 1932 and in 1955 became a licensed lay reader in the Diocese of Oxford.

Taught to handle a bell by Mr. Richard Castle, then and still verger of St. Mary's, Launton, Mr. Sharpe rang his first peal in 1922 (Bob Minor) at Bicester, conducted by Edwin Hims. A 30 years friendship with Richard White, bellhanger, of Appleton, Berks, started in 1925. It was from Mr. White that he acquired a vast amount of practical knowledge of bells and bellhanging, and at Appleton he learned to ring Stedman and Grandsire Caters. He has rung about 26 peals—one in Ireland and the rest in England. They range from Grandsire Doubles to Stedman Caters. He conducted his first peal at Lower Heyford, Oxfordshire, in 1925. While he has rung two tower bells to many quarters, he has never aspired to a full pull double-handed. He also rings a pair of tower bells to 'rise' and 'fall.'

Mr. Sharpe's membership of the Oxford Diocesan Guild dates back to 1920. Two years later he became a member of the Guild Committee; later in 1928 he was hon. secretary of the Bicester Deanery Branch, a position he held for 20 years. In 1951 he succeeded Capt. Poyntz as deputy Master of the Guild, an office he still discharges.

Although his record with the Oxford Diocesan Guild was conspicuous, it was not as a representative of the Guild that the new president joined the Central Council. He was elected an honorary member in 1939 because of his wide knowledge of bells and belfries and the practical problems in bell hanging. In 1946 he was elected a member of the Towers and Belfries Committee, and since 1952 has been convener of that committee. For the Central Council he has visited hundreds of towers. Today, Mr. Sharpe is recognised as one of the leading authorities on bells. As a lecturer on all branches of the art of campanology Mr. Sharpe's services have been in great demand since 1939. Mention should also be made of the important office for the Central Council he has held as hon. librarian; he succeeded the late Mr. K. W. H. Hooton in 1954.

Ringing at Caversfield, a 3-bell tower, where hangs the oldest datable inscribed bell in England, at the age of 16, started a study of the history of bells and the art of bell-founding. In 1923, when only 18, he became acquainted with the late Mr. H. B. Walters, the well-known author of many books on bells. H. B. W. was then well advanced in years and not able to scale turrets or reach bells not readily attainable in towers. Being full of enthusiasm, Fred Sharpe inspected many bells for Mr. Walters, who in return took delight in coaching a very willing pupil. This friendship took a more practical turn in 1923 when Mr. Sharpe began his now famous collection of data on bells, their founders and details of their hanging. In that year he surveyed 24 towers, but in the peak year of his activities (1950) no less than 104 towers were surveyed.

His first publication was 'The Church Bells in the Deanery of Bicester' (1931). Other works from his pen are 'The Churches of the Rural Deanery of Bicester' (1936), 'The Church Bells of Berkshire,' Vol. I (1939), 'Church Bells of Radnorshire' (1947), 'Church Bells of Oxfordshire' (1952). His services were recognised in 1953 when he was elected a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries.

In 1925 Mr. Sharpe began collecting handbells, and has now a unique set of 159 bells in all (some are only museum pieces). These bells he has tuned and where necessary clappers and fittings have been made, his object being to get as many examples of different bellfounders' work as possible into a set. The earliest bells date from the last few years of the 17th century. He is the leader of the handbell ringers of St. Mary's, Launton. In 1951 these ringers gave their first sound broadcast, and since then have given three more broadcasts. This band of handbell ringers made a first appearance on television in 1954.

Mr. Sharpe is the proprietor of Messrs. Lewis Penn and Co., an old established firm of building contractors, to which he succeeded on the retirement of his uncle, the late Mr. Lewis Penn. The firm has a general building practice and specialises in the period-type restoration of ancient buildings.

The president married in 1935 Miss E. J. M. Evans, of Trenewydd, Cardigan, at the Parish Church, Llandygwdd, Cardiganshire, in 1935. On that occasion the Rev. C. Elliot Wigg, the present Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, was the best man. They have one daughter, Elizabeth, who celebrates her 21st birthday this year.

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Composed by ALBERT M. TYLER. Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.
* 100th peal. † First peal on ten bells. ‡ First of Caters.
Arranged and rung in honour of the wedding at Chepstow on this day of Jacqueline S. Evans and David J. King.

BEDFORD.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., June 10, 1957, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in D.

*KEITH WAKEFIELD	*Treble*	JOHN W. V. SINFIELD	6
BRYAN PATTISON	2	ROBERT L. PIRON	7
*ANNE E. AMOR	3	ROGER A. LENNARD	8
*JENNIFER M. DAVIES	4	JOHN B. LONG	9
PHILIP WALKER	5	KENNETH G. SPAVINS	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM J. MORRIS. Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.
* First peal on ten bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

SWANSCOMBE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 18, 1957, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

TERENCE BARTON	*Treble*	CYRIL S. JARRETT	5
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS	2	RALPH BIRD	6
GEORGE J. BUTCHER	3	*ERNEST J. ROWE	7
ROBERT COLLINS	4	BRIAN BLADON	*Tenor*

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.
* First peal of Surprise Major.

SOUTHLEIGH, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Tues., May 28, 1957, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

*STEPHEN J. IVIN	*Treble*	*D. ROY STODDARD	5
DAPHNE R. CASTELL	2	*ROBIN N. PITTMAN	6
*DERMOT J. ROAF	3	DONALD H. NIBLETT	7
PETER R. SANDERS	4	ROBIN A. HODGSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBIN A. HODGSON.
* First peal in the method. First peal as conductor.
Rung to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the dedication of these bells.

HINGHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., May 29, 1957, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 PASTON BOB TRIPLES
A variation of Annable's Six-part. Tenor 16¼ cwt. in F.

EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	*Treble*	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	5
NOLAN GOLDEN	2	J. FREDERICK MILNER	6
GEORGE SAYER	3	BERT GOGLE	7
JOHN S. BARNES	4	ALLAN C. HAINES	*Tenor*

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
The first peal in the method, No. 15, 'R.W.', August 17th, 1956, page 524.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., May 31, 1957, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
A variation of J. A. Trollope's Six-part (C.C. No. 9, p. 148) with 2nd at home at 4th and 8th courses of each part. Tenor 9 cwt. 47 lb. in G.

*HAROLD BLAKE	*Treble*	A. SPENSER BROTHERS	5
ARTHUR G. BASON	2	GEORGE SAYER	6
CHARLES H. MOORE	3	NOLAN GOLDEN	7
RAYMOND G. LOFTY	4	CLIFFORD BIRD	*Tenor*

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal of Major.

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Leeds and District Society.)
On Sat., June 1, 1957, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH, UPPER ARMLEY,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

ERNEST H. SIMPSON	*Treble*	THOMAS W. STRANGEWAY	5
JACK F. HODSON	2	WILLIAM DIXON	6
FRED BENNETT	3	IRVIN SLACK	7
FRANK RAYMENT	4	LEONARD DRAKE	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by THOMAS W. STRANGEWAY.
Specially arranged and rung in honour of the election of Ald. Joseph Hiley as Lord Mayor of the City of Leeds.

STOKE-BY-NAYLAND, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., June 1, 1957, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5056 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 12 lb. in D.

CHARLES E. FISHER	*Treble*	GILBERT R. GOODSHIP	5
URBAN W. WILDNEY	2	KENNETH G. BROWN	6
ROBERT E. LESTER	3	RONALD W. STEWARD	7
HARRY D. LISTER	4	WILLIAM J. BUTTON	*Tenor*

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.
First peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major on the bells.

HUGGLESCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., June 3, 1957, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

BRIAN S CHAPMAN	*Treble*	CYRIL A. WRATTEN	5
ERNEST MORRIS	2	ERNEST J. JELLEY	6
JOSEPH W. COTTON	3	ALAN CARVETH	7
JOHN A. ACRES	4	ROLAND BENISTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., June 3, 1957, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in G.

FREDERICK R. SCOTT	*Treble*	ERNEST E. GOSLING	5
ALAN J. FROST	2	GEORGE COUSSINS	6
GEORGE E. RUCK	3	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM	7
JANET L. ADAMSON	4	ALAN E. HARTLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by ALAN E. HARTLEY.
First peal as conductor.
Rung to celebrate the 21st birthday of the conductor.

BARTON-ON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., June 4, 1957, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5184 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

RONALD CHAFER	*Treble*	ARTHUR CROWDER	5
JACK BRAY	2	MICHAEL CROWDER	6
HARRY HALL	3	SEPTIMUS NEAVE	7
ARTHUR W. HOODLESS	4	GEORGE W. MOODY	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by JACK BRAY.
In memoriam A. H. Eastor, for many years a ringer and churchwarden of this parish.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., June 4, 1957, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5024 CORNWALL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb.

ROY D. TOMLIN	*Treble*	IAN H. ORAM	5
THOMAS J. LOCK	2	JOHN L. MORRIS	6
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS	3	BRIAN BLADON	7
RALPH BIRD	4	PHILIP A. CORBY	*Tenor*

Composed by R. F. B. SPEED. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.
The first peal in the method for the Association, on the bells, and by all the band except the ringer of the second.

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., June 4, 1957, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, MANCROFT,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
On the 'Gabriel' 8. Tenor 19 cwt. 55 lb. in F.

H. WILLIAM BARRETT	*Treble*	NOLAN GOLDEN	5
GEORGE SAYER	2	CYRIL A. WRATTEN	6
F. CHARLES GOODMAN	3	*ALAN CARVETH	7
ARTHUR G. BASON	4	BERT GOGLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal in the method.

LODDON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., June 5, 1957, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

GEORGE SAYER	*Treble*	CYRIL A. WRATTEN	5
ARTHUR G. BASON	2	JOHN S. BARNES	6
STANLEY W. COPLING	3	BERT GOGLE	7
H. WILLIAM BARRETT	4	ALAN CARVETH	*Tenor*

Composed by D. W. BEARD. Conducted by CYRIL A. WRATTEN.
Composition now rung for the first time.

MORPETH, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., June 5, 1957, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE WATCH TOWER,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Holt's Original. Tenor 10 cwt. 26 lb. in G.

NICHOLAS I. WRIGHT	*Treble*	GEORGE S. DEAS	5
*DENIS A. BAYLES	2	EDMUND P. CROWDY	6
PETER M. GILES	3	J. ALAN AINSWORTH	7
*ERIC N. HARRISON	4	KENNETH ARTHUR	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.
* 50th peal together.
In memoriam Canon H. S. Stephenson, M.A., president of this Association, 1950–1953.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., June 6, 1957, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in D.

*JOHN HALLIWELL	*Treble*	ROGER LEIGH	5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	2	JAMES BLACKBURN	6
BRIAN A. TOMLINSON	3	CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE	7
PHILIP DUNDERDALE	4	SYDNEY LEATHERBARROW	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.
* First peal of Double Norwich Court Bob. First peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major to be rung in the tower.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., June 6, 1957, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5152 RUISLIP SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

ERNEST H. KILBY	*Treble*	STANLEY E. DARMON	5
THOMAS J. LOCK	2	DENNIS KNOX	6
ALICK CUTLER	3	ALFRED J. HOUSE	7
JEAN A. DARMON	4	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
The first peal in the method (Corrigan: No. 270).
Rung to celebrate the diamond jubilee of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.

CAYTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., June 7, 1957, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VINCENT,
A PEAL OF 5120 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in E.

LESLIE SQUIRES	*Treble*	WILLIAM R. PARKER	5
GEORGE W. CREASEY	2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	6
JOHN WALDEN	3	JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM	7
LOUIS WILLDERS	4	GEOFFREY R. PARKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

ERITH, KENT.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Fri., June 7, 1957, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE J. BUTCHER	*Treble*	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	5
ARTHUR G. MASON	2	*ERIC NAYLOR	6
IAN H. ORAM	3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM	7
JOHN L. MORRIS	4	PHILIP MEHEW	*Tenor*

Composed by J. L. MORRIS. Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.
* First peal in the method. The conductor's 50th peal of Bristol.

CHESHUNT, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 8, 1957, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

BRUCE E. V. McKIE	*Treble*	†WILLIAM D. FOOTE	5
*WALTER J. NEWNHAM	2	ALFRED J. HOUSE	6
ARTHUR J. BULL	3	*ERNEST T. NEWNHAM	7
ARTHUR RADLEY	4	LIONEL S. WOODS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by LIONEL S. WOODS.
* First peal of Major. † First peal.
Rung as a compliment to the ringer of the second on his 80th birthday.

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DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., June 8, 1957, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21¼ cwt.

PATRICK W. SALTMARSH	*Treble*	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE	5
ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON	2	CYRIL A. WRATTEN	6
PETER J. CAME	3	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS	7
JOE E. G. ROAST	4	ALAN CARVETH	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.
Believed to be the 300th peal on the bells.
Rung for the wedding at Chepstow this same day of David J. King and Jacqueline S. Evans.

MOUNTSORREL, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 8, 1957, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 27 lb. in G sharp.

B. STEDMAN PAYNE	*Treble*	J. GEOFFREY GEARY	5
JEAN A. KIRKMAN	2	GEOFFREY M. BREWIN	6
ERNEST F. PAYNE	3	ROGER A. BREWIN	7
ERNEST MORRIS	4	ROYSTON WILMORE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.
B. Stedman Payne has now 'circled the tower.'

CAMBRIDGE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., June 10, 1957, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,
AT THE R.C. CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND THE ENGLISH MARTYRS,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 32 cwt. in D.

HUGH NEILL	*Treble*	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN	5
RUTH M. JACKSON	2	JOHN G. GIPSON	6
J. DESMOND PAINTER	3	CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON	7
A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by J. WASHBROOK. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
The first peal in the method on the bells.

MORECAMBE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Whit Monday, June 10, 1957, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM GERRARD	*Treble*	ROLAND F. ECCLES	5
HERBERT RAINFORD	2	LAWRENCE D. CLEMENT	6
DOROTHY ECCLES	3	JAMES E. BURLES	7
WILFRED BOLTON	4	ALAN CAPSTICK	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by JAMES E. BURLES.
This composition by Ernest Morris appeared in 'The Ringing World' of May 17th, 1957.
A wedding compliment to Mr. Frederick Schofield, a ringer at this tower, who was married on the previous Saturday to Miss Edith Taylor.

SIX BELL PEALS

SWEPSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., May 14, 1957, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 22 extents of Plain Bob, 12 extents of Grandsire and eight extents of Reverse Canterbury. Tenor 10 cwt.

GEORGE HOWLETT	*Treble*	JOHN HAWTIN	4
*C. WILFRED LORD	2	JOHN A. UNDERWOOD	5
*JAMES A. LORD	3	REGINALD UPTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN A. UNDERWOOD.
* First peal in three methods.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., May 31, 1957, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN MINOR
Being one extent each of Double Court, Childwall, St. Clement's, Thelwall, Double Oxford, Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

GEOFFREY F. GARNETT	*Treble*	NORMAN SMITH	4
JOHN B. PICKUP	2	CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE	5
PHILIP DUNDERDALE	3	ROGER LEIGH	*Tenor*

Conducted by CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE.
First peal in seven plain methods by all the band.

DISLEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 1, 1957, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 8¾ cwt.

*MERITA V. BRADDOCK	*Treble*	†FRANK OSBALDISTON	4
ROBERT B. SMITH	2	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	5
†WILLIAM H. DOWSE	3	ALAN MCFALL	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN MCFALL.
* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Plain Bob Minor. First peal in the method as conductor.
Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 1, 1957, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Single Court and Single Oxford and three of Plain Bob Minor. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in A.

HENRY P. COLLIN	*Treble*	PERCY D. BALDOCK	4
RONALD RUSSELL	2	D. HENRY METTAM	5
WALTER WESTON	3	JAMES H. MUSSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.
A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Daphne M. Weston.

BURNLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., June 2, 1957, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 extents (five callings). Tenor 10 cwt.

MARY J. SMITH	*Treble*	*NORMAN SMITH	4
DAVID GILBERT	2	KENNETH LAWSON	5
GEORGE ATKINSON	3	PAMELA BLAKELEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by NORMAN SMITH.
* First peal of Grandsire Doubles.
Rung during the annual procession of witness, and to mark the fourth anniversary of the coronation of the Queen.

BECKLEY, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., June 4, 1957, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt.

JOAN GARNETT	*Treble*	STANLEY G. PONTING	4
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT	2	CHARLES A. BASSETT	5
WILLIAM BUTTON	3	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE.

COLEORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., June 4, 1957, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being eight extents Reverse Canterbury, eight extents April Day, six extents Grandsire and 20 extents Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

*JOHN COLLEDGE	*Treble*	†C. WILFRED LORD	4
†JAMES A. LORD	2	JOHN A. UNDERWOOD	5
†REGINALD UPTON	3	GEORGE HOWLETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN A. UNDERWOOD.
* First peal. † First peal in four methods.

SAXMUNDHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Thurs., June 6, 1957, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being 720 each of Double Court, Plain Bob, Oxford Bob, Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in G.

C. JACK GIBSON	*Treble*	JOHN W. BLYTHE	4
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	2	PETER S. BEDFORD	5
RAYMOND PECK	3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by H. WILLIAM BARRETT.

BELCHAMP ST. PAUL, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., June 7, 1957, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being extents of (1) Childwall and Thelwall, (2) St. Clement's and Double Oxford, (3) Kent and Oxford T.B., (4) Norwich Surprise, (5) Cambridge Surprise, (6) Double Court, (7) Plain. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

PETER MAYLE	*Treble*	SAMUEL J. TWITCHETT ..	4
MARIAN H. MILLS	2	THOMAS BIRD	5
ROSEMARY J. SEABROOK ..	3	URBAN W. WILDNEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.

First peal in ten methods by all except the conductor. First peal in ten methods as conductor. Thomas Bird has now 'circled the tower.'

COITY, NEAR BRIDGEND, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 8, 1957, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 1,440 Plain Bob, 3,600 Grandsire. Tenor 11 cwt.

ELLIS C. TURNER	*Treble*	THOMAS E. HIDDINS	4
JOHN HALE	2	WILLIAM T. PETTY	5
D. WALFORD DAVIES ..	3	HAROLD PREECE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM T. PETTY.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Jacqueline S. Evans and Mr. David J. King, of Chepstow.

MEDBOURNE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 8, 1957, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Double Court, Single Court, Single Oxford and Bob Minor. Tenor 9 cwt.

RONALD RUSSELL	*Treble*	G. LEONARD THOMPSON ..	4
PERCY D. BALDOCK	2	LOUIS WILLDERS	5
AMOS INGALL	3	JAMES H. MUSSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

First peal in seven methods on the bells.

A birthday compliment to Mr. Ronald Russell. A 42nd wedding anniversary peal for Mr. and Mrs. A. Ingall, of Branston, Lincs. A wedding peal for Geoffrey H. Russell (son of the treble ringer) and Miss Janet Anderson.

UPCHURCH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 8, 1957, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 120's (ten callings). Tenor 12¼ cwt. in G sharp.

EMILY B. P. WALKER ..	*Treble*	TERENCE BARTON	4
FRANCES J. CHEAL	2	*CHARLES E. J. NORRIS ..	5
WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT ..	3	†DEREK A. BALDOCK ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.

* First peal of Grandsire Doubles. † First peal.

Rung on the 22nd anniversary of the conductor's first peal.

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 8, 1957, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being extents of (1) Kent and Oxford T.B., (2) Oxford Bob, (3) Double Oxford, (4) Cambridge Surprise, (5) Double Court, (6) St. Clement's, (7) Plain. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

HEATHER G. STEWART ..	*Treble*	A. EDWARD LEGGETT ..	4
*MARIAN H. MILLS	2	LESLIE D. MILLS	5
DONALD L. MILLS	3	URBAN W. WILDNEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.

* 25th peal. First in eight methods by all except 5 and 6.

BROUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Preston Branch.)
On Mon., June 10, 1957, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

THOMAS BARKER	*Treble*	JAMES BLACKBURN	4
*JAMES HODGSON	2	JOHN JOLLEYS	5
*NEIL KITCHEN	3	CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE.

* First peal 'inside.'

ROTHLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., June 10, 1957, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY-THE-VIRGIN AND JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in F sharp.

JEAN A. KIRKMAN	*Treble*	†ERNEST MORRIS	4
ERNEST F. PAYNE	2	*GEOFFREY M. BREWIN ..	5
*MARY C. PAYNE	3	*†B. STEDMAN PAYNE ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal of Kent Minor. † 50th peal together. First peal of Kent on the bells. The second ringer has now 'circled the tower.'

A 71st wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. George Felstead, of Rothley.

STUTTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., June 10, 1957, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's called differently. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

ALAN R. ANDREWS	*Treble*	FELIX H. ERITH	4
*PHILIP G. ERITH	2	FREDK. R. DAY	5
ROY DUESBURY	3	GEORGE W. ORMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROY DUESBURY.

* First peal 'inside.'

HANDBELL PEALS

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Sun., May 26, 1957, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CLARENDON LABORATORY,
A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor size 15 in C.

*†ROBIN A. HODGSON ..	1—2	*WILLIAM H. JACKSON ..	5—6
JOHN E. SPICE	3—4	*DONALD H. NIBLETT ..	7—8
		*‡STEPHEN J. IVIN	9—10

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by DONALD H. NIBLETT.

* First peal on ten handbells. † 50th peal. ‡ First peal of Grandsire Caters. First peal of Caters as conductor.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., May 31, 1957, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT 37, GRETTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

*BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE ..	1—2	*WILLIAM A. SMITH	5—6
WILFRED L. ROBINSON ..	3—4	*ALEX RICHARDSON	7—8

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by WILFRED L. ROBINSON.

* First peal on handbells.

LONDON.
ST. LUKE'S, CHELSEA, SOCIETY.
On Wed., June 5, 1957, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT 63, WOODLAWN ROAD, S.W.,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

*VERONICA E. DUPRE ..	1—2	J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ..	5—6
*FREDERICK HOWSON ..	3—4	CECIL H. WOOD	7—8

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by CECIL H. WOOD.
Witness: JOHN H. LOTT.

* First peal on handbells. First peal as conductor.

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Hinckley District.)
On Wed., June 5, 1957, in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT 128, LEICESTER ROAD.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Washbrook's. Tenor size 15 in C.

*JOHN VERNON	1—2	ALFRED BALLARD	5—6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ..	3—4	†MICHAEL VERNON	7—8

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal of Stedman 'in hand.' † First peal of Stedman Triples 'in hand.'

BARKING, ESSEX.—On May 19th, 1,264 Bob Major: D. G. Mitchell 1, A. W. Beard 2, Miss C. M. Ford 3, S. T. Ford 4, I. Goulter 5, D. W. Beard (cond.) 6, S. J. Holgate 7, E. G. Cottis 8. For Evensong.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Bob Minor: R. E. Lester (cond.) 1, Miss A. Lester (18) 2, P. R. J. Lester (13) 3, W. Girling (15) 4, L. N. Melton (15) 5, T. N. J. Bailey (15) 6. For Evensong.

BARKINGSIDE, ESSEX.—On June 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. M. M. Osborne 1, L. Prior (first quarter) 2, Mrs. S. Bullock 3, L. Bullock 4, J. Bullock (cond.) 5, S. Nelson (first quarter) 6. Rung prior to the wedding as a compliment to John Barrance and Barbara Joy Osborne.

BELPER, DERBYS.—On May 28th, 1,440 Bob Minor: C. Walklate 1, J. G. Dark (first quarter) 2, E. H. Johnson 3, K. Ballington 4, D. P. Jones 5, W. A. Morley (first as cond.) 6. For Confirmation service.

BEXLEY, KENT.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Minor (720 Double Oxford, 540 Plain Bob): Miss M. Ward 1, Miss J. Cox 2, Miss M. Andrews 3, Miss D. M. Ward 4, J. L. Morris (cond.) 5, D. Beresford 6.

BIDDENHAM, BEDS.—On June 10th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: K. Wakefield 1, Anne Amor 2, Phyllis Gray 3, P. Newing 4, B. Grainger 5, B. Pattison (cond.) 6. Rung for the birthday of H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh.

BROMYARD, HEREFORDS.—On May 31st, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob, 540 Bob): G. Wall 1, R. Price 2, A. F. Wall 3, D. R. Hinksman 4, C. J. Wall 5, T. Cooper (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Thomas Bridgewater, a ringer at this church.

BUGBROOKE, NORTHANTS.—On Ascension Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Clayton 1, E. Garrett 2, K. Pearson 3, C. Lovell 4, K. Rogers (cond.) 5. First quarter 1 and 3. For Evensong.

BURES, SUFFOLK.—On June 9th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: C. Bower 1, Mrs. L. Mills 2, Miss S. Hughes 3, Miss J. Spurgin 4, D. L. Mills (cond.) 5, A. W. Cansdale 6, L. D. Mills 7, E. C. Hynard 8. For Whit Sunday.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.—On June 2nd, at the Church of St. Mary, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. P. Rollison 1, L. J. Baldock 2, F. Lee 3, J. W. Rollison 4, H. G. F. Reynolds 5, W. J. Hayes 6, R. W. Pankhurst (cond.) 7, E. T. Baldock 8. Rung before Evensong by the Sunday service band as a welcome to the Rev. W. W. S. March, inducted Vicar of Eastbourne on the previous Thursday.

EASTON MAUDIT, NORTHANTS.—On May 21st, 1,260 Doubles (420 each of All Saints, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Grandsire): H. Wooding 1, Miss C. Coleman 2, R. Line (cond.) 3, E. Smart 4, N. Line 5. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss J. Penn.

EBBW VALE, MON.—On June 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Evans 1, Miss A. Evans 2, R. Stephens 3, J. Alsop (cond.) 4, Mrs. D. Bruten 5, T. Stephens 6, D. Bruten 7, J. Jeynes (79) 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. Glyn Williams.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On May 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Clarke (first quarter) 1, K. Small 2, F. Hurrell 3, J. Sims 4, C. Philpott 5, B. Aldridge (cond.) 6, J. Hurrell 7, R. Clarke 8. For Ascension Day.

EPSOM, SURREY.—At Christ Church, on Whit Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: I. Waterman 1, W. Parrott 2, F. Oakshott (cond.) 3, W. Robinson 4, N. D. J. Webb 5, Cherie Payne 6, G. A. Howells 7, G. A. Cockman 8. For Evensong.

FINCHLEY, MIDDLX.—On June 2nd, 1,264 Bob Major: A. Richardson 1, Miss B. Marsh (first quarter) 2, A. Warren 3, J. Goodall 4, A. Goodall 5, M. Carter 6, B. Willis (cond.) 7, L. Tubb 8. For Evensong.

FORNHAM ST. MARTIN, SUFFOLK.—On May 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: H. Ivings 1, A. Fever 2, H. Mitson (first on five) 3, L. N. Melton (cond.) 4, D. H. Rooke 5. Rung after meeting short for a peal of Minor.

GUILSBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—On June 3rd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: E. M. Thresher 1, J. Duckett 2, N. Craddock 3, S. Brown 4, R. Seaton 5, E. G. Orland (cond.) 6. First of Minor for 1, 2 and 3. Rung for the wedding of Mr. Leslie G. Townsend and Miss Ann Austin.

QUARTER PEALS

HAILSHAM, SUSSEX.—On May 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Zandra Pyne (first quarter) 1, Mrs. Hunnisett 2, A. Goldsmith 3, A. N. Robinson 4, E. E. Breed (cond.) 5, C. Booth 6.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.—On May 26th, 1,264 Bob Major: V. Tipton 1, F. Whitby 2, J. Collins (first quarter Major) 3, E. Larter 4, W. Wheeler 5, J. Aley 6, E. Rochester 7, S. Clark (cond.) 8. Rung on the occasion of the baptism of Julia Ruth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Collins.

HASTINGS, SUSSEX.—At All Saints' Church, on Whit Sunday, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: K. E. Hirst 1, Mrs. G. Levett 2, Mrs. I. Roberts 3, S. F. Buckland 4, P. H. Avey 5, R. G. Roberts 6, C. A. Levett (cond.) 7, W. Levett 8. First in the method for all except 7 and 8. For Evensong.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Bob Minor: A. T. Howes 1, Miss D. Robinson 2, C. J. Young 3, J. R. G. Spicer 4, F. R. Nicholls 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For morning service.

HIGHAM, SUFFOLK.—On June 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss B. Matthews (first quarter) 1, F. Erith 2, Miss W. Wheeler (first 'inside') 3, G. W. Barnes 4, W. D. Bailey 5, B. W. Fairhead (cond.) 6.

HORSELL, SURREY.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Dr. I. C. Mitchell (first quarter) 1, Miss P. Drury 2, Miss D. Gibbons 3, E. Warner 4, G. Oliver (cond.) 5, W. Saunders 6.

HUNTINGDON.—At All Saints' Church, on June 2nd, 1,250 Bob Minor: A. T. Howes 1, Miss B. Spicer 2, C. J. Young 3, Miss D. Robinson 4, J. R. G. Spicer 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For morning service.

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, BEDS.—On May 31st, 1,260 Bob Minor (with 7, 8 covering): B. Stapleton 1, Angela Grainger 2, R. R. Churchill 3, I. N. Pett 4, B. Grainger (first as cond.) 5, P. Newing 6, Ann Fisher (first quarter) 7, D. C. Hall 8. For the Feast of the Ascension.

IXWORTH, SUFFOLK.—On May 26th, 1,320 Bob Minor: D. Rooken 1, H. Ivings (first 'inside') 2, L. Pierce 3, H. King 4, L. Sharpe 5, K. G. Brown (cond.) 6.

LEIGHTON BROMSWOLD, HUNTS.—On May 4th, 1,260 Doubles (360 St. Simon's, 480 Bob and 420 Grandsire): W. J. Colson (first quarter away from tenor) 1, B. S. Cope (cond.) 2, R. Chapman 3, H. Richardson 4, W. J. Whitmore 5.

LINCOLN.—At the Cathedral, on Whit Sunday, 1,321 Stedman Cinques: R. F. Smith 1, J. Walden 2, J. L. Millhouse (cond.) 3, M. Parkinson 4, H. L. Pask 5, S. A. Chambers 6, W. Tomlinson 7, G. H. Randles 8, C. E. Brown 9, G. R. Parker 10, J. Freeman 11, G. Paul 12. For morning service.

LONDON.—At St. Giles-in-the-Fields, on May 26th, 1,264 Bob Major: Miss F. Brown 1, W. Wilson 2, Miss E. Wooldridge (first of Major 'inside') 3, Miss S. Sherwood 4, A. Lewry 5, F. C. Shorter 6, G. A. Parsons 7, J. W. Euston (cond.) 8. For the annual civic service.

LONGBRIDGE DEVERILL, WILTS.—On June 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): A. Maddock (first quarter) 1, Miss C. Jones 2, Mrs. R. Jones 3, J. A. White 4, W. A. Avery (cond.) 5, B. Fear 6, T. Naish (first quarter) 7, H. Trollope 8. A christening compliment to Esther Maddock and a 27th wedding anniversary compliment to the conductor.

MARKET DRAYTON, SALOP.—On May 29th, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: E. Roberts (first in method) 1, H. White (first in method) 2, W. H. Tyler 3, R. Hazeldine 4, T. Price 5, B. Madely 6, R. Elkington 7, F. Price (first in method as cond.) 8. Rung by the Sunday service band for Ascensiontide.

NORTON SUBCOURSE, NORFOLK.—On Whit Sunday, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. W. Forder 1, M. J. Stokes (first of Minor) 2, G. G. Walpole 3, S. W. Copling 4, T. N. J. Bailey 5, E. A. Long (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

OTTERSHAW, SURREY.—On June 9th, 1,259 Grandsire Doubles: Hazel Pugh (first quarter) 1, R. Monk 2, N. Carter 3, B. Stirland 4, D. Wright (cond.) 5, Hazel Hancock 6. For the festival of Whitsun.

SCOTHERN, LINCS.—On June 8th, 1,320 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. Hutchinson 1, H. A. Burton 2, G. A. Dixon (cond.) 3, C. H. Jeffrey 4, A. A. Clarke 5, H. Bartlett 6. A compliment to Colin V. Cade (a local ringer) and Elizabeth Margaret Toyne, who were married earlier in the day at St. James' Church, Spilsby.

SHREWSBURY, SALOP.—On May 22nd, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (on the back six): R. F. Davies 5, R. Bywater (first quarter 6, J. Colley 7, B. Nicholls 8, A. E. G. Owen (cond.) 9, M. Jones (first quarter) 10. A birthday compliment to the conductor and four ringing friends.

SOUTHGATE, N.—At Christ Church, on June 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): A. Kemp (first quarter) 1, Ann Aldridge 2, Pam Miller 3, C. Aldridge (cond.) 4, M. Stanyon (first 'inside') 5, R. Motton 6, S. G. Peck 7, J. Wallman 8. Also on Whit Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mary Piper 1, Ann Aldridge 2, Pam Miller (first of Triples) 3, J. Wallman (cond.) 4, M. Stanyon (first of Triples 'inside') 5, S. G. Peck 6, C. Aldridge 7, J. Perrett 8.

STEVENAGE, HERTS.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Swain 1, D. Gullick (cond.) 2, H. Wittering 3, A. Harris (first in method) 4, W. Houghton 5, W. Lawrence 6, W. Brown 7, R. Luxon 8. For Evensong.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (6, 7, 8 covering): J. Shipley 1, Katharine Burchnall 2, B. Haugh 3, Grace Burchnall (cond.) 4, M. Gartside 5, R. Mumford 6, Lavina Hulford (first quarter) 7, J. Wilson 8. For the Whitsun festival.

THETFORD, NORFOLK.—On May 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Peck 1, W. Bowers 2, Miss D. M. Reeves 3, N. Watson 4, H. Fuller 5, J. Paul (cond.) 6. Rung to welcome the new Mayor (Mr. Harry Johnson).

THORLEY, HERTS.—On June 8th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. Foreman 1, Mrs. H. W. Moore 2, P. Warboys (cond.) 3, H. W. Moore 4, C. Warboys 5, T. Camp 6.

TOTTERNHOE, BEDS.—On Whit Sunday, 1,4440 Minor (720 Double Oxford, 720 St. Clement's Bob): Mrs. J. Newman 1, J. G. Newman 2, D. J. Broyd 3, R. J. Scott 4, F. Cook 5, J. W. Sinfield (cond.) 6. For evening service.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, SOMERSET.—On May 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. R. Young 1, T. P. Edwards 2, J. R. Hobbs 3, R. O. Fry (cond.) 4, L. R. G. Taylor 5, A. F. Lee 6, S. S. Woodburn 7, R. S. N. Brown 8. Rung half-muffled to the memory of Prebendary Walter N. Higgins, buried at Wells Cathedral on this day, and who had assisted his son, the Rev. John Higgins, Vicar of Twerton, with the duties in the parish since his retirement.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—At the Church of St. Mary, on June 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. J. Chapman (cond.) 1, F. Sykes (first 'inside') 2, H. Rumens 3, B. Downes 4, R. Lumsden 5, F. C. Maynard 6, A. J. N. Boyack 7, F. C. Taylor 8. For Evensong.

WANDSWORTH, SURREY.—At Holy Trinity Church, on June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss F. Brown 1, W. Wilson 2, J. Rea 3, J. Cook 4, M. Williamson 5, G. Parsons 6, J. Euston (cond.) 7, E. Talbot 8. For morning service.

WENDOVER, BUCKS.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Andrews 1, Monica Barrett 2, A. Fortin (first quarter) 3, W. Lee 4, D. Wheeler (cond.) 5, N. Raisey 6. For Holy Communion. Also 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Fortin 1, H. C. Jones 2, Monica Barrett 3, W. Faithful (first quarter) 4, W. Lee (cond.) 5, D. Harding 6. For Evensong.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.—On May 19th, 1,260 Double Court: E. S. Ruck 1, Miss R. E. Gower 2, C. T. Hillis 3, M. S. Lancefield (cond.) 4, L. C. Smith 5, O. Staples 6. Also on May 26th, 1,260 Bob Minor: E. S. Ruck 1, Miss P. Lowes 2, Miss R. E. Gower 3, M. S. Lancefield 4, C. T. Hillis (cond.) 5, D. Staples 6.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On June 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Jacobs 1, Anne Garnett 2, A. Bishop 3, Susan Jacobs 4, A. Bagworth 5, J. Tomsett 6, N. Bagworth (cond.) 7, J. Brickell 8.

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.—On Whit Sunday, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: D. L. Mills (cond.) 1, Miss S. Hughes 2, Mrs. L. Mills 3, A. W. Cansdale 4, A. E. Leggett 5, L. D. Mills 6.

KEMPSTON VISIT SUFFOLK

Kempston, Beds, ringers spent May 11th in Suffolk, ringing at six churches. The first stop was at the American Cemetery near Cambridge, where the beautiful chapel was much admired.

St. Mary's, Newmarket, has a pleasant six, and here several methods, including London Surprise, were rung. The glorious ten at Mildenhall were found easy to handle, and some good ringing was enjoyed.

After lunch at Bury St. Edmunds, the heavy eight at St. Mary's was rung to Cambridge Major, and the angel roof of the church much admired. Justice was not done to the bells of Long Melford, and a stay was broken in the opening rounds. The view from the tall church tower over the Suffolk countryside more than compensated for the climb up the dark staircase.

Tea at Sudbury preceded ringing at St. Gregory's Church, and Stedman Triples was brought round in fine style, the 'go' of the bells leaving nothing to be desired. At Clare the long pull and springy ropes frightened the learners, but when they got used to the bells a good course of Cambridge Surprise Major was rung. Mr. Hutchings ably arranged the outing and it is hoped it will not be too long before Ernie's bus sallies forth again.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

Cotgrave was the venue for the meeting of the Nottingham District, held on June 1st; and members of the Melton District of the Leicester Guild were welcomed when they called as part of their outing. Many Minor methods were rung, and some touches really did justice to this lovely-toned ring of six.

The Vicar welcomed the visitors and joined them at tea, provided by the local ringers.

THE LADIES' GUILD

West Midland District

Carnival day and brilliant sunshine welcomed the ladies of the West Midlands and their visitors to the summer meeting at Solihull.

We were very pleased to welcome Mrs. Lock to the District and to discover her talent as a pianist, when she came to the rescue during the service, which was conducted by the curate (Rev. John S. Wilkins), who afterwards showed us the many hidden points of interest in the church.

The fine ten were put to good use throughout the meeting, ringing ranging from rounds and the usual methods to Cambridge Royal—half a course by the ladies and a course by the gentlemen, whose helpful presence contributed, as always, towards the success of the meeting.

A BARKINGSIDE WEDDING

Master of St. George's, Barkingside, Mr. John Barrance, was married to Miss Barbara Joy Osborne, at St. George's Church on June 8th, the Vicar (Canon A. C. Comer-Stone) officiating.

The bride wore a white brocaded gown and carried a bouquet of red roses and lilies-of-the-valley. She was attended by her sister, wearing a turquoise dress.

Previous to the service a quarter peal was rung, in which two local members scored their first quarter: and as the newly-married couple left the church the bells were rung by friends from Romford and Dagenham and members of the local band. Following the reception, Mr. and Mrs. John Barrance left for their honeymoon in Paris.

HILLINGDON'S OUTING

St. John's, Hillingdon, Guild was joined by friends from Uxbridge, Slough, Old Windsor, Heston and Rickmansworth for their annual outing on May 25th.

Upon arrival at St. Neots, the party were met by the Vicar, who, after greeting them, said: 'I have been told I am going to hear some good ringing today.' The first touch was a well-struck course of Cambridge Major, followed by touches of Treble Bob, Stedman and Double Norwich, and rounds for learners.

After lunch came the good ring of eight at Godmanchester and the sixes at Hemingford Abbots and Hemingford Grey. Local ringers and wives provided tea at Hemingford Grey and boxes of chocolates were handed round to helpers in appreciation of a very nice meal. Finally, at Luton, good touches of Grandsire and Stedman Caters were rung, with the assistance of some local ringers.

Thanks are due to Mr. F. W. Goodfellow (captain of the Guild) for arranging the outing; local ringers are thanked for their kind welcome and clergy for allowing the Guild to ring.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The joint meeting of the St. Albans and Northern Districts, held at Welwyn on May 18th, was poorly attended, and except for a touch of Major, only the back six were rung. A move was made to Knebworth, where the attendance was also poor and the ringing not up to the standard to be expected for a joint meeting. Local ladies had provided tea for 50 but only half that number sat down. A short service was conducted by the new Rector (Rev. D. Howells) and ringing followed until 8.30.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Corby are leaving Melton Mowbray shortly on Mr. Corby's promotion to the headquarters of his firm in London. They are hoping to make their home at Sevenoaks. As former peal secretary of the Kent County Association, Mr. Corby is well known in Kent towers.

The name of the ringer in the peal at Tilney All Saints', Norfolk, on May 17th (see 'R.W.', June 7th) should be R. E. Price and not R. E. Paice.

Ringing has been suspended at Wonersh, Surrey, until further notice, as the third bell is cracked through the sound-bow. It is awaiting the founders' attention.

The summer festival of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild will be held at Green's Norton on September 7th, when the new Bishop of the Diocese (Rt. Rev. R. W. Stopford) will be present.

London University Society held their Whit tour this year in Hampshire. At West Meon they were informed that the inscription on one of the bells was 'A Waker of Ears.' The donor was an eccentric gentleman named Earwaker.

Peals have been rung in South Yorkshire for the wedding at Handsworth of Miss Elizabeth Bate, late secretary of the Yorkshire District, Ladies' Guild, and Mr. Dennis A. Chapman, a past secretary of the Doncaster District Society. Mr. Ronald J. Sanderson was best man. Their future home will be in Canterbury.

While it was not possible to have a full Odd Fellows band for the A.M.C. at Margate, there was a bit of good ringing, writes W. Frank Stenson, thanks to the assistance of Mr. Dadds and Mr. Ted Walker, from Dover. A good hour's ringing was enjoyed at the practice night on Tuesday.

From Essex. — A certain ringer with nearly 50 years' very regular service ringing behind him and no idea of his number of peals or quarters, was listening to a chat about the Central Council being in the area. In all seriousness he asked: 'Are they ringers?'

Mr. E. M. Atkins is the new general secretary of the Devonshire Guild of Ringers in succession to the late Mr. E. J. Taylor.

Mr. W. J. Paice, of Wokingham, rang his 100th peal on June 1st at Shiplake. Of these he conducted 45. His peals have been rung in 39 towers and for eight Associations. Seventy have been for the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

A familiar figure at Oxford Diocesan Guild meetings, the Rev. R. St. George Edwards, who was for 17 years rector of Checkendon, has died, aged 84. The funeral at Finchampstead Church on Saturday was attended by Mr. E. H. Langley and Mr. W. J. Paice, representing the Guild. He maintained his interest in ringing until the last.

Ald. Joseph Hiley, the new Lord Mayor of Leeds, is a regular worshipper at Christ Church, Upper Armley, and to honour the occasion the Leeds and District Society rang a peal of Kent T.B. on the bells of this church on June 1st. Afterwards the band were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lofthouse. Unfortunately, Harry was not well enough to take a rope.

We regret that presidential congratulations were not extended publicly at Chelmsford on Whit Tuesday to Miss Jacqueline S. Evans. Her wedding to Mr. David J. King took place the previous Saturday. The bride has represented the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association since 1954. Has any other C.C. member spent her honeymoon at a Central Council meeting?

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL AT CHELMSFORD

BISHOP AND ESSEX IN RINGING HISTORY — A CENSURE — NEW PRESIDENT ASKS RINGERS TO PUT CHURCH FIRST — PRESENTATIONS TO MR. AND MRS. E. H. LEWIS — NEW HONORARY MEMBERS — LIBRARY SOLD 1,258 PUBLICATIONS — CARTER'S RINGING MACHINE AND LORD MAYOR'S SHOW — CLEMENT GLENN BEQUEST — 'THE RINGING WORLD' PROFIT

A LONG and distinguished chapter in the history of the Central Council came to an end at the Shire Hall, Chelmsford, on Whit Tuesday, when Mr. Edwin H. Lewis, who had been president of the Council since 1930, opened the proceedings of the 23rd session and 60th annual Council meeting.

The affection and esteem of the Council to the retiring president were expressed in the presentation to him and Mrs. Lewis of a radio set and to the retiring president of a rainfall gauge. Mr. Fredk. Sharpe, the new president, took the chair immediately after his appointment.

The proceedings were enlivened by interesting debates on the standard of broadcast ringing and on the introduction of academic titles for ringers. The motion condemning the College of Campanology and the wasting of space in 'The Ringing World' by publishing the Manual of the College was keenly debated and ended with the Council accepting a motion to 'pass on to the next business.' The word 'plain' is to be reintroduced into titles of peals of Bob Maximus, Royal, Major and Minor. Dublin was selected for the next Council meeting.

THE WELCOME

The Council proceedings opened with a welcome from the civic authorities, the Bishop and the Essex County Association. The Mayor presided at the outset, and with him were the Bishop and Provost of Chelmsford and the Master and secretary of the Essex County Association.

The Mayor (Ald. F. Woods), in a welcome to the Council on behalf of Chelmsford, hoped that the deliberations would be successful and agreeable, and that throughout the year they would ring on a very happy note.

The Bishop of Chelmsford said as president of the Essex Association of Change Ringers and Bishop of the Diocese, which was co-terminous with the county of Essex, it gave him great pleasure to welcome the Council. He understood there were 49 diocesan guilds, county associations and other affiliated bodies. They in Essex were very proud of their long history in the ringing world and they looked back with pride to Miles Graye, of Colchester, who had been described as 'the prince of founders,' and they rejoiced in having many fine rings of bells. In Essex they had three 12's—Chelmsford, Saffron Walden and Waltham Abbey, and three 10's—Prittlewell, Walthamstow and West Ham.

WALTHAM ABBEY AND TENNYSON

It was the bells of Waltham Abbey that inspired Tennyson in his 'In Memoriam,' 'Ring out, wild bells.' In the name of the Church he thanked them for the devoted service they rendered. It was a service that at times was unrecognised. In the olden days they had their beer as their reward, as the churchwardens' accounts showed. The Bishop referred to the 4½-gallon ringers' jug at one Essex tower, and the legacy of Thomas Turner for the Great Ringers' Day at Saffron Walden.

What was their reward today? Was it not true that there was a great satisfaction in their ringing, the same that an artist had for painting a picture or a musician for a beautiful piece of music? There was also the joy of knowing that they were giving their service to God and His Church. As head of the family of His Church in this area, he thanked the ringers for their devoted service rendered to His Church Sunday by Sunday.

Mr. R. C. Heazel (Master of the Essex Association), on behalf of the ringers of Essex, also extended a hearty welcome to the Council. One of the rules of the Essex Association was to abide by the rules and decisions of the Council, and what happened at their meetings affected their ringers. He sincerely hoped that their deliberations and decisions that day would prove to be acceptable to all the ringers of the land and that they should have lots of good fellowship.

The president thanked the Essex Association for all they had done to make their day a pleasant one. It was also very nice to go from



MR. FREDERICK SHARPE

place to place to be received by the civic and ecclesiastical authorities. They liked to see that combination of Church and State, both of which they served.

The Provost then opened the proceedings with prayer.

A CENSURE

The president said he had an unpleasant duty to perform. He understood that the previous night a member of the Council rang at Maldon without permission. He thought that ringing in a tower without permission deserved a severe reprimand; he hoped the culprit would consider himself severely reprimanded, and he asked the secretary to write to the Essex Association expressing regret, as their Association might otherwise get the blame for such unmannerly behaviour.

Later in the proceedings the new president said a member of the Council, Mr. Peter Bond, visited Maldon and rang there. He saw the Vicar first, and he was with the ringers while they rang, and after the ringing the Vicar showed them round the church. As far as the band of ringers was concerned, the Vicar was quite agreeable to their ringing.

THE ATTENDANCE

Life Members.—E. H. Lewis, E. A. Barnett, F. Sharpe, G. W. Fletcher, Mrs. G. W. Fletcher.

Honorary Members.—Mrs. E. A. Barnett, F. I. Hairs, A. A. Hughes, D. Hughes, C. K. Lewis, Mrs. C. C. Marshall, W. A. Osborn, C. W. Roberts, E. C. Shepherd, P. L. Taylor, A. Walker.

Ancient Society of College Youths.—S./Ldr. J. S. Mason, A. B. Peck, J. F. Smallwood, W. Williams.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—S. G. Coles, H. J. Sanger, Miss N. G. Williams.

Bedfordshire Association.—S. Foskett, B. F. Sims.

Cambridge University Guild.—B. D. Threlfall.

Chester Diocesan Guild.—W. Allman, A. J. Martin.

Coventry Diocesan Guild.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish

Derbyshire Association.—Mr. W. L. Robinson.

Devon Guild.—Rev. J. G. M. Scott.

Dudley and District Guild.—H. J. Shuck.

Ely Diocesan Association.—J. G. Gipson, F. W. Lack, H. S. Peacock.

Essex Association.—J. H. Crampion, F. B. Lufkin, Miss H. G. Snowden.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—A. L. Barry, T. Boreham, W. B. Kynaston, F. Skidmore.

Guildford Diocesan Guild.—A. C. Hazelden, G. S. Joyce, H. N. Pitstow, W. H. Viggers.

Hereford Diocesan Guild.—G. J. Lewis, W. F. Moreton.

Hertford County Association.—W. Ayre, R. G. Bell, G. W. Critchley, E. Edmondson.

Irish Association.—F. E. Dukes, J. T. Dunwoody, Miss J. Stewart.

Kent County Association.—J. R. Cooper, T. Cullingworth, Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, T. E. Sone.

Ladies' Guild.—Miss D. E. Colgate, Mrs. A. Richardson, Mrs. P. J. Staniforth.

Lancashire Association.—J. Ridyard, Rev. R. D. St. J. Smith.

Leicester Diocesan Guild.—S. Burton, P. A. Corby, A. E. Rowley, P. J. Staniforth.

Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—J. Bray, G. E. Feirn, J. Freeman, J. A. Freeman

Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association.—Mrs. D. J. King, T. M. Roderick.

London County Association.—H. W. Rogers, Mrs. H. W. Rogers, T. H. Taffender, W. G. Wilson.

Middlesex County Association.—F. T. Blagrove, F. W. Goodfellow, T. J. Lock, J. R. Mayne.

Midland Counties Guild.—J. W. Cotton.

National Police Guild.—E. C. Birkett.

New South Wales Association.—P. M. J. Gray.

North Staffordshire Association.—R. S. Anderson.

Norwich Diocesan Association.—H. W. Barrett, N. V. Harding, Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow.

Oxford Diocesan Guild.—A. D. Barker, Mrs. A. D. Barker, W. Butler, A. E. Lock.

Oxford Society.—F. A. H. Wilkins.

Oxford University Society.—Dr. D. H. Niblett.

Peterborough Diocesan Guild.—P. I. Chapman, G. W. Jeffs, E. Nobles, E. G. Orland.

St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—G. E. Fearn, F. E. Haynes.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—J. I. P. Davis, G. H. Harding, G. S. Morris, W. C. West.

CENTRAL COUNCIL—Cont.

Sheffield and District Society.—N. Chaddock.
Shropshire Association.—F. H. Bennett.
Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.—P. N. Bond, J. L. Morris, F. E. Hawthorne.
Southwell Diocesan Guild.—B. M. Buswell, J. D. Clarke, J. Segar.
Stafford Archdeaconry Society.—B. G. Key, G. Hughes.
Suffolk Guild.—L. G. Brett, K. G. Brown, C. W. Pipe.
Surrey Association.—A. P. Cannon, F. E. Collins, W. F. Oatway.
Sussex County Association.—R. G. Blackman, F. H. Dallaway, R. Overy, H. Stalham.
Truro Diocesan Guild.—D. Burnett, W. C. Boucher, Rev. A. S. Roberts, H Miles.
Universities Association.—Miss M. R. Cross.
University of London Society.—D. N. Layton.
Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.—Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, C. H. Kippin, G. Pullinger.
Worcestershire and Districts Association.—B. C. Ashford, D. Beacham, W. B. Cartwright.
Yorkshire Association.—W. E. Critchley, L. W. G. Morris.

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Messrs. F. Ansley, C. A. Bassett, P. A. F. Chalk, J. W. Clarke, P. Crook, G. H. Cross, F. Dunkerley, J. T. Dyke, J. P. Fidler, N. Golden, J. E. Hobbs, C. H. Hawkins, P. J. Johnson, G. I. Lewis, J. E. Lilley, D. Millward, R. Meadows, T. G. Myers, G. E. Oliver, W. N. Park, J. W. Perrens, A. J. Pitman, F. W. Rogers, Miss M. G. Snowdon, Mrs. P. J. Steeples, Messrs. A. Walker, J. J. Webb and R. St. C. Wilson.

NEW MEMBERS

The following new members were received by the president: Messrs. J. S. Mason and Wilfrid Williams (Ancient Society of College Youths), D. Niblett (Oxford University Society), J. G. Gipson (Ely Diocesan Association), John L. Morris (Society of Royal Cumberland Youths), David Beacham (Worcestershire and Districts Association), J. P. Davis and G. S. Morris (Salisbury Diocesan Guild), Walter Allman and Alexander J. Martin (Chester Diocesan Guild), Ernest Orland (Peterborough Diocesan Guild), L. G. Brett and K. G. Brown (Suffolk Guild), J. R. Mayne and F. T. Blagrove (Middlesex Association), Wm. Butler (Oxford Diocesan Guild), Rev. A. S. Roberts and W. Boucher (Truro Diocesan Guild), F. H. Bennett (Shropshire Association), G. W. Critchley (Hertford County Association), E. C. Birkett (National Police Guild), G. W. Hughes (Archdeaconry of Stafford), R. Overy (Sussex County Association) and A. P. Cannon (Surrey Association).

STRENGTH OF COUNCIL

The secretary reported that there were 56 Associations now affiliated to the Council, with 154 members. There were also 24 honorary members and six life members, making a total of 184. There were two vacancies among representative members and seven among honorary members. All subscriptions had been paid except from the North Wales Association.

THE NEW PRESIDENT

The president announced that there was only one nomination for the office of president—Mr. Fredk. Sharpe—and he had much pleasure in putting his name to the meeting. [Applause.]

Mr. Sharpe then took the presidential chair and said: 'Thank you very much for the honour you have done me in electing me as your president. I feel I am quite unworthy of such a position, and I know how difficult it is going to be to follow in the steps of one who has with such dignity and statesmanship governed the affairs of this Council as Mr. Lewis has. I speak very humbly because I know that in the room there are many more better than I am. My connection with the art has been on very different lines than most of you. I am a churchwarden of a small country parish in remote rural Oxfordshire, and about 11 miles away we have a second church that contains the oldest datable bell in the country. It was this old bell at Caversfield that led me to study the art. When I was 15 or 16 I formed an association and friendship with that author of a great many books, the late Mr. H. B. Walters. At that time he was getting advanced in years and unable to climb towers. I was young and ready to risk life and limb, and did investigations for him. I am keenly interested in bells, bell hanging and bell tuning.

'In regard to the future, I don't want to have any revolutionary ideas. I would like the art of ringers to be as closely connected with the Church as possible (I speak as a churchwarden), to put the Church first.

'My first duty as president is a very pleasant one. As you know, we have subscribed to make a presentation to our late president, and I am going to call on one of the senior members to make the presentation.'

THE PRESENTATION

Mr. A. A. Hughes said: 'This is one of the most pleasant experiences that I have ever undertaken. I have known Mr. and Mrs. Lewis for a great number of years, and I have certainly known Mr. Lewis for over 50 years. I want to say how deeply we appreciate all he has done for ringing and its advancement. We know of his great work in connection with bell hanging—in working out those extremely difficult problems of forces exerted, and we know of the great work he has done as president of the Council.

'I am now to ask Mr. and Mrs. Lewis, on your behalf, to accept this radio set as a combined gift. There is another gift—a personal gift to Mr. Lewis. He is very keen on measuring rainfall—and his home is in the west of Scotland where he will be able to put this to extraordinarily good use. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis, with our heartfelt thanks for all you have done for us over so many years, will you kindly accept these gifts (a radio set and a rainfall gauge) with our best wishes for a long life.'

Mrs. Jean Bartlett then presented Mrs. Lewis with a bouquet.

Thanking the Council, Mr. Lewis said: 'If during the past years I have been able to serve you in any way, that is my reward, and I feel very happy about it. At the same time, I cannot help thanking you most deeply for the love which is behind these gifts. Almost the greatest pleasure in ringing is the real friendship one is able to receive and the hope to give. I have always looked on Whitsun each year as one of the shining times of the year. On behalf of my wife, who enjoys coming to Council meetings, I thank you most sincerely.'

VICE-PRESIDENT ELECTION *ULTRA VIRES*

The president said that at the Standing Committee meeting the previous night it was felt that the election of vice-president was out of order. He asked Mr. Cartwright to explain the position.

Mr. W. B. Cartwright explained that at the meeting last year the Council accepted a recommendation from the Standing Committee that they should have a vice-president. The rules giving notice of business had not been complied with. In his opinion, the nomination of a vice-president was *ultra vires*. They must alter their rules first and then give notice to elect a vice-president.

This ruling was accepted by the Council.

HON. SECRETARY AND TREASURER

Mr. E. A. Lewis proposed the election of Mr. E. A. Barnett as hon. secretary and treasurer. 'I have had experience of working with him for five years,' he said, 'and I am confident that you cannot do better than re-elect him.'

Mr. A. A. Hughes seconded, and the resolution was carried.

HON. LIBRARIAN

Mr. E. H. Lewis said there was no nomination. The position was not easy to fill. What was required was somebody who had a considerable amount of room to house the library and a good deal of time to devote to the work. Quite a considerable collection of material had been left to the Council which wanted looking through and examining, particularly on the side of composition. They owed a great debt of gratitude to Mrs. Steeples, who had been looking after publications. The proposition was that the president be asked for the coming 12 months to act as hon. librarian. The person he would like to see elected to the position, Mr. Frank Perrens, was in South Africa.

The president: 'I will do my best to hold the office in plurality. I hope a librarian will be found by next year.'

HONORARY MEMBERS

The secretary said the Standing Committee recommended that the retiring honorary members be re-elected, with the exception of Mr. H. M. Howard: that Messrs. R. F. B. Speed, J. Willis and L. Stilwell be added to the list as they were all doing jobs for the Council.

Mr. R. S. Anderson proposed the re-election.

Nominations were invited, and the following were proposed and seconded: Messrs. A. H. Pulling, A. York-Bramble, T. W. White, R. M. Clouston. There was a majority vote against Mr. York-Bramble and Mr. Clouston, and the following were elected honorary members: The Earl of Shaftesbury, Messrs. J. T. Dyke, J. P. Fidler, A. A. Hughes, D. Hughes, Mrs. C. C. Marshall, Messrs. C. W. Roberts, E. C. Shepherd, P. L. Taylor, A. Walker, R. F. B. Speed, J. Willis, L. Stilwell, A. H. Pulling and T. W. White.

HON. AUDITORS

Messrs. A. A. Hughes and F. W. Perrens were re-elected.

LOSSES BY DEATH

The Council stood while the names of the following, who had been members of the Council and had died since the Leicester meeting, were remembered:—

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F. G. May, E. A. Young, N. E. Snow, Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, Rev. C. W. H. Griffiths, F. O. Moule, W. Gordon, J. S. Rumming, Rev. N. E. Hope, C. H. Harding, H. J. Mansfield, E. C. S. Turner, T. G. Bartlett, R. Narborough, Rev. L. S. Clark and R. Whittington.

Tributes were paid to the memory of Mr. E. C. S. Turner by Mr. W. G. Wilson and Mr. F. W. Goodfellow; to Mr. E. Alex. Young by Mr. A. D. Barker; to the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards by Mr. E. A. Barnett.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes, as published in 'The Ringing World' of April 19th, 1957, were adopted on the proposition of the hon. secretary, seconded by Mr. R. S. Anderson.

REPORT OF THE HON. SECRETARY AND TREASURER

I feel that I should first place on record my gratitude to Mr. Lewis for the advice and encouragement which he has given me at all times during my five years in office, and my regret, which will be shared by all members, that he has deemed it necessary to retire from the presidency of the Council.

During the year some correspondence was exchanged with Miss M. E. Snowdon concerning the Snowdon Series, arising from a statement in 'The Ringing World' which suggested that the future of these books was in jeopardy. Happily, this is not so, but Miss Snowdon was assured of the Council's sympathetic interest in the matter.

The Council has for the first time paid income tax, arising from the profits from the sale of publications and 'The Ringing World,' during 1955, to non-members of the Council or affiliated societies, on the basis described in my report for 1954. The amount was £4 5s.

Members will recall that, by arrangement with the Central Board of Finance of the Church of England, a request for information as to the number of ringers is being included in a form which the Board has sent to incumbents in the provinces of Canterbury and York. The results are not yet available.

At the time of writing, information shows that the following have this year ceased to be members of the Council, and our thanks are due to them for their past services: E. W. Biffin (Devon Guild), 1948/56; F. D. Boreham (Oxford Guild), 1948/56; G. W. Cecil (College Youths), 1948/56; R. G. Corby (Chester Guild), 1954/56; E. G. Fenn (College Youths), 1939/56; T. H. Francis (Cumberlands), 1948/49, 1951/56; A. Harman (Guildford Guild), 1935/56; G. L. Hewitt (Shropshire Association), 1945/56; S. T. Holt (Worcestershire), 1936/56; S. F. Palmer (Yorkshire Association), 1930/56; H. N. Pitstow (Surrey Association), 1954/56; F. Precey (Salisbury Guild), 1948/56; A. H. Pulling (Winchester, 1914/27; Guildford Guild, 1928/56); J. W. Raithby (Southwell Guild), 1951/56; W. Rose (Peterborough Guild), 1945/56; C. J. Sedgley (Suffolk Guild), 1927/56; R. F. B. Speed (Middlesex County Association), 1954/56; L. Stilwell (Sussex Association), 1951/56; G. E. Symonds (Suffolk Guild), 1948/56; A. Tomlinson (Lancashire Association), 1930/35, 45/50, 54/56; C. Wallater (Stafford Arch. Society), 1945/56; J. Willis (Kent County Association), 1951/56; C. W. Woolley (Hertford County), 1936/56; J. R. Worrall (Guildford Guild), 1954/56; Mrs. P. C. Wright (Oxford University Society), 1954/56.

Thanks are once again due to Mr. W. G. Wilson and Miss C. L. Groves for typing and duplicating these papers, despite many other calls on their time, and to those who kindly send me copies of reports and other publications.

E. A. BARNETT.

This report was adopted on the proposition of the hon. secretary, seconded by Mr. F. E. Dukes.

REPORT OF THE HON. LIBRARIAN

During 1956 no new publications were issued by the Council, and in consequence sales have not been quite so high as in the previous year. 'Village Bells' regained its position as 'best seller,' with 'Hints' second and the new Doubles book third. I am glad to report a profit of £9 0s. 6d.

Of a total of 1,258 publications sold, we were unfortunate to lose five in the post. This caused some inconvenience to subscribers which we regret. Claims for loss have been made on the G.P.O. If on some occasions a little delay has been experienced in receiving publications, I apologise to subscribers for this, and would explain that Mrs. Steeples, like myself, is very frequently away from home.

I continue to receive numerous enquiries for (1) a new edition of 'Minor Methods,' (2) a new edition of 'Triples Methods' and (3) an illustrated book on how to ring a bell and acquire an elementary knowledge of the rudiments of change-ringing. I make mention of these here to emphasise how urgent is the need for these publications.

The borrowing of works of reference has again increased, and on many occasions I have had to request the return of books to meet the requirements of other borrowers. It would help me greatly if borrowers of library books who have had these for more than a year would write confirming that they still require the books.

During the year the library received the undermentioned gifts: From Mr. J. W. Clarke, further parts of 'The Church Bells of Cheshire'; from Mr. A. C. Hazelden, a copy of the Guildford Diocesan Guild's Library Catalogue; and from Mr. F. E. Dukes, copies of 'The Irish Bell News.'

Once again I must pay tribute to all the good work done by Mrs. J. G. Steeples (née Patricia J. Ayris) in connection with the sales section of the Library. Our thanks are also again tendered to the Rev. E. S. Tarrant, for housing the Library in Launton Rectory.

FREDERICK SHARPE,
Hon. Librarian.

SALES

Method Sheets: Cambridge 18, Double Norwich 18, Bristol 12, Stedman and Grandsire 35: 'Hints for Beginners,' 179; 'Preservation of Bells,' 106; Four-way Minor Table, 70; Handbells, 112; Major Compositions, 27; Collection of Peals, Section III, 12; Report of Conference, S.P.A.B., 2; Doubles Methods, 167; Model Rules, 34; Village Bells, 263; Card of Instruction, 34; Plain Major Methods, 42; Methods Committee Report, 8; 'On Conducting,' 119. Total: 1,258.

Moving the adoption of the report, the president said he had received a copy of Mr. Dove's excellent second edition of 'The Church Bells of Britain,' and the previous day Mr. Lewis made the gift of three books: one printed in Italian (1802), on the bells of Rome; the second was the Danish 'Pre-Reformation Bells,' and the other a book on the great bell of Moscow. He moved the adoption of the report. Mr. A. B. Peck seconded, and the report was adopted.

THE GENERAL FUND, CENTRAL COUNCIL

The Income and Expenditure Account showed an excess of income over expenditure of £42 17s. 1d.

Income.—Affiliation fees, £76; Donation, life member, £1 1s.; Interest on deposit account, £18 7s. 5d.; Balance, Publications Account, £8 19s. 10. Total: £104 8s. 3d.

Expenses were: Biographies Committee, £3 2s.; Hon. secretary, £7 16s.; Stationery and printing, £20 9s. 3d.; Postage, £7 7s. 2d.; Telephone/telegram, 12s. 9d.; Typewriter written-off, £3; Bookcase written-off, £3; Cheque book, 8s. 4d.; Insurances, £1 16s.; Wreath, £2 2s. 6d.; Typing, £1 3s. 5d.; Bow Bells Appeal, £10 10s.; Photograph for Handbook, 3s. 9d. Total: £61 11s. 2d.

BALANCE SHEET

Goodwill and blocks, 'The Ringing World,' £200; Library, £10; Bookcases, £9 15s.; Typewriter, £12; Stock of Publications, £278 7s. 5d.; Debtors, £754 18s. 9d.; Investments, £1,600; Cash at bank and in hand, £3,506 13s. 11d. Total: £6,371 15s. 11d.

Creditors, £545 10s. 1d.; payments in advance, £867 11s. 2d.; Clement Glenn Bequest, £805 15s. 5d.; Capital Accounts—'The Ringing World,' £3,607 9s. 6d.; General Fund, £545 8s. 11d.; total, £4,152 18s. 5d. Total: £6,371 15s. 1d.

The hon. secretary and treasurer presented the accounts, and said that a letter of appreciation had been received from the Rector of Bow for the donation of 10 gns. to Bow Bells Fund. The balance sheet showed a very satisfactory state. The accounts had been audited by Mr. Hughes. He moved, and Mr. Hughes seconded, the adoption of the accounts, and these were agreed.

JOHN CARTER RINGING MACHINE

Mr. A. A. Hughes said two open demonstrations have been given this year, and another had been arranged for Whit Saturday for members of the Middlesex County Association on the occasion of their 60th anniversary celebrations.

At previous demonstrations, no limit has been set to the number attending, consequently the room at the Science Museum has been subject to overcrowding. Now, however, parties are limited to 24, and arrangements made with the Museum authorities for chairs for that number, resulting in more comfortable conditions for all.

Methods rung on the machine during the past year include Cambridge Maximus, Stedman Cinques and London Surprise Major, and it continues to run very well.

One unusual event took place last autumn, when the then Lord Mayor of London, Sir Cuthbert Ackroyd, who as churchwarden launched the appeal for the restoration of the Church of St. Mary-le-Bow, asked that the bells should be cast and sounded before he went out of office.

As the tower was still not safe to carry the bells, they were stood mouth-upwards at the foundry and struck by electrically-operated hammers, and John Carter's machine was called upon to chime two courses of Stedman Cinques. This was recorded, and played back from the tower during the Lord Mayor's traditional procession through the city.

One recording company offered contributions to the Fund for the right of sale of this record to the public, but the Rector, the Rev. Hugh Evan Hopkins, refused this on the grounds that the bells were not being rung in the traditional way by a band of ringers; and we feel the Council will applaud his action.

We would like to take this opportunity of expressing our appreciation of the co-operation and help at all times given by Dr. D. H. Follett, of the Science Museum, South Kensington, who has had the machine under his care for many years. He has recently relinquished this duty on promotion to higher office, and the trustees have, on behalf of the Council, written a letter of thanks to him.

Mr. Hughes, in moving the adoption of the report, said some very good photographs had been taken of the machine, and it was suggested that Mr Douglas Hughes should write a description of the machine which should be published with illustrations.

Mr. H. W. Rogers seconded, and thanked Mr. Douglas Hughes for his work.

Mr. F. J. Lock said the previous Saturday's demonstration to the Middlesex Association was very worth while.

CENTRAL COUNCIL—Cont.

The report was adopted, and on the proposition of Mr. G. W. Fletcher, seconded by Mr. F. I. Hairs, it was decided to take advantage of Mr. Hughes' offer to write an account of the machine.

The hon. secretary said he had received an invitation from two members of Cornell University, U.S.A., to a cocktail party in celebration of Mark II, the first automatic change-ringing machine. He had replied that he was unable to accept.

THE STANDING COMMITTEE

The hon. secretary said the Standing Committee appointed a sub-committee to consider the question of compiling a history of change-ringing. The committee accepted the offer of Mrs. Winifred Turner of the papers of Mr. J. A. Trollope's revision of Stedman. He proposed to write to Miss M. E. Snowdon to make certain they had her consent.

Mr. W. G. Wilson said he had received a letter from Miss Snowdon stating that the copyright belonged to Mrs. Turner.

The report was adopted.

REPORT OF THE HANDBOOK SUB-COMMITTEE

With the publication of the Handbook, the purpose for which the sub-committee was formed has been accomplished, and we suggest that it need not therefore formally be kept in existence. Amendments to the Handbook will, of course, be necessary from time to time, but if the committee are agreeable, both of us are prepared to collaborate as necessary in keeping it up to date. C. KENNETH LEWIS,
E. BARNETT.

The hon. secretary proposed, and Mr. C. K. Lewis seconded, the adoption of the report.

Mr. P. A. Corby congratulated the committee and said in his opinion it was an excellent book.

The president said the sales had been extremely good.

The secretary said they must not forget that some of the spadework was done by the previous sub-committee, mainly Dr. Hatcher. The report was adopted.

REPORT OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON CLEMENT GLENN BEQUEST

The sum received as the residue of the estate of the late Clement Glenn was £805 15s. 5d., of which £39 1s. has now been paid to Mr. Glenn's executor, as agreed last year, towards the provision of a memorial stone. The amount available for disposal is, therefore, £766 14s. 5d.

Although a very useful sum, this is not sufficient for any spectacular purpose, and accordingly we recommend that it should be used as follows:—

(*a*) £250 to 'The Ringing World' for investment. Mr. Glenn was a keen supporter of the paper and regularly sent donations to its funds.

(*b*) Provided the Church authorities are agreeable, £100 on trust, the income to be used for the provision and maintenance of bellropes at the tower at which he last rang. At present this would allow an average of one new rope a year.

(*c*) £250 to be left on deposit against any exceptional expense which the Council may incur.

(*d*) The remainder, £166, to the General Fund, up to one half to be used for the purchase of storage equipment for the Library, a large part of which is at present kept in boxes, and office equipment for the Secretary's use; the rest to be regarded as available for the financing of publications, in particular so that 'Hints to Instructors and Beginners,' when published, can be sold at the lowest possible price. EDWIN H. LEWIS,
FREDERICK SHARPE,
E. BARNETT.

The hon. secretary said the Standing Committee considered the report and decided to recommend that instead of the money being divided, to invest the whole of it, and that the interest from the bequest be spent and that the capital shall be applied to such use as may be decided

Mr. T. J. Lock asked who would take the responsibility of deciding where the interest would go. Would it be the Standing Committee or the Council?

The secretary: I presume that the Council as a whole would decide.

Mr. F. E. Haynes asked why the sub-committee's recommendation was not adopted.

Mr. Cartwright said he raised a legal objection to item (*b*). In his opinion it was dangerous to put the money on trust.

The Rev. R. D. St. J. Smith said there would be no practical difficulties to a trust.

The amended recommendation of the Standing Committee was adopted.

'THE RINGING WORLD' ACCOUNT

The Profit and Loss Account of 'The Ringing World' for 1956 showed a profit of £857 17s. 11d.

Expenses were: Woodbridge Press, printing and blocks, £3,640 8s. 3d. (£3,301); Editorial Office Expenses, £514 8s. (£430); Postal Subscribers—despatch of copies £188 14s. 6d., postage and wrappers £802 19s. 10d., total: £991 14s. 4d. (£862); Accounts Department, £194 14s. 2d. (£166); Sundry Expenses, £15 16s. 8d. (£10); Income Tax, £27 4s. (£12); Audit Fee, £21 (£21).

Income.—Rolls Publishing Co., £2,227 15s. 4d. (£2,313); Postal Subscribers, £2,759 6s. 5d. (£2,419); Donations, £287 2s. 6d. (£217); Advertisements, £427 2s. 6d. (£442); Notices, £473 10s. 6d. (£416); Sundry Receipts, £28 0s. 3d. (£25); Interest receivable on investments, £60 5s. 10d. (£28). Total receipts: £6,263 3s. 4d.

The balance sheet of 'The Ringing World' showed: Goodwill, blocks, etc., £200; debtors, £738 13s 9d.; Investments at cost, £1,600; Amounts due, General Fund, £42 12s. 11d.; Interest accrued, £13 10s. Total: £56 2s. 11d. Cash at bankers, £2,421 6s. 1d.; in hand, £2 13s. 6d Total: £2,423 19s. 7d. (£1,409).

Sundry Creditors, £544 5s. 7d.; Amounts received in advance — Postal Subscribers, £848 4s. 5d.; Notices, £18 16s. 9d. Total: £867 1s. 2d. Capital Account, £3,607 9s. 6d. (The figures in parentheses are those of the previous year.)

The secretary, in dealing with the accounts, said that on the expenditure side there had been an increase in every item. The Woodbridge Press account had increased by £340, the Editor's office by £70 or £80, expenses of postal subscribers by £130 and the accounts department by £25. These were partly due to printing wage increases and partly due to decisions to grant increases of pay to members of the staff of the 'R.W.' and to postage increases. Nevertheless, they were able to make a profit of about £850. The income reflected an increase of £340 from postal subscribers, an addition of £70 from donations, and notices had increased by over £50.

Turning to the balance sheet, he said that since the end of the year the investment had been increased by £500 4½ per cent. Defence Bonds, and it was proposed to make a further investment of £500 that would give them their maximum holding. He moved the adoption of the accounts.

Mr. F. I. Hairs seconded.

In reply to Mr. H. Pitstow, the secretary said the decrease in revenue from advertisements was due to Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. They paid £27 a quarter.

'THE RINGING WORLD' COMMITTEE

Although your Committee is able to report that no disaster has overtaken the finances of 'The Ringing World' it has always in mind at its debates the possibility of increases in the costs of production. It has not been possible to transfer as much this year to the reserve as in 1955, and this is accounted for by the substantial rise in costs which took place twelve months ago. To meet this increase in part it was necessary to raise slightly the charges for advertisements, but the yield from this source has been disappointing. The loss of one half-page advertisement has partly offset any advantages gained from the increase in charges for small advertisements.

Your Committee is reluctant to consider at this stage a further increase in the price of the paper, and would not do so until every other palliative has been tried. It knows that there is one simple solution, which is that more copies must be sold. It was stated last year in the debate on the report that the circulation was 5,400. Later in the Council's proceedings a resolution was adopted pledging further efforts to obtain more readers. We have to report that the circulation is now 5,400!

The paper could be made more interesting and to have a wider appeal if a resolute effort was made by subscribers to supply more suitable readable matter. Copy has varying news values, and your Editor can assess these. Your Committee has resisted the suggestion of making a charge for publication of peals on the grounds that journals do not usually charge for printing ordinary news. On the other hand, there is a savour of advertisement, and probably you may consider whether the matter should again be gone into. The Committee is grateful to those altruistic readers who recognise in a substantial way their moral obligations in this matter. Would that others would voluntarily follow their lead.

Facilities are now available for the publication in 'The Ringing World' of the annual reports of Associations—either fully or abridged—and in these days of high printing costs it is hoped that this service will help in reducing Association expenses and also stimulate interest in the journal.

Once again your Committee places on record its deep appreciation of the work of the staff: Mr. T. W. White, the Editor, and his assistant; Mr. J. E. Jeater, for his capable handling of the accounts; and its sincere thanks to Mr. Roper for compiling the index; to the many literary contributors; to all District representatives; to all readers; and lastly to those who have by their generous donations helped to maintain solvency. J. FRANK SMALLWOOD,
Convener.

Moving the adoption of the report, Mr. J. F. Smallwood said there was no room for complacency. It was true that during the past year they had made a profit of £850, including kind donations The accounts for last year only reflected 5/12ths of the total increase which they would have to face in the current year. He therefore begged them not to be too sanguine. 'We shall require to make a satisfactory effort to increase circulation.'

Mr. R. S. Anderson seconded.

The secretary said the Standing Committee recommended the adoption of the report and the reappointment of the committee with Mr. J. F. Smallwood as convener.

The report was adopted.

(To be continued)

OBITUARY

MR. REG LATHBURY

For many years, Walton-on-Thames has been associated with happy memories of good meetings, excellent teas and Mr. and Mrs. Reg. Lathbury. These thoughts of the past added sadness to the loss all ringers in Surrey have sustained in the passing of a very good friend in Mr. Lathbury. He learned to ring at Dunstable at the age of 17, and altogether rang about 80 peals in methods from Grandsire to London Surprise. His main interest was in learners, to whom he devoted much time both before and after his retirement as a motor engineer. The strength and enthusiasm of the local band and their regularity of Sunday service ringing are a tribute to his efforts.

Mr. Lathbury was never idle, and after his retirement he took on the work of verger at St. Mary's. He carried out this duty in his usual cheerful and efficient manner. He had a special affection for the Surrey Association, and for seven years from 1947 was hon. secretary of the Northern District. His collection of ringing books has been left to the Surrey Association library.

Many ringers were present at the funeral at St. Mary's on June 5th. They included Mr. F. E. Collins (Master of the Surrey Association), representing also the College Youths, Mr. W. F. Oatway (general secretary of the Surrey Association) and Mr. W. Parrott (District secretary). Also present were Mr. H. V. Young and Mr. H. Colcombe, representing the Guildford Guild, and Mr. F. E. Hawthorne. As the cortège left the church for Woking Crematorium the bells were rung to a touch of 336 Grandsire Triples by the following: F. E. Hawthorne 1, W. F. Oatway 2, W. Parrott 3, H. Colcombe 4, F. Oakshott 5, S. R. Curtis 6, F. E. Collins (conductor) 7, H. V. Young 8. Among the many floral tributes was a wreath from the Northern District of the Surrey Association.

W. P.

MR. HARRY BINGHAM

The death occurred on May 10th of one of nature's grand old gentlemen, in the person of Harry Bingham, of Willingham, Lincs. He was 83 years of age, and had rung at Willingham since the bells were augmented from three, first to five and then to six, in 1905. A member of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild for 50 years, the Master referred to this in this year's report. A farmer by occupation, he drove his own car almost to the end, and was a familiar figure at meetings in and out of the District.

His talent wasn't in what he could ring—Kent on six and Plain Bob on eight were his limit, and he only rang two peals. No, it was in his absolute genuineness and determination to give of his best in whatsoever he undertook.

On the evening of the funeral, May 13th, a quarter peal of Grandsire (720) and Plain Bob (540) was rung half-muffled on the bells of St. Helen's Church by W. Spencer 1, Mrs. E. Grey 2, G. L. A. Lunn (conductor) 3, C. H. Baker 4, N. B. Thurlby 5, A. Horton 6.

A. G.

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Correction: Bushey Heath 4s., not Bushey.

MR. SIDNEY WADE
AN APPRECIATION

With very deep regret, I heard of the passing of Sidney Wade. He was a Cumberland Youth for 60 years, a foundation member of the Middlesex Association and a member of the Kent County Association for 58 years.

Sid started ringing as a boy at Hornsey, but there was no opportunity there; all he was allowed to do was pull a bell up occasionally. So he went to Southgate, where he was known as the 'Hornsey Boy.' He made rapid progress, and became a very fine ringer and conductor, and for 60 years was a faithful member of the Christ Church, Southgate, band.

His peal book records 151 peals, of which he conducted 90. Eighty peals were rung at Southgate and 131 for the Middlesex County Association. He was 16 years of age when he rang his first peal, which was conducted by James Parker. Sid was always keen on difficult compositions and methods. He called Holt's Original many times; in fact, he called the One-part five times at the age of 17 years. His first of Stedman Triples at the helm was Thurstans' One-part. A good performance by the local band was 8,064 Bob Major on November 23rd, 1901. Sid was 19 at the time, and he rang the 25 cwt. tenor and called his own composition.

On November 28th, 1907, he called the first peal of Superlative in the Rochester variation. About 45 years later this was rung as a new method for the first time, but S. W. pointed out it had been rung long ago. It was eventually named Southgate S.M. Sid rang several peals with the famous brothers Pye, including his first of London. One peal with this band was memorable in its way—Stedman Triples at St. George-in-the-East, on March 30th, 1905. It was the first peal by the ringer of the tenor, who was destined to become one of the celebrities of the Exercise, and was eventually to ring over 1,000 more peals—the late Charles T. Coles. Many are the stories I have heard of the escapades, on ringing ventures, by the Southgate 'boys' in those happy days long flown. I cannot adequately express my own sense of personal loss—so many happy memories are recalled. Farewell, Sid; may you rest in peace.

J. G. N.

Gongs at St. Cuthbert's, Edinburgh

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. R. J. Bowden's letter re gongs in church towers ('R.W.', May 24th, 1957), there is a set of gongs for the octave at St. Cuthbert's Church in Edinburgh. They are, I think, in working order, though seldom used. Each gong has recently been taken down and carefully polished, in keeping with everything else in St. Cuthbert's immaculate belfry. I understand that the main objection to their use, apart from poor tone, is bad synchronisation. The gongs do not strike regularly at the precise moment their respective tower bells would, making 'good striking' virtually impossible.

I believe I am right in saying, too, that there is a set of gongs for the ten at St. Mary's Cathedral, Glasgow, in good working order and being used regularly.

Should Mr. Bowden require further details, I feel sure that Mr. R. S. Wilson, the Scottish Association secretary, would be only too pleased to furnish them.—Yours sincerely,

RONALD K. RUSS.

Sonning Common, Oxon.

Mr. Frederick Howson, after a lapse of 35 years, has entered the peal columns again by ringing 3-4 to a peal of Bob Major 'in hand.'

MASONIC RINGERS' MEETING AT LEICESTER

Saturday, June 1st, was a red-letter day for the 30 or more members of the Craft, who gathered at Leicester for the first Masonic Ringers' meeting to be held for many years. Arrangements were in the extremely capable hands of Bro. Peter Staniforth, and under his expert guidance the party made their way to the fine parish church at Loughborough, where the grand ring of ten (tenor 30½ cwt.) was rung to various methods. Then followed the great pleasure of a tour of Taylor's Bell Foundry, with Colin Harrison as our conductor. The ringing on the very light ten in the campanile was of varying quality, and it was generally admitted that these bells are tricky to ring and strike well!

An excellent lunch was served at the King's Head Hotel, and attempts on the part of one of the party to arrange a little tower snatching having fallen through, the party returned to Leicester. The ringing on the heavy 12 at St. Margaret's (where we had the pleasure of the company of Mr. Ernest Morris) coincided with the exit of a wedding party, who were rung on their way with rounds and attempted firing (locally known as shots!). Ringing included Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Cambridge Major on the light eight (rather to the displeasure of the heavy-bell brigade!).

The day's ringing concluded at the tower of St. John-the-Divine, where we were welcomed by Sidney Harrison. These fine ten (tenor 21 cwt.) were rung to various Major and Cater methods. The party then adjourned to the Assembly Rooms for an excellent dinner and social evening with W. Bro. Rev. H. B. Holderness as the guest of honour. During the dinner the suggestion was put forward—and received with general acclamation—that, in view of the success of this meeting, a similar gathering should be held annually. A very hearty vote of thanks to Peter Staniforth, who had made all arrangements for the meeting, and to the respective incumbents and tower captains, who had given permission for ringing and met us, was passed with acclamation. During the social evening, handbells were rung to various methods and in various weird ways, and the company entertained with songs by Bro. Jack Brown, of Liverpool.

On the following morning, those who stayed overnight were made very welcome, as all visitors are, at the Cathedral belfry for ringing before the civic service on Lord Mayor's Sunday.

Many Provinces were represented at this highly successful meeting, members of the Craft attending from such widely-separated areas as Kent, Berkshire, Bristol and Lancashire, among others. In order to ensure that as many members as possible are circularised as to arrangements for any future meeting, all ringing members of the Craft are asked to forward their names and addresses, together with Masonic ranks, etc., to Peter J. Staniforth, 150, Narborough Road South, Leicester.

P. N. B

The Lightest Six

Dear Sir,—I am indebted to Mr. Ewart Edge for his interesting letter on the bells of Wormhill, Derbyshire, and also to Mr. Alan McFall, for pointing out that Saxthorpe, Norfolk, tenor is a ponderous bell in comparison.

Wormhill tenor appears to have shrunk over the years from 9 cwt., and therefore holds, I believe, yet another record. The greatest shrinkage I have heard of is from the proverbial 'ton' to a little over eight hundredweights.—Yours sincerely,

NOLAN GOLDEN.

Norwich.

RINGING IN ENGLAND 80 YEARS AGO

Extracts from 'Church Bells,' 1879–80

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CLAPPERS

'Sir,—Seeing a paragraph in a late issue calling attention to bell clappers, allow me to mention a few of the mishaps likely to be occasioned by neglect.

All . . . are liable to wear loose and strike too slow . . . chief danger is wooden strap bawdrick-clappers . . . . These consist of a wooden strap clasping the crown-staple, with a block inserted below, and the clapper itself fitted between the flats of the strap, and secured by a couple of bolts. These straps are mostly made of ash, and through the top a rivet is inserted to prevent them from splitting. In many cases where I have rehung bells, I have found that the wood has been allowed to wear completely away, and the rivet working on the centre of the crown-staple has in some cases nearly cut it in two. Another of the same kind, where an iron strap lined with leather is used, is most objectionable inasmuch as, unless the leather be frequently renewed, the iron soon comes into contact with the crown-staple; and I have seen some crown-staples worn down to about half-an-inch or less on the top and bottom sides through neglect. . . . I believe that, after all, the *clap-to* sort of clapper is the best, where a couple of blocks of hard wood are made to clasp the crown-staple in two halves, and where the bolts used are so inserted as for it to be impossible for it to come in contact with it with any ordinary wear.

In cases of bells which have been quartered, it is better to insert a block of hard wood in the crown of the bell, and make the clapper to work in this with a fork end and bolt through the whole, except in cases of large bells, where this would bring the centre on which the clapper swings too high, and consequently cause the bell to rise FALSE. In these cases a false staple must be resorted to.

J. R. JERRAM.
Bell-hanger, Sutton Bridge, Lincolnshire.'

There is an answer to above by G. Eaton, bell-hanger, Titchmarsh, Thrapston, Northants. He fully endorses Mr. Jerram's remarks regarding the 'mischievous character' of the 'iron strap lined with leather.' As regards the bawdrick-clapper, he thinks the danger is the cracking of the bell rather than the wearing through of the crown-staple; but the clapper taking to rolling inside the bell, the bell escapes cracking. He deprecates false staples, 'they are false in every sense of the word,' they get loose, and cause the bell to rise false and strike false, he says. He had known more than one bell to be cracked by the false staple getting out of place.

Mr. Jerram replied, saying that he could see no object in a false crown-staple unless a bell had been quartered, and even then it is 'necessary only under certain circumstances known only, as a rule, to bell-hangers.'

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION OF RINGERS

Here there is a report of a District meeting at Kenninghall, apparently a much-rung ring about this period. Clergy were in evidence—'At two o'clock the members adjourned to the White Horse, where they sat down to dinner under the presidency of Rev. A. Sutton, who was supported by Rev. J. F. James (Vicar), W. W. Hutt, W. T. M. Young, N. Bolingbroke, and G. H. Harris (secretary), Capt. More, R. and L. Sutton, Esqs., etc.'

'NEW CHIMING APPARATUS

'A Chimer' would like to know the difference between the new chiming apparatus lately set up at Keynsham, near Bristol, and that in daily use at St. Paul's and Worcester Cathedrals, at Kensington, etc., etc., commonly known as Ellacombe's hammers.'

[A chiming apparatus of any sort is very tempting for tune-playing, but tunes are not allowed at any of the above churches, nor should they be allowed anywhere, not being in accordance with Church order.—*Ed.*]

F. Goodman refers to the Editor's remarks and asks: May I, therefore, ask on what grounds tune-playing on church bells is not in accordance with Church order, and in what work do we read of its being prohibited? If the playing of sacred tunes on church bells is not a right thing to do, surely it is much more of a wrong to allow the setting up of carillons in connection with church clocks, which play all manner of peculiar tunes throughout the week, and then revert to sacred tunes on Sundays.

Then 'A Lover of both Bell and Organ Music' said that he did not know whether tune-playing on church bells was contrary to Church order, but he thought it was contrary to common sense. '. . . . If it were in the tower of a town hall it would be a different thing. But even then for a fine set of bells to be worked on by a barrel with their powers reduced for the purpose seems to me as incongruous as it would be to find a cathedral organist grinding a hurdy-gurdy. If ringers want tunes, they had better retire to the proper instrument — the organ.'

ARCHITECTS' BELFRY ARRANGEMENTS

The quarterly meeting of the South Lincolnshire Change-ringers' Association was held at Sleaford on Saturday, February 7th, 1880, and after dinner they went to Boston and 'attempted one or two touches on the bells of the parish church, but, owing to the awkward belfry arrangements, nothing could be done. The ringers have been placed in a chamber, about seven feet high, close to the bells, so that the tuftings of the heavier bells are actually through the sheave-boxes when the bells are set at hand-stroke, and the whole of the middle of the chamber is occupied by the dome of the ceiling below: the ringers on one side can only just see the face of the man on the opposite side, and with a tenor of 26 cwt. it is almost impossible to ring the bell in rounds decently. This is the architect's arrangement. The above deserves to be called attention to: as also the irreverent habit of some of the ringers in coming into the belfry with hats on and smoking whilst there . . . .'

['Such characters as are mentioned above never ought to be allowed to enter a belfry. They are persons who have done great injury to the cause of ringing, and lower all ringers in public opinion.—*Ed.*']

CHURCH BELLS AND BELL THUMPING

'Church Bells' reproduced a letter which appeared in 'Church Times.' It was written by a correspondent signing himself 'Stay and Slider.' It included: '. . . . I would ask why a bell should be periodically tinkled or thumped for the conventional half-hour before a service commences, when ten minutes or even five would be ample. Nearly everybody in large cities and towns in this country can find out the right time to a minute if they wish. . . . There is a church situated in the centre of a square . . . from the tower of which . . . a fearful sound issues to call the congregation to worship. . . . I could easily imitate the sound if I stood upon the roof of my house and thumped a large frying-pan with the handle of a kitchen poker as fast as I could do so . . . as so much has been done for our altars of late years, a little attention might be given to our belfries. . . .'

(To be continued)

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MISCELLANEOUS

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch. — Will all concerned please note the following alterations and additions to the tower rota: Monthly meetings—Hazelbech, August 10th; West Haddon, September 14th. Evening meetings—Ravensthorpe, October 26th; Sibbertoft, September 28th.—W. J. Kinchin, Hon. Sec. 442

COMPLETE YOUR FILES. — Back numbers of 'The Ringing World' are available for most issues of 1956, 1955, 1954 and 1953. Also odd copies back to 1945. Price 6d. per copy post free.—'Ringing World' Office, c/o Woodbridge Press, Ltd., Onslow Street, Guildford.

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch. — Practice meeting, Wick St. Lawrence, Saturday, June 22nd. Bells (5) 5 p.m.—E. C. Wickham. 431

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Meeting, Belper, Saturday, June 22nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—café nearby. Trent bus No. 2. All welcome.—V. M. Horton, Dis. Sec. 406

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Evening meeting at Haddenham (6) on Saturday, June 22nd. Bells available 6 p.m.—D. E. R. Knights, Dis. Sec. 377

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Quarterly meeting at Chiddingfold (8) on Saturday, June 22nd. Bells from 2.30 to 4 p.m. and after meeting. Service 4 p.m. Tea at Toby Jug 4.45 p.m.—M. E. Collins and A. M. Cox, joint Secs. 389

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Corfe Mullen on Saturday, June 22nd. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. 405

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Hemingbrough, Saturday, June 22nd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please provide your own food—cups of tea only available.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 428

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS and LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Combined meeting, Saturday, June 22nd. St. Mary's, Twickenham (8), 2.30 to 4 p.m.; All Hallows, Twickenham (10), 3 to 4 p.m. Tea, Church Hall, South Street, Isleworth, 4.30 to 5.30. Service, Isleworth Parish Church, 6 p.m. Ringing: Isleworth (10) 6.45 to 8.45 p.m.; St. Lawrence, Brentford (6), 7 to 8.30 p.m. Names for tea to H. W. Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. Tel. HOU 3921.—Bond and Rogers, Hon. Secs. 363

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Rettendon (6), Saturday, June 22nd, at 3.30 p.m. Please bring own food.—B. C. Sadler. 420

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division. Practice meeting, Saturday, June 22nd, Battle. Special method, Oxford Bob Triples. Probably some names for tea will be received by H. Reynolds, Sec., 10, Eastern Avenue, Polegate. 393

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Practice meeting, St. Mary-atte-Bow, East (8), Wednesday, June 26th, 6.30 to 8 p.m. A good attendance, please. Everyone welcome.—Bullock, Sec. 424

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Saturday, June 29th, St. Gabriel's, Warwick Square, S.W.1, 3.30 to 4.30 p.m. Ship, Talbot Court, 6 p.m.—A. B. Peck, secretary. 441

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD.—Next meeting at Todmorden, Christ Church, on Saturday, June 29th. Bells 3 p.m. and after tea and business. Names for tea by 27th to Mr. T. Halstead, 166, Oak Avenue, Todmorden, Lancs. 425

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Conisborough, Saturday, June 29th. Bells available from 3.45 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by 27th to Mr. Milton Fowler, 70, Highfield Road, Conisborough. Next meeting, Saturday, July 27th, at Campsell.—George Watson, Dis. Sec. 437

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—District meeting at Fransham (6) on Saturday, June 29th, from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Miss R. A. Heath, Little Hauntries, Frensham.—C. J. Beadle, Hon. Dis. Sec. 435

THE HOMEWOOD SCHOOL RINGING SOCIETY.—Meeting at St. Mary's, Rolvenden, Kent, on Saturday, June 29th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday, June 27th, to David Williams, c/o Homewood School, Tenterden. All ringers welcome. Help needed for keen youngsters. 427

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Sturry, on Saturday, June 29th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea, 2s. per head. Numbers for tea not later than Wednesday, June 26th, enclosing cash, please, to Mr. H. R. French, Lamorbey, Sturry Hill, Sturry, Canterbury. Petham, Saturday, July 27th.—B. J. Luck. 396

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District.—Meeting, Saturday, June 29th, All Saints', Newport. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by June 25th, please, to Mrs. D. James, 29, Walford Street, Newport, Mon. Gentlemen cordially invited.—J. S. Evans. 391

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Quarterly meeting at St. Mary's, Woodford, Essex, on Saturday, June 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea, business meeting and further ringing in the evening. Nearest station, George Lane, South Woodford (Central line). Buses to Gates Corner. 412

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Blackrod on Saturday, June 29th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea (moderate charge) 5 p.m.—Thornley, Hon. Sec. 426

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at East Ardsley, Saturday, June 29th. Bells available 3 p.m. Business meeting 7.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Please bring own food. —J. P. Hodson, Hon. Sec. 444

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Meeting at Welton (6), Saturday, June 29th. Tea for those who notify me by Tuesday previous.—C. Brown, 3, Altham Terrace, Lincoln. 408

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Windsor, Saturday, June 29th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify me by 25th.—Butler, 17, Forest Road, Windsor. 436

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Meeting at Walgrave on Saturday, June 29th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Monday previous, to Mr. G. F. Roome, 116, Derby Road, Northampton. 398

SAFFRON WALDEN.—The 334th anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 29th. Bells (12) available from 11 a.m. Service 4. Lunch (3s. 6d.) 1. Tea (2s. 6d.) 5 p.m. Ninety already coming. Twelve-bell ringing guaranteed. Lunch and tea for those notifying me by June 27th.—L. E. Pitstow, 27, Highfields, Saffron Walden. Phone: 2074. 397

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD — Basingstoke District. — Quarterly meeting at Yateley on Saturday, June 29th. Bells 2.45 p.m. Tea 5. Service 6.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Tuesday.—J. Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John. 433

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting at Moreton, near Ongar (6), on Saturday, July 6th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names, please, to G. Blake, Dis. Sec., Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 432

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Eastern Division.—Meeting, High Easter (6), Saturday, July 6th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea, please, to A. H. Everett, Cornerway, Boreham. Cars will meet the bus service at Pleshey White Horse and take members on to High Easter. 429

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Quarterly meeting at Tenterden on Saturday, July 6th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Miss V. Relf, No. 3 Bungalow, Shrubcote, Tenterden.—C. T. H. 438

LADIES' GUILD.—Annual general meeting on Saturday, July 6th, at Newcastle upon Tyne. Bells available—10 a.m. to 12 noon: All Saints', Gosforth (10); SS. James and Basil, Fenham (8); St. Stephen's, Scotswood Road (8): 2 to 3 p.m.: St. John's, Grainger Street (8); 2 to 3.30 p.m.: Newcastle Cathedral (12); evening: Cathedral (12); St. Mary's, Gateshead (8). Service 3.30 p.m. in the Cathedral. Tea 4.15 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea by Tuesday, July 2nd, to Mrs. Lea, 9, St. Vincent Street, South Shields. 376

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch. — By-meeting, Norton Subcourse, Saturday, July 6th. (Note change of venue.) Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Raveningham bells (5) will also be available. Names for tea by Wednesday, July 3rd, certain, please, to Mr. G. G. Walpole, Norton Subcourse, Norwich.—P. G. W. Newstead, Branch Sec. 443

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wellingborough Branch. — Special meeting at Bozeat on Saturday, July 6th, for dedication of peal boards by the Rev. G. P. H. Rowson (Northampton). Bells (5) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, July 2nd, to Miss C. Coleman, 55, High Street, Bozeat, Northants. 390

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Quarterly meeting, Shirley (8), Saturday, July 6th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify for tea by July 3rd.—G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwall Road, Hall Green, Birmingham. Phone: SPR 1025. 430

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD (Nottingham District) and LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Loughborough District).—Joint meeting at Ruddington, Saturday, July 6th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea by previous Tuesday to Mr. S. Adams, 54, Wilford Road, Ruddington, Notts.—C. W. Towers and C. W. Hall.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Bournemouth on Saturday, July 6th. Bells available: Christchurch Priory (12) 10.30 to 11.30 a.m., Bournemouth, St. Peter's (8), 2.30 to 3.30 and 7 to 9 p.m., Bournemouth, St. John's, Surrey Road (8), 7 to 9 p.m. Service in St. Peter's Church 3.30. Tea in St. Peter's Hall, near St. Peter's Church, 4.15, followed by business meeting at 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, by previous Tuesday, to Mr. A. V. Davis, 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth.—J. A. C. King, Gen. Sec. 445

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—Annual meeting at York on Saturday, July 6th. Service in Minster at 4 o'clock with procession to the bellfounders' window. Bells: Minster (12) 5 to 6.30 p.m., Acomb (6) 2 to 3.30, and York Institute of Architectural Study (6) 2.30 to 3.30 p.m., and after meeting in Institute. Own arrangements for tea—numerous cafés in York. Subscriptions now due and reports available.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Dorchester Branch.—Meeting, Wool, Saturday, July 13th. Usual arrangements. Names by July 10th, please, to Mr. L. Williams, 47, Spring Street, Wool.—Hayne, Sec. 434

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will be held at Oxford on Saturday, July 20th. Service in the Cathedral 11 a.m. Business meeting in the Chapter House 12 noon. Luncheon in the dining hall of Christ Church 1.30 p.m. Tickets for the lunch (price 6s. each) must be obtained before Tuesday, July 16th, from Mr. A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough, Bucks. List of towers to be published later. 439

LATE NEWS

We regret to announce the death of Mr. John Crawford, of Epsom Common, a vice-president of the Surrey Association, aged 86. The funeral was at Epsom last Friday.

Mr. G. H. Myers, of Plymouth, was operated on for appendicitis on June 15th. The operation was successful and his condition is stated to be quite satisfactory. Harry rang in a touch of 192 Stedman Caters for the Queen's birthday celebrations at St. Andrew's, Plymouth.

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THE CHELMSFORD MEETING

THE first session of a new Council usually provides a full day's work, and so it proved for the 138 members who were present at Chelmsford—a figure never exceeded and only once equalled.

One surprise awaited them. For reasons lucidly explained by Mr. W. B. Cartwright, they were unable to elect a vice-president this year; but at least no such difficulty had arisen when Mr. Lewis declared his successor as president duly elected, thereby ending a long chapter in the Council's history. The members were able to express in tangible form their gratitude to the retiring president for all that he has done, and they and ringers generally will extend to Mr. Sharpe their best wishes for a long and successful period in office. It is never an easy matter to take over a position which someone has held with distinction for many years.

What of the meeting generally? One noticeable feature was that the reports of several committees provoked a fair amount of discussion, which is all to the good. In recent years there seems to have been a tendency for most of these to be accepted with little or no comment, which leads one to reflect that, although speaking for the sake of speaking is much to be deplored, nevertheless far too many members fail to contribute anything to the proceedings. Over the years, one would think, some point or other must arise on which every member could usefully intervene. It must have been far worse, however, in the past. One senior member was recalling the meetings of 40-odd years ago when, he said, if the rank and file got up to speak they were frowned upon very severely. But there were two at least who could not be suppressed, and he named the late William Willson and another member, happily still on the Council though unfortunately unable to be present; and indeed no one could imagine either of the two ever being silenced if they felt something needed to be said.

The election of 12 members of the Standing Committee, which followed the reports, took place for the first time under the amended rule whereby existing elected members no longer have the right to be nominated first. Somehow one had expected rather sweeping changes, but in fact there were only 13 names put forward. A ballot resulted in the return of nine of the previous committee and one who had been a member for many years before 1954, with the addition of two new faces to fill vacancies caused by the lamented deaths since the last election of Harold Poole and Ernest Turner.

One sensed a feeling of tension when the first of the two motions on the College of Campanology was reached. As this, in part, overlapped the second motion, so many of the speakers on either side strayed from one to the other, with the result that the debate was perhaps unnecessarily prolonged. It was, happily, not nearly as acrimonious as one had feared on either motion, doubtless because the views of the proposers and seconders were put forward in a temperate manner.

By the time the remaining motions had been disposed of, the Council had decided by a narrow majority to visit Ireland rather than Oxford next year (it is to be hoped that all who voted for Ireland intend to be present), and thanks had been accorded to all who had helped to make the meeting a success, the time had exceeded by 30 minutes the hour at which the secretary had assured the Essex Association that it would be quite safe to expect the members to a tea which they had very kindly provided. Though this might have involved him in trouble, the president or he might have been in far worse trouble from those members whose voices outside the meeting room had provoked a protest from the chairman of the Court which was sitting elsewhere in the building!

E. A. B.

CENTRAL COUNCIL PEALS

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On Sat., June 8, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
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A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 38¾ cwt.

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W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	2	J. FREDERICK MILNER	8
JOHN H. CRAMPION	3	WILFRID F. MORETON	9
HILDA G. SNOWDEN	4	CECIL W. PIPE	10
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LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	6	WILFRED WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

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THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 8, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
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Tenor 8¼ cwt. in E.

*GEOFFREY PEARSON	*Treble*	A. PATRICK CANNON	5
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Tenor 25¼ cwt. in D flat.

*CHARLES R. C. BOGGIS	*Treble*	*MICHAEL STOKES	6
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GEORGE W. HOWLETT	3	HENRY TOOKE	8
MRS. OLIVE L. ROGERS	4	*RALPH W. BICKERS	9
PETER G. W. NEWSTEAD	5	HAROLD W. ROGERS	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by EDWIN R. GOATE.
* First peal.

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On Sat., June 15, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
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A PEAL OF 5000 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
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FRED HARTMAN	3	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD	8
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	4	PERCY SWINDLEY	9
*JOHN HUGHES	5	H. STEWART BAILEY	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by HENRY O. BAKER.
* First peal of Royal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

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*VERNON GREEN	3	ALFRED BALLARD	7
*C. ROGER HAYWARD	4	MICHAEL E. BROWN	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.
* First peal in the method.
Rung as a farewell to the Rev. R. I. B. Johnson, curate and ringer at this church, who left this day to take over duties as Precentor of Peterborough Cathedral.

WALLASEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Wirral Branch.)
On Sat., June 1, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, LISCARD,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in F.

*D. JOHN POOLE	*Treble*	ALEXANDER J. MARTIN	5
DAPHNE M. WAIN	2	FRANK T. PARRY	6
STANLEY D. SUTTON	3	ERNEST F. BENNETT	7
*ROBERT F. FERRIS	4	J. HENRY FIELDEN	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ALEXANDER J. MARTIN.
* First peal of Major and first attempt.
Rung prior to the dedication of a tablet to the memory of John William Milner, for many years Branch chairman and Master of the Guild.

SHIRLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Wed., June 5, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,
A PEAL OF 5088 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in B flat.

EDWARD T. LLOYD	*Treble*	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	5
PETER BERESFORD	2	H. DAVID HOLLAND	6
BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY	3	JOHN R. JOYNER	7
DIANA J. PERRINS	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.
A birthday compliment to Miss Diana Perrins.

ALVERSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 8, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb.

*S. ANN PARVIN	*Treble*	†RENEE STURGESS	5
JOHN H. HUNT	2	ALAN H. STURGESS	6
*DORIS A. BANKS	3	FREDERICK W. BURNETT	7
†JOHN A. G. BALL	4	HAROLD A. NOBES	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN H. HUNT.
* First peal. † First peal of Triples. The ringers of 2nd and tenor have now 'completed the circle.'
Rung as a farewell to Canon Windsor Roberts, B.A., Rector of Alverstoke for ten years, now to become Archdeacon of Dorking, in the Diocese of Guildford.

MARKET BOSWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 8, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb.

PHYLLIS POOLE	*Treble*	ANTHONY S. JESSON	5
ERNEST W. RAWSON	2	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON	6
JOSEPH W. COTTON	3	HARRY POYNER	7
E. CHARLES TURNER	4	JOHN W. RAWSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by REDVERS F. ELKINGTON.

MARSHFIELD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 8, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt.

OLIVE D. COUCHMAN	*Treble*	*HAROLD E. BLACKER	5
*DAVID KNIGHT	2	HARRY HEATH	6
PERCIVAL W. J. HARDING	3	COLIN A. TESTER	7
STANLEY COCKELL	4	FREDERICK S. SLATFORD	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by COLIN A. TESTER.
* First peal of Major.

SOBERTON, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 8, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation). Tenor 13¼ cwt.

NELIA M. LEAHY	*Treble*	ROBERT C. KIPPIN	5
CHARLES H. KIPPIN	2	ADRIAN J. TUMBER	6
*PAMELA JENKS	3	R. ROGER SAVORY	7
MAURICE J. BUTLER	4	JESSIE M. KIPPIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by R. ROGER SAVORY.
* First peal 'inside.'

UTTOXETER, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 8, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5152 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. in E flat.

PAMELA J. PEARSON	*Treble*	RICHARD J. WARRILOW	5
FREDK. E. WILSHAW	2	ROBIN G. TURNER	6
*HAROLD F. WHITE	3	ARTHUR PRICHARD	7
P. GEO. GOLDER	4	FREDK. WM. GROCOTT	*Tenor*

Composed by J. COX. Conducted by FREDK. E. WILSHAW.
* 25th peal and first of Superlative.
In memoriam C. H. Page.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., June 9, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Washbrook's Variation. Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

*JOSEPH E. GRENSTED (75)	*Treble*	STANLEY B. DOBBIE	5
DORIS G. DOBBIE	2	GEORGE KENWARD	6
TERENCE BARTON	3	†ERIC NAYLOR	7
GEORGE A. NAYLOR	4	EDWARD C. BARTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERIC NAYLOR.
* 100th peal. † 150th peal.
Rung for Whit Sunday.

ELVEDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., June 10, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE MEMORIAL TOWER OF SS. PATRICK AND ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

*WALTER G. PAUL	*Treble*	*LEONARD S. SHARPE	5
*PETER ADCOCK	2	*LESLIE N. MELTON	6
*RICHARD ROSE	3	*KENNETH G. BROWN	7
JAMES PAUL	4	HENRY IVINGS	*Tenor*

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by KENNETH G. BROWN.
* First peal in the method.

LYMINGTON, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., June 10, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-THE-APOSTLE,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb.

*ERNEST E. BRAY	*Treble*	*VICTOR ROBERTS	5
†ANTHONY J. SANGER	2	GWILYM SALMON	6
DAVID HOARE	3	FRANK L. HARRIS	7
GEORGE W. MASSEY	4	RONALD N. MARLOW	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF (C.C.C. No. 15).
Conducted by DAVID HOARE.
* First peal of Surprise Major. † First peal of Yorkshire.

NEW MILLS, DERBYSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., June 11, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE-THE-MARTYR,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. in G sharp.

BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	*Treble*	†ALAN MCFALL	5
*SHIRLEY HARRIS	2	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	6
†BERNARD GROVES	3	†ROBERT SMITH	7
BASIL JONES	4	BRIAN HARRIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by BASIL JONES.
* First peal of Surprise 'inside.' † First peal of Surprise. First peal of Surprise as conductor.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., June 13, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE.
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

J. HOWARD R. FREEBORN	*Treble*	ROBIN N. PITTMAN	5
WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS	2	DERMOT J. ROAF	6
*CHRISTINE M. WOODWARD	3	†DONALD H. NIBLETT	7
ROBIN A. HODGSON	4	STEPHEN IVIN	*Tenor*

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by DONALD H. NIBLETT.
* First peal in the method. † 50th peal of Major. First peal in the method as conductor.
Rung on the official birthday of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD
On Sat., June 15, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW-THE-GREAT,
A PEAL OF 5120 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

W. J. RIDGMAN (Queens')	*Treble*	*A. R. HEPPENSTALL (Sel.)	5
*SUSAN JACKSON (Girton)	2	F. E. ROBERTS (Selwyn)	6
*J. D. PAINTER (Caius)	3	C. M. P. JOHNSON (Sel.)	7
*R. J. W. HOUSDEN (Sel.)	4	*P. A. F. CHALK (Sel.)	*Tenor*

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by W. J. RIDGMAN.
* First peal in the method. The first peal in the method for the Guild.

DRAYTON, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Sat., June 15, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Consisting of 1,280 London, 1,312 Bristol, 992 Superlative and 1,568 Cambridge, with 106 changes of method, and all the bells doing all the work in all the methods. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

WILLIAM H. JACKSON	*Treble*	*ROBIN A. HODGSON	5
*DONALD H. NIBLETT	2	*PETER R. SANDERS	6
RUTH M. K. HOW	3	STEPHEN I. IVIN	7
SHIRLEY V. RYMER	4	RODNEY B. MEADOWS	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by WILLIAM H. JACKSON.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise in four methods. First peal of Surprise as conductor.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 15, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb.

*EDWARD J. JENNER	*Treble*	THOMAS E. SONE	5
†GEORGE FRY	2	COLIN A. TESTER	6
BERNARD V. COLLISON	3	ERNEST J. LADD	7
‡STANLEY JENNER	4	CHARLES A. BASSETT	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.
* First peal in the method. † First in method on an 'inside' bell. ‡ First peal of Surprise.

EPSOM, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 15, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 11¼ cwt. in F sharp.

*ANNE D. WOOLLER	*Treble*	WILLIAM PARROTT	5
JOHN HILL	2	FRANK G. OAKSHOTT	6
*NORMAN G. T. STEERE	3	FREDERICK E. COLLINS	7
GORDON T. PETERS	4	EDWARD G. L. COWARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK E. COLLINS.
* First peal.
Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of John Crawford, respected member of the above tower, who was interred in Epsom the previous day.

GREAT BENTLEY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 15, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 7¼ cwt.

PAMELA I. FAIRCLOTH	*Treble*	MRS. LESLIE MILLS	5
HELEN M. SHARP	2	MICHAEL A. MILLS	6
MARIAN H. MILLS	3	LESLIE D. MILLS	7
A. EDWARD LEGGETT	4	DONALD L. MILLS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. WOOLLEY. Conducted by DONALD L. MILLS.

MAYFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 15, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Vicar's Six-part. Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb.

KATHLEEN M. YEO	*Treble*	RONALD W. PANKHURST	5
MRS. BETTY PERCY	2	*WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE	6
WILLIAM R. MANSER	3	LUTHER HONESS	7
LESLIE J. BALDOCK	4	*STANLEY G. PONTING	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE.
* 50th peal together. Mr. W. R. Manser has now 'circled the tower.'

SHEPTON MALLET, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 15, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 25 cwt.

ANTHONY J. SANGER	*Treble*	DAVID HOARE	5
GEORGE W. MASSEY	2	GWILYM SALMON	6
*MICHAEL ROSE	3	DONALD E. LEE	7
LAURENCE E. HITCHINS	4	ERIC NAYLOR	*Tenor*

Composed by G. FREEBREY. Conducted by DAVID HOARE.
* First peal of Surprise Major. The conductor's 100th peal. The first peal in the method by all the band except the ringer of the 2nd.

WITHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 15, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt.

JOHN WARNER	*Treble*	CHARLES BURTON	5
FRANK LUFKIN	2	*JOHN PARKER	6
ERNEST FURBANKS	3	TERRY EARLE	7
ERNEST W. BRIGHT	4	HENRY DORKING	*Tenor*

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by FRANK LUFKIN.
* First peal.
Rung in honour of the marriage of Janice Simms, a ringer at this tower, to Hubert Hull, a chorister of St. Nicolas' choir, which took place previous to the peal.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

ROCKWELL GREEN, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., May 17, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 11¼ cwt.

*FRANCIS C. TAYLOR	*Treble*	CHARLES H. WEBBER	4
DAVID T. NORTH	2	GORDON WALFORD	5
†IVOR HUGHES	3	CHARLES E. BAKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by GORDON WALFORD.
* First peal away from the tenor. † First peal 'inside.'

HONILEY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 1, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 12 extents April Day (three callings), 12 Plain Bob (four callings) and 18 Grandsire (ten callings). Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb.

A. CHARLES MORRIS	*Treble*	WILLIAM C. RHODES	3
ANTHONY A. UPTON	2	J. WILLIAM HOVEY	4
GORDON H. LANE	*Tenor*		

Conducted by A. CHARLES MORRIS.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Alan Coats and Miss Brenda Whitehead.

BRAMPTON, CUMBERLAND.
CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., June 2, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in three methods: one of Oxford T.B., two of Kent T.B. and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in A flat.

*J. BRIAN V. PORTER	*Treble*	GRAHAM MCKAY	4
†JOSEPH LING	2	†JAMES BUTTERFIELD	5
‡GEOFFREY TEMBEY	3	STANLEY RICHARDSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by STANLEY RICHARDSON.
* First peal. † First of Minor in three methods. ‡ First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells.

WEST LAVINGTON, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD
On Thurs., June 6, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

OLIVE D. COUCHMAN	*Treble*	*WALTER BEVEN	4
L MICHAEL NOAD	2	HARRY HEATH	5
SIDNEY GRANT	3	COLIN A. TESTER	*Tenor*

Conducted by COLIN A. TESTER.
* First peal. Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

COTLEIGH, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., June 8, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt.

HERBERT W. PEARCE	*Treble*	SIDNEY W. WHITE	4
RAYMOND P. SELWAY	2	ALBERT W. DYER	5
HENRY G. KEELEY	3	WILLIAM E. TURNER	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM E. TURNER.
First peal of Minor on the bells.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 8, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Norwich, Ipswich, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford, Kent T.B., St. Clement's and Bob Minor. Tenor 14½ cwt.

R FRANK BAKER	*Treble*	*GEOFFREY A. LUCAS	4
DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS	2	MANSFIELD GINN	5
WILLIAM SEEKINGS	3	HAROLD S. PEACOCK	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD S. PEACOCK.
* First peal in seven methods 'inside.' First peal in seven methods as conductor.
Rung for the fourth anniversary of the Coronation.

EASTCHURCH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., June 10, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12¼ cwt. in G.

*HOWARD GARDNER	*Treble*	EDWARD C. BARTON	4
STANLEY V. RAYFIELD	2	ERIC NAYLOR	5
GEORGE KENWARD	3	GEORGE A. NAYLOR	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.
* First peal. Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

MINSTER, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., June 10, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND SEXBURGA.
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE A. NAYLOR	*Treble*	*EDWARD C. BARTON	4
*HAZEL V. DADSON	2	†ERIC NAYLOR	5
*†STANLEY V. RAYFIELD	3	GEORGE KENWARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERIC NAYLOR.
* First peal of Minor in the method. † 25th peal together. 50th peal as conductor.

REYMERSTONE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., June 10, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being four callings. Tenor 9 cwt. in F.

*ANDREW A. PLEDGER	*Treble*	‡MRS. A. E. DIXON	3
†SAMUEL H. WATERFIELD	2	ALBERT E. DIXON	4
‡H. JOHN LARWOOD	*Tenor*		

Conducted by ALBERT E. DIXON.
* First peal. † 25th peal. ‡ First peal of Doubles. First peal as conductor.

LANGLEYBURY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed. June 12, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout.
Tenor 8 cwt. 13 lb. in A.

JOAN M. WILCOCKSON	*Treble*	JOHN R. MAYNE	4
*MARY G. CARNOCHAN	2	WILLIAM WENBAN	5
†DENNIS LAUD	3	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
* First peal of Surprise. † First peal in the method 'inside.' The conductor has now 'circled the tower.'
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the second.

GREAT FINBOROUGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., June 15, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12¼ cwt. in G.

MRS. R. E. LESTER	*Treble*	ROBERT E. LESTER	4
PETER R. J. LESTER	2	LEONARD S. SHARPE	5
ALICE E. J. LESTER	3	KENNETH G. BROWN	*Tenor*

Conducted by KENNETH G. BROWN.
A 19th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Lester.

HANDBELL PEALS

DERBY.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 4, 1957, *in* 1 *Hour and* 46 *Minutes.*
AT 6, FILEY WALK, DERBY.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor size 11 in G.

ROBIN G. TURNER	1—2	FREDK. WM. GROCOTT	3—4
PETER BORDER	5—6		

Conducted by ROBIN G. TURNER.
Rung in honour and on the morning of the wedding of Miss Margaret E. Saunders and Mr. Robin G. Turner.

FALLOWFIELD, MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., May 19, 1957, *in* 1 *Hour and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT 22, EXBURY STREET.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 15 in C.

PETER WATSON	1—2	DEREK TAYLOR	3—4
TREVOR TAYLOR	5—6		

Conducted by TREVOR TAYLOR.

BABCARY, SOMERSET.—On June 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. G. Hodges 1, F. G. Sparks 2, J. E. Looker 3, T. W. Look 4, G. Gaylard 5, H. J. Gaylard (cond.) 6. A wedding compliment to Mr. D. Eades, ringer of this tower, who has recently left the district.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On June 16th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. Bray (first of Major) 1, S. Hutton (first of Major 'inside') 2, E. Buck 3, L. Scoot 4, D. Sutcliffe 5, W. Collins 6, R. Castledine (cond.) 7, C. Harwood 8. For Trinity Sunday.

BEBINGTON, CHESHIRE.—On June 8th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: S. Anderson (first quarter) 1, J. Cooke 2, Miss E. Dumbell (first quarter) 3, Mrs. M. Poole 4, R. Maddock 5, J. Leslie 6, D. J. Poole 7, F. T. Parry (cond.) 8. For Confirmation service, also a birthday compliment to the ringer of the fourth. The band included three generations.

BICKER, LINCS.—On June 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Kay 1, W. B. Dawson 2, F. Leggott 3, A. H. Bennett 4, W. E. Clark 5, C. Wander (cond.) 6, J. Petch 7, C. Stubley 8. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Rose Ellen Levesley, a great church worker for St. Swithin's Church.

BLECHINGLEY, SURREY.—On June 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Harwood 1, Nancy Kempsell (first of Triples 'inside') 2, Freda Hankey 3, A. Streeter 4, F. W. Bird 5, M. Johnson 6, G. Olliver (cond.) 7, J. Burgess 8. Rung to mark the ordination at Chichester Cathedral that day of John Milne, one-time churchwarden at this church.

BOURNEMOUTH, HANTS.—On June 9th, at St. Peter's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. J. Sanger 1, R. W. Rex 2, D. Hoare (cond.) 3, J. Seagar 4, G. W. Massey 5, G. Salmon 6, A. V. Davis 7, E. E. Bray 8. For morning service.

BRANT-BROUGHTON, LINCS.—On June 10th, 1,260 Minor (720 Cambridge, 180 Single Oxford, 360 Plain Bob): W. E. Green 1, W. R. Parker 2, J. F. Pearson 3, L. Thompson 4, W. A. Lacey 5, J. E. Cook (cond.) 6.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—On June 11th, at the Church of the Good Shepherd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. J. Lewis 1, A. W. Gravett 2, Betty Stephenson 3, S. G. Ridge 4, C. W. Riddlestone 5, A. W. Bond 6, S. E. Armstrong (cond.) 7, N. J. Armstrong 8. First quarter for 1 and 8, and rung at the first attempt. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Flying Officer David Garratt, R.A.F.

BURSTOW, SURREY.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: D. Slaughter (first quarter) 1, T. Padbury (first quarter) 2, D. Wilson 3, W. Slaughter 4, A. J. Bull (cond.) 5, H. Padbury 6. For Matins.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.—On June 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: I. Norris 1, Mrs. T. Norris 2, J. Pares 3, H. Hodgetts 4, C. Cook 5, E. Ashby 6, T. Norris (cond.) 7, F. Morris 8.

CANNOCK, STAFFS.—On June 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (rung on back six): C. McKennie (first quarter attempt, 13) 1, A. E. Barker 2, R. W. Barker (first as cond.) 3, G. Bradbury 4, A. Armstrong 5, E. Borely 6.

COLESHILL, WARWICKS.—On June 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Ensor (first quarter) 1, L. L. Willis 2, F. W. Bailey 3, D. L. Hooper 4, W. C. Rhodes 5, J. W. Hovey (cond.) 6, E. H. Hill 7, H. Walker 8. Rung for the consecration of the Church of St. Barnabas, Kingshurst.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYS.—On June 13th, 1,320 Doubles (720 Grandsire, 600 Stedman): A. Gregory (first quarter) 1, D. Mellor 2, H. E. Taylor 3, A. Hopkinson 4, G. H. Paulson 5, P. Taylor (first quarter) 6. Conducting shared by 3 and 5. Rung by local service band for the Queen's birthday.

DORCHESTER, OXON.—On June 14th, 1,312 Spliced Surprise Major (London, Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative): W. H. Jackson (joint cond.) 1, Miss S. V. Rymer 2, Miss R. M. E. How 3, R. B. Meadows 4, D. R. Stoddard 5, P. R. Sanders 6, R. A. Hodson 7, S. J. Ivin (joint cond.) 8.

EALING, MIDDLX.—At St. Mary's Church, on May 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. P. Kent 1, H. J. Eldred 2, A. M. Stacey 3, C. A. Wratten 4, S. Croft 5, A. H. Fulwell 6, W. T. Cook (cond.) 7, D. Theedom 8.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—On June 16th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Jean Croft (first quarter) 1, G. Cherry 2, S. H. Ashton 3, L. Runnacles 4, K. C. Timbury 5, P. W. Croft (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

QUARTER PEALS

HARROLD, BEDS.—On June 17th, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent, 540 Plain Bob): R. Walker 1, Iris Walker 2, H. Gayton (cond.) 3, C. Payne 4, H. Robinson 5, R. Grice 6. First 720 of Kent for 1, 2, 4 and 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. R. Grice and Mr. H. Gayton.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. T. Howes 1, H. S. Peacock 2, Miss D. Robinson 3, J. R. G. Spicer 4, F. R. Nicholls 5, D. E. R. Knights (cond.) 6. For morning service.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On June 16th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. J. Salisbury 1, T. East 2, J. Carrott 3, Miss J. Peacock 4, J. Fowler 5, R. Brown 6, F. V. Gant (cond) 7, A. Ammerlann 8. For Trinity Sunday, and for the ordination at Chelmsford Cathedral of the Rev. H. Wallace as priest and the Rev. J. Ross as deacon, both of St. Andrew's, Hornchurch.

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, BEDS.—On June 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (7, 8 covering): B. Stapleton 1, Angela Grainger 2, P. Newing 3, B. Grainger 4, R. Churchill (first as cond.) 5, I. N. Pett 6, Ann Fisher 7, D. C. Hall 8. For Whitsun. Also on June 14th, 1,260 Bob Triples: B. Stapleton 1, Angela Grainger 2, R. Churchill 3, K. Fleming 4, I. N. Pett (first as cond.) 5, B. Grainger 6, P. Newing 7, D. C. Hall 8. First of Bob Triples for 1, 3 and 8.

MARSHFIELD, MON.—On June 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. F. R. Hartley (first quarter) 1, A. M. Coombs (first as cond.) 2, P. J. C. Goodfellow (first quarter) 3, E. J. R. Hartley 4, J. D. Woodman (first 'inside') 5. A birthday compliment to Edmund J. R. Hartley.

NORBURY, CHESHIRE.—On June 9th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Mrs. L. Boumphrey 1, Shirley Harris 2, J. Fernley 3, L. Boumphrey 4, B. Harris 5, B. Jones (cond.) 6.

NUTFIELD, SURREY.—On May 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. R. C. Clarke 1, G. Olliver (cond.) 2, Nancy Kempsell 3, Freda Hankey 4, A. Streeter 5, S. Smith (first quarter) 6. For Evensong.

OCKBROOK, DERBYS.—On June 6th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: C. Walklate 1, P. W. Sewry 2, W. A. Morley 3, K. Ballington (first as cond., aged 13) 4, D. P. Jones 5. Also on June 8th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: K. Ballington 1, B. R. Manning 2, P. W. Sewry 3, Miss B. A. Manning 4, W. A. Morley 5, J. E. Ryde (first as cond.) 6. For the wedding of Miss Doreen Porter and Mr. Paul Shelmerdine.

OLD HEADINGTON, OXON.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (being four extents Bob and 6½ extents Grandsire): Miss A. Mellor 1, T. H. Smith 2, J. Dart 3, Miss V. Naylor 4, R. J. Trebilcock (cond.) 5, R. Brown 6. For Evensong, and as a wedding anniversary compliment to the ringer of the second.

OXFORD.—On June 2nd, at the Church of St. Ebbe, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. H. Jackson 1, Adele Bagnall 2, P. R. Sanders 3, D. H. Niblett 4, S. J. Ivin 5, R. A. Hodgson 6, C. J. B. Taylor (first in method as cond.) 7, C. R. C. Coussmaker 8. For Matins. Also on June 7th, 1,536 Spliced Surprise Major (Cambridge, Superlative, London, Bristol): R. N. Pittman 1, D. J. Roaf 2, W. H. Jackson (cond.) 3, Miss S. V. Rymer 4, D. H. Niblett 5, P. R. Sanders 6, S. J. Ivin 7, R. A. Hodgson 8. First of four Spliced for 1, 2, 6 and 8.

RAVENINGHAM, NORFOLK.—On June 15th, 1,260 Doubles (120 Grandsire and 1,140 Plain Bob, four callings and a 60): T. G. Page 1, J. W. Forder 2, M. J. Stokes 3, R. W. Bickers 4, T. N. J. Bailey (first as cond.) 5. First in two methods by all except the second. Rung in honour of the 42nd wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Bailey, of Beccles, also as a 17th birthday compliment to Terence Page.

READING, BERKS.—On June 9th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. G. Byng (first away from tenor) 1, Helen M. Brant 2, K. Cotterell 3, W. Newton 4, F. W. Lewis 5, R. H. Begrie 6, R. F. Diserens 7, N. J. Diserens (cond.) 8.

RINGWOOD, HANTS.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. E. Cheater 1, R. Hoare 2, Miss J. M. Gray 3, R. N. Marlow 4, J. Hartless 5, W. C. Shute 6, L. F. Cobb (first of Stedman as cond.) 7, G. E. Turner 8. For Evensong.

RICKMANSWORTH, HERTS.—On June 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. M. Hibbert (first quarter) 1, H. A. Bradbury 2, P. Hart (first 'inside') 3, D. R. Bartholomew 4, D. C. Bartholomew 5, F. W. Elliot 6, R. G. Bell (cond.) 7, J. R. Lloyd 8. Rung on the eve of the 70th birthday of the ringer of 6, and to celebrate his 32nd year of association with the tower.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On June 15th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: H. Cooke 1, Miss M. Mills 2, Susan Chaddock 3, Miss E. A. Wardill 4, Mrs. N. Chaddock 5, J. N. D. Chaddock 6, J. Seager 7, G. K. Chaddock 8, N. Chaddock (cond.) 9, P. Walker 10. First quarter of Grandsire Caters by 1, 3 and 10. Rung for the Sheffield and District Servers' Guild annual service.

SIBSEY, LINCS.—On June 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (with tenor covering): Olga Elmitt (first quarter, aged 14) 1, Agnes Elmitt 2, H. Johnson 3, W. E. Elmitt 4, T. Cummings (cond.) 5, D. Smith 6, W. Wilkinson 8. Rung for the wedding of Janet Goodrick and John Scholes, also a birthday compliment to the conductor.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On June 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Linda Kew (aged 12, first quarter) 1, Janet Adamson 2, A. D. Rivers 3, F. R. Scott 4, W. Birmingham 5, A. E. Hartley (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled for the funeral of Lady Catherine Herschel (widow of the Rev. Sir John Herschel, F.R.A.S., descendant of William and Caroline Herschel, the famous Slough astronomers).

SOUTHAMPTON, HANTS.—At St. Mary's Church, on June 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. N. Marlow 1, R. R. Savory 2, M. J. Butler 3, C. G. Jones (first of Stedman Triples) 4, P. G. Morgan 5, R. T. Jones 6, J. Hartless (first of Stedman Triples as cond.) 7, L. F. Cobb 8. Rung on the first anniversary of the rededication of the church.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTS.—On June 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss R. Roworth 1, Mrs. F. G. Wilton 2, Mrs. E. Sutton 3, Dr. C. G. Roworth 4, G. Wells 5, R. G. Townsend 6, E. Sutton (cond.) 7, E. Vincent 8. For the christening of the Vicar's daughter, Ruth.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At Christ Church, on June 16th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Dr. C. G. Roworth (first in method) 1, Mrs. F. G. Wilton 2, Dr. H. Craig 3, P. J. Shipton (first of Triples in method) 4, R. G. Townsend 5, W. W. T. Daniell 6, E. Sutton (cond.) 7, E. Vincent 8. On the occasion of the ordination of the Rev. D. Biggar and the Rev. J. Poarch, both of Christ Church, Swindon.

TENTERDEN, KENT.—On May 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mary Meynell 1, W. H. Prior 2, P. Jarvis 3, H. Baker 4, W. Tickner 5, R. J. Brown 6, M. W. Marshall (cond.) 7, P. V. H. Relf 8. Rung in honour of the marriage of Miss Sally Taylor-Jones and Lt. Trevor Harding, R.N.

WANDSWORTH, SURREY.—On Whit Sunday, at Holy Trinity Church, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Miss F. Brown 1, W. Wilson (arr. and cond.) 2, Miss J. Scrutton 3, S. Croft 4, J. Rea 5, M. Williamson 6, E. Talbot 7, J. Euston 8. Rung to welcome the Bishop of Kingston at morning service.

WHITCHURCH, OXON.—On June 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. F. Carter 1, R. K. Russ (cond.) 2, J. A. Cobb 3, D. Wesley 4, K. Cotterell 5, J. P. Chambers 6.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On June 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. Jacobs 1, Susan Jacobs 2, J. Tomsett 3, A. Bishop 4, M. P. Moreton 5, F. Corfield (cond.) 6.

WINDSOR, BERKS.—On June 9th, at St. John's Church, 1,289 Doubles (360 Plain Bob, 360 St. Simon's, 360 St. Martin's and 209 Grandsire): R. Penn 1, Monica M. Blagrove 2, K. Buckingham 3, A. J. Glass 4, F. T. Blagrove (cond.) 5, A. J. Painter 6. For Confirmation service.

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.—On June 4th, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob and 540 Plain Bob): A. W. Cansdale (cond.) 1, A. E. Leggett 2, W. J. Brunt 3, D. G. Davison 4, B. W. Fairhead 5, Miss E. R. M. Cansdale 6. A farewell to D. G. Davison, who returns to Bolsover, Derbyshire, after completing his National Service at Colchester.

WYCHBOLD, WORCS.—On June 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Moorhouse 1, Miss S. McDougall (first quarter) 2, Mrs. Wm. Holm 3, Miss B. Holm 4, M. Chilcott (cond.) 5, Wm. Holm 6.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION HAVE MEMORABLE WHIT MONDAY

A YEAR OF PROGRESS REVIEWED

THE presence of the Central Council in Chelmsford for the annual meeting of the Essex Association on Whit Monday added a lustre to the proceedings. The Association had as its guests at the annual luncheon the president of the Council and Mrs. E. H. Lewis, the secretary of the Council and Mrs. E. A. Barnett and Mr. Frederick Sharpe.

Proceedings started with the service in Chelmsford Cathedral, conducted by the Provost (Very Rev. G. E. Gordon), and the sermon, preached by the Bishop of Barking (Rt. Rev. H. R. Gough). He said: 'You who ring bells share with the clergy and the whole Church the ministry of evangelism—calling men to worship and to God through Christ. Let us always remember the privilege of your high calling, and let us clergy remember that we cannot do without your help. Your message by the ringing of bells can reach people who never come to worship God.

'This call to worship will have a false note unless we who do the preaching and you who do the ringing are living consistently Christian lives. It is a sadness to some of us to find that when the service starts the ringers disappear. I pray that through your Association every bellringer will realise the privilege and responsibility. Let no bell sound a false note through the insincerity of the ringers.'

A PROGRESSIVE REPORT

The annual meeting followed in the Chapter House, with the Master (Mr. R. C. Heazel) in the chair, supported by the Bishop of Barking, the hon. secretary and treasurer (Mr. F. V. Gant) and the Deputy Master (Mr. H. Turner).

Arising from the minutes, Mr. K. C. S. Wood reported that the list of ringable rings in the diocese was completed. Some of the towers had been out of order. He thought that copies of the report should be supplied to the Archdeacon.

The annual report gave the membership of the Association as 217 honorary and 914 ringing, against 209 honorary and 903 ringing members. The number of peals rung in 1956 was 72 as against 68 in 1955, which was considered to be quite satisfactory, especially as one of the leading conductors was now on National Service. An interesting theory had been advanced by a member that the number of peals rung during any year had no bearing at all on the prevailing enthusiasm at that time. An inquest revealed that 50 per cent. of peal attempts fired their way to a standstill, and in 25 per cent. 'Stand' was called because of wrong or missed calls. The member himself had stood in 18 attempts and recorded only seven peals.

Conducting was shared by 25 members, 175 members featured in the peals and 15 their first peal.

Personal congratulations go to F. C. Southgate, of Ardleigh, on ringing his first peal at the age of 64, and to the Rev. J. Ransom, for ringing his first peal on his own bells. Congratulations go to L. Wiffen on his 650th peal, F. Claydon his 400th, Miss H. G. Snowden her 200th, and to T. Earle and C. E. Willmington on their 100th peal.

The adoption of the report was moved by the Master and seconded by the Deputy Master.

Mr. F. B. Lufkin congratulated the Association on providing such a comprehensive report and giving it to the members free of charge. They were all grateful to Mr. Gant, the editor of the report.

Mr. J. Chalk paid a tribute to the District officers for their work. There were 111 towers in common with the Association, and he would like to see a digest of how many of those towers rang their bells on Sundays. They must see that all their bells were rung on Sundays, because he was afraid that they would see very few rings of bells in new churches. The highlight of their ringing was the number of quarter peals—160 were mentioned. He was glad to see Bob Major and Bob Minor well to the fore as it was the foundation of all ringing. He would like to see in the next report more peals of Kent and Double Norwich C.B. Major.

The report was then adopted.

ACCOUNTS HEALTHY

The adoption of the accounts was moved by Mr. Baker. This showed that the general account started with a balance of £266 2s. 2d. and ended with £282 2s. 2d. The balance in the Bell Restoration Fund had increased from £184 to £229 and the total assets of the Association were £511. The hon. secretary commented on the healthy state of the accounts. Expenses in the coming year would be heavier—there was a £7 increase in printing the annual report, and they had the pleasurable expenditure of entertaining the Central Council. They had promised from the Bell Restoration Fund a grant of £25 to Epping.

In Queen's Birthday Honours List

Mr. Cyril Michael Heathcote, of Sutton-in-Ashfield, who for 21 years has been the popular hon. treasurer of the East Derbyshire and Nottingham Association of Change Ringers, is appointed a Member of the Order of the British Empire in the Queen's Birthday Honours List. He has a record of long service at St. Mary's Church, Sutton-in-Ashfield, as a ringer and sidesman. His daughter previous to her marriage was also a ringer.

For 35 years Mr. Heathcote has been chairman of the Sutton Branch of the British Legion, and has served since 1921 on the Legion's Mansfield, Retford and District War Pensions Committee. He is prominent in local Freemasonry.

The following officers were declared elected: Master, R. C. Heazel; Deputy Master, H. Turner; hon. secretary and treasurer, F. V. Gant; auditors, M. Baker and D. G. Mayell; trustees, P. Eves, P. Saltmarsh and C. Smith.

Life membership was conferred on Mrs. M. M. Osborne (Romford), P. Sayer (Great Totham), W. Wheeler and F. Whitby (Harlow Common) and H. White (Bishop's Stortford). Mrs. Osborne was the first lady to be elected to life membership. Arising from the death of Mr. Harry Mansfield, there was a vacancy in the Central Council representation. This was referred to the committee with power to act.

Mr. F. B. Lufkin (peal secretary) reported that already this year (1957) 58 peals had been rung in 40 towers: 148 ringers had taken part and eight had rung their first peal. Their peals were coming in from far and wide.

Mr. Millett appealed for support for Little Hawksley bells. This church was destroyed early in the last war and the five bells were also destroyed. The church was being rebuilt. This little village of 300 inhabitants was faced with the problem of whether the five bells should be hung for chiming or change-ringing. The sum of £275 extra would have to be found if the bells were hung for change-ringing. The meeting instructed the Bell Restoration Committee to negotiate with the people of Little Hawksley. If the bells were hung for ringing the Association would be prepared to make a grant of £50.

The Bishop of Barking called attention to the possibility of bells being provided for the church being built in Harlow New Town. The matter was referred to the Bell Restoration Fund.

The Master proposed a comprehensive vote of thanks to all who had contributed to the success of the meeting, and announced that the collection at the service for the Bell Restoration Fund amounted to £4 13s. 3d.

MR. LEWIS RECALLS

The Association's luncheon followed in the Cathedral Hall, with the Master in the chair, who extended a cordial welcome to the many guests present. The Provost, in reply, spoke in appreciation of the way the Association co-operated with the Cathedral's festival week. He was sorry the Cathedral bells were not in good shape to permit of a peal, but they would be next year.

Mr. E. H. Lewis said he had been a member of the Association for 53 or 54 years, and his first peals of London and Bristol were rung for their Association. Unfortunately, he was in Copenhagen when the last Council meeting was held at Chelmsford in 1929. This year was his jubilee year on the Council, and he was elected president in 1930 without any previous notice.

During the last 26 years there had been various changes on the Council—some for the good and some for the bad. The change for the good was the great increase on the social side of their proceedings, which had enabled members to discuss around the table various matters.

The thing he deplored was that in the early days a large number of clergy took a prominent part, and they were leading ringers and good composers and knew as much about ringing as lay members. Today they had nothing like that number of clergy who were good ringers, and it was a great pity. He thought it would be a very good thing if the theological colleges would take the opportunity of teaching ringing to coming ordinands. 'I have rung with a lot of clergy and it is only those who learnt to ring before they put on a "dog collar" who became good strikers.' He thought the ordinary ringer was frightened when he had to teach a vicar or curate.

Mr. Lewis said he was now living in Scotland where the opportunities to ring were very few. They were asked to ring for the Queen's homecoming, and he asked the secretary of the Scottish Association where it would be possible to ring. He sent him to Dunblane. He made an all-round trip of 260 miles to ring for 20 minutes' call-changes.

Mr. Frank Gant also extended a welcome to members of the Central Council and thanked those responsible for the lunch, especially mentioning Mr. Sam Everett.

Ringing took place afterwards in various towers in the neighbourhood.

NUTFIELD, SURREY.—On June 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jean Bird (first quarter) 1, Nancy Kempsell (cond.) 2, G. Olliver 3, F. W. Bird 4, A. R. C. Clarke 5, S. Smith 6.

DIAMOND JUBILEE OF THE MIDDLESEX

PERSONALITIES OF PAST 60 YEARS RECALLED

THE Middlesex Association and London Diocesan Guild celebrated its diamond jubilee in a very fitting manner on Whit Saturday. The programme was, indeed, comprehensive, with ringing at St. Giles-in-the-Fields and St. Olave's, Hart Street, a demonstration of the Carter ringing machine and a service in St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, which was largely attended. The Bishop of Kensington preached and the Rev. R. Deasy, Vicar of Harrow Weald, conducted the service. The singing was particularly beautiful, having been arranged by Dr. D. J. Neal-Smith.

The dinner followed in the adjoining Fan Makers' Hall, with the Bishop of Kensington in the chair. He was supported on the top table by Mr. and Mrs. A. Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Mason, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Cullum, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Coles, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Hart, Mr. and Mrs. T. Price, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Lock, Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Genna, Mr. E. R. Gladman and Mr. T. W. White. A generous anonymous donor kindly provided wine for the dinner.

The hon. secretary read apologies from the patron of the Association (the Lord Bishop of London), the president (the Rev. G. C. Taylor), the Bishops of Stepney and Willesden, the Archdeacons of London and Middlesex, the Rector of Bishopsgate, Mr. Tom Taffender (Master of the London Association), Mrs. J. H. Honeysett, Mrs. E. Davis, Mrs. Turner, Mr. Collins and Mr. W. Smith.

Proposing the toast of 'The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild,' the Bishop of Kensington said all of them would like to congratulate the Association on that notable anniversary. Sixty years was a very long time, and they thought of all the service to the Church in those 60 years as servants and in the continued recruitment of new members.

He noticed on reading their latest report that they had recruited 37 new ringing members: that seemed to him to be a very good access of strength. He also noticed the very long service of many of their members—Mr. Ernest Gladman, of Heston, and Mr. Arthur Harding, of St. Mary's, Ealing.

EMANCIPATION OF WOMEN

In their first report available, for the year 1899, there was no mention of ladies. Now there were many ladies ringing, and what an enormous strength they were to ringing teams! Perhaps somebody would tell him when this emancipating of women took place, and when they were allowed to join their art and craft. To him it seemed a very admirable thing. He congratulated them and also the whole Association on behalf of the Diocese. 'We clergy do enormously value the ringers and all they do for the Church,' he said. The ringing of bells always encouraged him when he went to any church.

Not everybody enjoyed the pealing of bells. Just before their service the telephone bell rang in the vestry, and he answered it. A voice said: 'Is that St. Botolph's? About those bells ringing: how long is it going on?' He told the enquirer that the service was about to start. He could only recommend to those who had to answer the criticism of the ringing of bells the advice given by a learned lawyer to a clergyman subjected to bitter complaints about his bells. His answer was the ringing of bells before service was commanded by the Book of Common Prayer that was approved by the Act of Uniformity. 'The only doubt in my mind,' replied the clergyman, 'is whether I am ringing them long enough to satisfy the statute.'

Mr. F. W. Goodfellow, the hon. secretary, who replied, prefaced his remarks by thanking the Lord Bishop for his inspiring address and joining them on the even of Whit Sunday. The Bishop had mentioned ladies and ringing—well, he married one. The Ladies' Guild was formed in 1912, and they had the great pleasure of having the president of the Ladies' Guild (Mrs. Locke) with them that evening. [Applause.]

THE FORMATION

He joined the Association in 1921 and had the pleasure of ringing with some of the great notabilities who brought distinction and honour to the Association and the Exercise. The Association was formed on Whit Monday, 1897, by the fusion of two Societies—the old South and West Middlesex, formed in 1894, which before that was the West Middlesex, and the North and East Middlesex, established in 1889. So their Association went back longer than 60 years. Both these Societies had the same objects—recognition of ringers as church workers, the advancement of the art of change-ringing and the proper use of bells and belfries. In the South and West, the emphasis was on belfry reforming, so one could assume that they were a bad lot.

The architect of this plan was Arthur T. King, and there was no doubt that it was due to his enthusiasm and organising ability that the Association came into being.

In 1903 the annual meeting was held at Fulham Palace, and the Bishop of London allowed them to include the words 'London Diocesan Guild' in their title, and their area the Diocese of London. Their present relations with other Societies in London were excellent, and they did encourage the holding of meetings with other Societies.

They were very grateful to the Church authorities for the encouragement they gave in keeping alive the fascinating and scientific art of ringing bells in changes. When they considered the position in church today of ringers—the happy union of art and worship in ringing itself—it was hard to realise that for many years ringers and ringing were completely secular, and it was the formation of Societies like their own that started the reforms and led to the position today.

MEN WHO MAINTAINED ASSOCIATION

On an occasion like that it was only fitting that they should remember some of the men who built and maintained the Association; and looking back, it was remarkable how few men there were. For instance, there had only been seven presidents—five parish priests and two diocesan lay readers. They were the Rev. H. G. Bird (1897–1913), Mr. A. T. King (1913–22), Rev. F. R. Bonsey (1922–24), Mr. F. A. Milne (1924–30), Rev. W. P. Cole-Sheane (1930–48), Rev. Percival Gough (1949–55), Rev. A. G. Taylor since 1955.

They had been very fortunate in the important post of secretary. There had been six. Mr. King held office until 1910. Then it was decided to have joint secretaries. Mr. C. T. Coles held office for the N. and E. from 1910–1938, and in the South and West the secretaries were: H. C. Chandler (1910–18), W. H. Hollier (1921–32), F. W. Goodfellow (1932–38) and W. H. Oram during the war years. Then in 1938 they had again a general secretary in Mr. C. T. Coles, who held that office until 1945. Then their old friend Ernest Turner took over until this year, and they all deeply deplored his death.

All their Masters had been first-class men, and one was outstanding in William Pye (1910–1935). His ringing feats were well-known and he was a pioneer in many directions—he rang with his son Ernest the other week, and he was 'a chip off the old block.' The other Masters were John Basden (1897–1910), A. W. Coles (1935–1939), H. Kilby (1939–46), J. Thomas (1946–47), C. W. Roberts (1947–50), T. Price since 1950.

Some 28 of their members had served on the Central Council—the Parliament of Church Bell Ringers—and there were five who served for over 20 years. There was one who stood head and shoulders above the others and served for 50 years—James Armiger Trollope. His brilliant work on the Methods Committee and four years as Editor of 'The Ringing World' were marked by selfless devotion to the Exercise. The others were George Fletcher, 27 years, and secretary to the Council, C. T. Coles 25 years, A. T. King 21 years and E. C. S. Turner 21 years.

There were two foundation members alive—Mr. James Parker, then living at Edmonton and now residing with his son-in-law and daughter (Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Fletcher), who was 91 the previous week. His daughter sent his best wishes. The other was Mr. Ernest Gladman, who had been ringing for over 60 years at Heston. Mr. Goodfellow concluded by saying that he thought the dinner was a magnificent response. There were 112 present, representing 23 towers.

Mr. Ernest Gladman received a great reception when he rose to acknowledge the call of the company.

THE VISITORS

Mr. W. H. Coles proposed the toast of 'The Guests and Kindred Societies.' He had a special word of welcome to the clergy present, to Mrs. Hughes, Dr. Neil Smith and his singers. He regretted the absence of Mr. T. Taffender, due to the illness of his wife, but was pleased to have with them the Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths (Mr. Stan Mason) and Mr. F. J. Cullum, Master of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths. They had also with them Mrs. Lock, president of the Ladies' Guild, and representatives of the Kent Association, the Suffolk Guild and the Guild of Devonshire Ringers (Mr. A. Bennett).

Mr. F. J. Cullum replied on behalf of the Kindred Societies and also Mr. T. W. White, editor of 'The Ringing World.' The latter said Mr. J. Frank Smallwood, because of the profit of £857 on 'The Ringing World,' was going to Chelmsford as merry as Old King Cole. They all knew how the rhyme went:—

Old King Cole was a merry old soul
And a merry old soul was he.
When faced with the facts
Of his income tax.
He called for his fiddlers three.

The fiddlers were the other three members of the committee. Any profit accruing would be devoted to a better 'Ringing World.' There would be more 20-page issues and more illustrations.

At the conclusion of an enjoyable evening Mr. A. A. Hughes proposed a comprehensive vote of thanks to the Bishop of Kensington, for his address at the service and for presiding at the dinner; Rev. R. Deasy, Vicar of Harrow Weald, for conducting the service; the Rector of Bishopsgate (Rev. H. H. Treacher), for allowing the function to be held at St. Botolph's; the president, for the use of St. Giles' bells; and the Rector of St. Olave's, Hart Street, also for the use of bells; Dr. D. J. Neal Smith, for his help with the service, and to the choir; Dr. Douglas Hughes, for demonstrating the Carter ringing machine; the artistes—Mrs. A.

A. Hughes and her accompanist, Mrs. T. J. Lock; Mr. D. J. Neal and his singers, and finally the dinner committee—Messrs. E. H. Kilby, C. F. Neal, T. J. Lock, E. C. S. Turner (and after the last named's death Mr. W. N. Genna) and F. W. Goodfellow (secretary). There were also the voluntary helpers—Miss Dorey, Miss Newcombe, Messrs. C. Slade and D. Smith.

THE COMPANY

Others present were, in addition to the top table: Rev. and Mrs. H. D. Beck, Rev. R. Deasy, Rev. and Mrs. F. C. Tyler, Rev. C. E. Welch, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Bowler, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Butler, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Burkinshaw, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Blagrove, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Coles, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. A. Cutler, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Darmon, Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Goodship, Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Goatham, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Goodfellow, Mr. and Mrs. S. Honor, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Impey, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Kilby, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Leversuch, Mr. and Mrs. R. Newman, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Neal, Mr. and Mrs. R. Sanders, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. B. Speed, Mr. and Mrs. E. Southgate.

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THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

THE annual meeting of the Guild was held on Whit Monday at Teignmouth, the South Devon resort, for the first time in the Guild's 83 years of existence. About 80 ringers attended from all parts of Devon, and ringing at the two towers before mid-day was followed by a service at St. Michael's, conducted by the Vicar (Rev. D. E. Hood). The lesson was read by the president (Rev. Preb. E. V. Cox) and the sermon was preached by the Rev. G. H. B. Andrews. The Rev. N. F. D. Coleridge, another members, was the organist. The preacher's subject was the purpose of bells, and he traced the change from the secular outlook of the 17th and 18th centuries to the proper purpose of today of ringing for the worship of God. Worship was inevitable to the early disciples, but how can we recapture their thrill, except by joining in the fellowship of the Christian family with the Church as our spiritual home?

The service and the subsequent luncheon were honoured by the presence of the chairman of the Teignmouth U.D.C. and Mrs. Rowe, and at the meeting which followed the annual report was presented. It contained appreciative reference to the work done by the late secretary, Mr. E. J. Taylor, who died in October as a result of an accident early in the year. Reference was made to the first peal of Surprise Major rung by a band resident in Devon.

Membership had increased by 25 to 582, and the accounts were shown to be in a satisfactory condition, though the treasurer drew attention to the laxity in payment of subscriptions. The rules were amended, making March 31st the date by which the treasurer should receive the proportion payable by the Branches.

Holsworthy was chosen for next year's annual meeting, and some discussion took place as to whether it should include a lunch or a tea and whether it should be on Whit Monday or on a Saturday. This subject was left for discussion by the Branches so that the committee would be in a position to make a decision when it meets early next year.

The following officers were elected: President, Rev. Preb. E. V. Cox; general secretary, E. M. Atkins; general treasurer, W. Simmonds; peal secretary, N. Mallett; librarian, Rev. J. G. M. Scott.

The bells at St. Michael's are probably the nearest ringing ring to the open sea, and they were heard to advantage by the crowds which thronged the promenade and beach in the glorious weather which persisted all day. Ringing continued till 6 p.m.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

It is six years since the Liverpool Branch have visited St. Luke's, Farnworth (Widnes), as for a time the bells have been unringable. They have now been recast and the tower restored. On Whit Saturday, members enjoyed ringing on the bells, and the warmth of the welcome extended by the Vicar, organist and local ringers could not have been surpassed. In his address the Vicar said five of the bells were originally cast in 1718 by R. Sanders and a treble added in 1789.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

American servicemen at Lakenheath, Suffolk, have promised to give a new £250 bell to the village church of Eriswell, which has associations with North America going back to the 1700's. This will make another 4-bell tower in Suffolk. American personnel contributing £1 will be able to sign an official scroll which will be retained as an historical record.

We are delighted to report that Mr. G. H. Myers, of Plymouth, who will shortly be celebrating his 86th birthday, is making excellent progress after his emergency operation for appendicitis.

After 29 years Mrs. R. Wratten made a welcome return to peal ringing at Burmarsh on June 15th. Better known to ringers in the '20's as Miss Rose Thomas, her name appears on numerous peal boards in the Ashford district.

After losing three peal attempts during a visit to Hampshire during Whit week, six Somerset ringers thought of joining 'The Rabbits' Association.' These thoughts were dispelled by a peal of Yorkshire Surprise at Lymington (see this issue).

The peal rung at Great Bentley, Essex, was arranged as a youngsters' peal, all the band being under 18, but circumstances prevented this and Mr. A. E. Leggett and the conductor's parents stood in at the last moment; the youngsters being 15, 18, 16, 15 and 17 years respectively.

Difficulties of getting a representative Cumbrian band to ring a peal at Brampton are emphasised by the fact that three members had to travel over 100 miles. This was the first peal by a resident band since 1954, and the ringer of the treble was the first Brampton ringer to take part in a peal for the Association.

A most successful weekend from a ringing point of view was arranged by Miss Hilda G. Snowden at Chelmsford during Whitsun. The bells in every tower included in the programme were kept busy most of the time. Miss Snowden arranged for Central Council representatives and friends 14 peal attempts, and of these ten were successful. The peals lost were two London Surprise and one each of Cambridge Surprise Royal and Lincolnshire Surprise. Thank you, Hilda.

For his 80th birthday, Mr. Walter J. Newnham rang his first peal of Major at Cheshunt (see page 391)—a fine performance.

Mr. Ray Idle, who is coming home from New Zealand to Northants, met Mr. Victor Sheppard at Cape Town. Unfortunately there was no time to assemble the band for a ring.

Bells will be heard prior to the evening service on July 7th from St. Peter Mancroft Church, Norwich, to be conducted by the Rector, the Rev. John Waddington, assisted by the Rev. Christopher Tubbs.

It has just been disclosed that while waiting for the happy event, Mr. Robin G. Turner called a peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor 'in hand' on the morning of his wedding day (May 4th).

The peal of London S. Major rung at Willesden on Thursday, May 23rd, 1957, and reported in 'The Ringing World' issue dated June 7th, should be credited to the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.

The bells of Liverpool Cathedral will be broadcast individually on Saturday next between 5 and 6 p.m. Mr. E. L. Humphriss will ring each bell individually hand and back. The Bourdon will be rung first, followed by 11, 10, etc., and 12th last.

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BROADCASTING – DEBATE AND GUIDANCE TO RINGERS

BROADCASTING AND TELEVISION COMMITTEE

Firstly, we would clear up a point regarding the broadcasting of bells in the Republic of Ireland, whose territory covers the eastern and southern Districts of the Irish Association. During the year, the General Secretary of the Irish Association made the point in 'The Ringing World' that no mention was made in our report of the broadcasting of bells in Southern Ireland. In consequence of this, contact was made with Radio Eireann, and we were assured that church bells were rarely broadcast, but that in future information of any bell broadcasts would be passed to us. We regret to say this has not happened. There have, we understand, been numerous occasions during the past year when bells have been on the air in Southern Ireland, and Radio Eireann has, to quote the annual report of the Irish Association, continued to show its interest in bells and bell-ringing. In Northern Ireland there is a very good arrangement between the B.B.C. and the Irish Association by which the Northern District Secretary is always consulted by the B.B.C. when any bell broadcast is being contemplated.

In England, the B.B.C. have broadcast a considerable number of rings of church bells prior to Divine Service. The standard of ringing has varied from quite good to very poor. The broadcasts which seem to have caused most comment were the Christmas ones. That from Banstead was very well received, but the Christmas round-up of bells suffered much unfavourable comment. Judged from the angle of faultless ringing, we are bound to agree that the general standard was not good, but contrariwise, judged from the angle of what was heard generally throughout the country, and contributed by the mass of regular service ringers, it was probably fairly average. There have been more letters on this subject in 'The Ringing World' recently than on any other subject, and if it does no more, it does at least emphasise our point in previous reports that ringers should be most careful when asked to ring for broadcasting not to attempt anything they cannot do well. To quote our first report: 'The most important point concerning all broadcasting in which ringers take part is that the highest possible standard of performance should be aimed at. The ringing of good rounds is much to be preferred to poor change-ringing.' As far as the B.B.C. are concerned, we are informed that so often the selection of towers is decided on the basis of where engineers can combine these with other duties.

Apart from ringing in connection with services and the like, there are occasions when bells form a background to plays and other productions of the B.B.C. Generally speaking they are fairly accurate technically from our point of view. There are times, however, when this is not so. Two such were the productions 'The Lark' and 'The Nom de Plume,' featuring M. Voltaire. In both these, English bells were heard in French scenes. We took the opportunity of bringing these mistakes to the notice of the producer of the programmes. The errors were admitted and the reason given for them was that although the Effects Library had several recordings of French bells, the need for them arose in such a way that they could not be obtained in time on either occasion. We took the opportunity of bringing our Committee and its purpose to the notice of the departments concerned, and were duly thanked for our interest and offer to be of assistance in the future.

Several very interesting items were televised with reference to bells rather than ringing; these included the excellent item from the Loughborough Bell Foundry, and the casting of Bow Bells at the Whitechapel Foundry in the presence of the Lord Mayor, the Rector, churchwardens and the Masters of some of the Livery Companies. Each bell was named, the second being named Fabian by the Master of the College Youths.

Finally, it has been suggested that we might press for a television interlude dealing with ringing, the suggestion being that photographs of some famous church with its bells as the background music might be suitable for Sunday evenings. We have put forward to the B.B.C. a previous suggestion regarding the Interlude, without success, but we may in time be able to achieve something on these lines.

H. J. SANGER, Convener,
J. T. DUNWOODY,
G. E. FEARN,
A. A. HUGHES,
A. G. G. THURLOW.

Mr. H. J. Sanger moved the adoption of the report and Mr. J. T. Dunwoody seconded.

THE DEBATE

Mr. C. W. Roberts congratulated the committee on an excellent report. The Christmas Day broadcast, he said, was not representative of the change-ringing of the country. Twelve-bell ringers were represented by a very poor band. He would like to thank the Editor for the firm way he wrote when he said that ringers on the air were just as liable to criticism as other performers. Criticism did tend to raise the standard, and that was what they wanted to do in the matter of broadcasts. He thought there should be a selection between the B.B.C. and the ringers to see that only the best was put on the air.

Mr. Cecil E. Pipe supported Mr. Roberts' point of view.

Mr. Harold Pitstow felt the committee should take up the criticism with the B.B.C. They gave the bells very little time, and while ringing took place made announcements. Their ringing should be given just as much fair treatment as the organ.

Mr. G. W. Jeffs said he was going to make the same point.

Mr. C. W. Roberts said in the early days of broadcasts on 2LO the bells were put on for ten minutes and the announcing was done by a ringer. He wondered if it would be possible to negotiate with the B.B.C. for the announcements to be made by a ringer.

Mr. F. J. Smallwood: Anybody who thinks he can influence the B.B.C. is a bit of an optimist. After the Christmas broadcast I conferred with Mr. Sanger and asked if his committee, which is supposed to have a liaison between the Council and the B.B.C., had been approached, and his reply was that they had not. I did not suppose the B.B.C. would be inclined to. I suggest the Council should send a strong condemnation to the B.B.C.

Mr. A. D. Barker: As a very near neighbour of Mr. John Snagge, I will see that whatever is decided is conveyed to him.

The Rev. R. S. St. J. Smith said he had heard it suggested that when ringing was broadcast a select band should ring and the local ringers ousted. In his opinion the ringing should be typical of the church it came from, and he would say that any pressure from the Council otherwise would be over his dead body.

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead: I do not think anyone has suggested ousting the local band but what I think is contemplated is to choose a tower where the ringing is what most people would call respectable.

The Rev. R. S. St. John Smith: I have heard it suggested by a member of the Council.

A member commented that the B.B.C. selected towers where the parson could preach a good sermon.

Mr. T. J. Dunwoody said that as regards Northern Ireland the B.B.C. did consult them. Since 1946 Northern Ireland had established a liaison with the B.B.C. The decision as to whether certain bells were to be broadcast often rested with the incumbent and not the B.B.C.

Mr. R. G. Blackman thought that the real solution was to provide good ringing in all parish churches on a Sunday.

Replying to criticism, Mr. Sanger said where ringers rang Sunday by Sunday they expected to be in the band to broadcast from their tower. He thought that the answer was that ringers should look to it themselves and see that they improved the standard of ringing generally.

The report was adopted. The committee was re-elected with Mr. H. J. Sanger as convener.

PEALS ANALYSIS COMMITTEE

The Committee are pleased to report an increase of peals rung both on tower- and handbells during the year 1956. There was a grand total of 2,366, with 2,192 on tower bells and 175 on handbells—an increase of 65 on tower bells and 64 on handbells.

The analysis shows as follows:—

	Tower Bells	Handbells	Totals
Maximus ..	18 + 1	— —	18
Cinques ..	37 —	3 + 3	40
Royal ..	116 +35	8 + 2	124
Caters ..	70 +15	9 + 6	79
Major ..	857 +30	59 +27	916
Triples ..	217 − 9	9 − 9	226
Minor ..	640 −22	69 +40	709
Doubles ..	236 +16	18 − 5	254
	2,191	175	2,366

The Leicester Guild has maintained its position as the leading peal producer, with the Oxford Guild moving up to second place, displacing the Lincoln Guild, which has fallen to eighth place. Third place has been taken jointly by the Kent C.A. and the Norwich D.A.

The first six places are as follows: Leicester Guild 172, Oxford D. 121, Kent County 117, Norwich 117, Yorkshire 114, Winchester and Portsmouth 113. (The Winchester and Portsmouth has moved up the list mainly by the efforts of the Minor handbell band.)

No peals were recorded by the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association, the National Police Guild, the Scottish Association, Sheffield and District and the Swansea and Brecon.

There were two outstanding performances on tower bells—a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major by the Leicester Guild, in which one ringer rang an inside pair of bells and conducted the peal; and a peal in 64 Minor methods by the Yorkshire Association. The same Association (Yorks) also rang a peal in 55 Minor methods on handbells.

It is very pleasing to note the increase in the number of peals rung on handbells, though more lasting results might be obtained if the 'centres of industry' could be more widespread.

W. AYRE (Convener),
K. W. H. FELSTEAD,
H. MILES.

Mr. Walter Ayre moved and Mr. H. Miles seconded the adoption of the report, which was agreed to. The committee was re-elected.

PUBLIC INTEREST IN RINGING

THE LITERATURE COMMITTEE

A survey of the news cuttings that have come to us during 1956 indicates no lessening of the public interest in bells and no reluctance on the part of the Press to print articles and notes on ringing.

Among the smaller feature articles we have been given some interesting photographs of ringers' gatherings. The Guildford Diocesan Guild, the Yorkshire Association and the Kent County Association were among the Societies whose annual dinners were recorded in local papers, and 'The Herts Advertiser' photographed the handbell ringers at the Hertfordshire Association summer festival. The bells of St. Andrew's-the-Great, Cambridge, and the heavy ring at Brailes, Warwickshire, were both shown on the ground, while 'The Western Gazette' depicted the unique 'maiden' bell at Broadwindsor. The 'Aldershot News' provided a charming little picture of Mr. Denyer's girl ringers at St. Michael's, Aldershot, and 'The Railwaymen's Guild' pictured so sturdily in the 'Crewe Chronicle' would seem to be laying and ballasting their track very successfully in preparation for their first excursion into the world of ringing. We wish them a full train and a clear road.

One striking feature of the year's publicity has been the Royal Academy picture, 'The Bell-ringers,' by Mr. J. A. Cleeland, who based his work on the ringing at Liverpool Cathedral, and spent many hours making preliminary studies in the tower.

Among other feature articles, Mr. Peter Bond's touring band attracted the attention of the 'Evening Telegraph,' which commented on ringing at Louth; and in July, Christina Allen in 'The Sunday Mercury' discoursed at length on the Birmingham St. Martin's Guild and its ringers ancient and modern.

The full-scale articles cover much of the usual ground, but a good variety has appeared in both the English and the Irish Press. From America, Mr. E. A. Barnett has received an account of the change-ringing machine under construction by Dr. Walker, some notice of which has appeared in the Los Angeles papers. Chester D. Clark's article in 'The Rotarian' gave the history of the Liberty Bell in Philadelphia, and provided much interesting and little-known information concerning this historic relic. 'The Ringing Isle,' by E. R. Yarham, in 'The Christian Herald,' contains references to Bow Bells and to bell inscriptions, but the article lacks distinction. The same may perhaps be said of Trevor Holloway's essay 'Bells' in the August number of 'The Musical Times.' This gives a fair statement of the origin of bells and of bell-founding, but the paragraphs on change-ringing seem to lack authority and contain some errors and loose statements. Similar faults may be found in Tom Ingram's 'The Praise of Bells' in 'The Radio Times' of December 21st, a topical article accompanied by an unfortunate photograph which gave a somewhat grotesque representation of ringing posture. In contrast, 'The Bexhill Observer' for December 22nd portrayed the ringers at St. Peter's in more conventional attitude, and the text of the article was thoughtfully expressed.

Some well-written and painstaking essays come from the Irish Press. An account of Dublin bells by Leo Francis was enfolded in the title 'Christmas Bells' in a December number of the 'Dublin Evening Press,' and in 'Ireland's Saturday Night' a reporter described a visit to Shankill Parish Church, Lurgan, at the close of the year. The 'Belfast Telegraph' published a short thesis by P. G. Dymond, 'The Oldest Bell Foundry in the World,' in which the author listed some of the Whitechapel bells found in Ireland; and Andrew Phelan's 'The Appeal of the Bells' in the 'Irish Independent' gave a wide survey of bells in Ireland, with some rather meagre references to change-ringing. The outstanding contribution from the Irish Press (and possibly from all sources) was 'The Art of Carillon Playing,' by Staf Gebruers, and published in the 'Cork Examiner.' It provides an excellent and informative essay on how a carillon is constructed and played.

Perhaps the most important bell-ringing publicity of the year was that accorded to synthetic bells and recordings, and in view of the growing danger of such devices it is comforting to have found portions of the responsible press ready to emphasise the undesirability of sham forms of worship. At Chesterton, in Staffordshire, and at Whitehaven, in Cumberland, faculties were granted for the installation of apparatus to simulate the sound of bells being rung, but in each case the Chancellor said that he agreed only with the utmost reluctance. In the Chesterton case, both 'The Daily Mail' and 'The Birmingham Post' gave full publicity to the expressed views of the Advisory Committee that such ringing was a sham, and in Cumberland the Chancellor expressed his firm conviction that only the personal contribution of the ringers constituted a true act of worship.

The matter was taken further at the annual dinner of the Yorkshire Association, where the Archbishop of York, in a stirring speech, called imitation ringing 'one of the most bogus frauds of Christendom.' Dr. Ramsay's remarks were widely reported, and 'The Bradford Telegraph,' in an article that would seem to us to summarise public opinion on the matter, said of bell ringing: 'It is in itself an act of worship—the raising of a hymn of praise. . . . The bells must ring out again, but their song must come from the hands and hearts of men, not from the mechanical lungs of an ecclesiastical juke box.'

We feel that the above comments are of too much importance to be omitted from this Report.

Works on bells and ringing published during the year have been few in number. The subsidiary ringing periodicals, 'The Irish Bell News,' 'The Ringing Towers,' from Australia, and 'The Belfry,' the quarterly of the Maidstone District, all continue to provide admirably for intimate local needs. From America each issue of 'Overtones' brings to us evidence of the extraordinary growth of handbell ringing in the United States and of the manifold transactions of the American Guild of Bell Ringers.

Of books and booklets there are but three. 'Resurgam,' edited by Mr. Kenneth S. B. Croft, M.A., gives the story of St. Mary's Church, Southampton. 'Beginners' Plain Bob' is another of Mr. A. Waddington's beautifully artistic productions, providing an approach to the method as helpful and attractive as the author's 'Beginner's Grandsire.'

Mr. Ronald Dove has given us a second and excellent edition of 'Church Bells of Britain,' and one can only join with the writer of the foreword to this remarkable work and 'marvel at the amount of time that must have been involved in compiling all these methodical classifications.' We feel that the Exercise is greatly indebted to Mr. Dove for a book that should find its place on every ringer's shelves.

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD,
FRED. E. DUKES.

The report was adopted, on the proposition of Mr. Edgar Shepherd, seconded by Mr. F. E. Dukes. The committee was re-elected, with Mr. Edgar Shepherd as convener.

PEAL BOARDS COMMITTEE

The records of ancient Peal Boards, bound in two volumes on the loose-leaf system, were presented at the meeting of the Council held in Leicester last year, and formally handed to the Librarian. They may now be borrowed in the usual way.

The Committee would like to emphasise, however, that although these records are now housed in the Council's library, they are not considered as being complete. On the contrary, there must be many more ancient boards awaiting discovery, and it is only by the co-operation of the Exercise in general that the record can be completed. Details of any Boards prior to 1825, together with the approximate size and condition, will be welcomed. We should like to make a special appeal to the 'tower-grabbers' to be on the look-out for these interesting records.

J. W. CLARKE.

Mr. Walter Ayre moved the adoption of the report, and said the volume containing the records was open to inspection. Mr. F. I. Hairs seconded. The committee was re-elected with Mr. J. W. Clarke as convener.

METHODS COMMITTEE

Satisfactory progress has been made on producing completely new books on Minor methods and Triples methods, but it has not been possible to complete the work in its entirety. With regard to Triples methods, unless the Council instructs us to the contrary, we are proposing to include Single Hunt Pure Triples methods and Two Hunt symmetrical methods. All of the former and the majority of the latter do not conform rigidly to the Council's decisions, but we suggest that they be included because of the limited number of methods available as compared with Major methods.

K. W. H. FELSTEAD,
F. NOLAN GOLDEN,
CHARLES H. KIPPIN,
C. KENNETH LEWIS.

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, who moved the adoption of the report, said his committee had not gone as far as they hoped. There were 17 Single Hunt Pure Triples methods and 13 two-hunt Symmetrical methods that they proposed to include.

Mr. C. K. Lewis seconded.

The report was adopted and the committee re-elected, with the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead as convener.

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BUSY YEAR FOR BELL RESTORATIONS

TOWERS AND BELFRIES COMMITTEE

During the year the work of the Committee increased considerably. Fifty-five enquiries were received; eleven of these were dealt with by correspondence, the remainder by personal inspections and reports. The work of each member is appended.

Mr. J. W. Clarke has dealt with three enquiries in Cheshire. In one he was successful in opposing the sale of five bells, and these are now stored in the church for future use. His other two enquiries related to repairs, and he reports that his advice has been carried out satisfactorily.

Mr. F. E. Collins has been consulted regarding restoration work in seven towers in the counties of Cornwall, Essex, Hampshire, Surrey, Sussex and Warwick. He reports that the enquiries included repairs, augmentations, structural safety and sound modification, and that in each instance his advice has been well received and followed up.

Mr. J. Freeman has been asked for advice in one tower in Lincolnshire, and he reports that his recommendations have been carried out satisfactorily.

Mr. E. H. Lewis has given advice on the structural safety of one tower in Warwickshire and on the restoration of its bells. The work has not yet been taken in hand.

Mr. W. Osborn has been consulted in 18 instances in Somerset and Wiltshire. With the exception noted below his advice has been followed and work is in hand, or completed. In six towers he advised on rehanging; in nine towers on repairs: he dealt successfully with problems of sound control in two towers; in two towers he advised on recasting and in another on augmentation. The above-mentioned exception was a proposal to sell five bells and install Constant Martin equipment, which he strongly opposed; the result is not yet known.

Mr. F. Sharpe dealt with 25 enquiries in Berks, Bucks, Derbyshire, Hants, Herts, Kent, Norfolk, Oxon, Rutland, Suffolk and Warwick; two were acute problems of tower oscillation; one has been satisfactorily overcome, the other is not yet in hand; two involved problems of sound control; he advised on recasting in five towers and on augmentation in another. In 13 towers he advised on rehanging, and the remainder of his enquiries related to repairs. He gave two series of lectures on bell towers and bell-hanging at the York Institute of Architectural Study, and many others to diocesan authorities.

During the year the Committee lost through death its oldest member, Mr. E. A. Young. In the past he had been a most active member of the Committee, and he was formerly in great demand when advice on the architectural problems connected with bell-hanging was needed.

FREDERICK SHARPE, F.S.A., A.I.O.B. (Convener).
J. W. CLARKE,
F. E. COLLINS, M.J.Inst.E.,
J. FREEMAN,
E. H. LEWIS, M.A.,
W. OSBORN.

Moving the adoption of the report, the president said Mr. Osborn had been very busy in the West Country and had opposed a suggestion to sell five Bilbie bells, where they wanted to install one of those wretched recording things. He asked that the Rev. J. G. M. Scott be added to the committee.

Mr. E. H. Lewis, in seconding, asked how the committee was getting on with the Central Council for the Preservation of Churches, now Dr. Eeles was dead.

The president replied that since the death of Dr. Eeles they had been left very high and dry, and he thought it was a bad thing. It would be far better to work in conjunction with that body as they had certain decided views on bell hanging, and sometimes they were not those of the Council. He suggested a joint meeting between the two bodies.

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead said he believed a member of the Council sat on the Board of the Central Council. Could he not exert his influence?

The Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow: I am having the president of the Central Council to preach, and we shall have lunch together. He promised to do what he could.

Mr. W. Osborn said he was pleased to tell the Council that they were successful in stopping the destruction of these five old Bilbie bells. He had been there twice and met members of the Church Council. One lady said she had heard chimes on the Continent, in Belgium, and how much she liked them. He went to a lot of trouble to explain the difference and that there would be disappointment if these bells went. The Advisory Committee of the Bath and Wells Diocese, of which he was a member, refused the sale of the six Bilbie bells and ordered that the bells should be chimed until there was sufficient money for them to be rehung.

The Rev. A. H. Roberts asked how far the members who made the inspections were in touch with the Advisory Committees. He hoped those who made inspections would get in touch with Advisory Committees, as it sometimes happened that the advice of the Towers and Belfries Committee was directly opposite to that given by the Advisory Committee.

As to Cornwall, he thought that their restorations were carried out properly. Only three weeks ago he had £500 given to him to complete his tower at Carbis Bay. He hoped that they would be able to build a tower which would be quite ideal.

The president said most of the reports on towers go to the Diocesan Advisory Committee. He thanked the members of the committee for their good work. The committee was re-elected.

PEALS COLLECTION COMMITTEE

Progress has been made with the collection of peals of Stedman Caters and Cinques. In response to the request for compositions a few have come in, including a very valuable contribution of peals by the late F. G. May. The senders are thanked. Still more compositions are needed, however, to make the collection truly representative. So far no peals by the following composers have been received:—

F. H. Dexter, A. Knights, N. J. Pitstow, F. Pitstow, G. Lindoff, J. D. Mattthews.

The Committee would be grateful if anyone having compositions by any of the above would send them, to enable the work to be completed.

C. W. WOOLLEY (Convener),
A. J. PITMAN,
C. W. ROBERTS,
W. E. CRITCHLEY.

The president said Mr. Woolley was not now a member of the Committee.

Mr. C. W. Roberts, presenting the report, said he wanted to make the collection as representative as possible and to include peals of each type. He hoped by the next Council to have the draft prepared, and then the collection could be considered for printing.

Mr. W. E. Critchley seconded and the report was adopted.

The secretary said the Standing Committee recommended the adoption of the report and the re-election of the committee, with the exception of Mr. C. W. Woolley.

Mr. G. E. Feirn was elected to the committee in his place and Mr. W. E. Critchley appointed as convener.

NEW METHODS OF 1956

RECORDS COMMITTEE

The Committee beg to report the following new methods rung during the year ended December 31st, 1956:—

Jan.	7.	5152	Frolesworth S. Maj. Leicester Diocesan Guild.
,,	14.	5040	Dacorum Imperial Bob Major. Hertford County Association.
,,	18.	5184	Gressenhall Delight Major. Norwich Diocesan Association.
,,	21.	5120	Hampton Imperial Bob Major. Chester Diocesan Guild.
,,	21.	5024	Heythrop S. Maj. Oxford D. Guild.
,,	25.	5024	Glenparva S. Maj. Leicester Diocesan Guild.
*Feb.	5.	5056	Bishopsdale College Bob Maj. Oxford Diocesan Guild.
,,	9.	5184	Hendon S. Maj. Middlesex County Association.
Mar.	7.	5056	Hungarton S. Maj. Leicester Diocesan Guild.
* ,,	10.	5056	Overton S. Maj. Winchester and Portsmouth D. Guild.
,,	28.	5088	Ingarsby S. Maj. Leicester D. Guild.
*Apr.	14.	5040	Cobham S. Royal. Guildford Diocesan Guild.
* ,,	19.	5088	Jedburgh S. Maj. Middlesex County Association.
,,	21.	5088	Dunmow S. Maj. Essex Assn.
* ,,	21.	5152	Sibsey S. Maj. Lincoln D. G.
* ,,	26.	5152	Northill S. Maj. Bedfordshire Association.
* ,,	28.	5088	Northamptonshire S. Major. Peterborough Diocesan Guild.
*May	19.	5056	Billingborough S. Maj. Lincoln Diocesan Guild.
,,	19.	5120	Wem Imp. Bob Maj. Shropshire Association.
,,	24.	5024	Norton S. Major. Middlesex County Association.
,,	30.	5152	John o' Gaunt S. Maj. Leicester Diocesan Guild.
June	7.	5056	Finchley S. Maj. Middlesex County Association.
,,	27.	5152	Knossington S. Maj. Leicester Diocesan Guild.
July	7.	5019	Little Grandsire Caters. Hertford County Association.
,,	12.	5088	Ripon S. Major. Middlesex County Association.
,,	21.	5072	Gadebridge Imp. Bob Major. Hertford County Association.
Aug.	4.	5088	Chester Imp. Bob Maj. Chester Diocesan Guild.
* ,,	6.	5056	Totternhoe S. Maj. Bedfordshire Association.
* ,,	25.	5152	Southport S. Maj. Lancashire Association.
*Sept.	1.	5056	Fordcombe S. Maj. Kent C. A.
,,	15.	5024	Ripplesmere S. Maj. Oxford Diocesan Guild.
Nov.	22.	5088	Teddington S. Maj. Middlesex County Association.
Dec.	12.	5040	Mulbarton Bob Triples. Norwich Diocesan Association.
* ,,	29.	5040	Gainsborough S. Royal. Archdeaconry of Stafford Association.

* No particulars have been sent regarding method or composition.

E. K. FLETCHER.
L. K. MARSHALL.

Mrs. Fletcher moved and Mrs. Marshall seconded the adoption of the report.

The president emphasised the importance of Associations sending in methods or compositions rung.

The report was adopted and the committee re-elected.

SEARCHING FOR OLD MEMBERS

BIOGRAPHIES COMMITTEE

An inspection of our record books at the time of preparing this Report shows that out of the total of the elected members to the Council, 346 are now known to be deceased. This number includes the late Mr. N. E. Snow, who was the last survivor of those present at the Council's first meeting at Easter, 1891. Of this number, many of the biographies are complete and are included in the Album which is exhibited today.

Since the meeting at Leicester in 1956, deaths of the following past members have become known:—

F. G. May (Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association). Died July 2nd, 1956. Attended 6 meetings.

E. A. Young (London County Association). Died July 23rd, 1956. Attended 31 meetings.

N. E. Snow (North Lincolnshire Association). Date of death not yet known. Attended 3 meetings.

Rev. F. Ll. Edwards (Salisbury Diocesan Guild). Died December 24th, 1956. Attended 24 meetings.

Rev. C. W. H. Griffiths (Bath and Wells Diocesan Association). Died November 6th, 1956. Did not attend a meeting.

F. O. Moule (Norwich Diocesan Association). Died July 23rd, 1914. Did not attend a meeting.

W. Gordon (Chester Diocesan Guild). Died June 21st, 1915. Attended 3 meetings.

J. S. Rumming (Salisbury Diocesan Guild). Died in Australia, 1945. Did not attend a meeting.

Rev. N. E. Hope (Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association). Died January 26th, 1957. Attended 1 meeting.

C. H. Harding (Bedfordshire Association). Died February 23rd, 1957. Attended 7 meetings.

H. J. Mansfield (Essex Association). Died March 4th, 1957. Attended 6 meetings.

E. C. S. Turner (Middlesex Association). Died April 2nd, 1957. Attended 16 meetings.

T. G. Bartlett (Devon Guild). Date of death not yet known. Did not attend a meeting.

R. Narborough (Peterborough Diocesan Guild). Date of death not yet known. Attended 8 meetings.

The little band of past members of the Council who are over 90 years of age has now been joined by the Rev. C. J. Sturton, who was recently visited by Mr. J. W. Raithby. We have also heard from Mr. C. Willshire, who is well.

Following the discussion which took place at Leicester concerning our 'unknown' class, the Committee made a determined attack on this problem. First a list of these persons was compiled and then names from this were circulated to secretaries of the Associations who elected them, or in a few cases to others who might be able to help. The results, though not yet by any means complete, soon convinced us that the information we seek can be collected if we can contact the right people. However, we are still left with a few names of people about whom no information can yet be obtained and these are listed in the Album as was suggested at Leicester.

It is obvious from what has been reported that we have had the assistance of many people, both of the Council and outside of it. We offer our thanks to all of them. To include them in this Report would only result in a long and perhaps monotonous list of names, so one or two are given to illustrate the whole. Mr. R. H. Dove has found an old group photograph which contains a portrait of the late Mr. T. Lockwood, a past member of the Council who died 45 years ago. It is to be restored and we are promised a copy. Mr. J. W. Raithby has not only given us the date of death of the late Rev. C. W. H. Griffiths, but also put us in the way for completion of his record. Mr. S. H. Symonds has obtained for us the date of death of the late F. O. Moule by applying to Mr. Moule's former employers.

We end this Report with a word of welcome for new members who join the Council today. We hope they will fill in straight away as many facts as possible in the Biography Forms given to them, thus providing the necessary basis for a record which we or our successors will one day have to complete. Also, if these sentences should reach others who became members after 1935, of whom there are 76 who have not given the information we need, may we say 'Please collect a form and please fill it in.' We have no wish to bequeath to those who follow us the difficult problems which we have inherited from the past. A. C. HAZELDEN, Convener.

Mr A. C. Hazelden moved the adoption of the report and said that since the Handbook had been compiled some of the information had changed. There was now only one of the 1891 Council they knew nothing about—Mr. A. E. Nunn, of the Kent County Association.

Mr. W. H. Viggers seconded and called attention to the need of another cover to the album of the biographies; that would cost £25.

TIME MARCHES ON!

Our next issue is the first of a new quarter. Subscriptions due should be renewed without delay. Please remit to Mr. J. E. Jeater, Greystones, Cusgarne, near Truro, Cornwall. Rates: 3 months 7/6; 6 months 14/6; 12 months £1/8/-. New subscribers welcome.

The Standing Committee recommended the adoption of the report, subject to two small corrections—the Rev. C. W. H. Griffiths died in 1936, and the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards attended 35 meetings and not 24. The report was adopted and the committee re-elected, with Mr. A. C. Hazelden as convener.

COMMITTEE FOR THE REVISION OF 'HINTS TO INSTRUCTORS AND BEGINNERS'

At its meeting at Leicester last year the Council agreed that the publication 'Hints to Instructors and Beginners' should be revised, and appointed us to submit a draft of a new book. In the course of the discussion mention was made of the possibility of the preparation of a film or film strips, and at the two meetings we held in London we considered this matter also. We had in mind the conflicting opinions expressed at the Council meeting as to the need for a book for instructors and/or beginners. In this connection we would point out that the existing book undoubtedly owes a proportion of its sales to the fact that it has been advertised as 'Hints to Beginners,' whereas its full title is 'Hints to Instructors and Beginners,' and indeed it starts with the statement that it is 'addressed mainly to leaders of bands of ringers.'

It has seemed to us advisable to concentrate on a simple book for beginners. Whether there is a demand for a book for instructors we do not know, but it could certainly not be great enough to ensure a large sale and therefore a moderate price. To attempt to combine the two in one publication would increase the cost without a commensurate increase in sales, thus falling between two stools.

There is ample proof that, if written simply enough and if published at a very low price, there is a large demand for a book for beginners. If the price is right then a large proportion of the sales will be block sales of 5 or 10, or similar numbers, to tower captains and instructors to pass on to their pupils.

We have accordingly prepared a draft of a booklet which has three parts to it:— (*a*) a description of a bell and how to ring it; (*b*) elementary change-ringing; and (*c*) the duties of a ringer. The possibility of having a number of full-page photographs, as in 'Hints, etc.,' is, we feel, ruled out by cost, but we have included small sketches to achieve the same end. This draft is still subject to revision and we would suggest that if, when completed, the draft is accepted, the Council should print a sufficient number (5,000 would not be too many) to make it possible to sell at a price certainly not above a shilling, and if practicable as low as sixpence a copy.

To avoid complicating what we regard as the major issue, we make no proposals about the preparation of a book for instructors or film strips or a teaching film about change-ringing, though one of our number considers that the Council's library should possess a good teaching film for loan to those interested.

We recommend that a book for beginners on the lines of the draft submitted be printed and placed on sale at as low a price as possible.

MARIE R. CROSS,
J. T. DYKE,
R. F. B. SPEED,
W. G. WILSON.

Miss M. R. Cross moved and Mr. W. G. Wilson seconded the adoption of the report.

The secretary said that the Standing Committee recommended that the report be accepted and that the committee be empowered to include such photographs and sketches as may be necessary, and that copies of the draft be made and sent to members of the Standing Committee to be returned in a specified time. They also recommended the re-election of the committee, with Miss Cross as convener.

The president: There is a crying and urgent need for it.

Mr. N. Chaddock asked if the proof could be made available to other members.

The president: I see no objection. Any comments would be welcome. The only thing is that Miss Cross wants the draft back quickly. It was suggested at the Standing Committee that the draft should be returned in three weeks.

Mr. F. J. Smallwood and Mr. Leslie Morris were both against circulating the draft to all members of the Council.

Mr. W. F. Moreton hoped that the committee in the future would be able to present some information as to a film strip on the teaching of ringing.

The report as amended by the Standing Committee was adopted.

ALTERATION OF RULES

The Council agreed, on the proposition of the secretary, seconded by Mr. R. S. Anderson, to the following alteration of rules:—

(*a*) To amend Rule 9 (Election of Officers) by inserting the words 'Vice-President' between the words 'President' and 'Hon. Secretary' where they occur.

(*b*) To amend Rule 11 (Committees), Clause (ii) (*a*), by adding at the end the words, 'and the Vice-President for the time being.'

(*c*) To amend Rule 14 (Procedure at Meetings) by inserting the words 'or Vice-President' after the word 'President' when it occurs.

STANDING COMMITTEE

As the result of a ballot the following were elected to the Standing Committee: Messrs. W. B Cartwright, J. Freeman, C. K. Lewis, F. I. Hairs, A. H. Pulling, P. A. Corby, R. A. Anderson, F. E. Dukes, Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, Messrs. A. Walker, J. T. Dyke and T. J. Locke. The unsuccessful candidate was Mr. P. J. Johnson.

(To be continued)

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

FLAMING June was an apt description of the first day of the month, when the Peterborough Diocesan Guild held its annual meeting at Rushden.

Being the first time the meeting had been held on a Saturday, it was approached with more than usual interest. It proved to be very successful, from the ringing arrangements which were carried out by Mr. A. Bigley, the Wellingborough Branch Secretary, and his committee, right on to the local details at Rushden, where the service and tea took place. Mr. L. Priestley made himself responsible for these, and the smoothness which attended each phase of the afternoon was particularly evident.

Owing to the proximity of business premises to the Church of St. Mary, ringing was allowed for only one hour before the service at 3.30 p.m., which was conducted by the Rector (Rev. I. E. Douglas-Jones). The resident organist and choir were in attendance and lent a striking dignity to the Guild office.

The Guild Master (Mr. B. P. Morris) read the lesson, and the Rector's address was based on the words 'I am the Lord thy God.' He urged ringers not to be so engrossed in the art of ringing that it became more important than what it represented—service to Almighty God.

During the service a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells at the entrance to the chancel by Messrs. A. Bigley, J. Skerritt, E. E. Whitmore and P. I. Chapman.

Tea was served in the Institute by St. Mary's catering committee, a body of about a dozen ladies, whose efficiency was matched by the very substantial meal. About 150 almost filled the room, among them being visitors from the Ely Diocesan Association and the Bedfordshire Association. The visitors were given the opportunity to ring at St. Mary's while the business was in progress, when the Guild Master presided.

A NEW PRESIDENT

The president, the Ven. C. J. Grimes, D.D., Archdeacon of Northampon, who had graced that office since 1943, had tendered his resignation, and the chairman took this opportunity to refer to his interest in the Guild over a long period. Two nominations had been sent in—the Rev. G. F. Hales, of Green's Norton, and the Rev. Canon G. F. Turner, of Rothwell. The result of the ballot proclaimed Canon Turner elected.

The Master (Mr. R. P. Morris) in his report wrote: 'I need hardly remind ringers that Sunday service ringing is their first and foremost duty, and I do appeal to all ringers to be loyal to their respective bands. There have been one or two instances that have come to my notice of bells having been rehung but are either undermanned or silent. If this state of affairs persists, can it be wondered that Parochial Church Councils are loath to devote money for bell restoration schemes?

The general secretary (Mr. G. W. Jeffs) reported that the number of young members to be seen at meetings augured well for the future. The influx that year was good and went far towards balancing the loss of those who had lost interest. Membership was approximately 80 honorary and 1,060 ringing members.

The decline in the number of peals rung in 1956 might be regarded by some with despondency, but this view would not be shared by all. Out of a total of 39, three firsts for the Guild were rung, and one of them the first in the method. The number of first peals meriting certificates was 17, and three new conductors came to the fore.

A Guild committee amendment to rule, to raise the maximum amount which may be made at any one time to any tower, from the Bell Restoration Fund, from £20 to £30 was approved. The following grants were then also approved: £30 each to Yelvertoft and North Luffenham, both of which are major restorations, and £20 to Ringstead, where the ring of six is to be rehung.

Members were reminded that the summer festival would take place at Green's Norton on Saturday, September 7th, when the Bishop of the Diocese would be present.

A well deserved and heartily acclaimed vote of thanks to all those concerned in the day's proceedings was moved by Mr. E. Nobles and seconded by Miss S. Collins.

Afterwards members dispersed again to ring at the 12 towers which were open until a late hour.

OBITUARY

MR. JOHN CRAWFORD

In the passing of Mr. John Crawford, of Epsom Common, the Surrey Association has lost a vice-president and Epsom a link with the past. The tower of Christ Church was completed in 1887 and in 1890 the bells were hung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. A local band was formed and Mr. Crawford was the last survivor of this original band. He rang his first peal on the bells in 1893. During his life he rang 41 peals for the Surrey Association, the last being in 1929.

During the war he lost his sight and took little active part in ringing thereafter. With the revival of ringing after the war, the Surrey Association made him a vice-president in acknowledgment of his services, which office he held for the 11 years to his death at the age of 86.

Ringers from various parts of Surrey were at his funeral at Christ Church, Epsom, on June 14th. Mr. F. E. Collins, the Master, represented the Surrey Association, Mr. W. Parrott, the District secretary, represented the District, and Mr. F. Oakshott, the local captain, represented the Christ Church ringers. Among the wreaths were tributes from the Surrey Association and the Christ Church ringers.

After the service a touch of 504 Grandsire Triples was rung on the half-muffled bells by the following: F. Oakshott (Epsom) 1, I. T. Symonds (Ashtead) 2, Mrs. H. Oatway (Croydon) 3, C. Parks (Croydon) 4, W. Parrott (Epsom) 5, A. Harman (Dorking) 6, F. E. Collins (Croydon, conductor) 7, H. V. Young (Leatherhead) 8.

DEDICATION

MEMORIAL TABLET TO GEORGE L. JOYCE

On May 11th 50 members of the South-Western District of the Essex Association, together with friends and family of the late George L. Joyce, gathered together at All Saints' Church, Chigwell Row, for the dedication and unveiling of a tablet, which has been erected in the tower, commemorating the first peal ever rung of Spliced Surprise Minor in 22 methods, and as a lasting memorial to G. L. Joyce, who arranged and conducted the peal.

At the time this peal was rung, Spliced Surprise was in its infancy. George Joyce, in conjunction with A. G. Driver, was a pioneer in composition of this type of ringing. Many ringers will remember several articles on this subject which appeared in 'The Ringing World' from the pen of 'Minor Mania,' a nom-de-plume which he adopted.

The ceremony was conducted by the Vicar of All Saints (Rev. T. H. Furneaux), and the unveiling was performed by Mr. E. J. Butler, who was a member of the band which rang the peal. Mr. E. D. Smith, the only other surviving member, was also present. Members of the family of George Joyce present included Mrs. Joyce and his son, Malcolm.

After tea, tribute was paid by the Master of the Association (Mr. R. C. Heazel) to Mr. Joyce's ability as a composer and ringer, and also for his sterling work, mostly behind the scenes, on behalf of the Association. Mr. E. J. Butler, who was for 25 years secretary of the South-Western District, also paid tribute and recalled those happy days he spent with the Leytonstone band, and how George Joyce used to keep them on their mettle. His was the driving force behind all their achievements. It gave him great pleasure to be back in his old district again and meet old friends.

Mr. Malcolm Joyce, on behalf of his mother, thanked the Association and all present for their tribute to his father, and asked them not to forget other stalwarts of the Leytonstone band of that time, namely Messrs. G. Dawson, W. Miller, J. Moule, A. Prior and W. Theobald, who had now passed on.

The Vicar expressed his pleasure in being able to welcome the Association to Chigwell Row and to share in commemorating one who no doubt did a great deal for his fellow men.

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LETTERS

PEALS OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Dear Sir,—In answer to Mr. E. A. Bennett's challenge, and for the interest of other members of the Central Council, I quote the following:—

'The Ringing World,' No. 513, Vol. XVI, Friday, January 14th, 1921, page 15: A peal of *Plain* Bob Major for the Kent County Association, on Saturday, December 18th, 1920, at Holy Trinity, Dartford.

It was the first peal as conductor by Thomas Groombridge, jun.—Yours faithfully,

ARTHUR D. BARKER.

Slough.

SINGAPORE CATHEDRAL

Dear Sir,—I was very interested to read Mr. C. Michael Orme's letter ('R.W.', page 351) concerning the bells of the Cathedral Church of St. Andrew, Singapore.

While I was in Singapore just over a year ago, I visited St. Andrew's and obtained permission to see these bells. I took measurements of the tenor, and at the time estimated its weight as 18 cwt., approximately.

The founders of this maiden octave are John Taylors (1889). I do not know if they hung them or whether local labour was used.

I understood the dedication of the tenor to be St. Andrew, and not St. Audrey, but I may be mistaken on this point. I cannot remember all the dedications of each bell, but some of them are: St. Thomas, St. Peter, St. Luke, St. Bartholomew, St. John and St. Andrew. The remaining two escape my memory at the moment.

These bells, if hung for ringing, would make a splendid octave. Incidentally, I was told the tower was unsafe to take a swinging peal. This may be appreciated as there is an archway in each of the four walls at the base, and a tall spire surmounting the tower.

The Cathedral Church celebrated its centenary last year. Even before 1856 a previous church (though smaller) stood on the same site, which was especially reserved for a church by the founder of Singapore, Sir Stampford Raffles. It had only a short life of about 20 years, being struck by lightning twice in four years.—Yours faithfully,

W. A. PERRY.

Clare, near Sudbury.

FOUR-BELL TOWERS IN LINCOLNSHIRE

Dear Sir,—Here is a complete list of 4-bell towers in Lincolnshire up to 1935.

Asgarby (near Sleaford), Bassingthorpe-cum-Westby, Baumber, Belton by Doncaster, Long Bennington, Great Cotes, Corby, Edlington (rehung 1902), Faldingworth, Glentham, Goxhill, Grasby, Hacconby, Harrington, Healing, Heighington, Hougham, Ingoldmells, North Killingholme, Kirkby-cum-Osgodby, Langton-by-Wragby Leasingnam (recast 1617!), Leverton, Lincoln, St. Mary-le-Wigford, Orby, Scotter (rehung 1880), Scremby (cast 1739–40), Springthorpe, Stainby, Stallingborough, Stamford (St. John-the-Baptist and St. George's), Sutton-on-Sea, Tealby (rehung 1921), Tetney, Waddingham, Walcot, Welby, Westborough, Waplode Drove (in a small turret, rehung 1887), Wooton.

I would not like to say how many of these bells are ringable, but if anyone is searching for new names for methods, they certainly have some good ones here!

I would be very pleased if anyone could tell me about the bells at Gate Burton, Lincolnshire; there is no reference to them in Dove, but they are given by a usually reliable source as being six steel bells.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN E. COOK.

Branston, Lincs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

Rochdale Branch Outing

The place chosen for this year's outing on May 25th was Shrewsbury; and after collecting the Shaw, Oldham and Manchester contingents, we settled down for a pleasant drive through Cheshire, to the usual accompaniment of handbells. This year we had two sets of handbells, one at the front and one at the back, and the experts who sat in the middle tell us that it sounded to them like the bells of Jerusalem.

By the time we reached Crewe we were ready for the coffee which awaited us. Mr. Langford and his ringers gave us a great welcome at Christ Church, Crewe, and we thoroughly enjoyed this Gillett ten (20 cwt.), although we were not yet used to ringing together. So great had been our welcome that we were not surprised to find that the locals seemed loath to let us go. They put every obstacle they could in our way—milk carts, cars, vegetable wagons and play-streets—to mention just a few; but we finally got away by the clever stratagem of leaving by the same road as we entered.

At Whitchurch, where we were welcomed by a local ringer, we found that these bells were for the more experienced. The less experienced after the initial pull to 'grab' the tower, spent their time looking round the lovely old church and trying to extract the name of the restaurant from the organisers.

After a good lunch, we felt well equipped to tackle the reputedly difficult ten at St. Mary's, Shrewsbury. Our hopes proved too optimistic and we did not do ourselves justice on these bells. However, our spirits rose as we neared St. Chad's, to hear our 'youngsters' ringing some good call-changes on the lovely 12. We found these bells more to our liking and had a very enjoyable time on them. Mr. Bennett asked if we would overstay our time a little so that the curate and his bride would hear the bells as they returned from their honeymoon. To this we readily agreed, and a good touch of Stedman Triples on the back eight closed ringing here.

After a substantial tea we found ourselves a little behind schedule for the first time in the day. However the drive to Market Drayton was accomplished in good time, to the accompaniment of tunes on the handbells by two of our visitors. Our driver, who throughout the day had become more and more convinced of our madness, succumbed to 'the complaint' and supplemented the tunes with a horn obbligato. After stopping at the wrong Drayton we arrived at St. John's, Market Drayton, where the ringing was mixed. We left Market Drayton to the accompaniment of a good touch of Yorkshire by the local band and friends.

The drive home was uneventful by ringing standards. We left our Bolton friends two-and-a-half minutes to catch the last train and were just relaxing in the knowledge that all was well when the coach took a dive to the nearside and clouds of smoke billowed from the seized brake drum. However after various telephonings a replacement coach was obtained and we were all driven safely home.

Methods rung during the day ranged from Cambridge through most standard methods to rounds a persistent cry of 'Duffield' being ignored by our Ringing Master, to whom we extend our very best thanks for his organisation and diplomacy throughout the day. We would also like to thank all the clergy, ringers and others who made this day possible and enjoyable, not least of these our driver, whom we so affected with our madness that he offered to take us again next year! E. H.

UCKFIELD, SUSSEX.—On June 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Shirley Miles (first quarter) 1, R. Playford 2, Wilma Hobden (first quarter) 3, J. Hobden 4, F. Welland (cond.) 5, A. Richardson 6.

WEDDINGS

At Chepstow

On June 8th the wedding took place at St. Mary's Church, Chepstow, of Mr. David J. King, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. J. King, and Miss Jacqueline S. Evans, only daughter of Mr. C. Evans.

Both are very faithful members and ringers at this church. The bride holds the office of secretary to the Monmouth Branch of the Llandaff and Monmouth Association and of the South Wales Branch of the Ladies' Guild. Mr. King is the present Ringing Master of the Monmouth Branch.

Canon Ernest Evans (Vicar) officiated, assisted by the Rev. Ivor J. Richards, Vicar of Llanarth and treasurer of the Llandaff and Monmouth Association.

The bride, who was given away by her father, was attired in a dress of ivory brocade with a shoulder-length veil, held in place by a coronet of pearls and orange blossom. She carried a posy of pink roses. She was attended by Miss L. Brookes and Miss P. Jones, who wore blue nylon over stiffened taffeta, with headdresses to match, and carried posies of cream roses.

The best man was Mr. Mervyn King, brother of the bridegroom, and the duties of usher were carried out by Mr. John Morgan.

The reception was held at the Beaufort Hotel, Chepstow, attended by 50 guests. Included among these were ringers from a very wide area.

Afterwards Mr. and Mrs. King left for Chelmsford to attend the annual meeting of the Central Council. Mrs. King is one of the two representatives for the Llandaff and Monmouth Association. Following this, their honeymoon was spent in London.

At Haslemere

The wedding was solemnised by the Rt. Rev. B. M. Dale at the Church of St. Bartholomew, Haslemere, on June 15th, between Miss Margaret L. Bowden and Mr. Brian L. T. Toms. The bride was given away by her father, who is secretary of the tower.

After the service 1,260 Grandsire Triples was rung by Janet Miles 1, A. Queen 2, John McDermott 3, Eve Pearson 4, Mary Cox 5, C. Pound 6, H. Gauntlett (conductor) 7, J. B. Sidebotham 8.

The many friends of the happy pair, together with the local ringers, were entertained at the wedding reception at St. Quentin's, the home of the bride's parents.

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ENGAGEMENT

LAYTON—FLOYER.—The engagement is announced between Denis Noel, second son of Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Layton, of Banstead, Surrey, and Margaret Alison, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Floyer, of Heswall, Cheshire. 470

MARRIAGE

KING—EVANS.—On June 8th, 1957, at St. Mary's, Chepstow, Mon, by Canon E. P. Evans and Rev. I. J. Richards, David John King to Jacqueline Susan Evans. 450

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The Western District secretary's address is now Mrs. J. Good, 83, Leys Road, Bennetts End, Hemel Hempstead. 481

APPEAL

£450 is needed to restore the bells of St. Lawrence Church, Mereworth, Kent. Donations will be gratefully received by the ringers. Please send donations to Miss P. J. Butcher, Herne Pound, Butcher's Lane, Mereworth, Maidstone, Kent. 460

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CORNISH RIVIERA.—Williams, Copper Hill House, Redruth, Cornwall. Good farmhouse accommodation (not August). Excellent food; every comfort; overlooking north coast. Easy reach all beauty spots. Highly recommended. Terms moderate. 387

TORQUAY.—Mr. and Mrs. W. Simmonds, 100, Hortop Road, St. Marychurch. Bed and breakfast, £3 3s. weekly. Bed, breakfast and evening meal, £4 10s. weekly. Own parking space. Fully booked July 27th to August 9th. 474

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MISCELLANEOUS

TEIGNMOUTH, SOUTH DEVON.—Sunday ringing at St. Michael's on the sea front at 8.15 p.m. for the 9 p.m. holiday-makers' service during the summer, in addition to the normal ringing at 9.30 a.m. and 5.45 p.m. 455

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—The practice at St. Mary's, Washington, is now on Thursdays, 7.30 to 9 p.m., instead of Tuesdays as before. —J. E. Young, Sec. 490

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MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Saturday, June 29th, St. Gabriel's, Warwick Square, S.W.1, 3.30 to 4.30 p.m. Ship, Talbot Court, 6 p.m.—A. B. Peck, secretary. 441

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—District meeting at Frensham (6) on Saturday, June 29th, from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—C. J. Beadle, Hon. Dis. Sec. 435

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Sturry, on Saturday, June 29th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Petham, Saturday, July 27th.—B. J. Luck. 396

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Quarterly meeting at St. Mary's, Woodford, Essex, on Saturday, June 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea, business meeting and further ringing in the evening. Nearest station, George Lane, South Woodford (Central line). Buses to Gates Corner. 412

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Windsor, Saturday, June 29th, 3 p.m.—Butler, 17, Forest Road, Windsor. 436

SAFFRON WALDEN.—The 334th anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 29th. Bells (12) available from 11 a.m. Service 4. Lunch (3s. 6d.) 1. Tea (2s. 6d.) 5 p.m. Ninety already coming. Twelve-bell ringing guaranteed.—L. E. Pitstow, 27, Highfields, Saffron Walden. Phone: 2074. 397

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD — Basingstoke District. — Quarterly meeting at Yateley on Saturday, June 29th. Bells 2.45 p.m. Tea 5. Service 6.30 p.m. —J. Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John. 433

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station) on Monday, July 1st, at 7 p.m.—T. J. Lock. 464

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—The meeting will be at Turvey on Saturday, July 6th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Hilson, The Post Office, Turvey, Beds.—Phyllis Gray, Hon. Dis. Sec. 491

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Next meeting at Burton Dassett on Saturday, July 6th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Please bring your own tea, as none is available in the village.—H. M. Windsor, Dis. Sec. 446

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge and Ely Districts.—A joint meeting will be held at Burwell (8) on Saturday, July 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—E. W. Bullman, D. E. R. Knights, Dis. Secs. 453

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Terrington St. Clement, Saturday, July 6th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. E. Fox, Dis. Sec. 480

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting at Moreton, near Ongar (6), on Saturday, July 6th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names, please, to G. Blake, Dis. Sec., Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Eastern Division.—Meeting, High Easter (6), Saturday, July 6th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea, please, to A. H. Everett, Cornerway, Boreham. Cars will meet the bus service at Pleshey White Horse and take members on to High Easter. 429

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting, Thorley, Saturday, July 6th, 3 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. T. Camp, Sparrows Nest, Thorley, Bishop's Stortford.—T. J. Southam, Dis. Sec. 463

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Ardeley, Saturday, July 6th, 3 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. at Ardeley House Garden Party Special method, Killamarsh T.B.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 449

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Quarterly meeting at Tenterden on Saturday, July 6th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Miss V. Relf, No. 3 Bungalow, Shrubcote, Tenterden.—C. T. H. 438

LADIES' GUILD.—Annual general meeting on Saturday, July 6th, at Newcastle upon Tyne. Bells available—10 a.m. to 12 noon: All Saints', Gosforth (10); SS. James and Basil, Fenham (8); St. Stephen's, Scotswood Road (8); 2 to 3 p.m.: St. John's, Grainger Street (8); 2 to 3.30 p.m.: Newcastle Cathedral (12); evening: Cathedral (12); St. Mary's, Gateshead (8). Service 3.30 p.m. in the Cathedral. Tea 4.15 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea by Tuesday, July 2nd, to Mrs. Lea, 9, St. Vincent Street, South Shields. 376

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at Church Kirk on Saturday, July 6th. Tower open 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Cups of tea provided.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 467

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch.—Meeting, Chirst Church, Aughton, on Saturday, July 6th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. for those notifying by July 3rd Mr. J. Marsh, 27, Knowsley Road, Ormskirk.—M. E. Ridyard. 487

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District.—Joint meeting with Rutland Branch, Peterborough Guild, at Somerby, Saturday, July 6th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mrs. P. A. Corby, 11, Bowley Avenue, Melton Mowbray. 492

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Halton-Holgate, Saturday, July 6th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea in School Room 5 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, July 1st, to W. E. Clarke, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston, Lincs. 479

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting at Rolleston-on-Dove, Saturday, July 6th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome. 468

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Draycott-le-Moors, Saturday, July 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Committee meeting 4 p.m. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, July 3rd, to F. Shelley, Cresswell Farm, Blythe Bridge, Stoke-on-Trent.—E. H. Edge, Hon. Sec. 484

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—By-meeting, Norton Subcourse, Saturday, July 6th. (Note change of venue.) Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15

p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Raveningham bells (5) will also be available. Names for tea by Wednesday, July 3rd, certain, please, to Mr. G. G. Walpole, Norton Subcourse, Norwich.—P. G. W. Newstead, Branch Sec. 443

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A monthly meeting at Wavendon, Saturday, July 6th. Bells (6) 5 p.m. All welcome.—R. H. Howson. 477

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Stoke Albany (6) on Saturday, July 6th. Tea and meeting at Rectory. Names for tea by previous Tuesday, please, to the Rector, the Rev. R. Nazer, Stoke Albany Rectory, Market Harborough, Leics. Wilbarston bells (5) available in evening.—S. R. Collins, Hon. Branch Sec. 452

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Brigstock, Saturday, July 6th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous, please.—L. Witten, 4 John Street, Thrapston, Kettering. 472

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Quarterly meeting, Shirley (8), Saturday, July 6th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify for tea by July 3rd.—G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwall Road, Hall Green, Birmingham. Phone: SPR 1025. 430

ST. PETER'S, WOLVERCOTE, OXFORD.—Restoration of bells. Dedication by Bishop of Dorchester at 3 p.m. on Saturday, July 6th. Teas on Vicarage lawn. Ringing till 9 p.m. No. 4 bus from city centre, travelling north. 476

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Bradford-on-Avon, Christ Church (8), Saturday, July 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service and tea. Names for tea to S. Cockell, 19, Craybourne Road, Melksham, Wilts. 451

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Harthill, Saturday, July 6th, 3 p.m. Names for tea must be sent to Rev. J. Bishop, The Rectory, Harthill.—J. Seager, Sec. 485

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD (Nottingham District) and LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Loughborough District).—Joint meeting at Ruddington, Saturday, July 6th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea by previous Tuesday to Mr. S. Adams, 54, Wilford Road, Ruddington, Notts.—C. W. Towers and C. W. Hall.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Worth (6), Saturday, July 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Bring own teas—no facilities available.—I. Butcher. 456

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Bournemouth on Saturday, July 6th. Bells available: Christchurch Priory (12) 10.30 to 11.30 a.m., Bournemouth, St. Peter's (8), 2.30 to 3.30 and 7 to 9 p.m., Bournemouth, St. John's, Surrey Road (8), 7 to 9 p.m. Service in St. Peter's Church 3.30. Tea in St. Peter's Hall, near St. Peter's Church, 4.15, followed by business meeting at 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, by previous Tuesday, to Mr. A. V. Davis, 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth.—J. A. C. King, Gen. Sec. 445

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—Annual meeting at York on Saturday, July 6th. Service in Minster at 4 o'clock with procession to the bellfounders' window. Bells: Minster (12) 5 to 6.30 p.m., Acomb (6) 2 to 3.30, and York Institute of Architectural Study (6) 2.30 to 3.30 p.m., and after meeting in Institute. Own arrangements for tea—numerous cafés in York. Subscriptions now due and reports available.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Keynsham (8) on Saturday, July 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Meeting to follow. Names for tea essential to Mr. J. Ford, 12, Bath Road, Keynsham, Bristol. 459

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S. W. District.—Quarterly meeting, South Weald, Saturday, July 13th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. F. Wood, 149, Woodman Road, Warley, Essex. 457

HEREFORD GUILD.—Bromyard District.—Quarterly meeting at Stoke Lacy 3 p.m., Saturday, July 13th. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Reservations for tea early, please, to R. L. Price, 18, New Road, Bromyard. 478

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—A meeting will be held at Flamstead on Saturday, July 13th. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, July 10th, to Mr. E. Smith, 14, Trowley Hill Road, Flamstead. No names, no tea.—J. Good, Dis. Sec. 482

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting at Leeds, Saturday, July 13th. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—R. L. Sills, Dis. Sec. 465

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Hinckley, Saturday, July 13th. Service at St. Mary's, Hinckley, 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting in the Parish Hall. Bells: Sapcote (6) 1 to 2 p.m., Stoney Stanton (8) 1.30 to 2.30, Earl Shilton (8) 2 to 3, Barwell (8) 2.30 to 3.30, Hinckley St. Mary's (8) 3 to 4.30 and 7 to 8, Burbage (8) 7 to 8 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, July 10th, please, to C. R. Hayward, 6, Hurst Road, Hinckley, Leics.—B. G. Warwick, Hon. Gen. Sec. 475

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Hingham (8) (not Shipdham) on Saturday, July 13th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, 10th, please, to Mr. A. C. Haines, 9, Watton Road, Hingham. 486

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch.—Annual meeting at Banbury (10) on Saturday, July 13th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Please notify H. L. Roper, Adderbury, Banbury, Oxon. 458

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Weedon, Saturday, July 13th. Names for tea by Monday previous to Mr. V. A. Perry, The Yews, Weedon, Northants.—F. W. Hancock. 473

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting at Guilsborough on Saturday, July 13th. Names for tea to me by Tuesday previous, please.—W. J. Kinchin, Hon. Sec., Main Street, Yelvertoft, Rugby. 471

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Clive, Saturday, July 13th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea by July 10th to T. W. Lloyd, Wayside, Clive, near Shrewsbury. 488

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Quarterly meeting, St. John-the-Baptist, Loughton, Essex, Saturday, July 13th. Bells (8) available 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea to me by Tuesday, July 9th, *without fail, please*. All welcome. L.T. Central Line to Loughton.—P. N. Bond, Hon. Sec., Gaywood, Stocks Green Road, Hildenborough, Tonbridge, Kent. 469

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark and North Notts Districts.—Joint meeting at Sutton-on-Trent on Saturday, July 13th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to Miss Burchnall, Pembroke House, Sutton-on-Trent, Newark. Ossington available 3 to 4.30 and 6.30 to 8 p.m.—H. Denman and W. L. Exton, Dis. Secs. 461

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly District meeting will be held at Esher on Saturday, July 13th. Bells 3 to 4 p.m. Service at Thames Ditton at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea there. Names for tea by Wednesday previous, please, to Mr. F. Hawthorne, 39, Queens Road, Thames Ditton. Thames Ditton bells available after business meeting.—W. Parrott, Hon. Sec. 447

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will be held at Oxford on Saturday, July 20th. Service in the Cathedral 11 a.m. Business meeting in the Chapter House 12 noon. Luncheon in the dining hall of Christ Church 1.30 p.m. Tickets for the lunch (price 6s. each) must be obtained before Tuesday, July 16th, from Mr. A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough, Bucks. List of towers to be published later. 439

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.—Diamond Jubilee Festival at the Cathedral, Saturday, July 20th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m.; preacher, the Subdean; followed by tea (2s.). Ringers may climb the central tower, also view the plate and other treasures in the crypt. Other towers: Kenwyn (8), Kea (8), 5.30 to 7.30; Perranarworthal, Stithians and St. Erme (each 6). Replies by Tuesday, July 16th, to Rev. H. Trewhella, Crantock, Newquay. 462

Dr. Isobel C. Mitchell, of Woking, who became a member of the Horsell band a little more than a year ago, rang the treble to a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles for evening service on Whitsunday, at the first attempt. Dr. Mitchell would like to thank the ringers of Worplesdon, Guildford, Stoke and Horsell for the kind help they have so willingly given her, also to individual ringers who have helped her at meetings.

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THE BISHOP OF MANCHESTER ON BELL-RINGING

Preaching at a service at an annual meeting of the Lancashire Association of Change-ringers, the Bishop is reported to have said that some strange ideas sometimes possessed the popular mind. Sometimes churchwardens thought that they had absolute control of church bells, sometimes the minister thought that he alone possessed the control over them, and sometimes the ringers themselves thought they had a right to ring the bells just when they pleased. It happened that four of the Canons on the Church distinctly laid down the law. . . . These were the 15th, 67th, 88th and 111th, and they showed that the minister and the churchwardens together were the persons who should determine whether on any particular occasion church bells should be rung.

SONNING DEANERY SOCIETY OF CHANGE-RINGERS

Herbert C. Sturges, of Wargrave Vicarage, one of the committee, writes expounding change-ringing and includes: 'All that the round-ringer does is simply to perform a full monotonous manual exercise, which makes no demand upon his brain, and as often as not drives him to the public house to drown his weariness, while the listener looks forward to the time when the bells will cease from troubling him. . . .'

THE WORLD'S BIRTHDAY PEAL, RUNG AT CHRIST CHURCH, LIVERSEDGE, YORKSHIRE

On Saturday, February 28th (1880), eight members of the Bradford St. Peter's contingent of the Ancient Society of College Youths, London, rang at the above church in 3 hours 27 minutes, and in honour of the composer's 80th birthday, an extraordinary Date Peal, consisting of 5,884 changes in the Kent Treble Bob method. This peal was especially composed for the occasion by Mr. W. Sottanstall, of Sowerby, Halifax. The changes represent the number of year that have elapsed since man's creation . . .

RINGING AT ELECTIONS

We have received several letters from Conservatives and Liberals justly complaining of the prostitution of the bells of the Church on such occasions. We can only raise our voice against it, and trust that on any future occasion the authorities will be on the alert not to allow a repetition of such unseemly practice.

ST. MARY'S, DISS NORFOLK (Tablets in the Belfry)

'On 26 March 1825 was Rung in this steeple 5024 changes of that Critical Peal Oxford Treble Bob Major in 3 hours . . . The last peal on the old bells . . . Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qrs. On Jan. 6, 1834, was rung in this steeple a true and complete Peal consisting of 5120 changes of Oxford Treble Bob . . . in 3 hrs. 11 mins. . . . The first peal on the new Bells, cast by Dobson, Downham Market, 1832. Weight of tenor 23 cwt. 3 qrs. Key D.'

'THE "FIFTEEN" PUZZLE

A few months ago I saw a puzzle which, under the above name, after becoming a fashionable craze in America, is now rapidly being introduced into England. My excuse for mentioning this matter in your pages is that it is the *only form* in which I have ever met with the *in- and out-of-course changes* outside the science of change-ringing. The following brief explanation may be of interest to your readers. This puzzle consists of a box which contains 16 small wooden cubes, which are numbered on the top sides from 1 to 16. When the one numbered 16 is removed from the box, and the others placed in any indiscriminate order, the solution consists in shifting them about, without removing any one of them from the box, so that the cubes are at last arranged as here shown, the blank space being left in the bottom line.

As the order in which the cubes are originally placed happens to be *in- or out-of-course*, so the solution is possible or impossible. In the latter case the nearest approach is 13, 15, 14.

The amusing part of the matter is the amount of perseverance that has been displayed in America in endeavouring to overcome this latter difficulty, and I dare say the same amount of ingenuity will now be spent on it in England. For the first time, mathematicians—at least those in America—have become aware of the existence of this quality in the arrangement of figures which has for so long only been known to change-ringers. I may add that a simple form of the puzzle may be produced by cutting the necessary squares out of stout cardboard.

JASPER W. SNOWDON,
Old Bank Chambers, Leeds.

1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12
13	14	15	

'Netta' wrote saying it was always possible to do the puzzle by shifting the box so the bottom and top become the sides.

Snowdon replies saying this will not do—it is contrary to an unwritten law of the game.

J. Drinkwater, of Sandhurst, Glos, points out that the number of positions that the 15 squares can be placed in are 1,307,674,368,000.

Jasper W. Snowdon has a letter published showing that he had received a large number of applications for 'Rope-Sight,' 'now (May 29th, 1880) out of print,' and asking ringers for criticisms so that he could consider them when preparing the second edition. He particularly asks beginners to let him know if passages in the first edition are not clear to them.

AT DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK

'The 8 bells of the above church (tenor 20 cwt.) having been rehung by Messrs. Day and Son, were re-opened on Whit Monday (1880) . . . .'

BELFRY-REFORM MEETING AT CANTERBURY

'A MEETING of gentlemen interested in the art of change-ringing was held in the chapter-house of the Cathedral on Tuesday, 18th ult. (i.e., 18th May, 1880) . . . to take preliminary steps to form an association of change ringers, the object of which would be to promote belfry reform, and encourage the revival of the ancient and noble art of change-ringing . . . .' The company included the Dean, the Mayor, the Bishop of Dover, Bishop Oxenden, Archdeacon Harrison, four other clergy and Col. Knight . . . . 'A few ladies also were present. . . .'

ESSEX ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE-RINGERS

'THE FIRST Anniversary Meeting of this Association was held at Writtle on Whitsun Monday. . . .'

NOTES BY EDITOR TO CORRESPONDENTS

'REQUESTED in all reports—the weight of the Tenor and the County of the place.'

(I commend this (County of the place) to the Editor, 'The Ringing World,' as I am often fogged as to whether it is the north or south of England!—C. R.)

'RECEIVED ALSO.—J. R. Jerram (we cannot enter into local jealousies).'

'MESSRS. LLEWELLYN AND JAMES, of Bristol, wish it to be known that they have an order for a ring of six bells for a parish near Merthyr Tydvil, South Wales, but that the public subscriptions run short. Surely there is nothing uncommon in that! When the bells are set up we shall be pleased to report their opening, especially if done with a sacred service of dedication.—*Ed.*'

AT LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK

'The 68th anniversary of these famous bells was held on Mon., 21st inst. (i.e., 21st July, 1880). . . . Ringing commenced early in the morning and the bells were rung by the different companies in good style until ten o'clock at night . . . . Seventy-eight sat down to dinner . . . . The tower is 145 feet high and 42 feet square. . . .'

AT IPSWICH, SUFFOLK

'On Tues. evening, 6th inst. (i.e., 6th July, 1880), in commemoration of the thirteenth anniversary of the opening of the bells at St. Mary-le-Tower . . . .'

LIGHT BELLS v. HEAVY BELLS

'Sir,—The new system adopted by some bell-founders of putting an unusual quantity of metal into a bell of a given note has now been in vogue long enough to enable a comparison to be made between the old-fashioned and the new-fashioned bells. Those of your readers who have not paid attention to the point will be surprised to know that a firm which adopts the new style can put upwards of 30 cwt. of a bell which will give a note almost identical in pitch with that of a bell of the old fashion weighing less than 15 cwt. I have heard five or six of the new-fashioned rings, and I cannot find in them that decided superiority which they should show to make up for the vastly-increased expenditure of money, gear and tissue which their adoption entails. . . . Of course when a ring of twelve is required heavy bells are necessary; but those who have been at King's Lynn know that even a good C has been obtained from 30 cwt. of metal. On the other hand, for a village tower, nothing could be more satisfactory that the eight at Drayton, Berks, with a tenor less than 10 cwt. The conclusion seems to be that those who have adopted the new fashion are on the wrong tack, and the sooner they go about the better. WHY GIVE MORE?'

A SUGGESTION ABOUT TENORS

'Sir,—The present way of reporting the weight of tenors is most inaccurate and unsatisfactory. To take one example only: in "Church Bells" of 20 July, 1878, I was put down at 19 cwt.: four weeks later I was put down at 24 cwt.: and now, in the last number, at 26 cwt. At page 50 of that most useful book, the Change-Ringer's Guide, I am given as weighing 25 cwt., and at p. 84, 19 cwt. When the weight of a tenor is accurately known the report should take this form: "Ascertained weight of tenor ——cwt." When the weight is not known, the diameter of the bell should be taken and the report should run: "Reputed weight of tenor ——cwt.: diameter ——inches." The last-mentioned particular would draw attention to any wild statement as to the weight. The weight of all bells in a tower ought to be neatly recorded on a board in the belfry. When new work is done in the tower, the opportunity should not be lost.

THE TENOR OF NEW COLLEGE, OXFORD.'

(To be continued)

5,088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

By DAVID W. BEARD

23456	W	5/4	M	H	
54326	S			S	
24356	S				
63254	S	X			
32564		X	S		
25634		X	S		A
46325		X			A
26345	S				A
53246	S	X			A
32456		X	S		A
32645 A					
24635		X	S	S	
56324		X			
26354	S				
43256	S	X			
32546		X	S		
32654 A					
32465 A					

Repeated.

Singles only are used throughout.

First rung at Loddon, Norfolk, on June 5th, 1957, conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.

ASHBRITTLE, SOMERSET.—On May 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Alderman 1, J. Smith 2, H. Bristow 3, J. Manning 4, Miss F. Norman (cond.) 5, P. Podberry 6.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.—At St. James' Church, Benwell, on Ascension Day, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: F. Ross 1, G. Carse 2, A. Wallace 3, S. Dixon 4, R. S. Mallaburn (cond.) 5, R. Barrow 6. For Evensong.

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FOOLISH THOUGHTS OF A FOOLISH RINGER

A Duologue Between Self and Reason

'THIS really is the end! I'm going to give up ringing for good.'

'You're going to what?' (That's the voice of Reason.)

'I'm going to give up ringing.'

'But for heaven's sakes, why?'

'I think it's nearly time. Three times I've tried to ring a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples, and three times it's failed because of my stupidity. And to crown it all, to-night I completely botched up a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles. Grandsire Doubles, mind you, and I can really ring that standing on my head. It was in the last five minutes, too—I completely forgot what I was supposed to be doing and wrecked the whole thing.'

'And because of that you're giving up ringing?'

'Well, one can't go on for ever mucking up quarter peals. Besides, it's wasting people's time. In any case, I spend far too much time ringing as it is, and getting precisely nowhere. There's no doubt about it, I'm not cut out to be a ringer.'

'You've learned a lot about the elementary methods. At least you've got a theoretical knowledge, which is important, and it hasn't worked out too badly in practice most of the time.'

'But I just can't seem to get on any further, and I do the silliest things. The other day I was trying to ring Stedman. I thought I knew the slow work off by heart—couldn't go wrong, but I made a complete mess of it. It just isn't any good going on.'

'So, because you failed to ring a quarter peal . . . .'

'Quarter peals!'

'All right—quarter peals—you're going to give in. Just like that.'

'Well, I'm becoming frustrated. That's what it is. And frustration is a bad thing. You get all mixed up and bitter—any psychologist will tell you that.'

'It doesn't sound like frustration to me, but much more like a deflated ego. I believe it really amounts to the fact that you're not as good as you thought you were. You want to be one of those people who never make mistakes, who are always right—no matter what. They cannot put a foot (or should it be rope?) wrong. They become very tedious you know, and are often as not the most shocking bores. Do you really want to get like that because you've temporarily lost your sense of humour? Supposing every ringer, when he'd had a bad patch, took the attitude that he was going to give up—it would be a pretty poor look-out wouldn't it? Plenty of silent towers up and down the country.'

'Well . . . .'

'And another thing. What about all the friends you've made? Goodness knows, you've always flogged the idea of friendship in ringing. Are you going to give all that up because you haven't been able to ring a few quarter peals recently? What about all the kind people you met when you visited those towers in Lancashire the other week? Weren't you thrilled about the friendliness and welcome you found there? You said you were looking forward to going again next year. And didn't you tell one of the ringers that you would be ringing Kent Treble Bob by then?'

'Well, yes. . . .'

'If you're supposed to be giving up ringing you won't be able to fulfil that promise, will you?'

'Well, no. . . .'

'And then there is a little matter of your duty to God and the Church.'

'I'm beginning to think I've been talking out of the back of my head.'

'I'm sure you have. If you start to lose your sense of humour over things, you won't be a good ringer, and you certainly won't be a great deal of use to the ringing fraternity.'

'All right, Reason, stop it. I give in.'

'And you are going to carry on ringing.'

'Yes, gladly.'

'You're going for that quarter again?'

'Yes, I'll even call the blooming thing!'

'Good—I didn't think you were really serious about giving up.'

'I'm quite sure I wasn't. I enjoy ringing and ringing company too much to really want to give it up. They were just the foolish thoughts of a foolish ringer.'

NANCY E. KEMPSELL.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., June 17, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 25 cwt.

HERRICK B. BOWLEY	*Treble*	JOHN A. ACRES	7
DOREEN D. DUTTON	2	SHIRLEY BURTON	8
PHYLLIS POOLE	3	S ANTHONY JESSON	9
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON	4	J. FREDERICK MILNER	10
ERNEST MORRIS	5	WILLIAM J. ROOT	11
VERNON GREEN	6	E. CHARLES TURNER	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDERICK H. DEXTER.
Conducted by HERRICK B. BOWLEY.

Rung half-muffled to the respected memory of Dr. Guy Vernon Smith, M.C., D.D., Lord Bishop of Leicester from 1940 to 1953, whose funeral took place earlier this day at Salisbury.

TEN BELL PEALS

SHREWSBURY.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., June 10, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 39 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in C.

BESSIE A. CARTER	*Treble*	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	6
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	2	JOHN N. LINDON	7
JOHN F. BUTLER	3	FREDERICK G. BEDDOW	8
MRS. C. A. BARRON	4	REGINALD WOODYATT	9
E. DENNIS POOLE	5	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	*Tenor*

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by CLIFFORD A. BARRON.

Rung for the wedding of Ernest Willcox and Sylvia Beddow, both local ringers, which took place on June 8th.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., June 19, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

*BRIAN G. WARWICK	*Treble*	JOSEPH W. COTTON	6
ERNEST MORRIS	2	‡SAMUEL J. HAINES	7
†CECILIA COWLEY	3	§JOHN A. ACRES	8
†MRS. F. E. WILSON	4	‖RUSSELL S. MORRIS	9
PHYLLIS POOLE	5	G. RONALD EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal of Plain Bob Royal on tower bells as conductor. † First peal of Royal. ‡ First peal of Royal in the method. § First peal of Plain Bob Royal on tower bells; 300th peal for the Guild; 150th peal on the bells. ‖ First peal on ten bells.

GRANTHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 22, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WULFRAM,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 32 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb.

NORMAN V. HARDING	*Treble*	*JOHN ARMSTRONG	6
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	2	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	7
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	3	J. FREDERICK MILNER	8
ALAN F. THIRST	4	NORMAN CHADDOCK	9
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	5	RICHARD E. PRICE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BATLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., June 6, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10¼ cwt.

DAVID ATKINS	*Treble*	ALEXANDER E. MARSH	5
*MRS. H. B. SCHOFIELD	2	*E. MARTIN FIELDEN	6
VERNON BOTTOMLEY	3	ROY BETTLEY-COOKE	7
*HAROLD B. SCHOFIELD	4	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* First peal in the method.

DERBY.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., June 10, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in F sharp.

DOREEN MURFIN	*Treble*	PAMELA J. PEARSON	5
EDWIN WALKLATE	2	JOHN F. MURFIN	6
BRIAN R. MANNING	3	†SAMPSON WALKLATE	7
*BERNICE A. MANNING	4	DAVID K. WALKLATE	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by DAVID K. WALKLATE.

* First peal on eight 'inside. † First of Bob Major.

EARDISLAND, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., June 14, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.

*JEAN HUTTON	*Treble*	FREDERICK R. HARRIS	5
ARTHUR D. COOK	2	LESLIE EVANS	6
AUSTIN T. WINGATE	3	A BRYAN ELLSMORE	7
†DESMOND FERGUSON	4	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* First peal of Major. † First peal on eight bells.

ROCESTER, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., June 15, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 17 lb. in F sharp.

PAMELA J. PEARSON	*Treble*	*FRANCIS R. LOWE	5
ELSIE K. HART	2	*JOSEPH WM. COTTON	6
H. GEORGE HART	3	†VIVIENNE M. HORTON	7
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	4	DEREK P. JONES	*Tenor*

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

* 50th peal together. † First peal in the method 'inside.'

WIGSTON MAGNA, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 15, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5152 TYTHORN DELIGHT MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 11 lb. in E.

CECIL H. F. KNIGHT	*Treble*	RICHARD J. CARTER	5
T MAUREEN LLOYD	2	ALAN CATTELL	6
KENNETH A. ROE	3	THOS. EDWARD HARROLD	7
COLIN P. WALKER	4	SAMUEL J. HAINES	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by THOS. EDWARD HARROLD.

First peal in the method.

Rung to welcome the Rev. Basil Tudor Davies, M.A., following his induction on the previous Tuesday, and as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Humberstone on their golden wedding anniversary.

TYTHORN DELIGHT MAJOR
38-3814,-12-18,-14-58,-14-58. 2nds place lead-end. 4ths place bob.

FARNWORTH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., June 16, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Pritchard's. Tenor 12¼ cwt. in G.

ALLAN SMITH, SEN.	*Treble*	GEOFFREY S. MILLS	5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	2	IVAN KAY	6
JAMES L. WRIGHT	3	PETER CROOK, SEN.	7
STEPHEN L. PARRY	4	JOSEPH THORNLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

Rung to celebrate the ordination to the priesthood of Father David Moseley, assistant priest af this church, on that day in Manchester Cathedral, and for the Feast of the Holy Trinity.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., June 20, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 25¾ cwt.

MRS. M. EVANS	*Treble*	HAROLD B. SCHOFIELD	5
MRS. H. B. SCHOFIELD	2	ROY BETTLEY-COOKE	6
ERNEST H. SIMPSON	3	VERNON BOTTOMLEY	7
FRANK RAYMENT	4	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

In memoriam the Rev. A. W. F. Blunt, second Bishop of Bradford, who died on June 2nd, 1957, aged 77 years.

GATESHEAD, DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., June 20, 1957, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (second observation). Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

MARGARET A. SOFTLEY	*Treble*	KENNETH ARTHUR	5
ERIC N. HARRISON	2	PETER M. GILES	6
*CAROL HALL	3	J. ALAN AINSWORTH	7
ROBERT F. TELFORD	4	ROBERT W. LEIGHTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERIC N. HARRISON.

* First peal of Grandsire. First of Grandsire as conductor.

Rung half-muffled as a tribute to the memory of Canon H. S. Stephenson, M.A., Rector of this parish for 43 years, and President of this Association 1950–53.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., June 20, 1957, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

C. EDWARD LANKESTER	*Treble*	DENNIS KNOX	5
ALICK CUTLER	2	W. NORMAN PARK	6
LEONARD H. BOWLER	3	THOMAS J. LOCK	7
ALFRED J. HOUSE	4	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN J. IVIN. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., June 21, 1957, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

EDWIN A. BARNETT	*Treble*	RALPH BIRD	5
MRS. T. J. LOCK	2	JOHN L. MORRIS	6
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	7
ARTHUR G. MASON	4	FREDERICK J. CULLUM	*Tenor*

Composed by S. J. IVIN. Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.

NORTON, NEAR EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., June 21, 1957, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EGWIN,
A PEAL OF 5152 BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

COLIN B. LONGMORE	*Treble*	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON	5
JOHN THOMAS	2	DAVID BEACHAM	6
R. GEORGE MORRIS	3	ERIC T. LEE	7
MRS. J. THOMAS	4	GEORGE E. EVENDEN	*Tenor*

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

First peal in the method by all except the ringer of No. 4.

BENENDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 22, 1957, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE.
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19½ cwt. in E flat.

WILLIAM BUTTON	*Treble*	BERNARD V. COLLISON	5
REGINALD E. LAMBERT	2	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE	6
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT	3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT	7
STANLEY G. PONTING	4	ERNEST J. LADD	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.

Rung as a 16th birthday compliment to June, daughter of the ringer of the seventh bell.

BIDDENDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 22, 1957, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. in D.

HARRY BAKER	*Treble*	GEOFFREY PEARSON	5
THOMAS E. SONE	2	†CRAWFORD T. HILLIS	6
*PETER SMITH	3	RALPH BIRD	7
ALEXANDER WADDINGTON	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Double Norwich. Mr. Ralph Bird's 200th tower for a peal.

RAINHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 22, 1957, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 18¼ cwt.

EMILY B. P. WALKER	*Treble*	*LAURENCE A. MITCHELL	5
FRANCIS J. CHEAL	2	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS	6
THOMAS BEAUMONT	3	WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT	7
HARRY SPRINGATE	4	WILLIAM H. HOLLANDS	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.

* First peal of Triples.

Rung as a wedding compliment to the tenor ringer's daughter and her husband, who were married at the above church this day.

TUNSTALL, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., June 23, 1957, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Pitstow's variation. Tenor 9½ cwt.

BRIAN BLADON	*Treble*	RALPH BIRD	5
TERENCE BARTON	2	GEORGE KENWARD	6
GEOFFREY PEARSON	3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	7
CYRIL S. JARRETT	4	RONALD C. BURNS	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.

Rung for the Patronal Festival.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thursday, June 27, 1957, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

FREDERICK A. MUNDAY	*Treble*	ROBIN G. LEALE	5
ANN M. COX	2	JOHN R. COOPER	6
EDWARD G. L. COWARD	3	T. MARK WHITE	7
WILLIAM T. BEESON	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by FREDERICK A. MUNDAY.

Rung in honour of the visit of Her Majesty the Queen to Guildford this day in connection with the celebrations to mark the 700th anniversary of the granting of the first known charter to the Borough.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

BRADFORD-ON-TONE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., May 29, 1957, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 17 cwt.

DENNIS A. PIKE	*Treble*	CHARLES H. WEBBER	4
DAVID T. NORTH	2	GEOFFREY G. GAMMON	5
GORDON WALFORD	3	CHARLES E. BAKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by GORDON WALFORD.

OGBOURNE ST. GEORGE, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., June 9, 1957, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Consisting of 42 six-scores in 14 methods, being 360 changes each of Stedman, Union, St. Vedast, New, Huntspill, St. Osmund, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Remigius, St Nicholas', Winchendon Place, Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Grandsire.
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in E.

*VIVIENNE M. HORTON	*Treble*	BRIAN BLADON	3
ANTHONY R. PEAKE	2	*PHILIP MEHEW	4
		*DEREK P. JONES	*Tenor*

Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.

* First peal in 14 Doubles methods. The greatest number of Doubles methods to be rung upon the bells, and for the Guild.

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RIPLEY, DERBYSHIRE.
THE EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., June 10, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 32 extents and five 240's (three of Pitman's arrangement and two of Morris's). Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb.

*JOHN F. TAGG	*Treble*	KENNETH S. FAULKNER	4
PATRICK W. SEWRY	2	REGINALD J. STRETTON	5
K. JOHN FAULKNER	3	*DAVID J. WRIGHT	*Tenor*

Conducted by REGINALD J. STRETTON.

* First peal at first attempt.

STANWELL, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
(The Stanwell and Hampton Societies.)
On Mon., June 10, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 14 methods, viz.: (1) London and Wells Surprise; (2) Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet Surprise; (3) Amersham Alliance and Little Bob; (4) Double Court and St. Clement's College Bob; (5) Childwall Bob and St. Clement's College Bob; (6) Thelwall Bob and Double Oxford Bob; (7) Single Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

MONICA M. BLAGROVE	*Treble*	PETER A. LAWRENCE	4
DAVID HAWKINS	2	SIDNEY J. WOODCOCK	5
WILLIAM DEASON	3	FRANK T. BLAGROVE	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK T. BLAGROVE.

Rung to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the founding of the Middlesex County Association.

BIGBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 15, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent each of London, Wells, York, Beverley, Surfleet, Bourne and Cambridge. Tenor 6 cwt.

JACK BRAY	*Treble*	C. AUBREY HARRISON	4
*MICHAEL CROWDER	2	GEORGE E. FEIRN	5
RONALD CHAFER	3	PHILIP BARNES	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First peal in seven Surprise methods.

BURMARSH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 15, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in G.

*BRIAN T. WATTS	*Treble*	CRAWFORD T. HILLIS	4
*MRS. M. R. WATTS	2	GEOFFREY PEARSON	5
†MRS. R. WRATTEN	3	JOHN R. COOPER	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. COOPER.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

DESFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 15, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob, with one combined extent, and two extents of Bob Minor. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

FREDERICK WATSON	*Treble*	ROLAND H. COOK	4
ERNEST MORRIS	2	J. HARRY COOK	5
A. MAXWELL LINDSEY	3	MICHAEL VERNON	*Tenor*

Conducted by MICHAEL VERNON.

GAMSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 15, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 of Court Bob and two 720's each of Single Oxford Bob, St. Clement's College Bob and Bob Minor. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*PAT GRADY	*Treble*	HAROLD DENMAN	4
*MARGARET ROSS	2	HERBERT T. ROOKE	5
GEORGE CHALLANS	3	DOUGLAS H. ROOKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.

* First peal in four plain methods.

Rung as a wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Rooke.

GREAT BRINGTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat. June 15, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 17¼ cwt. in E flat.

*JOHN H. WILLIAMS	*Treble*	RICHARD S. HOLLAND	4
*RHONA C. PEBODY	2	JOHN KINCHIN	5
*PETER L. WESTERMAN	3	ERNEST G. ORLAND	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST G. ORLAND.

* First peal of Minor.

A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. Holland, parents of the ringer of the fourth.

NEWNHAM, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 15, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Four callings. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 lb. in F.

*ERIC BULL	*Treble*	†HUGH M. JOHNSON	4
†HILARY M. JOHNSON	2	VICTOR A. PERRY	5
*DAVID C. WEST	3	*PETER BOX	*Tenor*

Conducted by VICTOR A. PERRY.

* First peal. † First peal away from treble.

REDBOURN, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 15, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR,

In seven methods, being one extent each of Beverley, Surfleet, York, Ipswich, Cambridge, London and Norwich. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

JOE HOBBS	*Treble*	WALTER AYRE	4
RONALD J. SHARP	2	ANDREW C. SINFIELD	5
AUGUSTIN V. GOOD	3	JOHN W. SINFIELD	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

The conductor's 400th peal for the Association.

Rung in connection with the summer festival by three Bedfordshire and three Hertfordshire ringers; as a birthday compliment to Mr. E. H. Lewis; and for the engagement of John W. Sinfield and June Gladman.

SHORNE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 15, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In 11 methods: (1) Oswald Delight; (2) Double Court; (3) Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's and Childwall; (4) Single Oxford; (5) Cambridge; (6) Kent and Oxford; (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

GEORGE KENWARD	*Treble*	BRIAN BLADON	4
MAXWELL F. OAKSHETT	2	JAMES WALLMAN	5
MICHAEL J. ROWE	3	JOHN L. MORRIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN L. MORRIS.

BASSINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., June 16, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 11 methods: (1) Double and Single Court, (2) Kent Treble Bob, (3) Double Oxford and Thelwall, (4) Oxford Treble Bob, (5) St. Clement's and Childwall, (6) Cambridge Surprise, (7) Plain Bob and Oxford Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. in G.

GEOFFREY R. PARKER	*Treble*	GILES C. GALLEY	4
MRS. F. G. BLOOMFIELD	2	W. ROBERT PARKER	5
JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM	3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

Rung for the ordination of the Rev. F. E. Rusby at Lincoln Cathedral earlier this day.

GAYWOOD, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., June 16, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. FAITH.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Kent, Oxford and Plain Bob, and one extent of St. Clement's. Tenor 12 cwt. 16 lb.

ERNEST A. SHIPP	*Treble*	LESLIE W. HOUGHTON	4
TONY OWEN	2	WILLIAM LOVE	5
F CHARLES GOODMAN	3	CECIL V. EBBERSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by CECIL V. EBBERSON.

Rung at the invitation of the rector, the Rev. D. N. Bringloe to mark the 50th anniversary of the dedication of the bells.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Mon., June 17, 1957, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Thomas-the-Martyr,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Comprising one extent each of York, Westminster, Netherseale, Norwich, Ipswich, Bourne and Cambridge. Tenor 8 cwt.

*Ashley C. P. Pugh .. *Treble*		*Donald H. Niblett ..	4
*Robin A. Hodgson	2	Robin N. Pittman	5
*Dermot J. Roaf	3	Stephen Ivin .. .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by Stephen Ivin.

* First peal in seven Surprise methods, also the first such for the Society.

BLANKNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., June 18, 1957, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Oswald,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

Geoffrey R. Parker .. *Treble*		John A. Freeman	4
Mrs. R. Pearce	2	John Walden	5
Charles E. Brown	3	Jack L. Millhouse .. .. *Tenor*	

Composed by Rev. E. Bankes James.
Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

In memoriam Frederick W. Stokes.

BUXTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., June 18, 1957, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12¼ cwt. in F sharp.

Brian E. Mason .. .. *Treble*		Walter C. Medler	4
Ivan Smithson	2	D. E. Rust Andrews ..	5
Herbert G. Smithson ..	3	William R. Catchpole .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by William R. Catchpole.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Dick W. Smithson and Avril F. Helsdon, married at this church on June 8th.

CUCKNEY, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., June 19, 1957, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 of Double Court, and two 720's each of Single Oxford Bob, St. Clement's College Bob and Bob Minor. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

*Nancy Wilcox .. .. *Treble*		*†Graham Davison	4
Douglas H. Rooke ..	2	George Challans ..	5
*Margaret Johnson	3	Herbert T. Rooke .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by Herbert T. Rooke.

* First peal in four plain methods. † First peal of Minor.

ASHBRITTLE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 22, 1957, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 21 lb.

*Jack Smith .. .. .. *Treble*		David T. North	4
Stanley N. Bristow ..	2	Gordon Walford	5
†Arthur H. Reed	3	William F. Slocombe .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by William F. Slocombe.

* First peal of Minor. † 250th peal.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. David T. North, on the birth of a daughter.

BETHERSDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 22, 1957, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Margaret,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven 720's in nine methods: (1) Double Court, (2) Double Bob and Oxford Bob, (3) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (4) Cambridge, (5) Oxford Treble Bob, (6) Kent Treble Bob, (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

*Violet Relf .. .. .. *Treble*		Ralph Bird	4
*Olive M. Boulden	2	Tom Cullingworth	5
Crawford T. Hillis ..	3	A. Patrick Cannon .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by Ralph Bird.

* First peal in nine methods, and on the bells.

Rung as a 90th birthday compliment to Mr. Edward S. Ruck, a founder member of this Association.

SAHAM TONEY, NORFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., June 22, 1957, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
At the Church of St. George,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 13¾ cwt. in F.

Peter R. J. Lester (43) .. *Treble*		Frank Borley	4
Hubert A. Mitson	2	Trevor N. J. Bailey (15)	5
Peter M. Adcock (15) ..	3	Leslie N. Melton (15) .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by Leslie N. Melton.

Rung as a wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Lester, of Needham Market.

STAINES, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 22, 1957, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 11 methods, viz.: (1) Cambridge Surprise; (2) Oxford Treble Bob; (3) Kent Treble Bob; (4) Amersham Alliance and Little Bob; (5) Double Court and St. Clement's College Bob; (6) St. Clement's College Bob, Childwall Bob, Double Oxford Bob and Thelwall Bob; (7) Single Oxford Bob. Tenor 17¼ cwt.

Sidney J. Woodcock .. *Treble*		David A. S. Hawkins ..	4
Monica M. Blagrove ..	2	Peter A. Lawrence	5
William S. Deason	3	Frank T. Blagrove .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by Frank T. Blagrove.

HANDBELL PEALS

CHELTENHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., May 13, 1957, in 1 Hour and 48 Minutes,
At 19, Royal Parade,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of College, St. Clement's, Double and Reverse, and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor size 13 in E flat.

*Shirley M. Parsons ..	1—2	David J. Marshall ..	3—4
		*Cyril A. Wratten	5—6

Conducted by David J. Marshall.

* First of five methods 'in hand.'

DONCASTER, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., June 5, 1957, in 1¼ Hour and 57 Minutes,
At 105, Doncaster Lane, Woodlands,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 57 methods: (1) Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby, Newdigate, Old Oxford, College Bob IV, Willesden, Humber, Braintree, Taxal, Marple, Clarence and Elston Delight and Morning Star Treble Bob; (2) Langton, Candlesby, Alford, Tattershall, Beenington, Freiston, Frampton, Butterwick, Poynton, Chelford, Denton, Bigby, Elsham, Bassingham, Dunholme Alliance and Bastow Little Court; (3) Blaxhall, Mitcham, Stanhoe, Stratton, Stonehouse, Ringstead, Hayes, Sharnbrook, Ellacombe, Buxton, Iver, Wordsley, Lamberhurst, Harmondsworth, Bramfield Alliance and Little Bob; (4) Walsingham, Cromer, Olney, Tibenham, Lammas, Steventon, Fulmer Alliance and Little Bob; (5) Oxford Treble Bob; (6) Kent Treble Bob; (7) Plain Bob.

Howard Scott	1—2	Wilfrid F. Moreton ..	3—4
		W. Eric Critchley	5—6

Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Sun., June 16, 1957, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
At St. Catharine's College.
A PEAL OF 5120 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 13 in E.

H. Neill (St. Cath.'s) ..	1—2	F. E. Roberts (Selwyn) ..	5—6
Susan Jackson (Girton) ..	3—4	J. D. Painter (Caius) ..	7—8

Composed by David Hoare. Conducted by J. D. Painter.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., June 18, 1957, in 2 Hours and 4 Minutes,
At The Wayside, 150, Narborough Road South.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

*John A. Acres	1—2	Peter J. Staniforth ..	5—6
Walter P. Whitehead ..	3—4	Alfred Ballard	7—8

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Walter P. Whitehead.

* First peal of Surprise on handbells.

ABERDARE, GLAM.—On June 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Templeman 1, D. Kerley 2, Patricia Crimmin (first 'inside') 3, D. Kerley 4, G. Kerley (cond.) 5, L. Scott 6.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On June 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Margaret E. Perry (first quarter) 1, Pamela R. Gough 2, R. D. Brown 3, S. W. Brown 4, H. W. Brown (cond.) 5, I. C. Forrest 6. Rung as a 17th birthday compliment to June Grieveson.

BRADDEN, NORTHANTS.—On June 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. A. Booth 1, J. Booth 2, C. Rigby 3, G. G. Mansfield 4, A. W. Mansfield (cond.) 5. A 76th birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble, who has now been ringing for 40 years.

BRISTOL.—At St. Mary Redcliffe, on Whit Sunday, 1,385 Grandsire Cinques: A. M. Tyler 1, Miss E. Grime 2, Miss P. Bourn 3, M. J. Hancock 4, J. M. Stallard 5, E. Taylor 6, M. Downs 7, R. J. Bowden 8, A. Hilliar 9, F. Hansford 10, E. F. Hancock (cond.) 11, S. Gillett 12. First of Grandsire Cinques for 2, 4 and 7. Rung after Evensong as a farewell to the Rev. J. C. Norton.

DAYBROOK, NOTTS.—On June 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Cawthorne 1, Pamela Clarke (first of Grandsire 'inside') 2, P. E. Ball 3, F. Daykin 4, J. Troughton 5, B. M. Buswell 6, J. D. Clarke (first on eight as cond.) 7, W. Perkins 8. For Sunday School festival.

EARLS BARTON, NORTHANTS.—On June 16th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: N. Line 1, Miss J. M. Packwood (first of Major) 2, P. Jones 3, W. R. Hammons 4, Miss D. M. Miller 5, A. C. Cozens 6, K. D. Perkins 7, G. F. Roome (cond.) 8. Rung for the 50th anniversary of the forming of the Church Lads' Brigade, and on the occasion of the visit of the Bishops of Peterborough and Hull.

EASTON MAUDIT, NORTHANTS.—On June 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. F. Roome (cond.) 1, Miss C. Coleman 2, J. Rainbow 3, R. Line 4, E. Smart 5. The conductor's 100th quarter peal.

EDWINSTOWE, NOTTS.—On June 23rd, 1,320 Double Court Minor: Miss H. Wilcox 1, R. Lucas 2, Miss M. Johnson, 3, D. H. Rooke 4, G. Challons 5, F. T. Rooke (cond.) 6. First quarter of Double Court by 1, 2 and 3.

FELMERSHAM, BEDS.—On June 20th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: P. Payne 1, P. Swales 2, Angela Grainger 3, Iris Walker 4, I. Pett 5, C. Payne 6, P. Newing (cond.) 7, A. E. Butcher 8. Rung for the St. Albans Diocesan Festival for the parishes.

FRINDSBURY, KENT.—On June 9th, 1,260 Doubles (two extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Reverse St. Bartholomew, April Day, Plain Bob and 300 Grandsire): Ruth Highley 1, C. S. Jarrett (cond.) 2, S. T. Jarrett 3, J. C. S. Benson 4, R. C. Burns 5, L. B. Dobbie 6, G. Beadle (first quarter) 7, R. Burns 8. First in five methods for 3, 4 and 5. Rung with 7, 6, 8 cover.

GRANTHAM, LINCS.—On June 2nd, 1,170 Grandsire Caters: Miss L. Holmes 1, F. W. Pinchbeck 2, D. A. Frith (cond.) 3, J. Watson 4, P. E. Parry 5, J. E. Cook 6, B. Hunt 7, J. M. Simpson 8, H. R. Woods 9, P. A. Hill 10.

HAMPTON, EVESHAM, WORCS.—On June 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Frances Newman 1, L. Andrews 2, H. E. Raxter (cond.) 3, G. Brown 4, C. Longmore (first of Doubles) 5, B. Hawker 6. First quarter for 1, 2, 4 and 6. Rung for the wedding of Mr. Leonard Mills (local ringer and chorister) and Miss Doreen Smith.

HANDSWORTH, BIRMINGHAM.—On June 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. R. Crump 1, Miss J. A. Bennett 2, Miss E. M. Yardley 3, L. C. Willday 4, A. N. Stubbs (cond.) 5, D. J. Harrabin (first quarter) 6. Rung to celebrate the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. M. Hall, of Handsworth, and a son to Mr. and Mrs. R. Young, of Knebworth.

HASTINGS, SUSSEX.—At Christ Church, Blacklands, on Whit Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Smith 1, Miss J. M. Downing 2, Miss M. Wilson 3, Miss D. Lester 4, E. Bryant 5, J. Downing (cond.) 6, I Vaughan (first of Triples) 7, J. E. Downing 8.

HEREFORD.—On June 15th, at St. Nicholas' Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Jones 1, T. J. Gundy 2, R. G. Powell (cond.) 3, L. H. Colcombe 4, A. J. Probert 5, F. Jones 6. A wedding compliment to Miss A. George and Mr. M. Munn, married this day.

QUARTER PEALS

HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHANTS.—On June 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. G. Underwood (first quarter) 1, O. Payne 2, W. Martin 3, W. Wilby (cond.) 4, C. Underwood 5, G. D. Deighton 6, A. J. Wilson 7, R. Whiting 8. For Evensong.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLX.—At St. John's Church, on June 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: F. W. Goodfellow (cond.) 1, H. W. Impey 2, A. R. G. Twinn 3, N. D. Robinson 4, M. J. Palmer 5, Christine T. Townley (first quarter) 6. First of Stedman Doubles by 4 and 5. Rung to inaugurate the parish festival.

Ringing Listed As Public Nuisance

Cape Town ringers are wondering if the new regulations for the prevention and suppression of nuisances will affect their ringing, particularly when they practise a new method.

There is a clause against the ringing of bells in such a manner as to constitute a public nuisance in the neighbourhood. A fine up to £20 is possible on conviction.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—On June 24th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: G. Marriner 1, Patricia Smee 2, A. H. Winch 3, Rev. E. B. Wood (first of Surprise Major) 4, B. H. Hawkins 5, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 6, H. V. Young 7, A. H. Smith 8.

LEIGH, SURREY.—On June 20th, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: W. Slaughter 1, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 2, A. Streeter (first of Surprise) 3, F. E. Roberts 4, B. Cracknell (first of Surprise) 5, R. Bird 6. First 720 of Surprise on the bells since 1930.

LLANFEIGAN, BRECONS.—On June 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Vera M. Powell 1, Wm. G. Smith 2, S. V. Edwards 3, W. Chick 4, D. H. Bennett (cond.) 5, Margaret R. Parry (first quarter) 6, J. Parry 7, Penny Parry 8. Rung for the wedding anniversary of John Parry, also a 65th birthday compliment to him and a birthday compliment to Miss Margaret Parry.

LONG BUCKBY, NORTHANTS.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob and 780 Grandsire): P. Grimshaw (first quarter) 1, Miss R. Pebody 2, J. H. Williams 3, M. F. Amos 4, R. S. Holland (cond.) 5. For morning service.

LYTCHETT MATRAVERS, DORSET.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss V. Fry 1, T. Belben 2, Miss J. Maitland 3, P. Cumberland 4, L. Pink (cond.) 5, F. Laslett 6. First quarter for 1, 3, 4 and 6.

MARSTON BIGOTT, SOMERSET.—On June 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss R. Gray (first quarter) 1, Mrs. G. Wareham (first 'inside') 2, A. Bratten 3, D. T. Robertson (cond.) 4, G. Wareham 5, F. Elliott 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. Sidney Elliott, who rang at Marston for a number of years.

MERROW, SURREY.—On June 22nd, 1,260 Bob Doubles: Rosamund A. May 1, Joan E. Probert 2, Valerie A. Bundy 3, A. Pamela Warren (cond.) 4, P. G. Smart 5, G. M. Battersby 6. First 'inside' for 2 and 3.

MONMOUTH.—On June 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (treble leading): Miss J. Goodwin (first quarter) 1, K. Goodwin 2, Mrs. K. Smith 3, Mrs. D. Stafford 4, S. Goodwin 5, L. H. Jones (cond.) 6. E. Goodwin tenor. Rung during the visit to the Monmouth Schools of the Lord Mayor of London.

NASEBY, NORTHANTS.—On June 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Cropley 1, Miss M. Wilford (first quarter) 2, M. Wilford 3, A. Flutter 4, D. Griffin (cond.) 5. For Evensong.

NEWPORT PAGNELL, BUCKS.—On June 17th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: H. Beard 1, Angela Grainger 2, F. R. Evans (first of Major) 3, K. Fleming 4, P. Newing (cond.) 5, R. H. Howson 6, A. E. Butcher 7, M. G. Hooton 8. For the Feast of St. Barnabas.

PENCOMBE, HEREFORDS.—On June 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Jones 1, J. Lane 2, J. H. Thomas (cond.) 3, F. J. Bedford 4, F. Clements 5, G. Bishop 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of J. Colley, of Pencombe.

RUARDEAN, GLOS.—On June 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): W. Penn 1, Mrs. K. Smith 2, Mrs. D. Stafford 3, J. Harper 4, Howard Meek 5, W. Beard 6, J. J. Webb (cond.) 7, Harold Meek 8. Rung in honour of the patronal festival, also as a welcome to the Vicar (the Rev. E. Hoskins).

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On June 9th, 1,320 Doubles in three methods (three extents of Stedman, six of Grandsire and two of Plain Bob): Mrs. B. G. Warwick 1, Joan K. Brown 2, R. K. Stretton 3, A. E. Bodycote 4, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 5, P. Norman 6. First in three methods by 2, 3 and 6. For Evensong. Also on June 23rd, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: V. Norman (first 'inside') 1, Mrs. F. E. Wilson 2, R. K. Stretton 3, A. E. Bodycote 4, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 5, P. Norman 6. Rung prior to the civic service.

STANDLAKE, OXON.—On June 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Costar (first in method) 1, L. T. Oliffe 2, A. R. Cornish 3, E. J. Hill 4, A. H. Gearing (first in method as cond.) 5, B. J. Coggins 6. Rung to celebrate 50 years' ringing in this tower by the treble ringer. Also on June 17th, 1,260 Doubles (240 each of Clifford Pleasure, Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob and April Day and 300 Grandsire): B. J. Coggins (first in five methods) 1, B. J. Coggins 2, A. R. Cornish 3, E. J. Hill 4, A. H. Gearing (cond.) 5, B. Costar 6. Rung to welcome the son and daughter-in-law of the tenor ringer on return from their honeymoon.

STOKE D'ABERNON, SURREY.—On June 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. V. Young 1, Mary White (first quarter) 2, Catherine Powell (first quarter) 3, E. G. L. Coward (cond.) 4, G. Marriner 5. The ringers of 2 and 3 are members of the newly-formed local band.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (6, 7, 8 covering): J. Shipley 1, Katharine Burchnell 2, B. Hough 3, Grace Burchnall (cond.) 4, M. Gartside 5, R. Mumford 6, Lavinia Hulford (first quarter) 7, J. Wilson 8.

TUDDENHAM ST. MARTIN, SUFFOLK.—On June 16th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: P. R. J. Lester 1, Mrs. P. J. Parker 2, L. N. Melton 3, R. Crooks 4, H. Mitson 5, R. E. Lester (cond.) 6. First quarter 2 and 4. For Evensong.

UPPER CLAPTON, E.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (with tenor covering): Miss N. Hales 1, Miss J. M. Highley 2, Mrs. D. Neal 3, P. F. Borer 4, R. K. C. Wilkings 5, D. Neal (cond.) 6, C. F. Neal 7.

UPPER DEAN, BEDS.—On June 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (240 April Day, 120 St. Simon's, 540 Plain Bob, 360 Grandsire): K. Wakefield 1, Phyllis Gray 2, Mary Stephens 3, B. Grainger 4, P. Newing (cond.) 5.

WANDSWORTH, SURREY.—At Holy Trinity Church, on June 15th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: E. Talbot 1, M. Williamson 2, J. Cook 3, R. Goodman 4, A. Lewry 5, F. Corfield 6, C. Wood 7, J. Euston (cond.) 8. Rung to mark the visit of H.M. the Queen Mother to the Royal Hospital and Home for Incurables adjoining the church.

WARMLEY, GLOS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. King 1, Sandra Lewis 2, Anthony Gibbs 3, Rita Webb 4, J. Sprules 5, S. Burridge 6. Rung in honour of the new captain, Paul King. Also on June 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Gloria Newton 1, Sandra Lewis 2, A. Gibbs 3, Barbara Rogers 4, Rita Webb 5, Paul King 6.—A wedding compliment to Mr. H. Werrett and Miss M. Warner.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.—On June 20th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: E. S. Ruck 1, R. J. Carlton 2, A. J. Lancefield 3, L. C. Smith 4, W. J. Lancefield 5, M. S. Lancefield (cond.) 6. Rung to celebrate the 90th birthday of the treble ringer. Mr. Ruck led up in raising, rang the quarter and then lowered without setting the bells.

WITNEY, OXON.—On May 30th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): Marilyn Bird (first quarter) 1, Angela M. Kitto (first quarter 'inside') 2, E. J. Hill (first in two methods as cond.) 3, L. T. Oliffe 4, B. J. Coggins 5, Bernard J. Coggins 6. For Ascension Day.

WORTH, SUSSEX.—On June 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Prosser (first quarter) 1, J. Laker 2, C. Ridgway 3, C. Stoner 4, R. Elliott (first as cond.) 5, P. Hewitt (first quarter) 6. For Matins.

AN OLD RINGERS DAY

'I cannot help feeling,' writes E. A., 'that the outing arranged by Mr. E. Buck, president of the Herts County Association, on June 1st, was partly for my benefit. At the first tower, Soham, a lovely ten to ring, I rang the fifth to my first Grandsire Caters since 1908.

'In my home town, Bury St. Edmunds, we were met by many old friends. After ringing at St. Mary's came lunch, and sitting by my side at table was A. E. Moore, my old tutor, whom I had not seen for 48 years. The other was Mr. A. Rolfe, a pupil of mine in the early 1900's.

'Many memories of old friends were brought back when we rang on the heavy ten at the Norman tower, as it was here that the greater part of my ringing was done 50 or more years ago.

'At Lavenham there were Mr. Stedman Symonds and Mr. W. F. Ayers to meet us. The last time I saw Stedman was 48 years ago, when we three were in a peal together at Lavenham on March 6th, 1909; today we are the only survivors. Halfway through this peal the gas went out. Stedman appealed to us to carry on: the moon shining through the windows helped to show the shirt-sleeves going up and down. The peal was rung but the second half took several minutes longer. Tea followed some good ringing, and then Stedman entertained us with tune ringing on his tiny handbells.

'Two good eights, Long Melford and Clare, followed, with some good touches of Stedman, Cambridge, and other Surprise methods, Grandsire and Plain Bob. A well-arranged supper a few miles away brought our very pleasant outing to an end.'

THE LADIES' GUILD

Yorkshire District

On June 8th a quarterly meeting of the Yorkshire District was held at Whiston, near Rotherham. During the afternoon and evening the delightfully pleasant ring of eight bells was kept going in methods ranging from Bob Doubles to Surprise Major. A course of Stedman Triples was rung entirely by ladies, this being the first course in the method in the District, by ladies, for very many years.

After a delicious tea, the business meeting was held, at which four new members were elected. Other business included a discussion on the change of the rules of the Guild. The large attendance of ladies was very heart-warming, and it is hoped that it will be repeated at the next meeting to be held at Bolsover in October.

Western District

A quarterly meeting of the Western District was held at Lyme Regis on Whit Saturday where, in spite of thunderstorms inland, we were bathed in brilliant sunshine. For the benefit of those travelling from remote parts of this somewhat scattered district, ringing was arranged at Whitchurch Canonicorum and Broadwindsor.

The business meeting at Lyme Regis was preceded by a short service, conducted by the Vicar, and at the conclusion of tea a vote of thanks was passed to Canon C. C. Cox, who had rendered valuable assistance in making arrangements for the day's ringing.

At the meeting one new member was elected —Mrs. Davis, of Lyme Regis. It was agreed that the next June meeting should be held in the Yeovil district, and it is hoped to hold the next quarterly meeting on September 14th at Malmesbury. M. de J.

DEDICATION OF MEMORIAL TO FORMER CHESTER GUILD MASTER

At Evensong in the Parish Church of St. Mary, Liscard, Wallasey, on June 1st, a tablet was dedicated to the memory of Mr. John W. Milner, a great friend and servant of ringers in Cheshire. The choral service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. F. W. Stephens), assisted by Rev. Austin Edwards, Vicar of St. Columba's, Wallasey. The dedication was performed by Rev. A. Edwards, who spoke in appreciation of Mr. Milner's life and work.

The stone tablet is plain with gilt-inscribed lettering, and the inscription reads:—

'JOHN WILLIAM MILNER
1864–1952
Sometime Warden of this Church
A Member of the Church Assembly
A keen Secretary of the Church of England Men's Society and Master of the Chester Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers
An active friend to all Christian endeavour
A beloved husband and father.'

To mark the occasion a peal was rung at the Parish Church he served so well, and Branch members also rang the bells again for the service.

The peal band would like to express thanks to Miss R. Milner for her generous hospitality on this occasion.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Cross 1, Patricia Smee 2, A. H. Winch (cond.) 3, C. Smart 4, G. Marriner 5, B. Hawkins 6, A. H. Smith 7, H. V. Young 8. For Evensong.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Golden wedding congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. William Henry Humberstone, of Wigston Magna, Leicester, the happy anniversary taking place on June 20th. The event was honoured by a peal on June 15th, which was also a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. Basil I. Davies. Afterwards there were liquid refreshments at the Vicarage. For over 50 years 'Bill' has rung for Matins and Evensong at Wigston Magna with consistent regularity. Alas, his respiratory organs will no longer permit him to climb the long wooded spiral staircase to the belfry.

After a ban lasting several months, the bells of Sweffling, Suffolk, are now available for ringing, writes Mr. Alan R. Bridges.

We regret to hear of the passing of Mr. Charles Smith, of All Saints', Boyne Hill, on June 22nd, aged 71 years.

The bells of St. Paulinus', Crayford, will be out of action for several months while extensive war damage repairs to the tower are carried out.

Sheffield and District Society are meeting at Harthill on July 6th, where the new band rang their first course of Plain Bob Doubles on the back six on June 3rd.

The band who rang the peal of Surfleet Surprise Minor at Willingham, Cambs, on June 22nd, had not struck a blow in the method previously

The Vicar of Gorleston, in his June magazine, denies any danger of collapse of the church. He writes: 'I have not yet received the estimate from the bell founders, but it certainly looks as though we shall have the bells ringing again in a few weeks. We have yet to have the architect's advice about necessary strengthening of the tower.'

A correspondent writes: Mr. Barker may be perfectly right about the peal of *Plain* Bob Major at Dartford in 1921, but he is a long way out in adding that this was the late Thos. Groombridge's (jun.) first peal as conductor, who was calling peals before the 1914–18 war. The writer's memories of 'young Tom's' first peals as conductor were Grandsire Triples and Double Norwich at Eynsford, Kent, around 1910.

We apologise to Miss Jean Barnett for a changed surname when she presented the bouquet to Mrs. Lewis at Chelmsford (see p. 398).

Pressure on our news space has prevented us from publishing at once all the ringers' outings received. We hope to catch up with arrears at an early date.

Mr. F. W. Goodfellow was the hon. secretary of the dinner committee that arranged the diamond jubilee dinner of the Middlesex Association. The general secretary of the Association is Mr. T. J. Lock.

The second number of 'The Ringers' Magazine' is now published. Life stories of Charles F. Winney and Henry W. Haley are among the varied contributions.

In the quarter peal at Whitchurch, Oxon, on June 17th, the treble was rung without a stay. The band thank Mr. John F. Carter for his perseverance.

The meeting of the Southern District of Durham and Newcastle Association at Gainford started with visitors having to splice the rope of No. 3 which broke during the first touch, and finished at 7.45 p.m. due to the rope of No. 4 breaking. However, between these times a successful meeting was had by the 24 ringers and friends who attended.

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CENTRAL COUNCIL — Continued from Page 418

ACADEMIC TITLES NOT WANTED BY COUNCIL – OVERWHELMING VOTE

The first motion to be considered was: 'That this Council as the representative assembly of all change-ringing associations deprecates the proposed introduction of academic titles for ringers, particularly by a body which is not recognised or affiliated to the Council.'

Mr. P. A. Corby, in moving the motion, said the 14-day rule did not provide for the proceedings of the Council because one observed that one or two people had tried to get their shot in first. The other point on procedure might well be that persons who were active with the Institution that was coming under consideration were interested parties, and as such should not take part in debate on the subject. Of course, they would not wish to deny them that right.

DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLES

It was said that they lived in a democratic age, and of all institutions the ringing Exercise had been able to claim to be more democratic than most. In a democratic state there must be a considerable amount of freedom, but that must not be interpreted as freedom to do what they liked. Anarchy would only result from that.

He would seriously put before the Council that over 69 years they had established a place in the ringing Exercise where their principles were accepted not because they tried to force things on people but because they came there and debated them and passed resolutions that were accepted by ringers at large.

It was therefore disconcerting that at the instance, in the first place of one man (he would not be certain of that), but in some way or another various members of their Council, although present at last year's Council meeting went away with an idea in their minds, which for good or ill must have an effect on the future of the ringing Exercise. This scheme they dished up in the ringers' own journal.

The purpose of the motion was not to condemn the College of Campanology—rather they wished to assert that the Council should be the body to decide whether or not a College should be established. He did not think it could ever be a good thing for people to start on individual lines of action on such a large and ambitious scale as has been attempted. He hoped in the debate they should hear from those members of the Council whose names had figured so prominently in the Press but who hitherto had maintained a very tactical silence.

'DISCOURTESY TO COUNCIL'

It would be remembered that when the correspondence started the point he elaborated upon, discourtesy to the Council had never been answered. If all those members of the Council heartily supported the thing, where was the answer when they were challenged on discourtesy? It might be said, to the best of his knowledge and belief, no official approach had been made to the Guilds and Associations. Certainly nothing had been made to the Association he represented.

Pointing out that there were no distinctions of rank among ringers, Mr. Corby said peers of the realm, bishops, archdeacons, priests and representatives of many walks of life all rubbed shoulders together. He often wished that his boss was a ringer because he felt it would be an opportunity to take it out of him in the belfry That was the state of affairs they wished to continue. Let them judge people on the merits of their performances and not on degrees.

He felt to a certain extent that the College was based on misconception. In ringing it was not the prowess of the individual but the team work. 'You can have seven professors of campanology, but if you have one rabbit with them you will not ring a good peal . . . . We don't want a number of exalted individuals but a band that will ring together, capable of producing the best.'

MANUAL AND 'R.W.'

Mr. J. T. Dunwoody, seconding, said he did not wish to be construed as condemning the College, but the way it was brought into being. Last year they discussed a handbook for beginners, and some of those people who discussed it were connected with the College, and yet not one word came out about it. He felt in that way they had done them a dishonour. He felt that if the College wanted a manual they should have published it at their own expense. [Hear, hear.]

Mr. J. F. Smallwood supported the motion. The award of diplomas and certificates, he said, was made so that these people could swank their powers before their fellows.

Mr. Bernard Ashford said the motion was discussed at considerable length by members in his area and while little was expressed of the value of the College, a great deal was expressed that the Central Council's own journal was used to publicise the College. 'Village Bells' and other publications, he pointed out, were financed by their authors. He gave his full support to the motion.

Mr. N. Chaddock felt that the College of Campanology made a big mistake in bringing in these titles.

The Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow said he had let his name go forward as chaplain to the College, but when the invitation came to him it stated that his services would not be needed just yet. They lived in an age when the running down of titles was popular. But the title of M.D. was one of value in cases of illness. If there was something worth while in the idea behind titles then it was for a deeper brain than his. It seemed to him that the best policy was not to take sides but to try and find what good there was behind it.

'NO NEED OF AN EXAMINATION'

Mr. C. W. Roberts said in the past they had always managed to get along without any distinctions, qualifications, or call them what they would. The art of ringing was democratic. Possibly 12 or 13 join under a good instructor. Out of those 13 one emerges who is head and shoulders above the rest: he needs no qualifications. As soon as those who organise peals or quarter peals hear of him his place is assured. There was no need of an examination. His point was it was not necessary to bring out the qualifications this outside body wishes to impose. If qualifications were necessary, there was only one body to decide, and that was the Council, which was the voice of the representatives of the various associations. He wished to protest most strongly against the imposition of any qualifications. When one took hold of a rope for Stedman Cinques one did not have to look for qualifications.

Mr. Philip Gray pointed out that there were a tremendous number of towers with no ringers and a tremendous number indifferently staffed. Any body which tried to do something for these towers should not be frowned upon. He did not want the Council to discourage anybody who did anything outside the Council.

The Rev. J. G. M. Scott thought the motion was unnecessary. If these titles were empty then nobody would take any notice of them. There were numbers of people up and down the country who took up high-sounding titles but they did not pass an Act of Parliament to forbid them to do so.

Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher said in opposing the motion he was not doing so as a representative of his Association. There was no way the College of Campanology could be represented there, and as it was not represented it was not legal. It would be more sensible if the Council were to do its best to enable those who were thinking along these lines to have some sort of encouragement. That morning the name of Mr. York-Bramble was put forward for honorary membership. They knew the result. He thought what Mr. York-Bramble had done was to focus very effectively their attention on the problem of teaching ringing in the early stages. He had not suddenly started this; he had been working on it for a very long time.

Dr. Hatcher said he had known Mr. York-Bramble for ten years, and one of his ideas was that the method of teaching ringers could be put on a standardised basis so that they could compare the results of instruction with various places and various times. Two years ago in a series of articles in 'Topics of the Month' one was on the question of a manual for ringing and a college of campanology. At the end of the article he suggested a possibility that this idea might be sponsored by the Council.

COUNCIL 'SHIED' OFF THE PROBLEM

Last year the Council considered the question of teaching and instructing and set up a small committee to produce a book for beginners and instructors. It was interesting to see the result—the draft of a book for beginners; but the idea of something for instructors was put in a subsidiary role. The point was that the Council had 'shied' off the problem of producing instructors. The idea of these titles was not, as had been interpreted, as giving an air of snobbery. The value of the College was not in the award but the discipline in the training system. The Exercise would not go from strength to strength unless it faced up to the problem of instructors. It was suggested that the Council should be the pioneer authority on ringing matters. The College of Campanology proposed to work towards its recognition by the Council and applied in its instructions the rules and decisions of the Council. By accepting the motion the Council would be doing a disservice to itself.

Mr. F. B. Lufkin said he was unhappy about voting for the motion. He knew nothing about the College except what they published, which he was pleased they put in. He did not know Mr. York-Bramble or the people who supported him. If there was any good in the College it would survive. Personally, judging from the matter in 'The Ringing World,' it would be a total flop. He thought the matter ought to be ignored: it would then find its own level.

'A SNOB VALUE'

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead said the last speaker had said he did not know Mr. Bramble. Some in the front of the hall did. Knowing him quite seriously from experience of what had happened in the past (he might be wrong), if they gave Mr. Bramble an inch he took a yard. They found that out in the Methods Committee, and when they were in difficulties the person in the background causing their troubles was Mr. Bramble. The speaker said he was quite willing and ready to see the Council support some scheme for instructors—no letters after their names. In spite of what Mr. Thurlow had said, knowing Mr. Bramble, such

things as letters did loom rather large in his mind, as one had only to see 20 or so after his name. There was in this a snob value which they did not want. He had pleasure in supporting the motion.

Mr. R. G. Blackman commented that there was a possibility that there might be things in the manual that might prove of value in bringing along young ringers. While he agreed with the speakers in deploring those with letters after their names, they must remember that all teachers had got to have the confidence of their pupils, and in some cases letters might help.

Mr. Bernard Ashford: We must not lose sight of the fact that this Council has been treated with contumacy.

Mr. George W. Fletcher: As I read this resolution, do we believe in titles or don't we?

The motion was then put to the meeting and carried, only eight votes being cast against.

A voice: You have passed this resolution. After all this talking you cannot enforce it.

IS THE COLLEGE NEEDED?
Council Reach No Conclusion

The second notice of motion relating to the College read: 'That this Council, while appreciating the good intentions of the organisers, considers that the so-called College of Campanology is unlikely to prove of any service to the furtherance of the art of change ringing; and therefore that no form of official recognition whatever be accorded to the organisation. In addition, valuable space in the Council's official organ, "The Ringing World," should not be wasted by the publication of any further "College Manuals," the Exercise being already well supplied with instruction manuals.'

The president suggested that the motion dealt with two separate subjects and should be treated accordingly.

Mr. Peter N. Bond said he was submitting the motion on behalf of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, and he denied a suggestion that they were indicting the Editor or 'The Ringing World' Committee. They felt that the College was not the best way of gaining recruits and that it sounded too much of the college lecture room or university. When these boys saw a blackboard and tutor they were likely to be turned away.

'ROPESIGHT' ADEQUATE

'Is such an organisation needed? I have read this manual and I can only understand a quarter. If this type of organisation is allowed I can see in the future that if a ringer goes into a tower he will be asked if he has a diploma, and if he has not he will not be allowed to ring. I maintain that the requirements to produce a good ringer are not to be found in an academic college. I agree there is some need for a training manual for instructors. I maintain that a book like "Ropesight" would give all that is required.

'We feel that an organisation like this is not likely to benefit the Sunday service ringers. They are the people we represent. The average Sunday service ringer is not interested in certificates or diplomas. The St. John's School at Bristol has done a wonderful work without a manual. We think that the people who have organised the College have little understanding of the difficulties of the average village tower. If the possession of a College diploma is the qualification of a trained ringer, then I would say there are very few trained ringers. I think one of the greatest charms of the Exercise is the informality of the belfry, and we do not think it would be right to turn the belfry into the common room for evening classes.'

Mr. F. E. Hawthorne, in seconding, said his Society asked that the Council would not give its official recognition; this was entirely different from saying that they deprecated it. Many of his Society's members took exception to the Manual being published in 'The Ringing World.'

A BIBLICAL EXAMPLE

The Rev. J. G. M. Scott said he agreed with all the last clause. About 2,000 years ago a motion of this sort was passed by the Sanhedrin. This was a motion which was quite untrue and brought ridicule on the body which passed it. He did not believe that the College of Campanology had acted rightly. It should have applied for affiliation or recognition by the Council. For them to look into the future and say that they did not consider the College was to prove of any further service was a silly thing to do because if they were right there was no need to pass such a resolution, and if they were wrong they would be fools.

He would like to move as an amendment that the Council deprecated the use of invaluable space in 'The Ringing World' by the College of Campanology, that body not having applied for recognition by the Central Council. The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead seconded the amendment.

Mr. R. S. Anderson said that so far as the motion was concerned he felt that the Council should reject it out of hand. A lot had been said about what was to be put in 'The Ringing World.' He acknowledged that 'The Ringing World' was the property of the Council and was its official journal, but it was also the only paper of its kind in this country. If the Manual had not been printed they would have had nothing to talk about. He was not going to apologise. He thought the Council should reject the motion.

The Rev. J. G. M. Scott: In view of what has been said about 'The Ringing World,' I ask to withdraw my motion.

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead: I would like the second part to go on. I do not think the College of Campanology should have published its Manual in 'The Ringing World.' He therefore moved the amendment.

Mr. W. Wilson seconded the amendment.

Mr. P. A. Corby asked in what way could the College of Campanology be affiliated to the Central Council.

NEED OF INSTRUCTORS

Mr. Norman Chaddock said he had had his name connected in a minor way with the College and had been asked to act as an examiner and had agreed to. He personally thought that the greatest need today was for more competent instructors, and any effort that might achieve some success in that direction was worth a trial. They had a Boy Scout and Girl Guide ringer's badge and he had never heard anyone deprecating that badge. He thought the best thing would be to disregard it. He thought the Manual was well worth publishing.

Mr. C. K. Lewis deprecated the use of space in 'The Ringing World' by the publication of the Manual. It was a waste of space. His main objection to the College was that 'it flies in the face of educational thought—that you learn by doing and not by being taught. The average child is not academic, and the best way is to put his hand in the end of the rope and let him try.'

The Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow thought there was some good in the general idea behind it, if they started by calling it a school of ringing instead of a College of Campanology. About 'The Ringing World,' what a pity they did not think of inserting the Manual as an advertisement: what a lot of trouble they would have saved.

Mr. G. Pullinger suggested the motion be adjourned to next year. The College might fill a want. They should leave it to the good sense of ringers. After all, when the Council was first formed it was said it would not last two years.

Mr. J. R. Mayne said a good many did not believe it represented a good method of teaching. Because the Manual was published in 'The Ringing World' there was a danger that people might think it had the stamp of authority.

Mr. E. A. Barnett proposed and Mr. F. E. Dukes seconded that the Council pass on to the next business. This was carried with four dissentients.

DANGER OF LIGHTS BEING SWITCHED OFF

The motion was proposed by Mr. A. C. Hazelden and seconded by Mr. F. I. Hairs: 'That the attention of the responsible Electrical or Ecclesiastical Authority be drawn to the dangerous practice of permitting bell chamber, ringing room and staircase lights to be controlled from the main switch box by one master switch; that in cases where such a state of affairs exists the authority be asked to fix cautions against switching off without due investigation.'

The secretary said the Standing Committee discussed the matter and felt that the Electrical Authorities would not be happy about more than one main switch. The committee thought that a small card should be printed giving warning about switching off the main switch while people were in the belfry.

Mr. W. A. Osborn said according to the Institute of Electrical Contractors every circuit had to be controlled by a main switch and fuse. He advised towers to have a stand-by oil lamp.

The Rev. J. G. M. Scott moved and Mr. R. G. Blackman seconded that the Council accept the recommendation of the Standing Committee. This was agreed to, and the Council decided to have warning notices printed.

'PLAIN' REINTRODUCED

On behalf of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, Mr. A. D Barker moved the following:—

'That this Council deplores the change of name of a standard method in "The Ringing World" and declares that in its view, "Bob" is a general term for a class of methods and should not be substituted for the "Plain Bob" which indicates a particular method in that class.'

He said that Plain Bob was one of the earliest if not the earliest system of change-ringing. He did not remember this having been discussed by the Council at any meeting. In asking the Council to put back the word 'plain' to the

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method, he would say it was necessary to have it from the conductor's point of view. Bob did not constitute a method.

Mr. W. Butler, seconding, said he had been through all the old books and they all said 'Plain' Bob. Bob was just an indication of calls.

Mr. E. K. Lewis called attention to a decision of the Council that 'no alteration should be made in the names of old and historical methods except where urgently necessary.' The original 'Campanologia' of 1702 mentioned Bob Doubles and it also mentioned Plain Bob, but when it came to Major it was always Bob Major. In 1735 they had Plain Bob Triples. In the Clavis it was Plain Bob Minor and Single Bob Minor. Troyte mentions Plain Bob Minor, usually called Bob Minor, and the same thing for Major. 'Plain Bob Major' was introduced into 'The Ringing World' in 1948: previous to that it was Bob Major. He thought the proper thing if they desired the word 'Plain' in was to rescind the decision.

The hon. secretary said no charge was made until the middle of March, 1948. A letter from the Editor of 'The Ringing World' explained that it was decided at a meeting which Mr. A. D. Barker attended that for the convenience of the Peals Analysis Committee the word 'Plain' be introduced, and that was the only authority. Bob Major was used at the beginning of 'Bell News' and in Ernest Morris' 'History and Art of Change Ringing,' 10,000 Bob Major was rung in 1735. He asked the Council to reject the motion.

Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd: I see no difficulty whatever in using 'Plain.'

Mr. Wilfred G. Wilson: If this is the Council's official attitude, why did it issue in 1956 on page 25: Bob Major, this method Plain Bob Place. That must refer to a method and not as a method.

Mr. Walter Ayre: I don't mind what the Council pass this afternoon, it still will be published in the analysis as Plain Bob.

The motion was carried, only two members voting against.

Next Meeting in Dublin

The secretary reported that members would recall they had an invitation to visit Dublin, and that still stood. They had also an invitation from the Oxford Diocesan Guild to hold their next meeting in Oxford.

Mr. F. E. Dukes proposed and Mr. F. E. Hawthorne seconded that the next meeting be held in Ireland—in Dublin.

Miss Marie Cross said next year would be the 225th anniversary of the Oxford Society, and they would like the Central Council there. She moved that the next meeting be held in Oxford and Mr. Peter Bond seconded.

Mr. F. W. Goodfellow suggested that if the Council went to Ireland the meeting be held on Whit Monday.

Asked as to price, Mr. Dukes said by train and boat the cost would be £8 or £9 and the journey would take 12 or 14 hours.

Upon being put to the vote, 59 members voted for Dublin and 51 for Oxford.

The Council decided to hold its next meeting at Dublin.

RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

The secretary reported: 32 Associations fully represented, 86 members; 17 Associations partly represented, 37 present, 23 absent: 7 Associations not represented, 8 absent; 5 life members present, 1 absent; 10 honorary members present, 7 absent. Total attendance 138, absent 39.

This tied with a record attendance of the Council in London in 1948.

VOTES OF THANKS

Mr. F. E. Dukes proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. E. H. Lewis, Mr. F. Sharpe, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Barnett and Mr. T. W. White, for all their work in connection with the meeting. 'As a secretary, I know only too well what is involved,' he said.

Mr. P. A. Corby seconded and the vote was carried with acclamation.

The president proposed an omnibus vote of thanks to the many people who had been to a great deal of trouble in connection with the meeting. He thanked the Mayor, the Lord Bishop, the Provost, the Master of the Essex Association (Mr. Heazel), Mr. Gant and Mr. Everett, for their excellent arrangements, Miss Hilda Snowden, for peal and tour arrangements, and the local incumbents and others. 'We appreciate very much all you have done for us.'

Afterwards the members of the Council were the guests of the Essex Association to tea.

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ERRATA

Page 415, column 2.—The Rev. R. S. St. J. Smith did not make the observation attributed to him. He is thoroughly in sympathy with the view expressed.

The Standing Committee.—The reference to the revision of Stedman should read: 'The committee accepted the offer of Mrs. Winifred Turner of the papers of the late Mr. Ernest Turner's revision of J. A. Trollope's 'Stedman.'

Towers and Belfries Committee. — Add to committee the name of the Rev. J. G. M. Scott.

Add to apologies.—G. Benfield.

Page 398.—Presentation of bouquet by Miss Jean Barnett.

UNIVERSITY RINGERS IN NORTHAMPTON

Members of the Oxford University Society and the Cambridge University Guild met in Northampton on June 8th and enjoyed a most successful day's ringing together. A variety of methods ranging from Grandsire to Spliced Surprise was rung at the five towers visited—St. Edmund's, St. Giles', Holy Sepulchre, St. Peter's and All Saints'. It is hoped that a joint outing will become an annual feature in the programmes of the two Societies. R. N. P.

BEVERLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

Thirty members attended the monthly meeting of the Beverley and District Ringing Society held at Rise on June 8th.

During the afternoon the bells were rung to rounds, Plain Bob, Grandsire and Stedman. The service in church was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. G. Hewson), who welcomed the Society. A very inspiring address was given by Rev. T. Shaw, Vicar of North Frodingham, and though it was the first meeting of bellringers he has attended, members hope he will attend many more.

Tea was served by wives of the local ringers in the Memorial Hut and was followed by the business meeting, with the president (Mr. A. E. Sellers) in the chair. Further ringing brought another successful meeting to a close.

LAVENHAM RINGING DAY

The 146th ringing anniversary on June 22nd was attended by ringers from Norfolk, Essex and Suffolk. During the afternoon and evening touches in methods ranging from Plain Bob to Superlative Surprise, with rounds for the learners, kept the bells going till 8.30 p.m.

A distinguished and interested (non-ringing) visitor who came to the tower during the afternoon was Mr. Randolph Churchill, son of Sir Winston. M. T. S.

OBITUARY

MR. JOHN WILLIAM HOVEY

Coleshill tower has sustained a great loss by the death of J. William Hovey, following an accident at his place of employment. Mr. Hovey was 24 years of age and an able ringer and conductor for standard methods.

Commencing to ring as a schoolboy, his keenness soon became apparent to his fellow ringers, and they elected him tower captain on completion of service in the R.A.F., a position he relinquished on taking over the duties of tower keeper. Although he rang several peals, his main interest was service ringing and practices.

He was a member of St. Martin's Guild and of the Coventry Diocesan Guild.

After the funeral muffled touches were rung at Coleshill, while his friends at Kingsbury, a tower he often visited, rang a quarter peal of Doubles in memoriam.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the Western District was held on June 15th at All Saints', Otley. The welcome extended to upwards of 40 members attending the meeting was warm in more ways than one, and on this fine, sunny afternoon the banks of the river Wharfe were almost as popular as the belfry itself.

Ringing in a variety of methods took place during the afternoon, followed by an excellent tea, arranged and served by members of the local branch of the Mothers' Union.

At the business meeting the usual formalities were observed and the annual election of officers was held. Officers due to retire this year were the vice-president, Mr. P. J. Johnson, and committee members Miss S. Schofield and Messrs. H. Armitage and W. Dixon. Each of these officers was re-elected for a further term of three years, and expressions of appreciation for past services were accorded to Mr. Johnson in particular, who has now held the office of vice-president for over 23 years.

New members elected were Messrs. G. Dean, L. Lawson and C. Lawson, of Skipton, and D. North, of Birstall.

It is hoped to hold the next meeting at Pudsey on September 21st.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Jubilee Meeting at Ealing

It is a matter of great regret that once again the attendance at the monthly meeting was disappointing, the more so in view of the excellent arrangements and careful preparation that had been made by the St. Mary's, Ealing, ringers for the meeting held there on June 15th. It had been hoped that there would be a large gathering as it was at Ealing 60 years ago that the Association had been formed.

Reference was made to this fact by the District secretary (Mr. F. A. Finch) at the commencement of the business meeting which followed a first-class tea at the Parish Hall. A photograph of those present on that occasion, which had been taken on the Vicarage lawn, was on view, having been refurbished after hanging for many years in St. Mary's tower.

At the meeting, eight new members were elected, and Mr. F. Blagrove was elected assistant District secretary, this office having been vacant since the beginning of the year. The question of lack of support for meetings was aired, and it was decided that it might help if a post-card was sent to each tower secretary reminding him to make the date and place of each meeting known.

The meeting passed a vote of thanks to those responsible for the tea, and to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to the Curate for taking the service. Enough people had turned up after this to make it possible to ring methods up to London Surprise in the evening.

W. T. C.



Members of the Railwaymen's Guild at Crewe. Report on Page 437. [Photo by permission of 'The Chester Chronicle.'

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

AMERICA'S ELECTRIC CHANGE-RINGER

Dear Sir,—May I, for the benefit of ringers generally, add a little to your report of my reference at the Council meeting to 'Mark II.' which our American friends have recently completed. Readers may recall an article on the subject which appeared in 'The Ringing World' of August 10th, 1956.

I recently received the following invitation:—

THE CHANGE RINGERS OF CORNELL
R. J. Walker and J. Keifer, props.
Request the honor of your presence at
A COCKTAIL PARTY
in honor of
MARK II,
the first automatic electric change-ringer
at The Statler Club Main Ballroom
Saturday, June 1st, 4 to 6 p.m.

Note: The proprietors assume no responsibility that the guest of honor will behave properly. R.S.V.P. Mathematics Department White Hall.

I did not, as your report states, reply that I was unable to accept, but mentioned at the meeting that the function clashed with our church fete! When I do write, I hope to be able to extract from the 'proprietors' some details of the machine, which I am sure will be of great interest. Cornell University already possesses a cricket team, and it is gratifying that another very English pastime also has its devotees there!—Yours faithfully,

E. A. BARNETT.

Crayford, Kent.

WOLVERCOTE'S THANKSGIVING

Dear Sir,—During the past five years at our ringers' annual Evensong we have sung the hymn 'Set them nobly in the steeple.' This hymn of prayer and praise is being fulfilled during the next few days when our bells, recast by Messrs. Taylor and Co., will be rehung and dedicated (see notices). May I take this opportunity of thanking all ringers and friends who have supported us in the past, and invite them and any others to join with us on July 6th in praising and thanking God for the privilege and joy of serving Him in His temple here below. —Yours sincerely,

N. CHAMBERLAIN.

Wolvercote, Oxford.

RINGERS' SONGS WANTED

Dear Sir,—I am collecting ringers' songs and ditties with a view to producing a Ringers' Song Book that could be used on outings and at social gatherings.

I would be grateful to receive any songs—old or new, or local interpretations of traditional songs (together with an approximate idea of the tune, if possible) from any ringer who could help me.—Yours sincerely,

WILLIAM BUTLER.

17, Forest Road, Windsor.

TIME MARCHES ON!

The present issue is the first of a new quarter. Subscriptions due should be renewed without delay. Please remit to Mr. J. E. Jeater, Greystones, Cusgarne, near Truro, Cornwall. Rates: 3 months 7/6; 6 months 14/6; 12 months £1/8/-. New subscribers welcome.

HELPING HAND WANTED

Dear Sir,—I wonder how many ringers will take 'Church Bells and Bell Thumping,' in the issue of June 21st, to heart?

Reading back in earlier issues we have the forming of the Rabbits' Club, and several years earlier an excellent article on Team Spirit.

How often do the newer and younger ringers have to do the best they can for service ringing? How often do we hear of ringers who consider themselves too good to ring at their own towers, fail to realise the encouragement their presence gives to ringers who are not so good and the bitter disappointment their absence gives to those valiant ones who strive to bring on new ringers, often, perhaps having five or more learners, and all trying to keep their bells up?

I wonder if in these light summer evenings the army of peal experts could venture forth in twos or threes to visit these country towers and encourage and often instruct the local ringers so that the standard of ringing might improve! —Yours truly,

JOHN V. MULLER.

Ash-by-Wrotham, Kent.

RINGER SAILED WITH MAYFLOWER II.

Dear Sir,—Readers of 'The Ringing World' might be interested to know that the Mayflower II included a ringer amongst its crew.

He is 16-year-old Graham Nunn, of Corby, Northamptonshire, a member of the Kettering Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild and the Kettering Grammar School Society.

Graham was chosen to represent the boys' clubs of this country, to sail as cabin boy, and has, of course, been well to the fore in the publicity given to the adventurous crew and their ship.—Yours, etc.,

PATRICK I. CHAPMAN.

Daventry.

MRS. MARTIN'S THANKS

Dear Sir,—May I, through the medium of your paper, thank the members of the following Associations—Ely Diocesan, Cambridge College Youths, Cambridge University Guild—for their most generous gift to myself and my children in our sad bereavement.

I have been very touched by all the kindness shown to me since the loss of my husband, and I do appreciate all that people have done to help me over a very difficult period.

I take this opportunity of wishing continued success to all bellringers and their Associations. —Yours sincerely,

A. R. MARTIN (Mrs.).

Cambridge.

Gillett and Johnston

With reference to the announcement that appeared on page 368 of 'The Ringing World' of June 7th, Messrs. John Taylor and Co. ask us to state: 'It is true that from October, 1955, we have cast a few bells for Gillett and Johnston, but in no instance were these bells of our design or were any of them tuned by us. The last Gillett and Johnston bell casting we supplied was about six months ago, and apart from casting three bells to be added to a Gillett and Johnston carillon in the States, we do not expect to have any further bells to cast for them.'

The Witney and Woodstock Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild now produce an attractive Branch newsletter. There are hopes of starting a Method Ringing Class in Witney soon. Mr. David J. Smith has certainly the right idea for maintaining a live Branch.

RAILWAYMEN GUILD OF RINGERS

DESPITE a change in the weather, the first annual general meeting of the Guild of Railwaymen Church Bell Ringers, held at Crewe on June 26th, was a very happy gathering and was attended by some 40 ringers from all branches of the British Transport Commission, including railways, waterways, hotel and catering staff. Ringing commenced at Christ Church soon after 11 a.m. and continued until lunch time at 1 p.m.

Mr. Rodney B. Meadows, who had acted as chairman during the founding stages, was voted to the chair and welcomed the ringers. Another cordial welcome came from Mr. I. C. Forsyth, works manager, Crewe, who said he knew of the tremendous amount of work which had gone into bringing the Guild into being, and wished the Guild a long and happy life. Ald. J. A. Madeley, area welfare officer, a former 'Christ Church boy,' also spoke in welcome. Those present were very pleased to have with them Mr. McIntosh, of the London Midland Region Staff Association.

The main business was the confirmation of the Constitution and Rules. These were accepted with the exception of Section 4, Membership, and it was decided that the four regional representatives should contact their respective Regional Staff Associations to see if they now conform to the requirements of the Staff Association.

A further Section, 8, was adopted: 'That this Guild abides by and conforms to the aims and rules of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers.'

For the office of Master of the Guild, Mr. Rodney B. Meadows gracefully declined the invitation, suggesting that according to age, there was (D.V.) plenty of time yet for him. To this office, Mr. Harold Walker, president of the York Minster Society of Ringers, was elected. It was decided that the Ringing Master should be the Regional Ringing Master of the Region in which the meeting was held. Mr. W. Frank Stenson, who was co-founder with Mr. Sydney Foskett, of Bedford, was elected hon. secretary and treasurer and the Rev. F. G. Gentry, vicar of Christ Church, Crewe, hon. chaplain.

The following dates and venues were confirmed: Autumn meeting, September 28th, at Swindon, Western Region (Mr. Bertram W. Kynaston undertook to make the necessary arrangements); annual general meeting, May 3rd, 1958, at York, and, provisionally, the autumn meeting in September, 1958, at Norwich.

After the business meeting the 'hallowing' of the Guild, which was incorporated in 'the Guild Office,' took place; also the dedication of a peal board recording the first peal rung for the Guild, to commemorate its founding, by the Vicar of Christ Church. For the service, Mr. C. S. Kelson acted as organist.

Votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar of Christ Church and the organist; Mrs. Langford and her lady helpers who served tea all day, lunch, and a running buffet; Mr. Bert Sutton (Scarborough), for preparing and presenting the peal board; Mr. Rodney B. Meadows, as acting chairman during the founding of the Guild; and last, but by no means least, Mr. Frank Stenson, for the tremendous amount of work he has accomplished to bring the Guild into being.

Ringing was enjoyed at Christ Church, Crewe; St. Mary's, Nantwich, and St. Mary's, Sandbach. Several ringers went over to Chester overnight to ring at the Cathedral on Sunday morning. Thanks were also expressed to all who made this possible.

YORKSHIRE VETERANS ENTERTAINED

At the Eastern District meeting of the Yorkshire Association held at Beverley in April, Mrs. J. J. Taylor, of Goole, made an iced cake to celebrate over 50 years' membership of the Y.A. of several ringers, and an outcome of this was a suggestion of a gathering of old ringers at Escrick, made by Mr. T. W. Robbins (83), a member for 63 years. This was arranged by Mrs. Taylor, who kindly provided tea, and was held on June 1st. Ringing on the eight in the tower took place during the afternoon, the methods rung being Grandsire Triples, Treble and Plain Bob Major.

After tea in the Village Institute, the evening was spent on the lawn of Mr. Robbins' house, when handbells were brought into use and Grandsire and Plain Bob rung. A most enjoyable time was spent. Messrs. G. Horna, of York, and A. B. Cook, of Hull, were unable to be present owing to illness.

Mrs. Taylor was thanked for her kindness in making all arrangements and providing tea.



YORKSHIRE VETERANS who attended the meeting at Escrick on June 1st. Standing (left to right): H. Rodmell, Mrs. J. J. Taylor (who kindly provided tea), F. Atkinson, T. Goodin, Mrs. H. S. Morley H. S. Morley. Seated: A. E. Sellers, T. W. Robbins and L. Rodmell.

WHIT MONDAY IN MID-KENT

Whit Monday was spent by a party of ringers from N. London, Essex and Kent in exploring a variety of towers in Mid-Kent. The six at Barming, where the party were met by Mr. Manser, proved a little tricky to handle, but a course of London was rung. St. Michael's, Maidstone, are 234567 of a ring of eight and were unringable for years, but now go quite well. Mr. Town made the visitors very welcome at Linton. These bells (tenor 15 cwt.) are rather odd-struck and the third is very loud in the ringing room: a respectable course of Cambridge was rendered.

A pleasant journey through the hop fields led to Boughton Monchelsea, with its heavy-going six; here it is necessary to remove the choir-stalls to ring. During the lunch break some of the party 'grabbed' Staplehurst, which resulted in a late start for Cranbrook (a difficult 23 cwt. eight). At Biddenden, where Geoff. Waters joined in some Yorkshire, are another heavy eight. Chelsea Delight was rung on the good-toned bells of Smarden, and Durham Surprise on the delightful ring at Little Chart.

Ringing after tea was at Hollingbourne, Bearsted (a course of Cunecastre) and Boxley, where despite opposition from the tenor ringer, Oswald Delight came round. Thanks are extended to incumbents, ringers who met us, and not least to the organiser. I. H. O.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY

THE annual meeting of the Society took place at Lichfield on June 15th. The weather was ideal and this pleasant cathedral city was looking its best in the bright sunshine. Ringing during the afternoon and evening took place at the Cathedral and St. Mary's and St. Michael's Churches. The well-attended service at St. Mary's was conducted by the Vicar, Preb. H. S. Cresswell, and the special preacher was the Rev. M. Tron, of the Lichfield Diocesan Relief Staff. Tea was partaken of in the Central Schools.

At the meeting following tea, Mr. F. Brotherton (hon. treasurer) presented the accounts, which showed a balance in hand of £63 9s. 7d., this being a decrease of £5 on the previous year. An increase in the cost of printing the annual report and a donation of £10 10s. towards Lichfield Cathedral Restoration Fund were given as reasons for this deficit.

Giving the committee's report, Mr. F. Bennett (lay secretary) made special reference to the attendance of the Bishop of Lichfield at the annual dinner last November, and also to the instruction given to a young band of beginners which enabled Patshull bells to be rung again for Sunday services after a silence of some years.

Mr. G. Hughes Ringing Master, stated that 75 per cent. of the towers in the Archdeaconry rang their bells regularly for Sunday services. Only seven towers were completely silent. Peals rung during the year were 46 compared with 51 the previous year.

Mr. B. G. Key, Central Council representative, gave a most interesting report of the recent meeting of the Central Council at Chelmsford.

The chairman, Ven. W. A. Parker, Archdeacon of Stafford, thanked all the officers of the Society for their good work during the past year. He hoped something could be done to get the bells ringing again in the seven silent towers referred to by Mr. Hughes.

The officials elected for the year were: Ringing Master, Mr. G. Hughes; hon. treasurer, Mr. F. Brotherton; hon. clerical secretary, Rev. C. H. Barker; hon. lay secretary, Mr. F. Bennett; peal secretary and auditor, Mr. E. E. Speake.

Meetings for the next 12 months were provisionally arranged as follows: August, Elford, near Lichfield; October, Kinver or Enville; January, Willenhall; March, Tamworth; May, West Bromwich; June, Lichfield (annual).

A sub-committee was formed to go into the question of revision of the Society's rules.

A discussion took place on the advisability of increasing the annual subscription, and it was decided to bring the matter up again at a subsequent meeting.

Thanks to the Archdeacon of Stafford for taking the chair, Preb. Cresswell for arranging the service and securing the use of the Central Schools, Rev. M. Tron for his address, and the Rector of St. Michael's and the Cathedral authorities for use of the respective bells brought the meeting, attended by 72 members and friends, to a close. F. B.

CARLISLE, CUMBERLAND.—On May 27th, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (on the middle six): Miss J. Hodgson 1, E. A. Palmer 2, S. Hodgson 3, J. Boustead 4, R. Briggs 5, J. Ling 6, A. Forsyth (cond.) 7, J. Butterfield 8.

IFFLEY, OXON.—On June 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss A. Partlett 1, R. Goodwin 2, Miss M. Townsend 3, C. Bennet 4, J. Adams (cond.) 5, M. Harding 6. First quarter 1, 2 and 3. For Evensong.

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MISCELLANEOUS

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Owing to an irrevocable appointment with Her Majesty's Government, Mr. H. M. Windsor has now to relinquish his duties as Southern District secretary. Future correspondence in connection with the Guild to be sent to Mr. P. Oram, 15, Henley Road, Whitnash, near Leamington Spa, Warks.—H. M. W. 522

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MEETINGS

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—July meeting cancelled.—I. Kay, Ringing Master. 502

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting at Darley Dale, Saturday, July 6th, at 3.15 p.m. Cups of tea only at Grouse Inn, 5 p.m.—A. B. Cooper, H. L. Taylor. 500

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge and Ely Districts.—A joint meeting will be held at Burwell (8) on Saturday, July 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—E. W. Bullman, D. E. R. Knights, Dis. Secs. 453

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Terrington St. Clement, Saturday, July 6th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. E. Fox, Dis. Sec. 480

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting at Moreton, near Ongar (6), on Saturday, July 6th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names, please, to G. Blake, Dis. Sec., Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Eastern Division.—Meeting, High Easter (6), Saturday, July 6th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea, please, to A. H. Everett, Cornerway, Boreham. Cars will meet the bus service at Pleshey White Horse and take members on to High Easter. 429

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Saturday, July 6th, Abbotts Leigh (6), 6 to 8.30 p.m.—A. Bennett. 509

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting, Thorley, Saturday, July 6th, 3 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. T. Camp, Sparrows Nest, Thorley, Bishop's Stortford.—T. J. Southam, Dis. Sec. 463

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Ardeley, Saturday, July 6th, 3 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. at Ardeley House Garden Party Special method, Killamarsh T.B.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 449

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Quarterly meeting at Tenterden on Saturday, July 6th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m.—C. T. H. 438

LADIES' GUILD.—Annual general meeting on Saturday, July 6th, at Newcastle upon Tyne. Bells available—10 a.m. to 12 noon: All Saints', Gosforth (10); SS. James and Basil, Fenham (8); St. Stephen's, Scotswood Road (8); 2 to 3 p.m.: St. John's, Grainger Street (8); 2 to 3.30 p.m.: Newcastle Cathedral (12); evening: Cathedral (12); St. Mary's, Gateshead (8). Service 3.30 p.m. in the Cathedral. Tea 4.15 p.m., followed by business meeting. 376

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Halton-Holgate, Saturday, July 6th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea in School Room 5 p.m. 479

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting at Rolleston-on-Dove, Saturday, July 6th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome. 468

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Harthill, Saturday, July 6th, 3 p.m. Names for tea must be sent to Rev. J. Bishop, The Rectory, Harthill.—J. Seager, Sec. 485

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Worth (6), Saturday, July 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Bring own teas—no facilities available.—I. Butcher. 456

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Bournemouth on Saturday, July 6th. Bells available: Christchurch Priory (12) 10.30 to 11.30 a.m., Bournemouth, St. Peter's (8), 2.30 to 3.30 and 7 to 9 p.m., Bournemouth, St. John's, Surrey Road (8), 7 to 9 p.m. Service in St. Peter's Church 3.30. Tea in St. Peter's Hall, near St. Peter's Church, 4.15, followed by business meeting at 5 p.m.—J. A. C. King, Gen. Sec. 445

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Combined practice at Ewell on Tuesday, July 9th, 7.30 to 9.15 p.m. All welcome.—W. Parrott, Hon. Sec. 448

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Keynsham (8) on Saturday, July 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Meeting to follow. Names for tea essential to Mr. J. Ford, 12, Bath Road, Keynsham, Bristol. 459

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Beckington (8), Saturday, July 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 499

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Northill on Saturday, July 13th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at the Crown Inn. A good meeting is hoped for.—L. H. Bywaters, Dis. Sec. 489

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT RINGING SOCIETY.—Meeting at Hutton Cranswick on Saturday, July 13th. Bells (6) available 2 to 9 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea in Church Room 5 p.m. Names for tea by July 12th to Rev. G. Storer, The Vicarage, Hutton Cranswick, near Driffield. 516

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—On Saturday, July 13th, summer meeting at Tattenhall. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by first post Wednesday, July 10th, to Crewe, 24, Elmwood Avenue, Hoole. 514

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Meeting at Nether Alderley (6) on Saturday, July 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. No business meeting. Refreshments provided.—B. Corbishley, Hon. Sec. 513

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch.—Meeting, Heswall, on Saturday, July 13th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea provided for those notifying by Wednesday previous.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 515

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Sunderland Parish Church, Saturday, July 13th, at 3 p.m. Names for tea by July 11th to Mr. W. Jones, 3, James Williams Street, Sunderland. 503

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Fletching (8), Saturday, July 13th. Tea at The Griffin. Summer outing Saturday, September 14th. Names for both as soon as possible.—C. A. Bassett, 3, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst, Sussex. 508

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S. W. District.—Quarterly meeting, South Weald, Saturday, July 13th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. F. Wood, 149, Woodman Road, Warley, Essex. 457

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—South Marston (6), Saturday, July 13th. Evening only. Bells 5 p.m. Sevenhampton probably available also.—W. B. Kynaston. 519

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chertsey District.—Meeting at Egham (8) on Saturday, July 13th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, Church Hall, 5 p.m. Names by Wednesday, July 10th, to Mr. D. Froome, 39, Manor Way, Egham. 493

HEREFORD GUILD.—Bromyard District.—Quarterly meeting at Stoke Lacy 3 p.m., Saturday, July 13th. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Reservations for tea early, please, to R. L. Price, 18, New Road, Bromyard. 478

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—A meeting will be held at Flamstead on Saturday, July 13th. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, July 10th, to Mr. E. Smith, 14, Trowley Hill Road, Flamstead. No names, no tea.—J. Good, Dis. Sec. 482

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting at Leeds, Saturday, July 13th. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—R. L. Sills, Dis. Sec. 465

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting at Tunstall on Saturday, July 13th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Thursday, July 11th, to T. Barton, Asst. Dis. Sec., 33, Ruins Barn Road, Sittingbourne. 498

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Meeting at Kirkby Lonsdale, Saturday, July 13th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to E. Proctor, 7, Greenside, Kirkby Lonsdale, Westmorland.—R. F. Eccles, Branch Sec. 504

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting on Saturday, July 13th, at All Saints', Childwall. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea before Wednesday to S. Lawrenson, 81, Rudston Road, Liverpool, 16. 505

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—Meeting at Whittle-le-Woods, Saturday, July 13th. Names for refreshments, please, by July 10th to Mr. J. Charnock, 2, Carwood Lane, Whittle-le-Woods, Chorley. Tram A6, Preston–Chorley Road.—L. Walmsley. 466

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Hinckley, Saturday, July 13th. Service at St. Mary's, Hinckley, 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting in the Parish Hall. Bells: Sapcote (6) 1 to 2 p.m., Stoney Stanton (8) 1.30 to 2.30, Earl Shilton (8) 2 to 3, Barwell (8) 2.30 to 3.30, Hinckley St. Mary's (8) 3 to 4.30 and 7 to 8, Burbage (8) 7 to 8 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, July 10th, please, to C. R. Hayward, 6, Hurst Road, Hinckley, Leics. —B. G. Warwick, Hon. Gen. Sec. 475

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Monken Hadley, Hadley Green, Barnet, on Saturday, July 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service and tea, with business to follow. Bells in the evening.—T. J. Lock. 494

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Hingham (8) (not Shipdham) on Saturday, July 13th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, 10th, please, to Mr. A. C. Haines, 9, Watton Road, Hingham. 486

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch.—Annual meeting at Banbury (10) on Saturday, July 13th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Please notify H. L. Roper, Adderbury, Banbury, Oxon. 458

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, July 13th. Ringing: South Stoke 2.30 p.m., Goring 3. Service, Goring, 4.15 p.m. Tea and meeting. Ringing after Goring and Streatley. Names for tea by July 11th to Mr. L. G. Haines, Whyteleaf, Elverdon Road, Goring, Oxon.—Burton. 501

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Hurst on Saturday, July 13th, at 6 p.m. —B. C. Castle. 506

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Meeting, Wool, Saturday, July 13th. Usual arrangements. Names by July 10th, please, to Mr. L. Williams, 47, Spring Street, Wool.—Hayne, Sec. 434

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Clive, Saturday, July 13th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea by July 10th to T. W. Lloyd, Wayside, Clive, near Shrewsbury. 488

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Quarterly meeting, St. John-the-Baptist, Loughton, Essex, Saturday, July 13th. Bells (8) available 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea to me by Tuesday, July 9th, *without fail, please.* All welcome. L.T. Central Line to Loughton.—P. N. Bond, Hon. Sec., Gaywood, Stocks Green Road, Hildenborough, Tonbridge, Kent. 469

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Newark and North Notts Districts.—Joint meeting at Sutton-on-Trent on Saturday, July 13th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to Miss Burchnall, Pembroke House, Sutton-on-Trent, Newark. Ossington available 3 to 4.30 and 6.30 to 8 p.m.—H. Denman and W. L. Exton, Dis. Secs. 461

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly District meeting will be held at Esher on Saturday, July 13th. Bells 3 to 4 p.m. Service at Thames Ditton at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea there. Names for tea by Wednesday previous, please, to Mr. F. Hawthorne, 39, Queens Road, Thames Ditton. Thames Ditton bells available after business meeting.—W. Parrott, Hon. Sec. 447

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting, Petworth, Saturday, July 13th. Names for tea, please, by previous Tuesday, to G. Francis, Hook Cottage, Itchingfield, Horsham.—W. L. Weller. 510

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Ringers' cricket match, Tanfield, on Saturday, July 20th, at 2.30 p.m. President's XI versus Vicar Tanfield XI. Tea, service and ringing in evening. Essential notice for tea by Wednesday before to K. Cheeseman, Church House, Tanfield, Co. Durham. Supporters welcome. 512

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting at Kirby-le-Soken, Saturday, July 20th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea by Wednesday, July 17th, to Mr. U. Wildney, Laurel Cottage, Kirby-le-Soken, Frinton-on-Sea. 517

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD and LADIES' GUILD.—A joint meeting of the Gainsborough District and the Lincs Branch of the Ladies' Guild will be held at Owston Ferry on Saturday, July 20th. Bells afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Tea for those who notify me by previous Tuesday.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 518

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will be held at Oxford on Saturday, July 20th. Service in the Cathedral at 11 a.m. Meeting in the Chapter House, 12 noon. Lunch in the dining hall of Christ Church at 1.30 p.m. Luncheon tickets, 6s. each, must be obtained before Tuesday, July 16th, from Mr. A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough, Bucks. Ringing arrangements: Merton 3 to 4 p.m., St. Thomas' 3.30 to 4.30, Marston 3.30 to 4.30, St. Giles' 3.45 to 4.45, Magdalen 4 to 5, Cowley St. James' 4.30 to 5.30, St. Mary Magdalen 5 to 6, New College 5 to 6, Carfax 5.30 to 6.30, St. Ebbe's 5.30 to 6.30, Iffley 5.30 to 6.30, All Saints' 6 to 7, Wolvercote 6.30 to 7.30, Christ Church 10 to 11, 7 to 8, Radley 7.30 to 8.30.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, July 20th, Shrewton. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business. Durrington also available evening. Names for tea by July 16th, please.—Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 511

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Saxmundham District. —Meeting at Leiston (8) on Saturday, July 20th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Friday, July 19th, please, to Alan R. Bridges, Post Office, Theberton, Leiston. Phone: Leiston 57. 497

SURREY ASSOCIATION and GUILDFORD GUILD (Leatherhead District).—Combined practice meeting at Betchworth (8) and Buckland (6) on Saturday, July 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by July 17th to A. Streeter, 4, Maple Road, Earlswood. 495

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD. — Diamond Jubilee Festival at the Cathedral, Saturday, July 20th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m.; preacher, the Subdean; followed by tea (2s.). Ringers may climb the central tower, also view the plate and other treasures in the crypt. Other towers: Kenwyn (8), Kea (8), 5.30 to 7.30; Perranarworthal, Stithians and St. Erme (each 6): St. Clement (4). Replies by Tuesday, July 16th, to Rev. H. Trewhella, Crantock, Newquay. 462

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Tonbridge District

The June meeting of the Tonbridge District was held at East Peckham, which is not a very easy tower to reach by public transport. In spite of this there was a good attendance, and ringing continued in a variety of Doubles and Minor methods until the service, taken by the Vicar (Rev. J. C. Starkey).

Tea was very kindly provided by the captain of the local ringers, Mr. T. Saunders. The vote of thanks was no mere formality but a very heartfelt expression of grateful thanks for a magnificent meal.

The Vicar presided at the business meeting, and in thanking his own ringers for their loyal service he mentioned that Mr. Saunders had been ringing at East Peckham for 57 years. He therefore thought it would be a good idea if a meeting could be held there in June, 1960, to celebrate his 60 years at the tower. The secretary was instructed to make a note of this, and among tributes paid to Mr. Saunders it was pointed out that it was he who had kept the Tonbridge District going during the war so that everything was in order to start ringing again as soon as the ban was lifted.

Ringing continued until 8.30 p.m., giving some of the younger members their first experience of ringing by the light of an oil lamp, there being no electricity in the belfry.

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IXWORTH, SUFFOLK.—On June 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. Pierce 1, K. G. Brown (cond.) 2, M. Sharpe 3, H. King 4, L. N. Melton 5, S. Sharpe 6. For Evensong.

EASTNOR, HEREFORDS.—On June 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. C. Taylor (first quarter) 1; C. Prosser (first 'inside') 2, R. G. Powell 3, L. H. Colcombe (cond.) 4, T. J. Gundy 5, F. Williams (first quarter) 6. For Evensong, and also for the christening of the twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Roden.

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THE BELLS OF ST. PETER'S CHURCH, NORTH HAYLING, HANTS

By GEORGE P. ELPHICK

THERE is a ring of three bells, the treble and second uninscribed, the tenor bears SANCTA AKIA ORA PRO NOBIS F. The letters are Lombardic in style, nine-sixteenths of an inch in height except the I, which is five-eighths and belongs to a different set. They are flat and the original patterns were not brush formed, therefore are not earlier than the fifteenth century. The form of especially the N and P are very much like the large set of letters made up and used by William Culverden, a London founder between 1506 and 1522. His trade implements were bought by Thomas Lawrence in the following year and may have been dispersed at that time. I can find no tendency to disproportionately enlarge the bow of the letter P before this date. I read the inscription on the tenor as being originally intended for SANCTA MARIA ORA PRO NOBIS F. On the bell the letter F is upside down, it probably indicating the founder's name. A genuine mistake appears to have been made in substituting K for R in MARIA, for R is correctly used in the word ORA.

I consider that all three bells were cast by the same man, but the treble at a different date, probably a few years earlier, for the top set of moulding wires above where the inscription normally is contains the flat fillet favoured by the London and Reading mediæval founders. The letters for moulding the inscription were formed of wax and were stuck on the loam model, but the founder was inexperienced in his use of a separator between model and cope. When the model was extracted it pulled up in places the first layer of the cope. This is especially noticeable in the first part of the word SANCTA. Where one would expect to find the letter M of MARIA there is a vertical bulge which has almost obliterated the moulding wires and was without doubt rubbed into the cope when it was decided to remove the M after the model was extracted. In doing this the cope was marked in two other places on the opposite side. The question arises why was this letter rubbed out making the inscription nonsensical?

From my experience of other bells, this was undoubtedly done during the troubled period of the Reformation. There are many bells, especially from the Reading and district foundries, that show how nervous the founders were of using mediæval inscriptions and the various artful dodges they used to mask the real meaning of such inscriptions. The only period after the first quarter of the sixteenth century when such an inscription could safely have been used would be during Mary's reign 1553–58. So these bells may have been cast during the first years of Elizabeth's reign or much more likely from about 1530 to the end of Edward the Sixth's reign.

Other bells reported to be inscribed in the same lettering are Gillingham sanctus, Finmere treble and the old treble at Midgham. The Gillingham sanctus has a different type of A, so it does not belong to the North Hayling group. The Midgham bell has been recast, but a drawing of its inscription has been preserved at the Whitechapel foundry. Mr. A. A. Hughes has kindly compared the letters and reports that they are practically the same. In his 'Church Bells of Oxfordshire,' F. Sharpe reports that the Finmere inscription is similar to the Whitechapel drawing of Midgham old treble. Neither of these bells is dated, but each bears inscriptions placing them in the troubled period of the Reformation.

If we accept F as denoting the founder's name, which he reversed to mask its true meaning, after the manner of the Wokingham and Reading founders, we are forced to admit that no founder having either Christian or surname beginning with F is known to us either by his works or by documentary evidence during the first half of the sixteenth century. There was, however, a founder whose name occurs right at the end of the fifteenth century who may be the man we are looking for. He is Faulk Michell, successor to John Michell of Wokingham. Faulk appears to have taken over the foundry about 1495, but for how long we know not. It is not beyond the realms of possibility that he was a young man and that he lived up to the critical years of the Reformation casting the North Hayling bells soon after 1530, Finmere and Midgham being later castings by him in his old age or by a successor, if there was one. We know that at the beginning of his tenancy of the Wokingham foundry business was very quiet.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., June 27, 1957, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes.
IN ST. HUGH'S TOWER OF THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF B.V.M.
A PEAL OF 5050 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in D.

NORAH M. BIBBY	*Treble*	JOHN WALDEN	7
JACK L. MILLHOUSE	2	GEORGE H. RANDLES	8
MRS. RICHARD PEARCE	3	RAYMOND F. SMITH	9
*MARY C. PAYNE	4	GEOFFREY R. PARKER	10
CHARLES E. BROWN	5	GEOFFREY PAUL	11
DONOVAN R. WHITE	6	STANLEY E. BENNETT	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CHILCOTT. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal on 12 bells.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. John A. Freeman upon his 50 years' membership of the Guild.

TEN BELL PEALS

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 29, 1957, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 25¼ cwt. in D flat.

ARTHUR W. GRAVETT	*Treble*	LEONARD STILWELL	6
ALBERT W. BOND	2	THOMAS E. SONE	7
FRANK H. HICKS	3	WILLIAM ROGERS	8
EDGAR R. RAPLEY	4	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON	9
ERNEST J. LADD	5	RAYMOND P. WOOD	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGELEY. Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.

DERBY.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 29, 1957, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor 19 cwt. 1 lb. in D flat.

*ALEX RICHARDSON	*Treble*	HAROLD TAYLOR	6
†BERNARD GROVES	2	*VIVIENNE M. HORTON	7
†FRANK OSBALDISTON	3	†ALAN MCFALL	8
*GEORGE H. PAULSON	4	††ROBERT SMITH	9
WILLIAM A. SMITH	5	*‡BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.
* First peal of Kent T.B. Royal. † First peal of Royal. ‡ 25th peal together. First of Royal as conductor.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Tues., July 2, 1957, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

CLIVE M. SMITH	*Treble*	JOHN PINFOLD	6
BRYAN PATTISON	2	NORMAN J. GOODMAN	7
JOAN BERESFORD	3	PETER BERESFORD	8
H. DAVID HOLLAND	4	FRANK E. HAYNES	9
TERRY R. HAMPTON	5	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

GREAT TEW, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 8, 1957, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 22 cwt.

WALTER F. JUDGE	*Treble*	STEPHEN J. IVIN	5
CHRISTINE M. WOODWARD	2	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS	6
*ROBERT A. REEVES	3	*JOSEPH S. STRETTON	7
*JANICE GRIMSLEY	4	LEONARD CLIFTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.
* First peal in the method.

BERKHAMSTED, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 22, 1957, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 APSLEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in E.

PHYLLIS M. MAYNE	*Treble*	WILLIAM WENBAN	5
ELSIE K. HART	2	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN	6
JOAN M. WILCOCKSON	3	BRIAN BLADON	7
H. GEORGE HART	4	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Composed by DENNIS KNOX. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
First peal in the method by all the band, and on the bells.

OLDSWINFORD, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 22, 1957, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in F sharp.

REGINALD CHANCE	*Treble*	HENRY H. FEARN	5
ELIZABETH M. YARDLEY	2	PETER BERESFORD	6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	3	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.
100th peal as conductor.
Rung on the day of the wedding of the Rev. E. Waterhouse and Miss Jane Harris.

LYDD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., June 26, 1957, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In two methods, comprising 2,880 changes of Superlative and 2,176 of Cambridge, with 134 changes of method. Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM C. MARSHALL	*Treble*	WILFRED W. RING	5
*CRAWFORD T. HILLIS	2	JOHN R. COOPER	6
†OLIVE M. BOULDEN	3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD	7
ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD	4	ROBERT SWIFT	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major. † First peal of Spliced Surprise Major 'inside.'
Rung to celebrate the silver wedding anniversary of the Rector and his wife, Rev. G. A. and Mrs. Finch.

BACUP, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 29, 1957, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10¾ cwt.

NORMAN SMITH	*Treble*	ROGER LEIGH	5
HAROLD PARKINSON	2	CHARLES CLEGG	6
*GERALD COPPIN	3	FRED READ	7
*JAMES WALSH	4	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS.
* First peal of Treble Bob, for whom it was arranged.
A birthday compliment to the ringer of the seventh.

CHORLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Preston Branch.)
On Sat., June 29, 1957, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE.
A PEAL OF 5184 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11¼ cwt.

THOMAS BARKER	*Treble*	PHILIP DUNDERDALE	5
LAWRENCE WALMSLEY	2	ARTHUR RIGBY	6
JOHN H GARTSIDE	3	CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE	7
JOHN BAILEY	4	JAMES BLACKBURN	*Tenor*

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE.
Rung to mark the visit of the Bishop of Burnley, the Rt. Rev. G. E. Holderness, on the occasion of the Annual Procession of Witness.

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ECCLESHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 29, 1957, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10¾ cwt.

JULIA M. EDGE	*Treble*	SHELAGH K. SEERY	5
ANNETTE M. GRATTON	2	DAVID JACK	6
CHARLES S. RYLES	3	RONALD T. BARLOW	7
JOHN NIXON	4	EWART H. EDGE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by EWART H. EDGE.

The first peal on the bells since augmentation to eight.

Rung on the Feast of St. Peter, and half-muffled for the passing of two local residents.

LONDON, E.C.
THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.
On Sat., June 29, 1957, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OLAVE, HART STREET,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb.

*EILEEN E. WOOLDRIDGE	*Treble*	JOHN ARMSTRONG	5
†MARGARET A. FLOYER	2	DENIS N. LAYTON	6
ALAN F. THIRST	3	PETER P. BROWN	7
†DAVID PRIESTLEY	4	ROGER KEELEY	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LEWIS. Conducted by ROGER KEELEY.

* First peal. † First peal of Yorkshire 'inside.' First peal of Major as conductor.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., June 29, 1957, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in G.

WILLIAM F. WOODWARD	*Treble*	JOSEPH WM. COTTON	5
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	2	ROLAND BENISTON	6
GORDON A. HAILS	3	ERNEST J. JELLEY	7
FRANCIS R. LOWE	4	DEREK P. JONES	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

Rung for the Patronal Festival.

STOKE-BY-NAYLAND, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., June 29, 1957, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 12 lb. in D.

PETER G. BARNES	*Treble*	JOHN WARNER	5
DONALD C. ANDREWS	2	GEORGE W. BARNES	6
ROY DUESBURY	3	CHARLES A. ANDREWS	7
GEORGE N. ORMAN	4	ALAN R. ANDREWS	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTSHIRE
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 29, 1957, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET-OF-ANTIOCH.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in F sharp.

*FRANCIS G. WILTON	*Treble*	ERIC SUTTON	5
WALTER H. TRUEMAN	2	ALAN F. LEE	6
RAYMOND C. WESTNEY	3	*VICTOR GRIFFIN	7
*ANTHONY R. PEAKE	4	ROGER O. FRY	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.

* First peal in the method.

WICKEN, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 29, 1957, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

*RAYMOND A. VICKERS	*Treble*	WILLIAM A. YATES	5
†FREDERICK VICKERS	2	THOMAS E. ROBERTS	6
FREDERICK C. CASE	3	GEORGE W. HOLLAND	7
‡BETTY MANSFIELD	4	GEORGE E. GREEN	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WILLIAM A. YATES.

* First peal. † 50th peal. ‡ First peal of Major.

Rung in memoriam A. J. Green, former captain of the tower, who died in January.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

MARSTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 25, 1957, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In seven methods, being 720 each of Kennington, April Day, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Clifford Pleasure, Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 6 cwt.

BRIAN C. MACHON	*Treble*	ROY H. JONES	3
ALEC GAMMON	2	MICHAEL J. HALLETT	4
CLIVE HOLLOWAY	*Tenor*		

Conducted by CLIVE HOLLOWAY.

WEST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., June 16, 1957, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 TRINITY SUNDAY TREBLE BOB MINOR
Consisting of two 2,160's and one 720. Tenor 8 cwt. 7 lb. in G sharp.

CECIL R. LONGHURST	*Treble*	ERNEST TREAGUS	4
EDGAR R. RAPLEY	2	*GEORGE FRANCIS	5
*BARWELL B. DIBBEN	3	*FRANK H. HICKS	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.

* First peal in the method.

Especially arranged for Trinity Sunday.

CRANFORD, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 22, 1957, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in eight methods, viz.: (1) Double Oxford, (2) Double Court, (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Oxford Treble Bob, (5) Kent Treble Bob, (6) St. Clement's, (7) Spliced Double and Plain Bob.
Tenor 7½ cwt.

GEORGE E. RUCK	*Treble*	ROBIN G. LEALE	4
ALAN HARTLEY	2	R. JAMES COOK	5
ALAN J. FROST	3	WILLIAM T. COOK	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM T. COOK.

MARSTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 22, 1957, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.
A PEAL OF 5040 REVERSE CANTERBURY PLEASURE DOUBLES
Being 42 extents. Tenor 6 cwt.

*PETER B. MAY	*Treble*	ALEC GAMMON	3
CLIVE HOLLOWAY	2	DAVID C. WOODWARD	4
ROY H. JONES	*Tenor*		

Conducted by CLIVE HOLLOWAY.

* First peal at first attempt. First peal in the method by all the band and on the bells. The tenor ringer has now 'circled the tower.'

SWANMORE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 22, 1957, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Tenor 8½ cwt.

ALEXANDER PAGE	*Treble*	S KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT	4
KEITH JORDAN	2	E WINIFRED KEYS	5
*A. ROWLAND TYSOE	3	ROGER BALDWIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROGER BALDWIN.

* First peal of Surprise and also on six bells. The conductor's 100th peal (conducted 49).

Rung to welcome A. Rowland Tysoe, who has recently removed to Chichester from St. Albans.

WILLINGHAM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 22, 1957, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURFLEET SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 12¼ cwt. in F.

HAROLD J. F. MUNCEY	*Treble*	GILES C. GALLEY	4
GEORGE E. CRISP	2	DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS	5
HAROLD S. PEACOCK	3	GEOFFREY A. LUCAS	*Tenor*

Conducted by DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS.

The first peal in the method by all.

BLAYDON ON TYNE, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., June 24, 1957, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT, STELLA,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Oxford Treble Bob, Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 27 lb. in B.

CHARLES MCGUINESS	*Treble*	*PETER M. GILES	4
*MARION S. CAPEY	2	ERIC N. HARRISON	5
*CAROL HALL	3	J. ALAN AINSWORTH	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.
* First peal in seven methods.

BISHAMPTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., June 26, 1957, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being four extents of Beverley (C.C.C. 58, 59, 73, 74) and a 2,160 of Cambridge (C.C.C. 81, 79, 82). Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in G.

WILFRED J. NEWMAN	*Treble*	ERIC LEE	4
*COLIN B. LONGMORE	2	†CYRIL A. WRATTEN	5
†SHIRLEY M. PARSONS	3	E. TREVOR NEWBURY	*Tenor*

Conducted by CYRIL A. WRATTEN.
* First peal of Surprise 'inside.' † 25th peal together.
A birthday compliment to the ringer of the second.

GREAT FINBOROUGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Fri., June 28, 1957, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In nine methods, being extents of (1) Kent and Oxford T.B., (2) St. Clement's and Double Oxford, (3) Single Oxford, (4) College, (5) Cambridge Surprise, (6) Double Court, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 12¼ cwt. in F sharp.

JOHN J. PRENTICE	*Treble*	KENNETH G. BROWN	4
LESLIE N. MELTON	2	RONALD W. STEWARD	5
ROBERT E. LESTER	3	URBAN W. WILDNEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.

STISTED, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., June 28, 1957, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

FRANK B. LUFKIN	*Treble*	WALTER ARNOLD	4
CECIL BARKER	2	ALAN R. SYDER	5
ALBERT SAUNDERS	3	TERRY EARLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by treble, fourth and fifth ringers (two 720's each) and by tenor ringer (one 720).

BREDON'S NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE
THE WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 29, 1957, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
AT THE CHAPEL OF EASE TO ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5040 BEVERLEY SURPRISE MINOR

Being two 2,160's and one 720 (C.C.C. Nos. 82, 83 and 58). Tenor 6¼ cwt.

COLIN B. LONGMORE	*Treble*	ROBERT W. COLE	4
SHIRLEY M. PARSONS	2	CYRIL A. WRATTEN	5
GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	3	GERALD C. HEMMING	*Tenor*

Conducted by GERALD C. HEMMING.
First peal of Surprise as conductor. First peal in the method on the bells, by all the band, and for the Association.

EMBLETON, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 29, 1957, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of an extent each of Double Court, Double Bob, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

MARGARET A. SOFTLEY	*Treble*	EDMUND P. CROWDY	4
DENIS A. BAYLES	2	ERIC N. HARRISON	5
KENNETH ARTHUR	3	J. ALAN AINSWORTH	*Tenor*

Conducted by KENNETH ARTHUR.
First peal on the bells since recent rehanging.

KIRBY BELLARS, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 29, 1957, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In ten methods, being two extents each of Stedman and St. Simon's, four each of Southrepps, Northrepps, All Saints, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, April Day, Reverse S. Bartholomew and Plain Bob, one 240 each of Pitman's and Morris's Grandsire, and six of Grandsire. Tenor 12¾ cwt.

*ROWENA TYLER	*Treble*	*ROLAND H. COOK	3
†HAROLD T. BONSHOR	2	GEOFFREY A. BOWCUTT	4
‡J. HARRY COOK			*Tenor*

Conducted by J. HARRY COOK.
* First peal in ten methods. † 25th peal. ‡ 50th peal for the Guild.
Rung for St. Peter's Day; also as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Harold T. Bonshor, and a birthday compliment to Roland H. Cook.

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 29, 1957, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 21 methods, being two extents each of Fundenhall, Haddiscoe, Harpley, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place, St. Remigius', Westminster, Blackburn Place, St. Hilary's, New Bob, Huntspill, St. Vedast's, Grandsire, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Plain Bob, April Day, Old Bob, St. Simon's, St. Martin's and St. Osmund's. Tenor 15 cwt.

MRS. J. RENDER	*Treble*	JOHN POTTS	4
D. MARGARET HAWLEY	2	ALAN SHEPPARD	5
EDWARD M. BRADLEY	3	ALAN THORNTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN SHEPPARD.
Highest number of methods in a Doubles peal for the Association. Rung by the Sunday service band.

SWEPSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., June 29, 1957, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in ten methods: (1) London Surprise; (2) St. Clement's, Childwall, Double Oxford and Thelwall Bob; (3) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob; (4) Kent Treble Bob; (5) Cambridge Surprise; (6) Single Oxford Bob; (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in G.

ERNEST J. JELLEY	*Treble*	*JOSEPH WM. COTTON	4
GORDON A. HALLS	2	†FRANCIS R. LOWE	5
JOHN A. UNDERWOOD	3	DEREK P. JONES	*Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
* 500th peal and first peal in ten methods. † 50th peal for the Guild.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

HANDBELL PEALS

CLEATHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., June 19, 1957, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
AT CLEATHAM HOUSE FARM.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

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

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.
*First handbell peal away from the tenors.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Thurs., June 20, 1957, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN.
A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor size 15 in C.

ROBIN A. HODGSON	1—2	*DEREK G. GOODMAN	5—6
WILLIAM H. JACKSON	3—4	DONALD H. NIBLETT	7—8
STEPHEN IVIN			9—10

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by DONALD H. NIBLETT.
* First peal of Caters.

LONDON, S.E.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., June 28, 1957, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,
AT THE COUNTY HALL.
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

JAMES WALLMAN	1—2	WILFRID G. WILSON	5—6
EDWIN A. BARNETT	3—4	*JOHN L. MORRIS	7—8

Conducted by WILFRID G. WILSON.
* First peal in the method 'in hand.'

QUARTER PEALS

ABBOTSBURY, DORSET.—On June 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (11 callings): Rosemary A. Webb (first quarter) 1, W. Harold Toms 2, Maurice W. Ford 3, Joseph H. Hayne 4, Henry J. Ford (cond.) 5, David J. Wood 6. Rung for Evensong.

ABERDARE, GLAMORGAN.—On June 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Barry Gladwin 1, Tom Templeman 2, Rev. O. G. Rees (Vicar) (first quarter 'inside') 3, George Kerley (cond.) 4, Desmond Kerley 5, Reg Morgan 6.

BATH, SOMERSET.—At St. Mary's Church, Bathwick, on June 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Margaret Greedy 1, E. Naylor 2, Susan Silcox (first quarter) 3, R. S. M. Stubbs (4), T. T. Jones (first of Double as cond.) 5, R. Stubbs 6. For the Patronal Festival.

BATTLE, SUSSEX.—On June 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 6, 8 covering): Miss J. Harmer (first quarter) 1, Miss C. Whitfeld 2, Miss E. M. Foot 3, A. D. V. Hunt 4, Miss K. Stisted (cond.) 5, J. F. Whitfeld (first as cover) 6, G. Prodger 8. Rung on St. John's Day as a birthday compliment to Miss J. Harmer.

BECKENHAM, KENT.—On June 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: G. W. Fogden 1, Miss H. Oakshett 2, Mrs. A. Rawlings 3, D. Brown 4, G. Bromley 5, A. Graham (first quarter of Major) 6, J. Smith 7, M. Oakshett (cond.) 8.

BEXHILL-ON-SEA, SUSSEX.—On June 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Carr 1, Miss S. Heasman 2, Miss A. Eldridge 3, C. Grisbrook 4, Miss D. Pankhurst 5, Michael Swift (first quarter) 6, C. Verdon (cond.) 7, C. Pilbeam 8. Rung with 4, 6, 8 covering. For Evensong and the Patronal Festival.

BRAY, EIRE.—At Christ Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Click 1, T. McMorran 2, W. H. Wilson 3, C. J. Reede 4, W. Lynch 5, A. R. Pocklington 6, J. A. Atkinson 7, H. H. Brown 8. Rung by members of St. Patrick's Cathedral Society.

BURGH, SUFFOLK.—On June 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. C. R. Lovett 1, R. W. Pipe 2, D. Buxton 3, F. J. Crapnell 4, C. R. Lovett 5, C. W. Pipe 6. Rung for the wedding of Mr. R. Downing and Miss Brenda Freeman, which took place earlier in the day at St. Andrew's, Bredfield.

BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX. — On June 23rd, 1,296 Surprise Minor (720 London Surprise, 576 Cambridge): K. Everett 1, S. W. Bigmore 2, E. Deacon 3, G. M. Rouse 4, A. T. M. Perry 5, H. Stebbings (cond.) 6. Rung for morning service.

CARLTON, BEDS.—1,272 Bob Minimus: Mrs. S. Smith 1, Mrs. A. Franklin 2, Albert Franklin 3, Peter Wakeman (cond.) 4. First quarter ever on the bells and by all the band except conductor.

CHEADLE, CHESHIRE.—On June 26th, at the Church of St. Mary, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Fuller (cond.) 1, I. MacCallum 2, G. Heaton 3, H. Cook 4, L. Cook 5, P. Mosley 6. First quarter for 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.—On June 30th, at the Church of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 1,296 Plain Bob Major: Miss J. Cox 1, Miss M. Prockson 2, Miss D. M. Ward 3, Mrs. T. H. Francis 4, W. Prockson 5, I. H. Oram (first on eight as cond.) 6, D. Beresford 7, J. L. Morris 8. Rung as a welcome to the Lord Bishop of Rochester prior to Confirmation service, and also as a compliment to Miss Isobel Inman on gaining her B.A. at Southampton University.

DERBY.—On June 25th, at St. Andrew's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Foulk 1, F. R. Lowe 2, H. Letts 3, George Freebrey (cond.) 4, F. W. Stone 5, W. A. Morley 6, D. K. Walklate 7, H. Bridges (first quarter) 8.

EASTWOOD, NOTTS.—On June 15th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Vivienne Horton 1, Pamela Clarke (first 'inside' on eight) 2, D. Clarke (first in method) 3, B. M. Buswell (cond.) 4, G. A. Halls 5, D. P. Jones (first in method) 6, H. Taylor 7, B. Barker 8.

EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM. — On June 23rd, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: Miss E. M. Yardley 1, Miss D. J. Perrins (first in method) 2, Miss J. Beresford 3, D. B. A. Woolley 4, R. G. Edwards 5, H. H. Fearn 6, P. Beresford 7, G. E. Fearn (cond.) 8.

ESCRICK, YORKS.—On July 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Greenhorn 1, H. S. Morley 2, Miss M. E. Wilkinson 3, A. H. Hawcroft 4, H. Walker (cond.) 5. Rung for the Dedication Festival, July 1st, 1857-1957.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYS.—On June 8th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: B. J. Woodruffe 1, J. R. Kennett (first of Major) 2, R. Smith 3, A. Richardson 4, B. Groves 5, F. Osbaldiston 6, W. A. Smith 7, A. McFall (first of Major as cond.) 8. Rung after peal failure.

GRANTHAM, LINCS.—On June 19th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: P. A. Hill 1, F. W. Pinchbeck 2, W. R. Read 3, D. A. Frith (cond.) 4, B. Hunt 5, C. Walter 6, R. Stephenson 7, P. E. Parry 8, H. R. Woods 9, J. M. Simpson 10. Rung 'in memoriam' the Rev. P. J. F. Simpson, interred that afternoon.

Never Too Old

A ringer who rings 100 peals is invariably congratulated upon the achievement, but Joseph E. Grensted, of Borden, Kent, deserves a little more. He has shown to ringers, young and old, that it is never too late to get back into harness. Joe started ringing in 1899, and rang his first peal at Bearsted, Kent, in August, 1899, and by April, 1907, he had rung over 80 peals, which was no mean achievement in those days.

He then decided to try his luck in Canada, which meant an end to peal ringing. But after nearly two years away he returned for a three months' stay in this country, and increased his total peals to 90.

May, 1954, saw him back in England, this time to stay. The following month he rang his 91st peal, Grandsire Triples, at Sittingbourne, Kent. The first for 46 years! After three years he has completed his goal—100 peals—by ringing the treble on June 9th, 1957, to a peal of Stedman Triples at Sittingbourne, at the age of 75. An achievement that made all who rang smile with great satisfaction.

GREAT HOLLAND, ESSEX.—On July 1st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. F. West (13) (first quarter) 1, Mrs. P. Mills 2, Miss M. Mills (first on eight as cond.) 3, M. Mills 4, F. H. Erith 5, D. Welham 6, S. Leach 7, P. W. Mills 8.

HARBURY, WARWICKS.—On June 16th, 1,260 Doubles (one extent each of St. Simon's, St. Nicholas', St. Martin's, Winchendon Place, All Saints', Plain Bob, Reverse St. Bartholomew, April Day, and Chase, and 60 Grandsire): S. T. Hauley 1, H. M. Windsor 2, R. M. Andrews 3, G. L. P. Aldhouse (cond.) 4, T. K. Farrow 5. Rung after evening service on Trinity Sunday.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.—On June 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. E. Cruttenden 1, Mrs. F. E. Collins 2, E. F. Packham 3, Mrs. F. E. Cruttenden 4, F. W. Parsons 5, R. Langridge 6, F. E. Collins (cond.) 7, A. L. Ryman 8. Rung for Evensong and Festival of St. Peter. First quarter-peal since bells were rehung.

HONITON CLYST, DEVON.—On June 23rd, 1,260 Spliced Triples (700 Oxford Bob and 560 Grandsire, with 12 changes of method): E. R. Retter (first of Spliced) 1, J. Salway 2, Mrs. G. E. Retter 3, D. Callard 4, E. E. Retter 5, A. Holway 6, G. E. Retter (cond.) 7, E. Morgan 8. For evening service.

IDEN, SUSSEX.—On June 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Ruth S. Hodgson (first of Stedman) 1, A. J. Hicks 2, R. A. Hodgson 3, D. H. Niblett (cond.) 4, D. Hodgson 5, S. J. Skinner 6.

KINGSBURY, WARWICKS.—On June 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (10 callings): E. Drake 1, S. Perry 2, R. Nutt 3, D. K. Lane 4, G. H. Lane (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled in memory of J. W. Hovey, of Coleshill, a very good friend of the Kingsbury ringers.

MILNROW, LANCS.—On June 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Allan Smith, jun. 1, Eileen Hudson 2, Roger Maher 3, Derek Butterworth (first quarter) 4, Allan Smith, sen. 5, Geoffrey S. Mills 6, Philip J. H. Hudson (cond.) 7, Colin S. Taylor 8. Rung for the Sunday School Anniversary and the wedding of the conductor's stepmother.

MOUNTSORREL, LEICS.—On June 30th, 1,260 Doubles (being 240 each of Plain Bob, April Day, Reverse Canterbury, Southrepps, Northrepps and 60 of Grandsire): R. Burton (first quarter) 1, Miss M. Blakesley (first quarter) 2, R. Handford 3, G. V. Harrald 4, R. Wilmore (cond.) 5, D. A. Lindsay (first quarter) 6. Rung for the Church's Patronal Festival by the local band.

NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS, LANCS.—On June 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Colin Garrett 1, David Aspden 2, Wendy Ellam 3, Geoffrey Lloyd 4, David Burgess (cond.) 5, Patricia A. M. Forster 6. Rung for the Feast of Whitsuntide.—Also on June 30th, 1,260 Doubles (120 April Day, 360 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): Jennifer Ellison 1, D. Burgess 2, E. A. Flint 3, D. Aspden 4, John Ashcroft (cond.) 5, Peter Millward 6. First in three methods for 1, 2, 3 and 4. For the Patronal Festival (Matins).—Also for Evensong, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Garrett 1, Jennifer Ellison 2, Wendy Ellam 3, G. Lloyd 4, D. Burgess (cond.) 5, Neville Harris (first quarter) 6. Rung for a Service of Thanksgiving for the completion of the Parish Hall.

NEWTON ST. LOE, Nr. BATH, SOMERSET.—On June 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Batten (first quarter) 1, Mrs. M. de Jong 2, C. J. A. Brown 3, Mrs. H. L. Parfrey 4, H. L. Parfrey (cond.) 5, L. R. G. Taylor 6.

NORTH BRADLEY, WILTS.—On June 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss S. Brown 1, P. W. J. Harding 2, L. F. Hitchins 3, D. Knight 4, Archibald Knight 5, Eric J. Hitchins 6, Fredk. S. Slatford (cond.) 7, J. Case 8. Rung half-muffled 'in memoriam' Mr. T. E. Hobbs, choirman at this church for 50 years.

NUTFIELD, SURREY.—On July 1st, 1,260 Doubles (480 Bob, 780 Grandsire): Nancy Kempsell 1, A. R. C. Clarke 2, Freda Hankey 3, Alan Streeter 4, G. Olliver (cond.) 5, H. Comber 6. Rung for the Patronal Festival.

OFFLEY, HERTS.—On June 23rd, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: K. Ballington (13, first of Treble Bob) 1, June Gladman 2, Angela Willes 3, P. Mehew 4, J. Sinfield 5, D. P. Jones (cond.) 6. Rung in thanksgiving for the donation of the first £1,000 towards the church's restoration fund.

OWSLEBURY, HANTS. — On June 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Finch 1, Jill Swan (first quarter) 2, D. Exell (first as cond.) 3, Isobel Inman 4, P. W. M. Jones 5, J. L. Queen (first quarter) 6. A 21st birthday compliment to ringer of 6.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On June 30th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: H. Warboys 1, A. Reeve 2, G. Blower 3, F. May 4, E. Blower 5, P. Sadler 6, A. House (cond.) 7, W. Ward 8. First in the method by 3 and 6. Rung for Evensong.

READING, BERKS.—At St. Mary's Church, on June 23rd, 1,280 London Surprise Major: Mrs. A. Diserens 1, K. Cotterell (first in method) 2, A. Diserens 3, R. H. Begrie 4, F. W. Lewis 5, J. N. Diserens 6, R. F. Diserens 7, N. J. Diserens (cond.) 8.

STONE, STAFFS.—On June 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Sheila Hodson (first quarter) 1, H. Hodson 2, Mrs. G. Rowley 3, W. Buckler 4, L. Bowden 5, E. Young (cond.) 6, R. Smith 7, A. Purslaw 8. Rung for the ordination to priesthood of the Rev. W. A. Humphries, curate at this church.

SHIPBOURNE, KENT. — On June 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. French 1, J. Beach 2, G. Fry 3, E. Brunger 4, J. T. Medhurst (cond.) 5, R. W. Fairweather 6. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

WICKHAM, HANTS.—On June 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Rolph (first quarter) 1, F. W. Burnett 2, D. Smith 3, B. Daysh 4, J. Ball 5, E. K. Jordan (cond.) 6.

WOKINGHAM, BERKS.—At St. Paul's Church, on June 29th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: W. J. Paice 1, Miss S. A. Castle 2, Mrs. B. C. Castle 3, Mrs. H. Smith 4, H. Smith 5, W. J. Parker 6, B. C. Castle (cond.) 7, J. Prince 8. Rung for the weddings of the Rector's son and daughter.

WOODBURY, DEVON. — On June 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Gooding 1, A. Truman 2, F. Wreford 3, J. H. Glanvill 4, R. Truman 5, J. L. Glanvill (cond.) 6, J. Briggs 7, J. Gooding 8. Rung after the presentation of an inscribed wallet and cash to Mr. James Hall, on completion of 50 years' service as chorister and clerk at this church.

RINGING IN ENGLAND 80 YEARS AGO

Extracts from 'Church Bells,' 1879–80

(Continued from page 402)

THE PASSING BELL

'Sir,—I do not think the Passing Bell is now anywhere rung according to ancient practice . . . . The "one short peal" directed by the Canon to be rung "after the party's death" is now represented by the knell—generally called the Passing Bell—rung on one bell only with the distinctive toll at its close to intimate the sex, and sometimes the age, of the deceased. The ancient custom of chiming all the bells as the funeral procession approaches the church is still observed in a very few parishes known to me: generally the simple tolling of the tenor bell has superseded the more soothing and beautiful sound of the whole ring. "G. V." refers to . . . tolling daily for an hour or more, of a bell from the day of a death to the day of a funeral . . . it should immediately be stopped. At Stamford the tolling of the so-called Passing Bell or knell was abolished in 1872, and now the only notification of death is given by sounding what were formerly the distinctive tolls at the end of the knell according to sex, namely, 3×3 for a male, 3×2 for a female, repeated: and that on the tenor bell for adults, and on the treble for children.

'If the bell be rung (not tolled) for a period of, say, ten minutes, with a pause of about 30 seconds between each stroke, the effect is very solemn, and calculated to arrest the attention, and even in the midst of business and the pressing daily avocations of life, to solemnise the thoughts and call to mind the transitory nature of merely earthly occupations . . . . And now the churchyard is thrown open to all it is a fitting time to restore the "one other" short peal "before the burial, and one other after the burial" (67th Canon), in cases where part of the office is said within the church . . . without recommending its use at all times, the difficulty and expense of the attendance of the ringers can be avoided at funerals by the erection of an inexpensive chiming apparatus, which can as easily be worked by the clerk or sexton as the dismal ringing of a single bell.'

THOMAS NORTH, F.S.A.'

Another correspondent shows that at Bishops Cannings, Wilts, no bell is tolled on the day of the death because houses are distant from the church, but 'on the morning of the day of burial, each bell (of a ring of eight) is struck three times for a man and twice for a woman. The tenor is tolled two or three times during the day, and half-an-hour before the burial, and is again struck somewhat quickly for five minutes after the funeral is over.'

NOTICE.—We beg to remind our readers that the Editors of all periodicals claim the privilege of selecting, abridging, or rejecting whatever contributions come to hand, without any explanation. MSS. are not returned.

ANOTHER BIG BEN

The following correspondence has appeared in 'The Times' in reference to the letter of Canon Gregory's which appeared in our last issue:—

'Sir,—Though I helped to get the great and fine ring of bells for St. Paul's, and made the specification for it, I am sorry I cannot go the whole length with Canon Gregory of wishing to have a new great bell twice-and-a-half as heavy as the present very bad one, cast by Phelps, of Whitechapel, in 1716, which the "Provincial Incumbent," and I daresay many other people, imagine to be the old one of Westminster. It would be quite right to have that recast a little thicker and heavier and the subscriptions promised are quite enough for that purpose; but another Big Ben within two miles of the Westminster one seems to me a very unnecessary competition of noises.

'But as this nation, alone in the world I should think, cannot nationally afford £1,000 or so to recast the late Mr. Mears's "porous, unhomogeneous, unsound" and cracked Big Ben of Westminster (see Dr. Percy's report), why should not some energetic person, younger than I am, get up a subscription to present the poor Board of Works with a recasting of it, under proper conditions, to prevent the referees from being taken in again by concealed defects, as we were in 1859? Indeed, after the consequences of that feat, I do not think any bell-founder would try it again.

EDM. BECKETT.'

'Sir,—Before the public respond to Canon Gregory's appeal for a great bell, the pertinent question of your leader of 16th (i.e., 16th Nov., 1880) should certainly be answered—"Cui bono?" What use will be made of it? I was staying in the suburbs one Sunday last month, and walked in to attend the morning service at St. Paul's. I am a lover of bells, and went early in order to stroll about the churchyard and hear the new ring: but I was disappointed. No sound was heard till I had to take my seat in the Cathedral, when, about fifteen minutes before service time, I heard the faint sounds of what I believe to have been the chiming of a single bell. Now, there are many people to whom the ringing of a three-hours' peal, or ringing at intervals throughout the whole of a Royal birthday, or Lord Mayor's Day, is an almost intolerable interruption and annoyance: but there are very few who do not like to hear bells rung for church on Sunday. They think that this is the proper time for it. Again, how is the proposed great bell to be sounded? I believe that the largest bell really "rung" in England is that at the Leeds Town Hall, weighing four tons. It is probably merely intended to strike this new bell with a hammer. If so, the effect, both for power and sweetness of tone, will not compare with what might be got out of the present "big bell." Let the Dean and Chapter have this bell of five tons (which is, I believe, an ancient one, formerly belonging to Westminster, and probably far superior to any bell which could be cast now) rehung in the stronger of the towers, so that it can be "raised and set," when the wonderfully thrilling and powerful tones emitted, increasing in volume as the bell swings in a larger and larger arc, will, I think, render them less desirous of obtaining a new and hoarse instrument too unwieldy for real use. The "Bourdon" of Notre Dame, and, I think, all the other great bells mentioned by Canon Gregory, are rung "half-way-up," and it is then that the finest note is sent out.

'I am the vicar of a provincial minster church which possesses a fine old ring of bells in one tower, and a great bell in the other. The whole peal is rung for morning and evening service, and six bells in the afternoon. When the peal ceases, the great bell is "raised" by five men, and rung for five minutes immediately before the service commences. It is heard for three miles, though under three tons in weight; and the effect inside the minster, subdued by the heavy stone vaulting of the roof, is very beautiful. I venture to suggest that this would be the best use to make of the bells of St. Paul's. A PROVINCIAL INCUMBENT.'

End of Volume, Advent, 1879–80.

EAST DERBYSHIRE & NOTTS ASSOCIATION

The June quarterly meeting of the East Derbyshire and Notts Association at Selston coincided with the 82nd birthday of Mr. W. Dobb (Wilson to all), vice-president, one-time president and a life-long resident in the village. It was a great occasion for him at the meeting when the president (Mr. J. W. England) asked the company of nearly 50 to stand and sing 'Happy birthday to you.' Mr. Dobb looked well and fit in spite of an old and aggravating injury, and suitably replied. He was presented with a bouquet of roses, and these were afterwards placed on the grave of his wife. It was afterwards Mr. Dobb's pleasure to listen from the churchyard to well-struck touches of Cambridge and Stedman—he is now unable to climb the stairs to the ringing chamber.

Of the other business, there were warm congratulations to Mr. C. M. Heathcote, the hon. treasurer, for the award of the M.B.E. in the Queen's Birthday Honours, and a gift of £2 2s. from the Association's Bell Fund to Selston P.C.C., towards the cost of new bell ropes.

The service in the afternoon was conducted by Capt. Dunford, C.A., and tea, well prepared, was served by the ladies of the church, in the Council offices. It was a happy and memorable meeting.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

Meeting at Torquay

Under the auspices of the Mid-Devon and South-West Branches, a joint meeting was held at Upton, Torquay, on June 15th. The attendance was regrettably small but a very enjoyable time was spent by those present, who included two or three visitors from Oxford. Ringing consisted of Grandsire Doubles and Triples, Stedman Triples and Plain Bob Major, and was followed by a short service in church, conducted by the Rector (Rev. P. Sands), who gave the visitors a very hearty welcome. The lesson was read by Mr. B. E. Bartlett, a local ringer.

After a splendid tea, a comprehensive vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. J. E. Lilley (Branch chairman) to the Church authorities for the excellent arrangements made. Some of the more enthusiastic members then spent a short time with handbells before going to Torre Parish Church for further ringing. A. L. N.

SOMERSET RINGERS' WEEK-END IN HAMPSHIRE

A very enjoyable Whit weekend was spent by six Somerset ringers in Hampshire. A peal attempt of Cambridge Surprise Major was lost at St. John's, Bournemouth, after two hours' good ringing.

On Saturday there were two unsuccessful peal attempts, at Milford and Ringwood, and visits to Hordle and St. Nicholas', Brockenhurst.

After attending early service in Wimborne, a quarter peal of Stedman Triples was rung at St. Peter's, Bournemouth, for Matins, and afterwards at St. John's, Surrey Road. We relaxed on the sea front before taking part in two courses of Grandsire Cinques at Christchurch. The service in a packed church was enjoyed.

Monday's programme was an hour's ringing at Wimborne Minster and also at Lyndhurst, and a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major at Lymington. Recordings were taken of the ringing at most of the towers, so the peal bands were able to hear their ringing as it sounded outside the churches.

For this wonderful weekend, heightened by the beauty of travelling through the New Forest, we have to thank our organiser, Gwilym Salmon, and also our new-found friends in Hampshire for their warm welcome, and incumbents for allowing us to ring. H. M. M.

SAFFRON WALDEN GREAT RINGING DAY

On Saturday, June 29th, the 334th anniversary of Great Ringing Day was held at Saffron Walden. The weather was sunny and very hot. Just after 11.30 a.m. a party of over 30 arrived from Prittlewell, and the bells were soon going to Stedman Cinques.

About noon another party of over 30 members of the South Western District of the Essex Association arrived. Their District Master (Mr. John Crampion), who had organised the party, was with them. During the day many old friends came, including Dr. E. L. Taylor, from Charmouth, Dorset, who commenced his ringing career at Saffron Walden in 1902.

After lunch at the Abbey Hotel, the bells rang out for a wedding, a well-struck touch of Stedman Cinques being brought round. The bells were kept going till 4 p.m., when the usual service was held. This was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. M. R. Sinker), the sermon being preached by the curate (Rev. D. Willcox).

After tea ringing continued, and about 6.30 p.m. we welcomed a party of over 30 from Beddington, Surrey. Stedman Cinques and a course of Bristol were brought round. The bells were lowered at about 8.30 p.m., all agreeing it had been a very enjoyable and successful day.

We would like to express our grateful thanks to Mr. J. Crampion for all his efforts in bringing a party from his district to make this festival day so successful. L. E. P.

CHELMSFORD MEMORIES

With Apologies to 'The Great Pretender'

Oh! yes, I'm the Great Conductor,
But this Royal's all going awry,
The ninth made that 'Bob,'
And the tenor ran in,
But I'm having a jolly good try.

Oh! yes, I'm the Great Tenor Ringer,
We're cracking along in 'Three-Nine,'
'It's condition that tells,'
And the 'First on the Bells,'
This 'Superlative's' all very fine.

Oh! yes, I'm the Great Two-Bell Ringer,
Little Baddow is all I desire;
We were tapping along,
Now the whole shoot's gone wrong,
All the bells in a blooming great 'Fire.'

Oh! yes, I'm the Great Slider Walloper,
Bouncing tenors is my cup of tea;
But it's all a good laugh,
Till it's time to depart,
Look out, Ireland, you're going to see ME!

A. D. C.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

An interim meeting was held at St. Margaret's, Paston, and SS. Peter and Paul's, Knapton, on June 15th, when between 25 and 30 members were present from a wide area.

The service was conducted by the Rural Dean (Rev. W. F. Sommerfeld), and the lesson was read by Mrs. D. Moore. Ringing was enjoyed from Plain to Cambridge Surprise.

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION

The 25th annual meeting of the Scottish Association was held on May 25th at St. Mary's Cathedral, Glasgow. During the afternoon methods were rung up to Stedman Caters and Treble Ten, and the Seage apparatus was in use during the evening.

The Provost of the Cathedral (the Very Rev. F. F. Laming) conducted the Association service in the Chapel of St. Anne, and took the chair at the business meeting which was held in the Synod Hall. The officials were re-elected as follows: President, Mr. Ernest Boumphrey (Glasgow); Ringing Master, Mr. Charles R. Raine (Edinburgh); and secretary, treasurer and Central Council representative, Mr. Rognvald Wilson (15, Durham Road, Portobello, Midlothian). Six new ringing members from three of the towers in the Association were also elected.

It is expected that the next meetings will be at Dunblane (October), St. James', Paisley (February), and in Edinburgh (April), when the four towers there will be available.

The local ringers very kindly supplied tea for everyone, and the catering arrangements were in the capable hands of Mrs. and the Misses Stafford. R. St. C. W.

STAMFORD HILL, N.—At the Church of St. Ann, on June 18th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Miss P. Rowe 1, B. Bladon 2, Miss L. Hawes 3, M. J. Rowe 4, M. Cubitt 5, F. Riddlesden 6.—Also on June 22nd, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise: Miss L. Hawes 1, Miss F. Secker 2, Miss P. Rowe 3, W. Theobald 4, M. Rowe (cond.) 5, E. J. Rowe 6.—Also on June 23rd, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise: H. Howson 1, Miss L. Hawes 2, Miss P. Rowe 3, E. J. Rowe 4, M. Cubitt (first as cond.) 5, M. J. Rowe 6.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

In the Church Tent at the Sussex County Agricultural Show, Bognor, July 17th-18th, there will be an exhibit on bells. The centre-piece will be a model of a mediæval bell foundry. In addition to a display of Sussex founders' work there will be on show a hand-bell over 1,000 years old, and the tuning forks used by Canon Simpson in his researches on bell tuning.

Call it a day! Helmingham ringers started on their annual outing at 5 a.m. and some reached home at 3.30 a.m.

The peal published on page 407 of 'The Ringing World' and rung at Shirley on June 5th should read Yorkshire Surprise Major.

A letter such as we like to receive came recently from Cheadle, Cheshire, where Mr. J. Fuller, ringing the treble, shepherded five of the band through their first quarter.

Mr. Denis A. Bayles celebrated his coming of age as a peal ringer with a peal at Embleton, Northumberland, the most northerly ring of six bells in England. This was the first peal on the bells since recent rehanging.

The members of the University of London Society who rang a peal of Yorkshire Surprise at St. Olave's, Hart Street, on June 29th join with other members of the Society in offering their congratulations to the President (Dr. Denis Layton) and Miss Margaret Floyer on their engagement.

The peal of Minor at Blaydon on Tyne proved to be a very pleasant ringing farewell to Mr. Peter M. Giles, who has now completed a technical course on Tyneside. It is to be hoped that his other farewells were as pleasant! He will be missed by the Newcastle Cathedral company, with whom he has been a very regular Sunday service ringer during the past ten months.

Ringing friends of Mr. H. D. Harris of Woburn, will be very pleased to learn that he has now started ringing again. Last December he was knocked down by a car, dislocating his left shoulder, and for a man of 82 he made a remarkable recovery. On April 5th next, Mr. and Mrs. Harris will celebrate their diamond wedding.

Mr. G. H. Myers, of Plymouth, is now out of hospital. Having regard to is age his progress is quite satisfactory. Slow and steady improvement daily, has been the medical report.

The peal at Stratton St. Margaret, Wilts, was rung as a 17th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. Austin, of Stratton. Mr. Austin is a member of the band at the tower.

Southampton University members rang a graduation peal at North Stoneham. Congratulations and best wishes for the future to the band. Four of the band learnt to ring at North Stoneham when the Guild was formed nearly four years ago.

Sunday, July 21st, is being observed as a special day at Weston Favell, Northants, to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the bells becoming a ring of five. The 8 a.m. Eucharist will have a special intention for ringers and ringers' hymns will be sung at Matins and Evensong. All ringers will be welcome at these services.

The completion of 50 years' membership of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild by its Master, Mr. John A. Freeman, was celebrated by a peal of Stedman Cinques on the Cathedral bells. Mr. Freeman is the veteran Master of the Cathedral company. His many friends in the Exercise, in congratulating him on his half-century of conspicuous service, wish him and Mrs. Freeman many more happy years.

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THREE SUMMER RINGING FESTIVALS

TWO ASSOCIATIONS AT ST. ALBANS

THE joint summer festival of the Herts and Bedfordshire Association on June 15th, the Saturday nearest to St. Alban's Day, at St. Albans, was so successful that it is likely to be the forerunner of many joint meetings between the two ringing Associations in the Diocese of St. Albans.

Ringing commenced at 9.30 a.m. at Hemel Hempstead, where a coach party from Bedford District arrived on time and were met by members of the Herts Association. The towers of Apsley End, King's Langley, Langleybury and Aldenham were visited in turn until 1.30 p.m. A joint peal was rung at Redbourn during the morning. At 2 p.m. the four towers at St. Albans were opened, but ringing did not get going well until nearly 3 p.m., except at St. Stephen's, where the new six were in great demand.

All converged on the Cathedral at 4 p.m. for Evensong, which was conducted by the Dean. At the conclusion of the service a handbell voluntary of three leads of Kent Treble Bob Royal was rung by G. Penney, G. Dodds, W. Ayre, H. V. Frost and B. C. Johnson.

At the tea, presided over by the Dean, Mr. E. G. Buck (Herts president) welcomed the visitors, and Miss E. Steel (Beds president) replied, inviting the Herts Association to Bedfordshire for the next festival, and thanking those who organised the event.

Mr. H. V. Frost (Herts secretary) thanked the Dean for his co-operation, and all who had given permission for ringing at the other churches, and said he looked forward to a good day's outing in Bedfordshire next year. The Dean also promised to attend.

Ringers attended from all parts of the diocese, also from further afield, and nearly 100 were present at the tea party. H. V. F.

FRIENDS OF THE EXERCISE

The Society of Friends of the Exercise held an outing in South Somerset on Whit Monday. The party was drawn from the Bristol District and from Wiltshire, and travelled by car and motor-cycle. Eleven towers were visited.

The first tower visited was Pylle, where some good ringing was enjoyed on the six bells. A short ring was had on the anti-clockwise six at Charlton Mackrell before moving on to the heavy six at Montacute. Here the tower sway made ringing somewhat tricky, but the fine tone of the bells compensated for this. Merriot was the last tower before lunch, and the most was made of a delightful light six.

Lunch was taken at Crewkerne. The 'moneyed' members of the party dined at the White Lion Hotel, while most of the others found a 'homely little pub.'

A visit was then paid to Winsham, the first eight of the day, where the bells are rung from the chancel. The party moved on to Combe St. Nicholas, where a six-score of St. Nicholas' was brought round, and then to Staple Fitzpaine where an excellent tea was provided at West Hatch by Mrs. Crabham, a friend of one of the leaders of the party.

The evening session included West Hatch (5), North Curry (a fine eight in an octagonal tower), Moorlinch (a heavy six) and Ashcott (the home of All Saints' Doubles). A visit was paid to 'The Ring of Bells,' where a toast was drunk to absent friends, especially the doyen of the Society, Mr. Cyril Savage. Thanks were conveyed to the organisers—Mr. John Gilbert and Mr. Frank Mack. M. S.

SWANSEA & BRECON GUILD AT NEW RADNOR

The little rain which fell during the day did not mar the attendance on the occasion of the annual festival, held at New Radnor on June 22nd. Over 80 members and friends attended the service and afterwards sat down to an excellent tea laid out in the Church Hall.

The Southern District, as is customary when the meeting is held in the northern part of the diocese, travelled by coach, and this year went via Hay, where the Rev. and Mrs. Ivor Richards joined the party and followed by car to Eardisland. Mr. Leslie Evans, with his 'E.S.T.8,' was waiting at the tower. After the bells had been rung to standard methods, everyone made their way to a first-class lunch at the Swan Hotel, and were joined by the Vicar of Eardisland (Rev. H. F. Harmer). The southern contingent arrived at New Radnor in good time for over an hour's good ringing before the service.

The Rector of New Radnor (the Rev. T. E. Griffiths) conducted the service, and the preacher was the Rev. Ivor Richards, of Llanarth, who gave as his text: 'Holding fast to faith, and to the profession of our faith.' This text in relationship to bellringing made the address very interesting.

After tea the girls of New Radnor G.F.S. entertained the company to handbell ringing. These girls had brought back the shield from London a few days previously for the best handbell ringing there.

At the business meeting, the Lord Bishop took the chair, and in opening the meeting asked all to stand in silent tribute to the memory of Mr. Albert Edwards and Mr. C. Powell, who had passed on since the last annual meeting.

The general secretary stated that the membership was being maintained at the same level. The financial statement was explained by the treasurer (Mr. D. Stokes) and showed an excess of expenditure over receipts of 7s. 4d. The restoration fund amounted to £29.

A motion was submitted suggesting doing away with the Southern District, which had outlasted its usefulness. A long discussion failed to reach a decision. The chairman said there did not seem any possible way of solving this problem and suggested, as there were so many difficulties, that the matter should be dropped, and could be discussed at the 1958 festival. This was agreed to.

Mr. John T. Williams (Sketty) was elected Master, and all the officers were re-elected—Messrs. J. A. Hoare (hon. general secretary), D. Stokes (hon. treasurer) and T. M. Roderick (hon. auditor). Instead of electing one member from each tower, five committee members were elected equally from the South and North Districts. The ringing competition was again dropped for lack of interest.

Brecon was proposed for the 1958 festival: the date to be left to the president and general secretary.

A hearty vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. D. J. Lewis, and the Lord Bishop responded by thanking everyone. Ringing continued at New Radnor and at Presteigne, and this concluded a very happy social reunion.

J. A. H.

TIME MARCHES ON!

The present issue is the second of a new quarter. Subscriptions due should be renewed without delay. Please remit to Mr. J. E. Jeater, Greystones, Cusgarne, near Truro, Cornwall. Rates: 3 months 7/6; 6 months 14/6; 12 months £1/8/-. New subscribers welcome.

CALL CHANGERS IN SOUTH DEVON

The bells of St. Petroc, South Brent, ringing on Saturday, June 22nd, signified help from 20 call-change teams drawn from all parts of South Devon for the restoration of Widecombe-in-the-Moor's ancient church, damaged by the ubiquitous death-watch beetle. Its ravages have presented that well-known Dartmoor village with a bill for some £7,000.

As at Abbotskerswell, for Ashburton's benefit in 1956, the South Devon Ringers' Association on this occasion organised an invitation 6-bell festival at South Brent, to which 19 teams came (at the last minute Totnes was unable to raise a team). Ashburton's entry opened the ringing at 1.15, but owing to difficulties in transport no more than six teams had rung by service time at 4 o'clock. Halwell had the misfortune to have the third rope break just as the rise was getting under way.

A good congregation of ringers attended the service, conducted by the Association's president, the Rector of Upton, Torquay. Tea was 'laid on' by the ladies of the home team, and the usual substantial and generous country tea was provided. Ringing continued immediately after the service. The last team to ring, Bovey Tracey, 'came down' just short of 9 o'clock, when the church porch became the focal point for ringers waiting for the results.

Mrs. A. Middleton, widow of the Association's late chairman, Mr. H. G. Middleton, of Dartmouth, presented the certificates as the judges gave their verdict. Special mention was made by their spokesman, Mr. Arthur Tapper, of Yealmpton, of the very high standard of ringing—as evidenced by the close marking of the first six teams. West Alvington (No. 1 team) was placed first with no more than 8¾ faults, followed by Kenn with 12¼. The team from Widecombe was third with 13¼, then came West Alvington (No. 2) 19, Upton, Torquay, 19½, and Kingskerswell, sixth, with 19¾ faults. Diptford's teams boasted two 13-year-olds who 'put up' very creditable ringing. The teams from 8-bell towers were noticeable in the manner in which they let the bells 'go up' during the peal, which consisted of the usual '60-on-3rds.' It was a pleasure to have Mr. A. L. Bennett, the well-known West Country change-ringer from Buckfastleigh, at the festival. It is hoped that Widecombe-in-the-Moor will benefit by about £11 from the effort.

The Historic Churches Preservation Trust has asked the Association to consider organising another similar festival for their benefit as previously held at Dean Prior in 1955, and this may well form the event of next summer.

B. E. B.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Farnham District

Iced drinks were in great demand during the tea break, at the Farnham District meeting held at St. Mary's, Frensham, on June 29th. In spite of the 'heat wave,' many ringers and friends turned up during the afternoon and evening to enjoy a ring in such a pleasant, peaceful place.

The ringing was of a good standard under the guidance of Mr. Rex Corke and Mr. Tom Page: a variety of methods being rung from rounds to London.

A friendly ringers' service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. L. Coulshaw). District ringers formed the choir and Miss Heath was the organist.

After a sumptuous tea a short business meeting was held, during which two new ringing members were elected. Plans were discussed for a District outing at the end of August.

University of London Society Annual Whit Tour

PETERSFIELD (Hants) was chosen as the centre for the 1957 Whit tour of the University of London Society, whose title was later adapted to 'Armstrong's Alcoholics Incorporated.' Transport consisted this year of two cars, two motor-cycles and a Dormobile, which, on three cylinders and without a workable dynamo, conveyed the bulk of the party for most of the time, proving in no small degree the skill of the Society's Master, who acted as pilot. He, on the other hand, would not dare to spurn the efforts of those who by brute force accomplished what is normally done by a starting button.

Members began to arrive on Friday evening (June 7th) in time for an early supper and a ring at the parish church. Soon after 9 a.m. on Saturday the party was on its way to the first tower of the day, All Saints', East Meon. The peculiar ascent to the belfry baffled some members for a start, as did also the somewhat noisy bells. However, some quite respectable touches were brought round. Next to be visited was its neighbour, West Meon, where we were informed of a humorous inscription on one of the bells which read: 'A Waker o' Ears'; its donor was an eccentric gentleman surnamed Earwaker. A ladder in the ringing chamber proved too strong a temptation for one member, who aspires to loftier heights than mere belfries! St. Mary, Twyford, was the other stop before lunch and some good ringing was enjoyed on the light but pleasantly musical bells. A visit to Winchester for lunch passed all too quickly, and unfortunately time did not allow us to make an adequate tour of this historic city.

Two 10-bell towers were scheduled for the afternoon. At North Stoneham we were joined by friends from the Southampton University Society who, despite the imminence of finals, had cycled up to meet us; then the glorious ten at St. Mary's, Southampton, which more than justified expectations of them and the long ascent to the belfry. Here also tea had been arranged; then, after almost losing two members, the company set out for St. Peter's, Curdridge. Later in the evening an attempt for a touch of Spliced at Soberton came to an untimely end; but here the ladies of the Society excelled themselves in a well-struck touch of Grandsire Triples.

On Whit Sunday our first privilege was to join with the congregation at Petersfield in the Celebration of the Holy Communion. Breakfast over, the party set out for Portsmouth. All arrived safely except those in the Dormobile, which ran out of fuel even though the meter gave indications to the contrary. By now its occupants had grown accustomed to pushing it, so one furlong more to a petrol pump was no great feat. Fortunately we arrived just in time for a ring at the Cathedral, and we thank the local band for their hospitality. A trip around the harbour gave us a healthy appetite for lunch, and many had their first glimpse of the 'Britannia' and 'Vanguard.' While four enthusiasts attempted a peal of Bob Major on handbells, the remainder of the party spent the afternoon on the beach at Eastney. What happened to the peal attempt has to remain a secret if not a total mystery. For Evensong we rang at St. Mary's, Portsea, with the local ringers. A course of London proved to be the highlight of the day's ringing.

The programme for Monday indicated seven towers, so an early start had to be made for St. Mary's, Liss, where three more members joined the party. At Hawkley, an attempt for a touch of six Spliced was successfully brought round. On the way to New Alresford confusion struck the occupiers of the Dormobile when one of the motor-cycles was seen approaching it head on. Heavy suspicion was cast on the navigator, but with grim determination and ignoring most of the signs concerning the condition of roads, we reached our destination in time for lunch. Ringing on the pleasant eight was much enjoyed, but apparently interfered with the 'Barmy Ales Band' providing music (?) for some local festivity.

At Preston Candover, the Vicar (Rev. C. Brinkworth) welcomed us and rang with us on the light six. Both churches in Basingstoke were visited—All Saints' before tea and St. Michael's after. The bells of Yateley, the final tower of the day, proved rather a handful, and through a misadventure we left the belfry having just raised the bells!

A magnificent supper awaited us in the Parish Room, which had been kindly prepared by Mr. and Mrs. Wooldridge. Dr. D. N. Layton thanked them in suitable words, and members responded by singing for them some popular student songs, by special request.

Unfortunately, we were not to leave Yateley at the time anticipated. The battery in the Dormobile failed at a most crucial moment, and we were glad for the A.A. to assist us. London was, however, safely reached in the early hours of Tuesday morning. None the less, all agreed that it had been an excellent tour; some called it enjoyable; others more accurately described it as adventurous. Our thanks are due to all incumbents, and to the local ringers who made us so welcome. The Society is also grateful to Eileen Wooldridge who so capably made the arrangements.

R. K.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

South Norfolk Branch

The South Norfolk Branch held a very successful meeting at Long Stratton on June 8th, with 44 ringers attending. The service was conducted by the Rector (Rev. F. Slaughter), with an address by the Rev. F. P. Law.

Mr. W. L. Duffield (vice-president) kindly provided tea, and the business meeting was presided over by the Branch Chairman (Dr. P. H. A. Jonason). The Association president (Rev. H. G. Lillingson) and general secretary (Mr. W. Love) were also present. Nine new members were elected. The president again asked that all ringers should pray for each other on Saturdays. After the usual votes of thanks, ringing in various methods, under the Branch Ringing Master (Mr. W. Flatt), continued till 9 p.m.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Saxlingham on September 14th.

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD

Testimonial Fund Proposed for Mr. C. H. Hawkins

THE Lord Bishop of St. David's, who is president, preached at the annual meeting of St. David's Diocesan Guild, held at St. Peter's Church, Carmarthen, on June 22nd. The Vicar (Canon Ungoed Jacob) conducted the service and Mr. Ed. J. Thomas (Master of the Guild) read the lesson. Sixty-five members and friends attended from Pembroke, Burry Port, Llanstephen, Llandilo, Tenby, Llanbadarn Fawr, Llanelly and Carmarthen.

Tea was kindly provided by St. Peter's Mothers' Union. At the business meeting the Bishop presided, and he was welcomed by the Master of the Guild, who thanked him for accepting the presidency of the Guild. Mr. Thomas also welcomed Canon Jacob, who was attending a Guild meeting for the first time. The Bishop responded and opened the meeting.

The usual touch on the handbells was given by Messrs J. Turvey, R. Scudamore and W. Williams.

The Bishop then apologised for the absence of the secretary (Mr. C. H. Hawkins), who was ill and a patient at Llanelly Hospital, and proposed that the Guild's good wishes for a full and speedy recovery be sent to him officially. The existing officers were re-elected with the exception of the Ringing Master—Mr. Gwyn Thomas, of Tenby, succeeding Mr. A. Reynolds, of Llandilo. Mr. E. Thomas (Llanelly) was elected assistant secretary until Mr. C. H. Hawkins (secretary) is well enough to carry on his duties. There were two changes in the committee members—the new members being Mr. L. Hurren (Llanelly) and Mr. A. Davies (Burry Port).

The next annual competition will be held at Llandilo in May, 1958.

The collection for the Bell Restoration Fund realised the sum of £2. One new ringing member and nine new probationary members were elected.

It was proposed by the president that the committee should meet to clarify the Constitution of the Guild, particularly the functions of Master and Ringing Master. It was also proposed that a testimonial fund be set up for Mr. C. H. Hawkins, to show the Guild's appreciation of his good work in founding the Guild and making it a success. The treasurer was instructed to contact all towers and honorary members.

The president proposed a vote of thanks to Canon Jacob and his churchwardens for having the Guild at Carmarthen, and to the Mothers' Union for supplying the tea. He then closed the meeting with prayer.

The members then returned to the tower.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A POINT ABOUT COMPOSITIONS

Dear Sir,—I was interested and a little puzzled to read the footnote to the composition of Bristol by Mr. N. Golden ('R.W.', p. 404).

If a peal has 6 the extent in 6ths place, does it not also follow that it will have the extent of 6 in 8ths place when the tenors are at Wrong?

I think it would be both instructive and interesting if one of our leading composers—or anyone else who understands these matters—would write an article on the qualities of compositions and the implications of the various footnotes that often accompany them.

For instance, if a composition claims to have 6 the extent in 6ths place, does it mean merely at course-ends or is it the extent of the 6th coursing after the tenor?

Or again, if the claim be '5 and 6 their extent in 5-6,' does it mean

(*a*) at course-ends only?;
or (*b*) the extent of coursing 6-8-7-5?;
or (*c*) all the rows ending 5678?

I feel sure I am not alone in my doubts, and if an enlightening article is forthcoming, it will add meaning to the footnotes for many of your readers, and help young conductors in their choice of musical compositions.—Yours, etc.,

'INTERESTED.'

Mr. Nolan Golden replies:— There always has been a certain looseness about composition qualities—and my footnote happens to be a rigid one! '6th the extent in 6ths (or Home)' does not mean and cannot mean in Treble Bob (or Bristol) the extent *in all positions*, for it is impossible to compose a peal in the method consisting of 12 plain courses with the 12 lead heads necessary for this. So we have numerous examples of 'the 6th the extent in 6ths,' which has meant all the 12 '678' lead-ends. If the 12 '7×86' lead-ends are also present, this is generally reported as 'all the 86s.' This is inaccurate, for no composition of 5,000 changes could contain *all* of them. To be specific one ought to say that the tenors are at Wrong or, as I put it, 'in 8ths with the tenors at Wrong.'

I heartily agree with the writer that an article dealing with composition qualities would be interesting and instructive, and as for myself, I believe I could have one ready by the time his letter appears in print. My difficulty is not unwillingness to write but to find time to do it, having a continuous flow of correspondence and arrangements to organise. What I need is a retreat in some isolated area to operate from: do you know of any small C. of E. School in remotest (?) Surrey in need of an enthusiastic headmaster?!

THE MANUAL REWRITTEN

Dear Sir,—The College Administrative Committee would like to thank, through your columns, the many who have rendered ringing a service by coming forward, in your paper and by post, with constructive criticism and help in reshaping the provisional draft of Part I of the Manual of Training, which was published herein, through your courtesy, for that very purpose.

Now *rearranged and entirely rewritten* it emerges as something that should prove worthy of the efforts of all those who have brought it into being. To the many others also, who have expressed interest, we would say that arrangements are being made to publish it, *without profit*, for the advancement of ringing training generally, and advertisement to this effect will shortly be announced.—Yours faithfully,

R. BALDWIN, Registrar.

Portsmouth.

DIXTON, MONMOUTHSHIRE

Dear Sir,—During recent weeks, correspondence in 'The Ringing World' has focused attention on the many 4-bell towers in England and Wales. One, however, which has so far escaped notice is that of Dixton, Monmouthshire.

Dixton Church is situated about a mile from Monmouth on a bank of the River Wye, a little off the Ross-Monmouth road, just inside the Monmouthshire-Herefordshire border. It can also be approached by a footpath from Monmouth along the river bank, which brings one to the ferry steps in the churchyard, from which, until recent years, the incumbent used to row to and from his rectory on the opposite bank, and also to the churchyard lawn which, according to a recent writer in the local paper, 'outrivalled the much-vaunted lawns at Oxford.'

Dixton is a lovely little white church dedicated to St. Peter, full of historical interest, and well worth a visit by any one spending a holiday in the Wye Valley.

Of the four bells in the tower, one is dated 1876, two are of the 17th century, while the fourth bell has the head of Edward III and his queen, and is said to have been cast at Worcester about 1420. They were rehung by the late Geo. Day, of Eye, many years ago, so it is more than probable the 1876 bell was added at the same time.

Consecrated in 1068, Dixton was, until 1104, in the diocese of Llandaff, when it was transferred to the diocese of Hereford. It remained in the Hereford diocese until 1844 when it returned to Llandaff. In 1914 many border parishes voted on the question of inclusion in the Church of Wales, and Dixton by a large majority decided to again return to Hereford.

Situated as it is on the river bank the church is liable to flooding at any time, but in 1929 and again in 1947 these were very severe. Tablets in the church show the depth of water in 1929 as 5ft. 2½in. and in 1947 as 5ft. 11½in.

It is in this little church and parish that the writer's family has its roots. In the registers are recorded the baptisms of his grandfather in 1820, his great-grandfather in 1785, and his great-great-grandfather in 1765, as well as their subsequent marriages.—Yours sincerely,

E. BARNETT.

Crayford.

FIRST PEAL AT EASTCHURCH

Dear Sir,—The claim in a recent issue of 'The Ringing World' as the first peal at Eastchurch, brings back to my memory Friday, July 26th, 1912, when a stained glass window was unveiled and dedicated by the Archbishop of Canterbury, to the Hon. H. S. Rolls and Grace, who lost their lives when attempting to fly the channel. We then rang a half-muffled peal in seven methods to their memory in 2 hours 55 minutes, which was the first peal on the bells.

Two years later—on January 3rd, 1914—in 2 hours 48 minutes, we rang another peal on the bells, in seven methods, in honour of the wedding of Mr. E. A. Dennis, one of the local ringers, and Miss Cissie Ellum, organist at the church and daughter of Mr. Ellum, the schoolmaster, which was solemnised on New Year's Day. By these two events I am entitled to claim to have rung the first peals on the bells.

My congratulations to you, Mr. Naylor. Carry on and score some more peals.—Yours sincerely,

W. H. B. WILKINS.

Headington, Oxford.

PEALS COLLECTION COMMITTEE

Dear Sir,—In the report of the Peals Collection Committee to the Central Council, as quoted in page 417 of 'The Ringing World,' it is stated that no peals of Stedman Caters and Cinques composed by F. H. Dexter, A. Knights, N. J. Pitstow, F. Pitstow, G. Lindoff and J. D. Mathews have been received. That, I cannot understand.

Immediately after the request had appeared in 'The Ringing World' last year, asking for peals of Stedman Caters and Cinques, I sent to Mr. Roberts my collection of all the compositions of Stedman rung by the Yorkshire Association during the years 1875–1951. In that collection are several compositions by Arthur Knights and a few by Gabriel Lindoff and N. J. Pitstow. Mr. Roberts had the book in his possession for more than six months.

Pudsey. WILLIAM BARTON.

RINGING LEGEND IN CARNIVAL

Dear Sir,—On June 29th, the hillside village of Danbury held its annual carnival, and among the many entries for the procession was the ringers' 'float' depicting an old Danbury legend. This legend states that at an uncertain period of the Middle Ages the Devil visited Danbury and stole the tenor bell. In his haste to depart he dropped the bell in one of the many woods surrounding the hill, and to this day the last resting place of the tenor is known as Bell Hill Wood. This unusual idea must have charmed the eye of the judges, who awarded it first prize and an invitation to enter for the Maldon carnival in August.

As a temporary outsider serving with the R.A.F., I am not blowing my own trumpet when I congratulate the ringers on a very fine effort. In the past this band has done much entertainment at local and surrounding village charities with handbell ringing and singing,

Danbury. J. ROAST.

FOUR-BELL TOWERS IN LINCOLNSHIRE

Dear Sir,—With regard to Mr. Cooke's inquiry on page 420 about Gate Burton, Lines, bells, reference is made to them in Dove's Guide on page 26 of the first edition and on page 50 of the second.

Actually there are 3 steel bells hung for ringing and in excellent order and 3 small brass bells hung dead. An Ellacombe apparatus is used.

The Church was erected in 1866 at a cost of £2,000 including organ and bells. It seems a pity that Mr. W. Hutton, Lord of the Manor, who bore the cost, wasn't advised as to a more suitable ring as the tower is big enough for a ringing six.

The list of fours is not quite accurate as of course Goxhill has now six.

Springthorpe were rehung by Taylors in 1930. The tenor is 9 cwt. and a few pounds lighter than the third. Scotter had attention from the local carpenter a few years ago and are ringing regularly. Glentham and Waddingham are ringable.

Belton, Isle of Oxholme, were rehung by Taylors in 1955. On hearing they had gone to the foundry I appealed to the Rector and Church Council to do more than just rehang the four. Unfortunately the Rector was very ill and my letter may not have been taken too seriously. They did, I believe, make the frame with an extra pit.

There are many towers with less than five that could easily carry 5, 6 or even 8. Most of them now are useless.

Our Guilds and Associations should go all out to encourage (and here Belfry Repair Funds would be serving their best purpose) these places to start bell schemes. In a lot of cases why not recast the existing bells into light 6's or 5's? Better a light 6 ringing out than a heavy 3 that the villagers don't even know exist!

Gainsborough. GEO. L. A. LUNN.

A MISCELLANY OF RINGERS' OUTINGS —

AN EAST SURREY WHIT MONDAY

Ringers from Redhill, Nutfield, Bletchingley and Godstone in Surrey went on their annual outing on Whit Monday. The rainy morning seemed to have no dampening effect on the spirits of the party as it set out. The first stop was at Maresfield, where everybody enjoyed themselves from rounds through to Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples and Bob Major.

At Battle Miss Kathleen Stisted rang with us and we were most impressed by her masterly handling of the heavy seventh in a course of Bog Major.

After lunch at Hastings we made our way to ring at Christ Church, Blacklands. Not all of the party made the grade, the call of the sea being too great, and four people must have lunched so well that they missed the coach to Blacklands and eventually arrived there in a taxi. The ringing here was greatly enjoyed, and we had a touch of Stedman Triples with some of the local ringers taking part.

At Hawkhurst the usual pattern of Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples and Bob Major was followed. Again we enjoyed having some of the local people to ring with us.

On arriving at Ticehurst we found a splendid tea arranged for us by the organisers of the local fete. This was greatly appreciated and about sixty hungry and thirsty people did justice to the wonderful spread. Perhaps it was because they had eaten too much tea that most people found the bells at Ticehurst difficult to handle. However, despite several hair-raising adventures with the tenor and the fourth, Grandsire Doubles, Stedman Doubles, Bob Minor and Cambridge were attempted.

St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells, was the last tower visited, and here we had the best touch of the day in some beautifully struck Stedman Triples with the help of Mr. B. Collison and Mr. E. Ladd. The tenor ringer in this touch refused to ring again for fear of spoiling his memory of it.

The party arrived home at about 11 p.m. rather more subdued and tired than when they had started out.

We would like to say thank you to all the ringers who made us so welcome, to the incumbents for allowing us to ring and a special 'thank you' to the people who gave us such a splendid tea at Ticehurst. Thank you, too, Mr. Arthur Clarke (Nobby), for arranging everything so well. C.

SUTTON - ON - TRENT

Towers in Leicestershire and Staffordshire were visited by Sutton-on-Trent ringers for their annual outing on June 1st. Despite the ringing room being in almost complete darkness, the bells at St. Andrew's, Prestwold (8, tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.), were raised in peal and good ringing followed. There seems to be an absence of any form of artificial light in the ringing room.

A detour caused by hump-backed bridges meant a late arrival at Barton-under-Needwood (8, 14 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.), but a good ring was had by all. The bells in the beautiful church of Holy Angels, Hoar Cross (6, 28 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb.), sound very well inside but are rather disappointing outside, being better to Minor than Doubles.

A dash across Staffordshire to Penkridge (8, 16 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.), with its 75 feet of rope and only two sets of guides. Very little difficulty was experienced with the draught except by learners. After tea at Lichfield, the Cathedral was visited, and then came the best bells of the day at Market Bosworth (8, 14 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb.) which go and sound extremely well. The last tower was Enderby (8, 11 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb.). Thanks are accorded incumbents and Sutton ringers who arranged a most enjoyable day.

W. L. E.

ST. MARY'S, WALTHAMSTOW

St. Mary's, Walthamstow, ringers were favoured with ideal weather for their annual outing on June 1st.

Reigate was reached at 9.35 a.m. and the ten bells of St. Mary Magdalene were soon put to good use and the hour spent there went all too quickly. It was discovered that the last visit paid to Reigate by Walthamstow ringers was on June 8th, 1897.

The next stop was for lunch at Brighton. The party then divided, the non-ringers spending a pleasant afternoon by the seaside, while the ringers went to St. Nicholas', where ringing was somewhat curtailed owing to a couple of weddings. However two happy couples were rung in and out. A very pleasant hour was also spent at St. Peter's where the high spot was a well-struck course of Cambridge Major.

Both parties met for a satisfying tea and an hour's ringing was enjoyed at Leatherhead on the homeward journey. Ringing during the day consisted of Triples, Major, Caters and Royal. Thanks are due to incumbents for permission to ring and to the local ringers for their welcome.

CANNOCK, STAFFS

June 1st was a memorable day for the ringers of St. Luke's Church, Cannock, when, joined by friends from Shareshill and Norton Canes, they held their first outing. The first tower, Gnosall, brought back happy memories for Mr. T. Fowell, as he learnt to ring here 66 years ago. One of his old pals, Mr. G. Lowe, came along to wish him a happy afternnon.

An hour's ringing at Stoke-on-Trent preceded tea which was hospitably provided by Preb. E. A. R. Chapman, who joined the party. A short drive brought them to Kingsley where they were met by the rector and some of the ringers. The last call was at Marchington and here ringing finished off a very happy day for the local people as one of their ringers was married earlier in the day. Thanks are extended to incumbents for permission to ring the bells.

HITCHIN AND DISTRICT

Ringers and friends from seven towers around Hitchin spent Whit Monday touring North Bucks and Northants. By 8.30 a.m. they were approaching Stewkley, where the church is a gem of Norman architecture. Ringing here was not of the best, but like the weather it improved during the day. Wilmslow, recently augmented to eight so as to 'defeat' Mr. Dove, has a ringing chamber just right for six, but a squeeze for eight. The visitors enjoyed the fine 'go' of the bells.

The Surprise Minor school from Great Wymondley came into its own at Padbury, and then came the 'high spot' of the day, the heavy octave at Buckingham. After a 'pipe-opener' of Kent, and some rounds, a fine course of Superlative was achieved, and finally a good touch of Stedman, truly a joy both to listen to and to ring.

After nobly feeding at Buckingham's White Hart the party went on to two 'sixes,' Brackley and the heavier ring at Towcester, where the ringers are surrounded by the records of long past benefactions. A bob course of London and a plain one of London went very well indeed.

After tea the two last calls were at Stony Stratford and Bletchley (where the tourists were fortunate to have the assistance of some of the local band).

Grateful thanks are due to incumbents, local ringers and Kenneth Timbury, who organised the day with such charm and efficiency.

D. L. G.

STRATTON, BUDE

Accompanied by the Vicar (Rev. L. Dodd), St. Andrew's, Stratton, Bude, ringers had an enjoyable annual outing on May 25th, favoured with glorious weather.

After ringing at Egloshayle and Redruth, the party had lunch at Camborne and rang on the lovely bells. An old Stratton ringer, Charlie Wilson, and Peter Hockridge here joined the company. St. Columb Minor arrived just before the Stratton bus at Helston where the ringing was enjoyed. At St. Keverne, the bells are first class, and the party arrived just before the St. Gluvias', Penryn, ringers. After spending a short time in Falmouth, the last ring was on the fine bells of Probus.

Thanks are expressed to incumbents for permission to ring, tower captains and to Mr. Sangwin and his helpers for the excellent arrangements.

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WELL-PLANNED DAYS IN DIFFERENT COUNTIES

SUTTON, ISLE OF ELY

Sutton ringers and friends from Chatteris, Willingham, Longstanton, Over, Histon and Huntingdon, held their annual outing on June 5th. Bedfordshire was the area to be explored.

Potton (6), the first tower of the day was reached only two minutes late and the bells were soon ringing. Blunham (6) were next and this grand ring was enjoyed, but a rope broke and temporary repairs had to be carried out and with much regret shortened the time of ringing. On to Willington and one well known member was disgusted to throw the rope off the wheel twice in a short space of time.

Lunch in Bedford and the refreshments prior to this were enjoyed by all, BAA ! none. At Northill (6) we had the pleasure of making a recording of a course of Bob Minor to be sent to Canada to Mr. Wagstaffe's sister, for the occasion of Mr. and Mrs. Wagstaffe's golden wedding. Congratulations. Next Southill (6) another enjoyable ring in pleasant surroundings. Then Henlow (6) and on to tea in Biggleswade, after which we tried the grand 8 and then to Sandy 6) for the last tower of the day where some good ringing took place to conclude a successful tour. To all the incumbents (many of whom we met) and to all the ringers in the towers who met us we say ' thank you.'

After a grand supper at the ' local ' on sandwiches, rolls and onions, etc., we departed and arrived home about midnight.

H. S. P.

MAULDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE

The area chosen for the Maulden ringers' tour this year was the Weald of Sussex, with some beautiful scenery in Ashdown Forest, extensive views from the chalk and sandstone edges, and glimpses of oast houses, orchards and timbered dwellings nestling among the thick woods. Joined by friends from various towers in the Biggleswade District, from Luton, Totternhoe and Derby, an early start was made, only to suffer a mishap in the shape of a front tyre explosion on the coach, fortunately while almost stationary at a junction. Thanks to a skilful wheel change by the driver, we were not very late at the first tower, Bromley, Kent, where the Gillett eight (16½ cwt.), in a church fast being rebuilt after bombing, was appreciated.

A hilly journey over the Downs past Biggin Hill Aerodrome brought us to Withyham, but a funeral prevented ringing at the last minute. Having been welcomed by Mr. E. Ladd, some good ringing was enjoyed on an older Gillett eight (14 cwt.) at St. Peter's Tunbridge Wells, including a course of London Major. Mr. Rogers met us at Rotherfield, where the heavy eight (23¼ cwt.) and long draught required more care, but those who ventured out into the sudden storm heard them at their mellow best. The third Gillett eight of the day (11¼ cwt.) followed and proved a lovely little musical box. These were at Coleman's Hatch.

An excellent salad and trifle tea at East Grinstead in a timbered upper room preceded a visit to the fine tower, the most imposing we had visited that day, containing a good heavy eight by T. Mears (23¼ cwt.), which however, required skilful handling owing to the long draught. The youngest member of the party, age 13, acquitted himself well for all that, and a good standard of ringing was again attained. The final tower was Reigate, with a nice old ten (19½ cwt.). Here good touches of Caters and Royal were rung before starting for home. Thank you, Ron Sharp, for organising yet another most satisfying tour.

D. P. J.

ST. MARY'S, CHELTENHAM

In spite of the last minute efforts of a well-known friend from Gloucester to catch a bus going in the opposite direction, and the subsequent slight delay until he had found the error of his ways a coachload of Cheltenham ringers and friends arrived well to time at Dorchester Abbey, the first tower of an outing to the Thames Valley on June 15th. An abundance of short ropes and shorter ringers wasn't conducive to ringing worthy of this handy eight, but we acquitted ourselves better at the next tower, Hughenden, where Grandsire, Stedman and Little Bob were tapped off, but, due to the inability of a certain ringer to read his Ringers' Diary straight, London came to grief.

After lunch in High Wycombe, Wargrave and Twyford, Berks, were visited. Although there were by now signs of wilting in the heat, a touch of ' Beard Delight '—spliced Plain, Little and Treble Bob Major—was among the touches brought round at Twyford.

Tea followed in Caversham, before the last tower of the day. Wantage proved to have a ring of bells that, to be rung well, needed a little more work than seemed to be forthcoming. However, after the culprit of the Hughenden attempt had been reminded of the difference between the work of a fifth's place bell in the Minor and that of a seventh's place bell in Major, a course of London was accomplished.

After the usual halts on the way home, Cheltenham was reached at 11.30 p.m. Sincere thanks are accorded to the incumbents for the use of their bells, to members of local bands who welcomed us, and, by no means least, to David Beard, who was in charge of all arrangements for the day.

C. A. W.

NORTH-EAST DERBYSHIRE VISITED

Some villages in the Chesterfield area of Derbyshire were visited on June 22nd last, by a band of ringers drawn from the towers of Aldridge, Coleshill, Lichfield Cathedral, Little Aston and St. Luke's, Wolverhampton.

Features of the outing were the 13th tower crowned with a broach spire and containing a good ring of six at Old Brampton, the easy-to ring light six at Old Whittington (spoilt by being too noisy in the ringing room), a pleasant five at Ault Hucknall, and the well-toned five at St. Michael's, Pleasley (this church contains a richly carved chancel arch). A disappointment was at St. Mary's Beighton, where the Vicar informed the party that the second could not be rung owing to the clock hammers.

Methods rung ranged from Grandsire Doubles to Cambridge Surprise Minor. Sincere thanks are tendered to incumbents and officials for permission to ring.

ELLAND, YORKS

Thirty-five ringers and friends from Elland, Yorks, had an enjoyable outing to Chester on Whit Monday. The route was via the famous television aerial at Holme Moss and by a chain of reservoirs at Woodhead to the first halt, the ancient church of Mottram-in-Longdendale, an excellent eight in every way. The journey was resumed through Stockport and Northwich.

Chester proved of exceptional interest with its Cathedral, ancient walls and quaint streets. At St. Mary-within-the-Walls the visitors rang with the Rector (Rev. J. Kingdon). A call was made at Frodsham a very good eight, on the return journey. Ringing during the day included Bob Major, Grandsire, Kent, Stedman and Cambridge Minor. After passing through Warrington, Pendleton and Oldham, home was reached at 10.45 p.m.

BLUNSDON VISIT MID-WILTS

Blunsdon ringers with friends from other local towers and visitors from Derby spent Whit Monday in mid-Wiltshire.

A pleasant ride through the grand avenue of Savernake Forest brought the visitors to Savernake church (5) and later came another five at Burbage, with an unusual tone. At Collingbourne Kingston, a good heavy six, ringing was up to standard and a touch of London was rung.

Lunch was taken in the neighbouring village of Collingbourne Ducis; at the parish church ringing started with a good rise in peal, which together with the untucked ropes reminded some people of Devon. After a long climb, the party reached Everleigh, where the church, a 19th century building, looked out of place in the downland. The bells, however, are pleasant and a good course of Elston Delight was rung. It was an easy ride down the Avon valley to Upavon which provided the best bells of the day ; a course of York was notable.

After tea, Pewsey and Milton Lilbourne, both with pleasant rings, were visited. Thanks are due to Anne Pettiford for excellent arrangements and incumbents and local ringers.

CLEWER, BERKS

With the object of ringing the sixes and fives on the Isle of Wight (the major rings having previously been visited) Clewer (Windsor) ringers spent June 15th in blazing sunshine

The Saxon church of Arreton, with its easy ground floor ring, was first visited, the Vicar proudly showing the visitors the ancient chestnut tithe barn. Passing that lovely little six at Godshill in its idyllic setting, the party went across the Island to Whitwell, another easy ground floor ring.

The mellow five at Niton, two miles away, were appreciated, and the visitors found Chale bells (six) well worth a visit. Unfortunately the Vicar declared Brighstone bells (5) unsafe to ring, but the six at Freshwater went well. Due to missing the boat the party arrived too late at Portsmouth Cathedral to ring. Apologies to Messrs. Roger Baldwin and Yorke-Bramble and Miss Kathleen Knight, who had turned out to ring. Thanks are accorded to Bill Butler, the able organiser.

LEAMINGTON SPA

Organised by Messrs. Oram and Farmer, All Saints', Leamington Spa, ringers had a 15 hours outing in a 40-seater coach in Somerset on June 1st.

Ringing was at Bibury, Bath, Radstock, Chewton Mendip and Minchinhampton. A high standard for the day was set by ' rise ' and 120 Stedman at Bibury: St. Paul's, Bath, sounded well from the street; the six at Radstock were rung from a sort of fiddlers' gallery (a real picture for the Christmas 'Radio Times ') : the best ringing of the day (also the best bells) was on the glorious eight at Chewton Mendip ; Minchinhampton bells go well, but the 13 cwt. tenor is too noisy.

It was a journey of 211 miles through delightful scenery in grand company on a perfectly fine day.

WEST HALLAM, DERBYS.—On June 22nd, 1,260 Minor (540 Little, 720 Plain): D. K. Walklate (cond.) 1, B. R. Manning 2, E. Walklate 3, W. A. Morley 4, P. B-Knights 5, J. Ryde 6. First of Minor in two methods for 2 and 3.—Also on same day, 1,512 Minor (480 Alvaston Alliance, 360 Kent Treble Bob, 384 Little Bob, 180 Plain and 180 Grandsire): J. Ryde 1, P. B-Knights 2, P. J. Pearson 3, D. K. Walklate (cond.) 4, W. A. Morley 5, B. R. Manning 6. First in five methods for 5 and 6.

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MILLS.—To Margaret (Peggy) and Geoffrey, on Wed., July 3rd, God's precious gift of a son, Ian Geoffrey. Both well.—8, Manchester Road, Heywood, Lancs. 566

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MISCELLANEOUS

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch.—It has not been possible to arrange the Lytham meeting. Details of next meeting towards end of August will be given later.—John F. Turner. 564

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS. — St. Martin-in-the-Fields, W.C.2. The practices on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month are suspended until further notice. 536

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Beckington (8), Saturday, July 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 499

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Meeting at Nether Alderley (6) on Saturday, July 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. No business meeting. Refreshments provided.—B. Corbishley, Hon. Sec. 513

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Fletching (8), Saturday, July 13th. Tea at The Griffin. Summer outing Saturday, September 14th. Names for both as soon as possible.—C. A. Bassett, 3, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst, Sussex. 508

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting at Leeds, Saturday, July 13th. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—R. L. Sills, Dis. Sec. 465

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting at Tunstall on Saturday, July 13th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. 498

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SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Meeting, Wool, Saturday, July 13th. Usual arrangements.—Hayne, Sec. 434

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Quarterly meeting, St. John-the-Baptist, Loughton, Essex, Saturday, July 13th. Bells (8) available 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea to me by Tuesday, July 9th, All welcome. L.T. Central Line to Loughton. —P. N. Bond, Hon. Sec., Gaywood, Stocks Green Road, Hildenborough, Tonbridge, Kent. 469

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BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Sampford Brett, Saturday July 20th. Numbers for tea by 15th essential.—A. R. Tudball, Branch Sec. 532

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Quarterly meeting, Toddington, July 20th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea, followed by business 5 p.m. Names please to Mr. Ivor Pett, The Square, Toddington.—K. G. Spavins, Dis. Sec. 525

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Stratford-upon-Avon, Saturday, July 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. A good turn-up please.—J. L. Garner-Hayward, Hon. Gen. Sec. 535

DEVON GUILD. — Mid-Devon Branch.—Brixham (8), Saturday, July 20th. Names for tea required.—A. L. Bennett, Cornerways, Buckfastleigh. 539

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Monthly meeting, Alvaston, Derby (by invitation). Saturday, July 20th. Bells 3. Tea 5. Names to B. R. Manning, 28 Thorndike Avenue, Alvaston, Derby. 41 and 43 bus from Market.—B. A. Sollis, Hon. Sec. 551

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Great Staughton (6), Sat., July 20th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Service 6 p.m.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 568

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting at Kirby-le-Soken, Saturday, July 20th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea by Wednesday, July 17th, to Mr. U. Wildney, Laurel Cottage, Kirby-le-Soken, Frinton-on-Sea. 517

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch.—Long Newton (6), 2.30. Tetbury (8), 6, Saturday, July 20th. Service Tetbury 4.30. Names for tea by Thursday, to H. Heath, 89, London Road, Chippenham. 537

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Wickwar (6), July 20th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify for tea by July 17th.—Mary Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall. 544

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Bentley (6) on Saturday, July 20th, from 6 to 9 p.m.—C. J. Beadle, Hon. Dis. Sec. 534

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Salehurst, July 20th, 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to the Proprietor, New Eight Bells Hotel, Robertsbridge.—Geo. Billenness, 3, Grasmere Terrace, Hawkhurst, Kent. 559

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—Combined practice, Church Stretton, Saturday, July 20th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Teas G. Randle, Ashford, nr. Ludlow. 557

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, Saturday, July 20th, North Mymms (8 bells) a 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—S. Huckle, Dis. Sec. 548

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—Meeting at Leigh on Saturday, July 20th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m.. Tea (2/6) 5 p.m. Names for tea, with cash, please, to Miss D. Colgate, 38, Buckhurst Avenue, Sevenoaks, by Tuesday, July 16th. 529

LADIES GUILD. — Midland District. — Meeting at Matlock on Saturday, July 20th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m Tea 5 p.m. Names *must* be sent by July 16th to Mrs. B. A. Bennett, 28, Warwick Road, Littlethorpe, nr. Narborough, Leics. 546

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District.—Meeting, Hawkshead, July 20th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names to R. Shuttleworth, Hawkshead Hill, Ambleside. 567

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—Ringing meeting, St. Michael's, Flixton. 3 p.m. July 20th. Cups of tea provided. All welcome.—R. Benson. 565

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District. — Meeting at Misterton, July 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at Lutterworth.—L. W. Allen, Hon. Sec. 543

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD and LADIES' GUILD.—A joint meeting of the Gainsborough District and the Lincs Branch of the Ladies' Guild will be held at Owston Ferry on Saturday, July 20th. Bells afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Tea for those who notify me by previous Tuesday.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 518

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, July 20th, St. Mary Magdalene, Holloway (8) 3-5 p.m. Tea, own arrangements. Meeting in belfry 6 p.m. and further ringing. A good attendance requested. Everyone welcome. — L. Bullock. 545

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Evening meeting at St. Mary's, Stanwell, Saturday, July 20th. Ringing from 6.30 p.m. onwards.—F. A. Finch. 549

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South Norfolk Branch.—Interim meeting, Sat. July 20th, East Harling. Bells 3 p.m. Short service 4.15. Tea at 'White House,' 5 p.m. Names for tea please to Dr. Paul Jonason, White House, East Harling, Norwich. 528

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will be held at Oxford on Saturday, July 20th. Service in the Cathedral at 11 a.m. Meeting in the Chapter House, 12 noon. Lunch in the dining hall of Christ Church at 1.30 p.m. Luncheon tickets, 6s. each, must be obtained before Tuesday, July 16th, from Mr. A. D. Barker, Cambridge. Wexham, Slough, Bucks. Ringing arrangements: Merton 3 to 4 p.m., St. Thomas' 3.30 to 4.30, Marston 3.30 to 4.30, St. Giles' 3.45 to 4.45, Magdalen 4 to 5, Cowley St. James' 4.30 to 5.30, St. Mary Magdalen 5 to 6, New College 5 to 6, Carfax 5.30 to 6.30, St. Ebbe's 5.30 to 6.30, Iffley 5.30 to 6.30, All Saints' 6 to 7, Wolvercote 6.30 to 7.30, Christ Church 10 to 11, 7 to 8, Radley 7.30 to 8.30.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oundle Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Elton (5) at 3 p.m., Saturday, July 20th. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to Mrs. Clarke, 7, Bassett Place, Oundle. 547

PETERBOROUGH GUILD. — Wellingborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Stanwick (6) on Saturday, July 20th. Names for tea by previous Tuesday to A. Bigley, Hon. Branch Sec., 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough, Wellingborough. 524

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, July 20th, Shrewton. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business. Durrington also available evening. Names for tea by July 16th, please.—Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 511

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Meeting at Loders, Saturday, July 20th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea. Names for tea by Monday, 15th.—Mrs. Pannell, 35, Clay Lane, Beaminster. 555

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Monthly meeting, Howden, Saturday, July 20th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. (moderate charge). Please send names to Mr. E. A. Newham, 31, Pinfold Street, Howden, Goole, on or before July 18th.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 570

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Saxmundham District. —Meeting at Leiston (8) on Saturday, July 20th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Friday, July 19th, please, to Alan R. Bridges, Post Office, Theberton, Leiston. Phone: Leiston 57. 497

SURREY ASSOCIATION and GUILDFORD GUILD (Leatherhead District).—Combined practice meeting at Betchworth (8) and Buckland (6) on Saturday, July 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by July 17th to A. Streeter, 4, Maple Road, Earlswood. 495

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Hurstpierpoint (8), Sat., July 20th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., White Horse Inn. Please notify by Wed., 17th July.—Geo. North, 11, Richmond Terrace, Brighton. 521

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD. — Diamond Jubilee Festival at the Cathedral, Saturday, July 20th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m.; preacher, the Subdean; followed by tea (2s.). Ringers may climb the central tower, also view the plate and other treasures in the crypt. Other towers: Kenwyn (8), Kea (8), 5.30 to 7.30; Perranarworthal, Stithians and St. Erme (each 6); St. Clement (4). Replies by Tuesday, July 16th, to Rev. H. Trewhella, Crantock, Newquay. 462

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. —Andover District.—Quarterly meeting, Woolton Hill (6), Saturday, July 20th. Bells 2.30, Service 3.30. Tea 5, in Parish Room. Names for tea *important* to G. K. Dodd, Ball Hill, Woolton Hill, nr. Newbury, by previous Tuesday. Highclere (8) after tea.—G. K. Dodd, Hon. Sec. 554

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting at Havant, July 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Names for tea to Miss Marshall, 'Springfield,' Rectory Lane, Havant, by Tuesday, July 16th. 553

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Meeting, July 20th, at Kirkby Wiske, (nr. Thirsk). Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. Bashforth, Kirkby Wiske, by Thursday, July 18th.—Edward Hudson, Hon. Sec. 541

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Derby District.—Monthly meeting, July 27th, at Doveridge. Bells 3 p.m. Please bring own tea. All welcome.—V. M. Horton, Sec. 542

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Canterbury District) and LADIES GUILD (Kent Branch).—Joint meeting Petham, July 27th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 2/-, names for tea, with cash please, to Mr. A. Jarvis, 4, Town Road, Petham, Canterbury, not later than Wed., July 24th. Special coach leaves St. George's Bus Station, Canterbury, 3 sharp: to reserve seat, card to 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury, as early as possible. Ladies, please note change of date and venue.—Mrs. W. Dobbie and B. J. Luck, Hon. Secs. 540

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Quarterly meeting, Shoreham, Saturday, July 27th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, 2/-, not later than Tuesday, 23rd, to A. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere. 558

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—Meeting at Caistor (6), July 27th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by July 24th to Mr. T. Richards, Nettleton Road, Caistor, Lincs. 562

MAIDSTONE GRAMMAR SCHOOLS' SOCIETY.—Meeting at Biddenden on Saturday, July 27th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. and after tea. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Members welcome, nonmembers cordially invited.—Pamela J. Butcher, Sec. 552

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch.—Interim meeting at Castleacre on Saturday, July 27th. Bells (6) 2.30., Service 4.30. Tea at 5.—C. Tovell, Branch Sec. 563

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Beenham on Saturday, July 27th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Aldermaston bells available 6 p.m. Please send names for tea to Mr. Wallace, 12, Stoney Fields, Beenham, nr. Reading, by previous Wednesday. 538

OBITUARY

MR. CYRIL SYDNEY WEST

All who knew Mr. Cyril West well will be sorry to hear of his passing at the age of 45 years, on May 14th at the Royal Marsden Hospital, London. He had suffered more or less for the last 18 months.

Cyril West was a native of Petersfield, and learned to ring at St. Peter's Church under the tuition of Mr. W. J. Read, a local tailor. He was then only 14 years of age and showed great keenness and was one of the young band who toured the countryside on bicycles teaching ringers and ringing peals, chiefly of Doubles. He subsequently rang peals in the Standard Methods of Minor and Triples.

Some 20 years ago Cyril West moved to Midhurst, Sussex, where he worked for a local firm of solicitors. Up to the time of his illness he rang regularly at Easebourne Church. During World War II he served six years in the R.A.F. and was awarded the B.E.M. for meritorious service. He was secretary of the Midhurst Chamber of Trade, clerk to Easebourne Parish Council and secretary of Midhurst Club.

On the evening of the funeral his ringing colleagues rang the bells at Easebourne muffled to his memory.

C. E. B.

MR. ALBERT CRAWLEY

On June 22nd, one of the most prominent ringers in Cheshire, Mr. Albert Crawley, passed quietly to his rest at the home of his daughter at Welford, Rugby. He was 78. Incidentally, June 22nd was the day of the newly formed Railwaymen's Guild's first annual meeting; Mr. Crawley had been a railwayman ringer for over 60 years.

He commenced his ringing at Christ Church, Crewe, under Richard T. Holding about 1897; his ringing was, however, interrupted by the South African War, where he went with the then Crewe Railway Engineers. On his return in 1902, he rang his first peal, Grandsire Triples, on 'the old eight,' and eventually rang 272 peals in almost every method on five to 12 bells.

Albert was a very capable ringer and was in great demand. He had rung on some of the finest rings in the country, among them being Gresford (one of the seven wonders of Wales), St. Clement Danes' (of Oranges and Lemons fame), St. Nicholas', Great Yarmouth, and St. Nicholas', Liverpool. The last three were destroyed by enemy action. 'Oranges and Lemons' are being restored; Liverpool's are ringing again, one of the most modern rings of 12 in the country, and probably the finest.

For 25 years he rang at Christ Church, Crewe, leaving to become tower Captain at Wistaston in 1924, where he rang in all of the 77 peals rung at St. Mary's. He gave up ringing when he lost the use of his right arm; he rang his last peal in 1955, but attended services and practices.

He was a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, the Chester Guild and nine other ringing associations. He taught many youngsters in his time.

Practically all Branches of the Chester Guild, also towers in the Crewe Branch were represented at the funeral.

'This is all': 'Stand.'—God grant him rest.

F. S.

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SHOREDITCH, E.—At St. Leonard's, on June 23rd, 1,311 Stedman Sinques: T. H. Francis (cond.) 1, Miss E. A. G. Grime (first quarter of Stedman Cinques) 2, Mrs. R. F. Deal 3, I. H. Oram 4, C. A. Hughes 5, A. P. Cave 6, A. R. Ling 7, R. J. Bowden 8, R. F. Deal 9, B. F. Baker 10, J. Phillips 11, P. W. Cave 12. For Evensong.

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THE COLLEGE OF CAMPANOLOGY

MAYBE there are some readers who, on once more seeing this title, will feel that this organisation has already had sufficient space in the columns of this paper, but, following the debate of the Central Council, the time seems opportune to attempt an unbiased assessment of the College and its activities.

That there is a need for text books of instruction in our Art is evident from the requests to the Librarian for such publications. Indeed, the Council, conscious of its duty in this respect, set up at Leicester in 1956 a Committee whose terms of reference were the compilation of a book for beginners. Opinion in the Council was that the greater need existed in this direction and it is hoped that the manuscript will shortly be ready for the printers. A companion publication for instructors has not, we feel sure, been forgotten and possibly the same committee will be asked to continue their work along these lines.

However, great imagination is not required to appreciate that the present publication can serve a dual purpose in that it can be used by instructors as a most helpful addition to practical instruction.

The College of Campanology has produced a manual of which Part 1 has appeared in 'The Ringing World.' The principal of the College stated that he would welcome suggestions for improvements to the manual from any source, but it is to be regretted that his reactions to criticism leaves much to be desired.

Some criticism may have been flippant, but J. P. F. in his article headed 'A good idea — but' put forward some sound advice only to be severely taken to task under the title 'Fair enough.' This last by A. Y.-B. was far removed from its title in several instances, although one is reluctant at this stage to take up space in recriminations which invariably lead nowhere.

Two motions dealing with the College of Campanology were included in the Chelmsford agenda, for whilst the College was not named in the first there was no doubt that it was towards the College that the motion was directed. The mover of the first motion suggested that the Council should be the body to decide whether or not a College of Campanology be established. Since when has the Council had authority to dictate such a course? As will be seen from the report of one Association meeting where the Council's deliberations were discussed, the opinion was forcibly expressed that with the exception of that part of the second motion dealing with 'The Ringing World,' both motions were outside the province of the Council. We feel that the Council certainly has no power to prevent the formation of any organisation in the ringing field, although it can, if it so desires, withhold its recognition of the body.

In opposing the first motion, a speaker suggested that the principal of the College had focused attention on the problem of teaching ringing in the early stages. Is this not rather an exaggerated claim when one considers the books which have been available over the years, one by a member of the Council which, we believe, sold out two editions.

So far as the second motion is concerned, who can say at this stage what success or failure will attach to the College or say that it is unlikely to prove of any service to change ringing?

It is not necessary to be an advocate of the College of Campanology or any other similar organisation to say that efforts directed towards the advancement of change ringing should not be rejected out of hand as has been done by some ringers.

The concept of the College from the instructional aspect is worthy of the serious consideration of all ringers. Few will deny the problems besetting anyone in compiling a text book on ringing, and if the manual produced by the College of Campanology is good, then support will not be lacking. All material finds its proper level, and certainly this will also be the case so far as concerns the College Manual.

In conclusion, it seems appropriate at this point to inquire when the publication of the Manual can be expected. Part 1 has been seen in our columns, but Part 2 has apparently yet to see the light of day.

Might we also suggest to the authorities of the College that few have seen the College constitution, know its terms of membership, or can say what benefits are available to members.

R. S. A.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., July 4, 1957, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,
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REDVERS F. ELKINGTON	*Treble*	JOHN A. ACRES	7
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PHYLLIS POOLE	3	WILLIAM A. LACEY	9
PETER J. STANIFORTH	4	JOHN E. COOK	10
ALFRED BALLARD	5	E. ALAN JACQUES	11
SHIRLEY BURTON	6	*HERRICK B. BOWLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.
*300th peal.
Rung on the feast of St. Martin.

TEN BELL PEALS

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., July 1, 1957, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 21 cwt.

FREDERICK G. LEAKER	*Treble*	DAVID HEIGHTON	6
ELIZABETH A. G. GRIME	2	ALBERT M. TYLER	7
PATRICIA M. BOURN	3	TUDOR P. EDWARDS	8
*PATRICK J. BIRD	4	NORMAN H. COOMBES	9
F. CECIL MOGFORD	5	FRANK D. MACK	*Tenor*

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OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 6, 1957, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
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A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 30 cwt. in C sharp.

WILFRED WILLIAMS	*Treble*	JOHN PHILLIPS	6
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ARTHUR H. REED	3	MICHAEL P. MORETON	8
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EIGHT BELL PEALS

SALLE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
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DISS, NORFOLK.
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ALBERT G. HARRISON	4	CHARLES R. CATCHPOLE	*Tenor*

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*First peal in the method.

CHEDDAR, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 29, 1957, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
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FRANCIS C. MOGFORD	4	*HERBERT HARDWIDGE	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.
*First peal in the method.
Rung as a farewell to the Rev. J. T. George, also a wedding compliment to R. P. Hardwidge, son of the tenor ringer.

CHURCHILL, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 29, 1957, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (second observation). Tenor 11 cwt.

JACK KEYTE	*Treble*	BRIAN W. HALL	5
FREDERICK W. SODEN	2	JOHN J. BENFIELD	6
REGINALD H. JARVIS	3	WILLIAM J. DIXON	7
THOMAS W. TIMMS	4	PHILLIP F. COOMBES	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK W. SODEN.
The first attempt for a peal on the augmented eight.
Rung by members of the Chipping Norton Branch.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 29, 1957, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13¾ cwt. in F.

ANN MILES	*Treble*	ALAN STREETER	5
WILLIAM F. SLAUGHTER	2	ERIC H. KNAPP	6
ALFRED J. BULL	3	BRIAN A. CRACKNELL	7
*ROBIN J. ELLIOTT	4	F. ERIC ROBERTS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by BRIAN A. CRACKNELL.
*First peal at first attempt. First of Major as conductor.
The ringers of 2 and 3 have now 'circled the tower' for the first and fourth times respectively.

WEEDON BEC, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 29, 1957, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.
AT THE ROYAL FOUNDATION CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5016 SPLICED GAINSBOROUGH LITTLE BOB AND PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in F.

ERNEST G. OSLAND	*Treble*	ROBIN WILSON	5
DAWN V. ELSON	2	MALCOLM J. V. CHOWN	6
W. JOHN KINCHIN	3	VICTOR A. PERRY	7
MICHAEL F. AMOS	4	SYDNEY G. OSBORNE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. SPICE. Conducted by SYDNEY G. OSBORNE.
First peal in two Plain Major methods by all the band, on the bells, and for the Guild. Each course was rung P.P.G.P.P.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

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FAKENHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., June 30, 1957, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19¼ cwt.

JOHN R. SMITH	*Treble*	GEORGE A. COOKE	5
WALTER FORD	2	WILLIAM R. CATCHPOLE	6
HERBERT F. LASKI	3	*JOHN E. COUZENS	7
CECIL V. EBBERSON	4	TONY OWEN	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDERICK H. DEXTER. Conducted by JOHN R. SMITH.
*First peal of Major.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., July 1st, 1957, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 29 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in C.

TOM GREENACRE	*Treble*	JOHN WILSON	5
E. GREENACRE	2	LESLIE HOUGHTON	6
M. R. REED	3	WILLIAM ROSE	7
*MICHAEL GATHERCOLE	4	NORMAN V. HARDING	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN R. PRITCHARD.
Conducted by NORMAN V. HARDING.
*First peal away from the treble.
A compliment to Tom Greenacre and William Rose who have now completed 35 years as members of St. Margaret's Society.

HEYDOUR, LINCS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., July 3, 1957, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Adapted from J. F. Penning. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.

*MRS. F. W. PINCHBECK	*Treble*	*ROY STEPHENSON	5
FREDK. W. PINCHBECK	2	*J. MICHAEL SIMPSON	6
†W. RUSSELL READ	3	DENIS A. FRITH	7
PETER E. PARRY	4	†BRIAN HUNT	*Tenor*

Conducted by DENIS A. FRITH.
*First peal of Triples. †First peal of Grandsire Triples.
First peal of Grandsire Triples as conductor.

BETCHWORTH, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., July 4, 1957, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. in G sharp.

EDWARD G. L. COWARD	*Treble*	BRIAN A. CRACKNELL	5
F. ERIC ROBERTS	2	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN	6
GEORGE FRANCIS	3	RALPH BIRD	7
*ALAN STREETER	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
*First peal of Double Norwich.

DERBY.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., July 4, 1957, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

WILLIAM SIMPSON	*Treble*	ALFRED MOULD	5
FRANCIS R. LOWE	2	VIVIENNE M. HORTON	6
JACK BAILEY	3	DENIS R. CARLISLE	7
KENNETH WAGSTAFFE	4	GORDON A. HALLS	*Tenor*

Composed by EDWARD F. GOBEY. Conducted by JACK BAILEY.
Rung by Rolls-Royce, Ltd. employees.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., July 4, 1957, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5120 RICHMOND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

C. EDWARD LANCASTER	*Treble*	ALICK CUTLER	5
DENNIS KNOX	2	*THOMAS J. LOCK	6
JOHN L. MORRIS	3	ALFRED J. HOUSE	7
BRIAN BLADON	4	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Composed by RICHARD F. B. SPEED. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
*150th peal on the bells. 350th peal on the bells. First peal in the method.

DARESBURY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., July 5, 1957, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16¼ cwt.

SIDNEY ANTHONY	*Treble*	FREDERICK JACKSON	5
HENRY PARKER	2	WILLIAM E. ALLMAN	6
WILLIAM BIBBY	3	HARRY W. HOWARD	7
CECIL RADDON	4	WALTER ALLMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WALTER ALLMAN.
First peal for the treble ringer since 1938.
Rung half-muffled for the local tower master, Mr. Stanley Booth, whose funeral took place during the week.

ARDLEIGH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 6, 1957, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 GAINSBOROUGH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13¼ cwt. in F.

MRS. LESLIE D. MILLS	*Treble*	ALLEN W. CANSDALE	5
DONALD L. MILLS	2	URBAN W. WILDNEY	6
EVELYN R. CANSDALE	3	LESLIE D. MILLS	7
EDWARD E. DAVEY	4	HARRY J. MILLATT	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by HARRY J. MILLATT.
First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the Essex Association. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the seventh.

BREWOOD, STAFFORDSHIRE
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., July 6, 1957, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND CHAD,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 12lb. in D.

ROGER HAWKESWORTH	*Treble*	ARTHUR PRITCHARD	5
DENNIS BERESFORD	2	EDMUND MALIN	6
JOAN BERESFORD	3	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON	7
RICHARD J. WARRILOW	4	LEONARD TREVOR	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by LEONARD TREVOR.

BROADCLYST, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., July 6, 1957, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

FREDERICK WREFORD	*Treble*	BRIAN PIDGEON	5
MRS. C. W. POWELL	2	WILLIAM YATES	6
ROGER KEELEY	3	HENRY G. KEELEY	7
NORMAN MALLETT	4	G. STEDMAN MORRIS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by G. STEDMAN MORRIS.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 6, 1957, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

ALAN A. POTTS	*Treble*	EDWARD JENKINS	5
BASIL JONES	2	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER	6
*BRIAN HARRIS	3	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	7
JOHN WORTH	4	PETER LAFLIN	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
*First peal of Bristol Surprise Major.

COLEMAN'S HATCH, SUSSEX
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., July 7, 1957, in 3 Hours
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt 2 qr. 2 lb. in G.

WILLIAM ROGERS	*Treble*	E. WINIFRED KEYS	5
ROGER BALDWIN	2	FRANK H. HICKS	6
S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT	3	*ARTHUR J. HART	7
ROBIN G. LEALE	4	WILLIAM T. BEESON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. MIDDLETON. Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.
*First peal in the method 'inside.'

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

CROMER, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., June 27, 1957, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being four 720's of Plain Bob, two of Oxford T.B. and one of Kent T.B. Tenor 12 cwt.

John R. Smith	*Treble*	Derrick W. Pardon	4
Raymond W. Balls	2	*William R. Catchpole	5
N. John A. Pumphrey	3	William H. Holdom	*Tenor*

Conducted by John R. Smith.

*50th peal.

Rung for the Patronal Festival and for the tenth anniversary of the induction of the Vicar, the Rev. D. T. Dick.

BLO' NORTON, NORFOLK
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 29, 1957, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 8 six-scores each of Reverse Canterbury and St. Simon's, 9 of St. Martin's, 1 of Grandsire and 16 of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. in B flat.

Charles R. Catchpole	*Treble*	C. Frank W. Phillippo	3
*Wilfred G. Saunders	2	Paul D. T. Cattermole (15)	4
Frank C. J. Arnold	*Tenor*		

Conducted by Paul D. T. Cattermole.

*100th peal. First as conductor. Rung on the Feast of St. Peter and as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Lilian A. Cattermole, grandmother of the conductor.

STANTON LACY, SHROPSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 29, 1957, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being ten extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob and Plain Bob, and 22 of Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt. 12 lb.

*Reginald Herbert	*Treble*	Leslie Evans	4
Jean Hutton	2	Desmond Ferguson	5
Laurence T. Mainwaring	3	Harvey Sherry	*Tenor*

Conducted by Desmond Ferguson.

*First peal away from a cover bell.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 29, 1957, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Oxford Bob and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb. in B.

*John E. Adams	*Treble*	Frank Ollier	4
J. Derek Smith	2	R. Anthony Trickett	5
Herbert Sutton	3	John E. Brough	*Tenor*

Conducted by John E. Brough.

*First peal of Minor.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Albert Crawley, tower captain at Wistaston from 1924–1954.

INGATESTONE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., July 1, 1957, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Mary and Edmund.
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

In 13 methods, viz.: (1) Cambridge and Primrose, (2) Chester and Munden, (3) York and Durham, (4) Lightfoot and Wearmouth, (5) London and Wells, (6) Beverley and Surfleet, (7) Ipswich and Cambridge. Tenor 12 cwt.

*Peter Wilsher	*Treble*	Peter J. Came	4
*Mary Dowsett	2	†Howard W. Egglestone	5
*Brian J. Howard	3	Joe E. G. Roast	*Tenor*

Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.

*First peal in 13 Spliced Surprise. †First peal in 13 Spliced Surprise 'inside.'

SPONDON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., July 1, 1957, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Werburgh,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob, and four extents of Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in G.

Francis R. Lowe	*Treble*	†Alan J. Salsbury	4
*Derek P. Jones	2	Gordon A. Halls	5
Patricia A. M. Forster	3	Denis R. Carlisle	*Tenor*

Conducted by Gordon A. Halls.

*225th peal. †First peal. The treble ringer has now 'circled the tower.'

LANGLEYBURY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., July 2, 1957, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Paul,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in 8 methods, as follows: (1) 432 London and 288 Wells, with 12 changes of method; (2) York; (3) Durham; (4) Beverley; (5) Surfleet; (6) Cambridge; (7) Norwich. Tenor 8 cwt. 13 lb. in A.

John R. Mayne	*Treble*	Kenneth R. Dunstan	4
William Wenban	2	Brian Bladon	5
Ralph Bird	3	Phillip Mehew	*Tenor*

Conducted by John R. Mayne.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE SOUTHAMPTON UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Tues., July 2, 1957, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents called differently. Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

*Ann Lewin, B.A.	*Treble*	Isobel Inman, B.A.	4
Paul W. M. Jones, B.A.	2	M. White, B.Sc., F.R.G.S.	5
M. E. L. Beamish, B.Sc.	3	Raymond Finch, B.Sc.	*Tenor*

Conducted by Margaret E. L. Beamish.

*First peal and first attempt. First peal for the Guild.

Rung by members of the Guild on their graduation this term.

BRANSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., July 5, 1957, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

C.C.C. Nos. 28, 29, 49, 50, 51, 54, 55.
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

*William E. Green	*Treble*	John F. Pearson	4
*Gerald T. Speed	2	*Allan Brummitt	5
Amos Ingall	3	Louis Willders	*Tenor*

Conducted by Louis Willders.

*First peal of Bob Minor. First peal in the method on the bells.

Rung by a Sunday service band to celebrate the birth of a daughter to the wife of the second ringer.

BUXTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 6, 1957, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12¼ cwt. in F sharp.

Herbert G. Smithson	*Treble*	Derick W. Pardon	4
Walter C. Medler	2	Douglas E. Rust Andrews	5
*Peggy Williamson	3	William R. Catchpole	*Tenor*

Conducted by William R. Catchpole.

* First peal of Minor.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Brian E. Mason (local ringer) and Sylvia E. Norton, married this day at St. Botolph's Church, Hevingham.

CLAPTON-IN-GORDANO, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 6, 1957, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Oxford Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise, two of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

Frank D. Mack	*Treble*	Patricia M. Bourn	4
David Heighton	2	Alan F. Lee	5
Tudor P. Edwards	3	Roger O. Fry	*Tenor*

Conducted by Roger O. Fry.

COTTESMORE, RUTLAND.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 6, 1957, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in eight methods: (1) Oxford Bob and Single Court Spliced (2) Double Oxford, (3) Double Court, (4) St. Clement's, (5) Kent Treble Bob, (6) Oxford Treble Bob, (7) Bob Minor. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 lb. in F.

Ronald Russell	*Treble*	Leonard G. Thompson	4
Percy D. Baldock	2	*Louis Willders	5
Amos Ingall	3	*James H. Musson	*Tenor*

Conducted by James H. Musson.

*25th peal together.

A birthday compliment to Lucy E. Musson, wife of the conductor.

EASTON-IN-GORDANO, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 6, 1957, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent of Oxford Treble Bob and two each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 21¼ cwt. in E flat.

PATRICIA M. BOURN	*Treble*	DAVID HEIGHTON	4
*ALAN F. LEE	2	TUDOR P. EDWARDS	5
*FRANK D. MACK	3	ROGER O. FRY	*Tenor*

Conducted by PATRICIA M. BOURN.
* First peal in four methods of Minor.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 6, 1957, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being 36 methods spliced into seven extents: (1) Balmoral, Fotheringay, Chepstow, Skipton and Dover Delight; (2) Wilmslow, Bogedone, Rostherne, Knutsford and Ely Delight; (3) Combermere, Vale Royal, Crowland, St. Werburgh and Abbeyville Delight; (4) Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure, Sandal, Capel and Oxford Treble Bob; (5) Norbury, College Exercise, Duke of Norfolk, Ockley and Morning Star Treble Bob; (6) Wragby, St. Albans, Neasden, Charlwood and Braintree Delight; (7) Willesden, College Bob IV, Old Oxford, Newdigate, Marple and Taxal Delight. Tenor 12 cwt. 10 lb. in F sharp.

FRANK OSBALDISTON	*Treble*	ROBERT SMITH	4
BERNARD GROVES	2	WILLIAM A. SMITH	5
ALAN MCFALL	3	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.
First peal in 36 methods by all the band. The most methods yet rung to a peal for the Association.

LYDIARD MILLICENT, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 6, 1957, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of 42 extents in 30 methods, each having its own plain course, being two extents each of Uffington, Stowe Place, Datchet, St. Alphege, St. Andrew, St. Gregory, Union Bob, St. Faith's S.C., St. Julian, Reverse New Bob, Reverse Huntspill, Reverse St. Vedast, and one extent each of Reverse Plain Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob, Westminster II, Blackburn Place, St. Hilary, New Bob, Huntspill, St. Vedast, St. Nicholas, St. Remigius, Winchendon Place, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Osmund, Reverse Canterbury, Grandsire and Stedman. Tenor 10 cwt. in A.

VICTOR GRIFFIN	*Treble*	ERIC SUTTON	4
FRANCIS G. WILTON	2	ANTHONY R. PEAKE	5
RAYMOND C. WESTNEY	3	THOMAS R. COLLINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.
The greatest number of methods to a peal by all the band on the bells and for the Association.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. W. H. Trueman, Ringing Master of the Swindon Branch, on his election as Master of the Association.

NORTHREPPS, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 6, 1957, in 3 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's and Childwall, Thelwall and Double Oxford, Kent and Oxford T.B., Double Court, Plain Bob. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

WILLIAM H. HOLDOM	*Treble*	C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO	4
FRANK C. J. ARNOLD	2	GEORGE SAYER	5
WILFRED G. SAUNDERS	3	JOHN R. SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. SMITH.

PINHOE, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., July 6, 1957, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt.

CYRIL SAVAGE	*Treble*	ROBERT T. PERRY	4
*JUDITH ADDENBROOKE	2	SIDNEY SKINNER	5
L. KENNETH DAWE	3	JOHN L. S. GLANVILL	*Tenor*

Conducted by SIDNEY SKINNER.
*First peal.

WESTON-IN-GORDANO, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 6, 1957, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Oxford and Cambridge Surprise, two of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

ALAN F. LEE	*Treble*	TUDOR P. EDWARDS	4
ROGER O. FRY	2	DAVID HEIGHTON	5
PATRICIA M. BOURN	3	FRANK D. MACK	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID HEIGHTON.

WALLASEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., July 10, 1957, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HILARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

*MARTIN B. FISHER	*Treble*	EDWIN JONES	4
MRS. C. B. PEMBERTON	2	VIVIAN T. O. BOASE	5
MARJORIE E. WEBSTER	3	CHARLES B. PEMBERTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by VIVIAN T. O. BOASE.
*First peal. First peal as conductor.
Rung as a farewell to Canon J. R. Spencer, for 15 years rector of this parish.

HANDBELL PEALS

WHITWORTH PARK, MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., June 24, 1957, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
AT WESTON HOUSE.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 15 in C.

WILFRED L. ROBINSON	1—2	FREDK. WM. GROCOTT	5—6
DEREK OGDEN	3—4	ROBIN G. TURNER	7—8
		*LESLIE BOUMPHREY	9—10

Composed by J. W. F. TROTMAN. Conducted by FREDK. WM. GROCOTT.
*100th peal.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., July 1, 1957, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
AT TRENTWOOD.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

MRS. J. BRAY	1—2	JOHN FREEMAN	5—6
GEORGE E. FEIRN	3—4	JACK BRAY	7—8

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.
First peal as conductor in the method 'in hand.'

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., July 1, 1957, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,
AT NO. 29.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

*SHIRLEY M. PARSONS	1—2	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON	5—6
DAVID J. MARSHALL	3—4	*CYRIL A. WRATTEN	7—8

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.
*First peal of Major 'in hand.'

SURBITON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., July 3, 1957, in 2 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT 104, BERESFORD AVENUE, TOLWORTH.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor size 13 in E flat.

*ANNE C. GARNETT	1—2	ROBIN G. LEALE	3—4
		MICHAEL P. MORETON	5—6

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.
*First peal. The 50th handbell peal for the Association.

URMSTON, MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., July 4, 1957, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,
AT 302, STRETFORD ROAD.
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

DEREK OGDEN	1—2	FREDK. WM. GROCOTT	5—6
WILFRED L. ROBINSON	3—4	ROBIN G. TURNER	7—8

Composed by J. COX. Conducted by FREDK. WM. GROCOTT.
First peal of Surprise on handbells by all the band and for the association.

BARKBY, LEICS.—On June 27th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): K. Robinson (first quarter) 1, W. Illston 2, C. Lowe 3, T. Earby 4, E. F. Payne (cond.) 5, A. James 6. Rung to celebrate the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Flowers, both ringers at this church.

BEXHILL-ON-SEA, SUSSEX.—On July 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Cynthia Matthews (first quarter) 1, Joan Downing 2, Audrey Eldridge 3, Daphne Lester 4, Daphne Pankhurst 5, J. Downing (cond.) 6, C. E. Verdon 7, C. Pilbeam 8. Rung half-muffled in affectionate remembrance of Frederick Smith, verger 1911–1953, who was laid to rest this day.

BRILL, BUCKS.—On June 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Cuss 1, Angela Greenway 2, E. G. Jones 3, A. Crozier 4, C. H. Kinch (cond.) 5, J. Hadland (first quarter) 6. Rung for the Confirmation service conducted by the Bishop of Oxford (the Rt. Rev. H. J. Carpenter, D.D.).

CANTERBURY, KENT.—On July 2nd, at St. Dunstan's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Divers 1, A. Butler 2, B. J. Luck 3, J. Stockbridge 4, D. Chatfield (cond.) 5, E. Codd 6. Rung on the golden wedding day of the Rev. and Mrs. P. Lewis; also a 93rd birthday compliment to Mr. A. H. Sayer, until recently a ringer at this church.

CARLTON COLVILLE, SUFFOLK.—On July 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. B. Gorrod (first quarter) 1, P. G. Tovell 2, M. J. Stokes 3, R. T. Tovell 4, T. N. J. Bailey (cond.) 5. First 'inside' for 2 and 4. Rung in thankfulness for the completion of the fund for the bells, which were rehung in September, 1956.

CHELSFIELD, KENT.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. George 1, J. Pannell 2, J. Martin 3, J. Parker 4, D. Mawger (cond.) 5, A. Smith 6. For Evensong.

COWLEY, OXON.—On July 7th, 1,260 Doubles (240 Reverse Canterbury, 480 Plain Bob, 540 Grandsire): Mrs. W. Holloway 1, Mrs. L. Busby 2, W. Holloway (cond.) 3, W. Fern 4, D. Norris 5, A. Bennett 6. A welcome to the Rev. C. M. Henley, B.A., who was ordained deacon the previous Sunday.

CRANFORD, MIDDLX.—On July 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Joyce Maynard 1, Eileen M. Ricketts 2, June Richardson 3, Barbara Marchant 4, J. Chilcott (cond.) 5, Susan Parker 6. First quarter for ringers of treble and tenor, and first 'inside' for 3 and 4.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.—On June 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. V. Johnson 1, J. Gasson 2, R. Simpson 3, G. S. Deas 4, J. Jeffrey 5, J. Herbeque 6, F. Godsmark (cond.) 7, S. Brett 8. Rung especially for the ringer of 4, a visitor from Newcastle. For evening service.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCS.—On June 30th, 1,264 Bob Major: K. Newby (first quarter) 1, W. T. Turner 2, W. Wall 3, F. Forshaw 4, V. Forshaw 5, R. Suart 6, N. M. Newby (cond.) 7, T. Metcalfe 8. For Evensong.

DRONFIELD, DERBYS.—On June 21st, 1,264 Little Bob Major: H. O. Chaddock 1, Miss M. Archer (first in method) 2, Miss E. Wardill 3, J. Seager 4, J. I. L. Gilbert (cond.) 5, C. Rusby 6, I. M. Holland 7, G. K. Chaddock 8. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Chapman after failing to ring a peal due to a broken rope

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.—On May 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (10 callings): J. Warner 1, E. J. Jenner 2, E. C. Leigh 3, D. E. Leigh 4, F. Pannell 5, S. Jenner (cond.) 6, N. V. Greenaway 7. 5 and 7 covering. For Ascension Day Evensong.

FARNHAM ROYAL, BUCKS.—On July 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (1, 2 leading): S. Stewart (first quarter) 1, J. Lyon (first quarter) 2, M. Limmer 3, Miss R. Lund 4, A. Birch 5, W. Henley (cond.) 6, B. Matthews 7, A. R. Gale 8. For evening service for the finish of the parish week festival.

FINCHLEY, MIDDLX.—On June 23rd, 1,264 Grandsire Triples: A. Warren 1, F. Barker 2, Miss B. Marsh 3, A. Goodall 4, L. Tubb 5, M. Carter 6, B. Willis (cond.) 7, A. Richardson 8. First in method for 3 and 6. For Evensong. Also on July 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Richardson 1, F. Barker (cond.) 2, A. Warren 3, A. Goodall 4, Miss G. Icke 5, M. Carter 6, L. Tubb 7, F. Tubb 8. For Evensong, and as a 72nd birthday compliment to Mr. F. Tubb, who has been a Finchley ringer for over 50 years.

QUARTER PEALS

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—On July 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jennifer Young 1, Monica Collins 2, Joan Beazley 3, E. Etheridge 4, Ann M. Cox 5, L. Luing 6. Rung to celebrate the 21st birthday of the 3rd ringer.

HANDSWORTH, BIRMINGHAM.—On July 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. C. Willday 1, Miss D. J. Perrins 2, Miss E. M. Yardley 3, P. Beresford 4, R. H. C. Johnson 5, C. M. Smith 6, A. N. Stubbs (cond.) 7, R. L. Bond 8. First on eight bells for 1, 5, 7, and 8. Rung before a service to mark the culmination of the parochial effort towards the Bishop of Birmingham's jubilee appeal.

HAWKLEY, HANTS.—On June 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. H. Hunt (cond.) 1, Mrs. B. M. Hunt 2, J. A. G. Ball 3, A. York Bramble 4, C. A. Pound 5, A. Betsworth (first of Triples 'inside') 6, H. Gauntlett 7, E. K. Jordan 8. Rung for the wedding of Miss Janet Blackah (a former ringer at Hawkley) to Mr. Derek Pitman.

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HENDON, MIDDLX.—On July 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Hurlstone 1, J. Maltby 2, Miss R. M. Foreman 3, M. King 4, G. Elliss (first as cond.) 5, H. W. Barnard 6. Rung in honour of St. Mary's patronal festival and 250th anniversary of founding of St. Mary's Church Schools.

HEYWOOD, LANCS.—On June 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Crabtree 1, P. J. H. Hudson 2, R. Maher 3, Mrs. P. J. H. Hudson 4, J. P. Partington 5, G. S. Mills (cond.) 6, T. Hurst (first quarter) 7, W. Chadwick 8. First quarter by local band. Rung on the front six with 7–8 covering for Evensong.

HORRINGER, SUFFOLK.—On June 30th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: W. Standard (cond.) 1, F. Cooper 2, A. Fever 3, L. Nice 4, J. Kerry 5, E. Nice 6, F. Buckle 7, J. Banks 8. For morning service.

IXWORTH, SUFFOLK.—On July 4th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: H. Ivings 1, H. King 2, K. G. Brown (cond.) 3, E. Bishop 4, L. Sharpe 5, L. Melton 6. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Mrs. Cartwright, a great church worker of St. Mary's Church.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—On June 30th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: G. Marriner 1, Miss P. Smee 2, A. H. Winch 3, G. Peters 4, B. Hawkins 5, A. S. Harris 6, A. J. Smith (cond.) 7, A. H. Smith 8. Rung as a farewell to the conductor, who sailed for Montreal on July 3rd. His first quarter as conductor.

LEYTON, ESSEX.—On June 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. R. Randall 1, T. H. Taffender 2, Miss D. A. Deverell 3, L. Battley 4, C. W. Ottley 5, L. W. Bullock 6, E. D. Smith (cond.) 7, J. Hales 8. For Evensong.

LYMINSTER, SUSSEX.—On July 2nd, 1,260 Bob Doubles and Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. H. Hunt (first quarter) 1, Miss P. Jones (first quarter) 2, H. Hunt 3, C. Shepherd 4, E. Treagus (cond.) 5, J. Baker 6.

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME, STAFFS.—At St. Giles' Church, on July 7th, 1,080 Plain Bob Minor: T. E. Hancock 1, E. Kettle 2, M. Brown 3, B. Ryles 4, A. Gaunt 5, R. S. Anderson (cond.) 6.

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On June 30th, 1,260 Minor (360 Kent Treble Bob, 360 Oxford Treble Bob, 540 Plain Bob): C. Bingham 1, Miss D. Hyams 2, Miss J. Evans 3, H. King 4, J. McPhail 5, W. Wedlock (cond.) 6. Rung before Matins as a birthday compliment to Miss Hyams and J. McPhail.

NUTFIELD, SURREY.—On July 7th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: Valerie Hawkins (first quarter) 1, Nancy Kempsell 2, Freda Hankey 3, A. Streeter 4, G. Olliver (cond.) 5, A. R. C. Clarke 6. First in the method by all the band. For Evensong.

PARRAMATTA, N.S.W., AUSTRALIA.—On April 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Polain 1, Pat Roche 2, P. Gates 3, W. M. Rowe (cond.) 4, R. Ferris 5, T. Howell 6. First quarter for 1 and 3. First 'inside' for 2.

PENARTH, GLAM.—On June 27th, at the Church of St. Augustine of Canterbury, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. F. R. Hartley 1, A. M. Coombs (cond.) 2, E. J. R. Hartley 3, J. Wallace (first quarter) 4, N. A. James 5, R. Escott 6. Rung for the first Evensong of the patronal festival.

PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.—On July 6th, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. W. Burnett 1, A. Mears 2, E. K. Jordan 3, A. Page 4, F. S. Taylor 5, R. G. Blackman 6, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 7, A. E. Hoodless 8.

REDHILL, SURREY.—On June 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (on back six): Miss F. Illman 1, Miss B. Saggers 2, Miss F. Hankey 3, A. R. C. Clarke 4, A. Streeter (cond.) 5, H. Coomber 6. For Evensong, and also as a farewell to Mr. K. Matthews, who has gone to Kenya.

SHARESHILL, STAFFS.—On June 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Mullard 1, E. Malin 2, H. Butler 3, P. J. Rigby 4, J. A. Anderson 5, J. Allen (cond.) 6. First of Minor for 1 and 3. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. W. E. Walkerdine, who has retired after 32 years as Vicar of this parish.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On July 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Miss V. Hoby (aged 12, first quarter) 1, Miss S. Wickenden 2, Miss P. Jervis (first 'inside') 3, Miss J. Adamson 4, B. T. Lister 5, M. E. Downs (first of Triples) 6, W. Birmingham (cond.) 7, E. L. A. Hudson 8.

STAMFORD HILL, N.—At St. Ann's Church, on June 30th, 1,260 Double Court Minor: H. Howson 1, Miss P. Rowe 2, Miss L. Hawes 3, Miss F. Secker 4, E. J. Rowe 5, B. Bladon (cond.) 6. First in method by all except conductor. Also on July 7th, 1,260 Doubles (an extent each of New, Plain, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Osmund's, St. Nicholas', Reverse Canterbury, St. Remigius', Winchendon Place, Grandsire and Stedman): Miss P. Rowe 1, M. Cubitt (cond.) 2, B. Bladon 3, M. Rowe 4, E. J. Rowe 5, F. Riddlesden 6.

STANMORE, MIDDX.—On June 25th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Mrs. C. C. Mayne 1, W. Wenban 2, Mrs. H. G. Hart 3, Miss J. M. Wilcockson 4, H. G. Hart 5, D. J. Taylor 6, J. R. Mayne (cond.) 7, A. C. Wenban 8. Rung for Confirmation service.

STORRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On July 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss A. Dovey (first quarter) 1, Miss G. Smith 2, W. Curtis 3, J. Young 4, B. Farhall (cond.) 5, Miss J. Horton 6. Rung as a compliment to Mr. F. Blunden and Mr. W. Curtis.

THARSTON, NORFOLK.—On June 27th, 1,320 Bob Doubles (4 callings): L. Hindle 1, P. M. Adcock (first as cond.) 2, A. F. Ellis 3, C. R. Catchpole 4, P. D. T. Cattermole 5. Rung as a compliment to Miss Cynthia J. Cattermole and Mr. Charles D. Macgill, married at Ipswich on Whit Saturday; also as congratulations to the sister of the 3rd ringer on giving birth to a daughter.

TILNEY ALL SAINTS, NORFOLK.—On July 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Rich 1, Freda Greaves (first of Minor) 2, P. Jermy (first quarter) 3, M. C. Gathercole 4, J. Wilson (first as cond.) 5, W. Rose 6.

WHITBY, YORKS.—On June 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Tindale 1, J. R. Waller 2, D. Elwick 3, H. Waters 4, G. W. White 5, J. Hodgson 6, S. R. Elwick (cond.) 7, F. Lamerton 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. William A. Breckon, a member of this tower for almost 50 years.

SHEFFIELD & DISTRICT SOCIETY

A somewhat disappointing number of members attended the monthly meeting of the Society, at Harthill on July 7th—the first there for several years. The young and enthusiastic local company had obviously made careful preparations for the occasion, as a result of which Harthill now possesses one of the cleanest and best decorated belfries in the district.

The bells were rung to various methods during the afternoon, before tea was taken in the Rectory grounds. Prior to the business meeting, the Rector of Harthill, the Rev. J. Bishop, welcomed the Society, and expressed his appreciation to Mr. N. Chaddock, who has spent much time and energy in training the new local band.

New members from Harthill and Rotherham were elected, and ringing was recommenced, Yorkshire Surprise Major and Stedman Triples being 'tape recorded.' I. H.

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LEEDS & DISTRICT SOCIETY

Quite a successful meeting was held at East Ardsley on June 29th in spite of a smaller attendance than usual. The bells were raised in peal shortly after 3 o'clock and ringing continued until 9 p.m., the following methods being rung, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Double Norwich, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise

The afternoon was very sultry and a great deal of sweat was expended during the ringing of the various touches.

Departing from the usual custom, the business meeting, at which two new members were elected and thanks accorded to the Vicar, churchwardens and local company, was held in the churchyard and was followed by a pleasant half hour's handbell ringing.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

With holidays and the sultry weather discouraging efforts to get to Ardeley, the meeting of the Northern District of the Herts Association was not well attended. Those who came enjoyed themselves, with tea at the Fête held in Ardeley Bury gardens, followed by a short service and business meeting. Mr. B. Thompson (Walkern), Miss J. Croft (Wymondley) and Mr. and Mrs. Harris (Barnet) were elected members.

The General Secretary had suggested that this District's meetings be changed to the first Saturday in the month, to leave one Saturday free for peal ringing. This was agreed, and the next meeting will be on September 7th, at Barley it is hoped.

The bells were rung down about 8 o'clock, after ringing many methods, including the special method, Killamarsh Treble Bob. J. S.

BARNSLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

The shield contest, held at Wentworth, near Rotherham, on June 29th was won by Meltham with 39 faults. Other placings by the judge, Mr. Harold Chant, were Friezland 43, Cawthorne 82 and Shelley 104.

The presentation took place after the business meeting, with the President, Mr. N. Moxon, in the chair. The shield was received by Mr. Fred Hodgson on behalf of the Meltham team, who said this was his sixth time as a conductor.

The next meeting of the Society is a joint one with the Yorkshire Association at Rawmarsh on August 10th. A vote of thanks was moved by Mr. A. Goldthorpe to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, to Mr. George West and the local company for making the arrangements and to the judge and marker.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Twelve towers were represented by the 40 members attending the Lewisham District meeting at Erith, when ringing was supervised by Miss Andrews, ringing master. The Vicar (Rev. K. H. Jocelyn) conducted the service, with Mr. G. Phillips as organist and Mr. E. Barnett reading the lesson.

The Vicar also presided at the business meeting which followed tea, prepared and served by wives and mothers of local ringers. Two new members were elected and there were three ratifications. Mr. A. S. Richards kindly reported on the committee meeting at Sevenoaks.

The summer meeting was fixed for Shoreham on July 27th and the invitation of the Surrey Association for a joint meeting at Banstead on October 12th accepted. (Application for party transport should be made to the Hon. Sec.)

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Another excellent number of the 'Irish Bell News' has reached us. We congratulate the editor, Mr. Fred Dukes, for giving us yet more examples of Irish humour.

Age and youth were represented in the quarter peal at Tunbridge Wells on July 7th. A. F. Wellington, who rang the fourth, is aged 80, and S. Jenner, who rang the seventh, aged 16. Both scored their first in the method.

Whilst the Allesley (Coventry) band will be missing their leader, Mr. F. W. Perrens, now on holiday in S. Africa, we are glad to see they are producing new conductors, and we congratulate David Carpenter on calling his first of Cambridge.

The whole Exercise will be pleased to learn that the King's Cup Air Race was won again by Fred Dunkerley. His enthusiasm for flying seems to be as great as for ringing. This time he was flying a Sparrow Hawk, the first jet plane to win this race.

A special service is to be held at St. Nicholas' Church, North Stoneham, Hants, on July 21st at 11 a.m., when the book and handbell case in memory of the late W. T. Tucker will be dedicated. The case has been presented by his daughter, Mrs. D. M. Brown.

A correspondent writes: 'A very big "thank you" to the North Eastern District of the Ladies' Guild members for the grand reception given to all members of the Ladies' Guild—and others—on the occasion of their annual general meeting at Newcastle on July 6th, especially to Mr. and Mrs. McGuiness for their wonderful hospitality, which was very much appreciated.'

The age of Mr. C. Smith, of Boyne Hill, is 91 years, not 71, as recently stated in this column.

Overheard in London recently:—
'I say it's in Aldgate.'
'And I say it is not in Aldgate.'
Subject: Aldgate Pump. Which is right?

We have received a card from Moscow, sent by P. W. Cave. He is attending an international conference on cables, and sends greetings to all ringing friends.

The salvage campaign, conducted by Mr. Claude Rush, is bringing in many interesting items—woollens, hessian, and even a feather bed! It has realised £68 and the fund totals £377. Unfortunately the wastepaper market is low.

West Country ringers are very proud of some of their rings of eight, particularly those in the region of 24½ cwt. in E flat. They will be interested to learn that London now possesses eight, at St. Lawrence Jewry, which compare more than favourably with their best.

Miss Ann Miles stood in the peal rung at Crawley on June 29th. She rang her bell in fine style in very hot weather, and the conductor, B. A. Cracknell, is particularly grateful to her for enabling him to score his first of Major as conductor.

The band who rang the three peals in the Gordano churches on July 6th would like to thank the local ringers for the hospitality they received, especially Mr. and Mrs. Rockett, of Easton, and Mr. and Mrs. Symes, of Weston. The cups of tea, etc., were most welcome after ringing, as the temperature was in the 80's for most of the day.

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Longford's Disused Bells

In the south of the county, not far from the Staffordshire border, about ten miles from Derby and the same from Burton, lies the ancient village of Longford.

It is a village of considerable beauty and of great antiquity, with Norman work in its church, which is set in a spacious park with great beech and yew and magnificent lime trees. The fifteenth-century tower of the Church of St. Chad rises above the imposing brick pile of Longford Hall, once the seat of the first Earl of Leicester and now the residence of a baron of Burton's staple industry.

The church abounds with treasures, including mediæval carvings and sculpture, the bowl of a Norman font rescued in recent times from use as a cattle trough, and, not least, a ring of six bells.

Hung in a massive oak frame set diagonally in the tower, the two tenors are by Hedderley of Nottingham, 1750, the third was recast by Taylor's in 1914, and the remainder are the work of Hedderley's foreman, J. M. Halton, 1721.

Reports vary as to why ringing stopped in 1924. One version is that it was abandoned when the second bell was overturned and thrown out of its bearings as a result of too long and too strong a stay. Whether this is correct or not, it is true that until within the past three years this bell was out of its bearings and must have been so for about thirty years. The bells were being 'clocked' in 1927, when, as Burton District Secretary of the old Midland Counties Association I approached the Vicar—unsuccessfully—with a view to holding a meeting there. Even this system of chiming could not have lasted long, since many years ago a ceiling, entirely devoid of rope holes, was inserted below the belfry floor.

As frequently happens when a ring of bells falls into disuse, it acquires a legendary reputation for tone. The ring of eight at All Saints', Nottingham, silent now for many years, enjoys a reputation which quite possibly it never deserved, and I can recall hearing similar opinions expressed by old Derby ringers concerning the now demolished ring at St. Werburgh's, Derby.

I often heard my old ringing master at Burton extol the merits of the Longford bells, and those of us who recently had an opportunity of hearing them agree that the old stories were not exaggerated.

On Wednesday, May 15th, ringers from the Derby and Burton district, with the writer and a few ringers from neighbouring towers who had been warned by the ringers' 'bush telegraph' that something was afoot, held an unofficial try-out of the bells. This must have been the first time they had been rung for thirty-three years. Before they could be rung a considerable amount of hard work (including the cutting of rope holes) had to be done by a volunteer fatigue party which went over in advance, armed with carpentering tools, lifting blocks (fortunately not required, as some kind friend had put the second back in its bearings), and ropes.

As the former ringers' gallery was removed when ringing stopped, the ringing on May 15th was carried out from the chamber directly under the bells, and as there was insufficient time to put it back much of the flooring taken up when rope holes were cut, the bells were inclined to be noisy inside. Outside, however, despite their being on a level with the louvres, the sound is truly beautiful. One had often heard or read of 'bells across the meadows,' 'the sound of bells in the English countryside,' and similar phrases, and one is inclined some-

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times to dismiss them with a patronising shrug, but on that lovely evening they came irresistibly to mind.

The proceedings were brought to a premature conclusion by the tenor clapper falling out and the pin becoming lost in the morass of twigs accumulated by jackdaws when they had the tower to themselves, but the ringing was sufficiently long to disperse any suggestion that the bells are unringable, and it was sufficiently good to earn a letter of appreciation from a parishioner. I think I am not alone in agreeing with the writer when he refers to 'those most lovely bells of St. Chad's Church, Longford.'

It is pleasant to learn that a movement is on foot to get these bells ringing again.

R. H. DOVE.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the Executive Council of the Irish Association of Change Ringers was held in St. Patrick's Cathedral Choir Robing Room, Dublin, on May 25th, and was attended by representatives from all districts. Mr. W. Pratt, president, was in the chair.

The following were elected to fill the various offices for the ensuing year: President, Mr. William Pratt, Holywood; Master and Librarian, Robert S. F. Murphy, Dublin; General Secretary, Fred. E. Dukes, Meadow Cottage, Julianstown, Co. Neath; Badge Secretary, J. T. Dunwoody; Editorial Committee, 'Irish Bell News,' F. E. Dukes, Editor,, Miss Jean Stewart, Mrs. F. E. Dukes and G. Bingham. Two life members were elected: R. Tait, St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, for 45 years' service to ringing, and J. E. Harris, Waterford, also for long service.

The annual report and statements of accounts were received and adopted, as also was the report from the 'Irish Bell News.' In the case of the latter, a decrease in circulation was reported, but a surplus of funds enabled a small sum of £1 10s. to be set aside for depreciation purposes.

The discussion on the revision of rules which had been adjourned from last year was brought to conclusion with complete agreement on all outstanding points of difference. Virtually no change was made in existing rules other than to regularise them. A new class of membership was formed, viz., associate member, which caters for all classes of church bell ringers other than those who ring at churches containing rings of bells. In future, too, the executive officers will not have any voting powers at meetings unless they are District representatives.

A resolution from the Northern District re non recognition of the College of Campanology was before the meeting, but no action was taken. Similar decisions had already been reached by both the Southern and Eastern Districts. It was decided that the meeting in 1958 be held on May 3rd.

A break was made during the meeting to enable the Murphy Cup to be competed for.

The contest was held on the bells of St. Patrick's Cathedral. The three District finalists were: St. Mark's, Dundela (North), Mount St. Alphonsus, Limerick (South), and St. Peter's, Drogheda (East), holders. The judges, Messrs. C. W. Galbraith, J. MacManus and Miss Jean Stewart, were unanimous in declaring the Limerick team the best striking team in Ireland. They had 60 faults. Drogheda were a close second and St. Mark's, Dundela, not very far behind. The cup was presented to Mr. Benson for Limerick; he proposed a vote of thanks to the judges. This was seconded by Mr. F. E. Dukes, who congratulated the winners on their well-deserved win. Both complimented the Dundela team on their very fine effort, especially as they had been in existence for only two years. Mr. Robert Tait acted as Ringing Master in the unavoidable absence of Mr. Murphy.

THE NEW BELLS OF ST. LAWRENCE JEWRY

'Hear the loud alarum bells . . .
In the clamorous appealing to the mercy of the fire.
In the mad expostulation with the deaf and frantic fire.' (*Edgar Allan Poe*)

If ever these lines had real significance, surely it must have been on the evening of December 29th, 1940, when the Church of St. Lawrence Jewry—with the exception of the four walls—and the bells were completely destroyed by the 'great fire' of the City of London.

Many ringers will still remember and, I hope, have rung on that glorious ring of eight bells (tenor 31 cwt., approx., in D flat). They were hung in an anti-clockwise direction, and the whole ring was completely rehung by Mears and Stainbank in 1930. Mr. Albert Hughes trained a band to ring them, composed of choristers and one sidesman connected with the church.

And now a new church has arisen, designed by Mr. Cecil Brown, R.A. It was officially opened on Monday, July 15th.

On Thursday, July 11th, a small band met in the ringing chamber to 'try out' the new bells. They are a ring of eight (tenor 24¾ cwt. in E flat) cast by Mears and Stainbank. The bells are hung the 'right way round,' and a great improvement has been effected in the ringing chamber by the removal of the lantern, which many ringers will doubtless remember.

Edgar Allan Poe uses the words 'silver,' 'mellow,' 'golden' in his poem. Would that I could coin a special word to describe the new bells. They are a perfect blend. The sound comes out from the roof of the tower and there is, therefore, not that overpowering volume of sound that was heard in the street from the old bells.

There is a quotation about the East not meeting the West, but this is not true in the case of the new St. Lawrence Jewry church. The bells match the beauty of the East End of the church and Mears and Stainbank are to be heartily congratulated on a fine achievement. It is to be hoped that the bells will be rung as frequently as circumstances will allow. That is their due reward.

F. C. S.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

The July meeting of the Kettering Branch was held in delightful surroundings at Stoke Albany, by kind permission of the Rev. R. Nazer. The six bells were kept ringing until the meeting, which was held in the Rectory garden. Cold drinks were warmly received at this stage.

Three members having gained first peal certificates, Canon G. F. Turner, Guild President, made the presentations and congratulated the recipients Two new members were elected.

The cost of teas at meetings was discussed, and it was decided that 2s. was a reasonable maximum; any amount over that charge to be made up out of Branch funds. It was stressed that names must be sent to the tea organiser if tea was required.

The Guild form of service was read in church, and then tea was served (free!) on the Rectory lawn. Thanks were expressed to the ladies who provided it and also to the Rector.

After tea, ringing continued for an hour at Stoke Albany, then the party adjourned, via the Rectory for more cold drinks, to Wilbarston where further ringing took place. The threatened storm broke at this stage; the belfry was plunged into darkness as the lights failed; the bells were hastily lowered. The lights came on again, but nobody had the inclination or energy to raise the bells.

THE LADIES' GUILD

South Wales District

On June 29th the South Wales District held a very enjoyable meeting at All Saints' Church, Newport, the tower of the Vice-President, Mrs. Dorothy James.

Some forty-five ringers attended, including visitors from Worcestershire, Gloucestershire and Somerset. Various methods were rung from rounds to Yorkshire Surprise Major.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Sproule Jones, who warmly welcomed the Guild to All Saints'. Then followed tea in the church hall and the ladies who prepared this were thanked by Mr. R. E. Coles. Mrs. Audrey Bruton thanked the Vicar for his welcome.

At the business meeting Mrs. Dorothy James mentioned the recent wedding of the secretary, Mrs. Jacqueline King and on behalf of the members of the South Wales District presented her with a beautiful silver cake stand, suitably engraved Mr. King expreeeed her incere thanks to the ladies for the loveiy present and their good wishes, and said that the presentation had been a complete surprise. Two new members were elected from Bedwellty, Miss Wendy Pearce and Miss Mary Rogers. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Whitchurch with Pentre as an alternative.

London District

The London district of the Ladies' Guild met at Woodford on June 29th, and although the meeting was disappointing regarding numbers it was most enjoyable.

The bells were kept going to the standard methods and Cambridge Surprise during the afternoon and evening. An interesting address was given by the Rev. G. Kemp, Vicar of Barkingside, who conducted the service.

The party then sat down to a sumptuous tea provided by the committee members and it was immediately followed by the business meeting which was presided over by Vice-President Mrs. Savory. Mrs. Lock, the President of the Guild, was also present.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Streatham on August 31st. O. C.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

The North Norfolk Branch held a quarterly meeting at Hingham on July 13th, when the attendance was disappointing, 19 members attending.

The service was conducted by the Rector (Rev. J. S. Barrass, A.K.C.), who also gave the address.

In the absence of the president and Branch chairman, Mr. H. Tooke (vice-president) was elected as chairman for the meeting. Mary Maddison (Norwich) was transferred from probationer to ringing member status.

Mr. G. Sayer (Ringing Master) appealed for names of members of the Branch who wished to take part in the North Norfolk peal attempt at Wymondham on October 5th. It was decided that the Branch committee select a band from the names submitted.

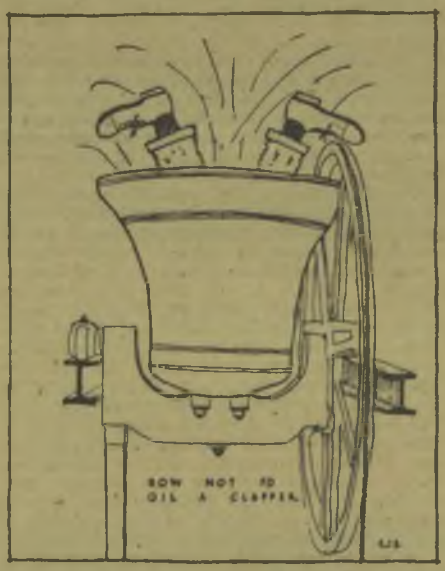
It was decided to hold the next meeting at Buxton on Saturday, October 19th.

After the usual votes of thanks, ringing was continued from rounds to Bristol.

RINGING RECEIVES PUBLICITY

Ringing and ringers, bells and ringers' jugs have figured prominently in articles in three magazines and a newspaper recently. The most important of these articles was an inquiry into the status of ringing in Yorkshire, conducted by 'The Dalesman,' and published in the January and February issues of that magazine and followed by several letters in March issue.

This was followed by an article entitled 'Hospitality in the Church Belfry,' and published in the issue of the 'Church Times,' dated April 18th. Written by K. B., a Quaker journalist, who received from a magazine editor a request for information on ringing in her area, the article dealt with the wonderful welcome she received from ringers and vergers in her investigations. Quite obviously the writer was impressed and affected by ringers' hospitality.



We are assured by the artist, Mr. R. J. Bowden, that the incident depicted actually happened to a well-known West Country ringer, not a hundred miles from Bristol.

In the November, 1956, issue of 'The Shell Magazine' there appeared an article on Big Ben, written by Mr. B. H. G. Malet. This dealt with the clock tower of the Palace of Westminster, so often wrongly called Big Ben, with the clock and with the four quarter bells, besides giving an interesting account of Big Ben itself. There were five illustrations.

The article on 'Bellringers' Beer Jugs' was contributed by Mr. H. B. Newman to the June issue of the 'East Anglian Magazine,' which is published at Ipswich. Mr. Newman commented on the use to which the mugs were put and on conditions which existed in the belfry in the 18th and 19th centuries. Photographs were reproduced of the jugs at Hinderclay, Suffolk, and Garboldisham, Norfolk, and mention made of those at Diss, Clare, Hadleigh and Beccles. It is interesting to note that on his visits to East Anglian churches Mr. Newman was accompanied and driven by Mr. Nunn, one of the Garboldisham ringers.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the Eastern District of the Yorkshire Association was held at York on Saturday, July 6th, when the bells of Acomb (6) and the York Institute of Architectural Study (6) (formerly St. John's Church) were rung during the afternoon, and those of the Minster (12) after Evensong; in the evening the Institute bells were rung until 8.30.

At the close of Evensong a procession was formed behind the choir to the Bellfounders' Window in the nave of the Minster, where prayers were said by the Dean of York (the Very Rev. Milner White), followed by a course of Grandsire Triples by York Minster ringers (Miss M. E. Wilkinson 1-2, J. A. D. Woolford 3-4, S. H Steel 5-6, H. Walker 7-8), and the singing of the Doxology. This was attended by a large congregation and hundreds of visitors to the Minster.

The business meeting took place in the Institute, presided over by the vice-president (Mr. A. E. Sellers). He was re-elected as vice-president, and Messrs. L. Rodmell, F. W. Dale and E. M. Bradley were elected to serve on the committee for a further three years. Mr. Maurice Grundy, of Selby, was elected a member. Bridlington was selected as the next place of meeting, with Hessle as an alternative.

Mr. H. Walker was congratulated by the chairman on his appointment as Master of the newly-formed Railwaymen's Guild. Mr. L. W. G. Morris, the general secretary, answered questions and explained the reason for the increased subscription, the continuing rise in printing costs being the main reason.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

The quarterly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at Christ Church, Bradford-on-Avon, on Saturday, July 6th, attended by 40 ringers, and visitors from Bodenham, Chippenham, Clutton, Frome, Nailsea, Ross-on-Wye, Corsham and Swindon. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m. on the fine ring of eight bells (tenor 12 cwt.). The ringers had tea on the Vicarage lawn, which was provided by the Young Wives of the parish.

The meeting which followed was presided over by the chairman (Mr. A. T. Weeks), who spoke of the loss by death of Mr. A. J. West (father of Mr. W. C. West, secretary of the Guild), and the members stood in silence to his memory. Mr. Weeks gave a warm welcome to all the visitors. At the conclusion of the meeting he thanked the Vicar for the privilege he gave them for tea in his garden, and the ladies who provided it. Ringing continued till 8 p.m.

LAST OF A GENERATION

On Sunday, May 26th, the bells of St. Mary's, Ewell, Surrey, were muffled as a mark of respect for Miss Annie Sarah Beams, the last member of her generation of a very old Ewell family. She died at Epsom District Hospital the week before and was buried in the churchyard on Friday, May 24th. Her nephew, Mr. John Beams, is head bellringer.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

MORE 4-BELL TOWERS

Dear Sir,—To your already long list of 4-bell towers, I can add the following towers in Kent which I know of.

ADDINGTON.—The tower has been deemed unsafe, but I believe the bells are chimed fairly regularly. Also, as Mr. I. H. Oram states, there are plans for augmentation and renovation. The tenor (32in. in diameter) weighs about 7 cwt.

ADISHAM.—The bells here have not been rung for a good many years, and the frame is in a poor state of preservation. They are chimed by an Ellacombe apparatus, and I believe there is an upstairs ringing chamber. The tenor, cast *c* 1440, weighs about 9 cwt.

BICKNOR.—This is a very light ring: the tenor weighs no more than 2 cwt. The tenor and treble are steel bells. I have no information as to whether they are ringable.

ALKHAM.—These are quite ringable. The tenor weighs about 8¼ cwt.

BISHOPSBOURNE.—This church has a tower large enough to hold a ring of eight with a 12 cwt. tenor, but the present four are in a bad state. The frame is in the last stages of decay, and the wheels are mainly broken. At the moment all four are being clocked, and it is a wonder they are not cracked already. Treble by Christopher Hodson, 1685. Back three by Joseph Hatch. Tenor weighs about 8 cwt.

CHALLOCK.—This church, situated on the edge of Eastwell Park, has a fine tower with a beacon turret. The bells, rung from an upstairs ringing chamber, are not at present rung because the church is being restored. Three of the bells were made by Henry Wilner, John Wilner and Stephan Swan, and I believe the fourth was made by one of the Palmers. Tenor (41in.) about 13 cwt.

HARBLEDOWN (St. Nicholas).—This is a very cramped tower, at the north-west angle of the church, which is now not used, but preserved as an historical monument. The bells, which have not been rung for a long time, have great 'cart' ropes, with enormous grotesque sallies. Three of them are by Joseph Hatch; the third is by Henry Jordan, *c*. 1450. Tenor weighs about 6½ cwt.

FORDWICH.—The belfry is in a disgusting state of filth and dirt, and I am sure the bells aren't even safe to *chime*, let alone ring. They are all by Joseph Hatch, and are rung from a curious gallery. Tenor weighs 8¼ cwt.

NEWNHAM.—Tenor weighs about 7¾ cwt. I have no other information about this tower.

PLUMSTEAD.—Belfry very dirty. The frame seems sound enough, but that is just about all that does. Three bells by Christopher Hodson, 1686; one from Whitechapel, 1790; one bell cracked. Tenor weighs 9 cwt.

WESTWELL.—This is a heavy four (tenor about 15 cwt.). Only three of the bells have ropes. I believe that with a little attention these bells could be rung. Tenor a fine mediæval bell by Wm. Oldfield, of Canterbury. Other bells by Joseph Hatch

ICKHAM.—Again only three of the bells have ropes. The belfry is regarded as a place for leaving all the rubbish. There is a rope-draught of about 30ft. One bell is cracked. All bells cast by John Palmer, 1642. Tenor weighs 9 cwt.

EAST LANGDON.—Tenor 7 cwt. I have no other information about this tower.

WALTHAM.—A low central tower, but only two of the bells have ropes. The third is the earliest known bell by Joseph Hatch, dated 1602, with Thomas Hatch's trade stamp on it.—Yours sincerely,

N. DAVIS.

Ashford, Kent.

THE CHANGING SCENE

Dear Sir,—Times change, and we with them. Recently there has appeared in the 'R.W.' articles which had they been published between the two world wars would have caused endless controversy. Not a single comment has appeared to date, so we can assume the truth of the opening statement.

The article on the Rabbits' Guild was extremely well done and gave us all a good laugh. Still, there is an underlying motive behind the witty and caustic points made, we may be sure. The author must have had an original, and has been carefully noting the different styles of tower captains and ringing masters. Many years ago there was some correspondence on this very subject, and it was pointed out that strict discipline did produce good ringers.

The writer well remembers going to ring at a famous tower where the local conductor had a reputation. He had the habit of stamping his feet if the striking was not good. My warning was this: 'If he is only lifting one foot things are not too bad, but if he lifts both feet then look out, somebody will be for it.' Still, on the whole, there is a better spirit of camaraderie in the belfry today than ever before. Civility has to be shown in these days of depleted bands, whereas in the old days you were a lucky person to get in the band at all. So Rabbits' Guild or not, it is the duty of tower leaders and conductors to teach a love of good striking. A slovenly bang-them-about-anyhow is the negation of ringing, and will produce countless enemies in the vicinity of the church.

The second article is in the form of a letter by Candidus, but only the latter part is controversial, viz.: Bristol Surprise Extension. Speakers at the Chelmsford meeting condemned the College of Campanology for starting something without the approval of the C.C. Yet we have two good bands who have produced their own extensions of Bristol and rung them. It does not make sense, for the Methods Committee should have some say in this matter, or so one would expect. It is not a case of naming a method being rung for the first time. Bristol is one of the methods which has really caught on: it is fairly easy and is musical, so it is natural ringers would like to see it extended to the higher numbers. Some people have described Bristol as stagnation, but these are in a minority. It is nearly 60 years since it was introduced and is still popular. A long and technical correspondence appeared in the 'R.W.' in the 1930's, but no finality was reached about the proper extension. There is no desire to cause friction or run down in any way the bands who have rung these peals. On the contrary, one applauds their enterprise. In these democratic days the C.C. or its Methods Committee should have been consulted. Perhaps you may not agree, but that is how it appears to

M. R. P.

A CORRECTION

Dear Sir,—I would like to point out that the footnote (greatest number of Doubles methods (14) rung for the Salisbury Guild) to the peal rung on Sunday, June 9th, 1957, at St. George's, Ogbourne, Wiltshire is incorrect.

A peal in 21 Doubles methods was rung for this Guild on November 12th, 1938, at Evershot, Dorset, conducted by me.—Yours truly,

Evershot. H. DENNIS W. BISHOP.

NORWICH, NORFOLK.—At St. George's Church, Colegate, on July 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. D. Moore 1, Miss B. M. Payne 2, Miss B. H. B. Mutimer 3, Miss S. Barker 4, Miss B. M. Johnson 5, Miss M. A. Higdon (cond.) 6. Rung on the occasion of the visit of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. and Prince Philip to Norwich earlier in the day. It is believed this is the first time a quarter peal has been rung in Norwich by an all-lady band.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Canterbury District

A temperature nearing the 90's, and a small belfry packed with ringers, proved almost too much for some of the members of the Canterbury District at their recent meeting at Sturry. More than one ringer was discovered enjoying the shade of the trees in the churchyard. In spite of the heat much ringing took place during the afternoon, previous to the service, which was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. W. O. Langridge) with Mr. A. E. Armitage at the organ.

Probably the most welcome item was the tea which followed in the Social Centre, this being prepared by the ladies. At a short business meeting, the election of one new member, proposed before a peal, was ratified. The election of the new band at Herne, together with Mrs. D. A. Chapman, formerly of Sheffield, and one new honorary member, was also agreed. Mrs. W. Dobbie, the recently appointed secretary of the Kent Branch of the Ladies' Guild, was present; and the suggestion, coming from her originally, that the District hold a joint meeting with the Ladies' Guild at Petham was received with pleasure.

A further reminder of the heat was the fact that the first two prizes in the raffle to go were bottles of cider. Members of the newly-formed King's School Society were present, and the best wishes of all were given to them. Thanks were expressed to the Vicar, the organist, and to Mrs. H. R. French and helpers for the tea.

TIME MARCHES ON!

The present issue is the third of a new quarter. Subscriptions due should be renewed without delay. Please remit to Mr. J. E. Jeater, Greystones, Cusgarne, near Truro, Cornwall. Rates: 3 months 7/6; 6 months 14/6; 12 months £1/8/–. New subscribers welcome.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD

A quarterly meeting of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham was held at Shirley on July 6th.

Welcome visitors included Miss V. M. Horton, of Duffield, Mr. F. E. Collins, of Croydon, and ringers from Cheltenham and Worcester.

The light ring of eight was rung to most standard and Surprise methods in common use, excellent practice being obtained by a number of young lady ringers, who no doubt found the easy running of Shirley bells to their liking.

The business meeting, at which the Master (Mr. F. E. Haynes) presided, was over in record time, there being very little business on the agenda, and none which evoked discussion.

With great regret the members received the news of the tragic death, at the early age of 24, of John William Hovey, a member of the band at Coleshill Church, who was electrocuted during the course of his employment.

The tower election, as a life member, of Mr. Bryan Pattison, of Bedford, was duly ratified.

Solihull was the place chosen for the next meeting, which will be held on October 5th.

RINGING LISTED AS PUBLIC NUISANCE

Dear Sir,—Regarding the Cape Town regulations suppressing nuisances, as cited on page 430 of 'The Ringing World.' I would like to say to friends in the Union: To avoid being a nuisance to the public, all new methods should be taught on handbells. Also, in training for handling church bells, the clappers should be tied until the learners are able to ring changes. —Yours truly,

EDWARD EARNSHAW.

Huddersfield.

FURTHER REPORTS OF RINGERS' OUTINGS –

WITNEY AND WOODSTOCK, OXON

The Witney and Woodstock ringers chose for their annual outing a scorching hot day.

After calling at Hanborough, Eynsham, Northmoor, Standlake, Langford, Clanfield and Witney, we set off on time (!) for Northleach. Although we got off to a good start the buses soon revealed that they were frightfully slow and we arrived at our first tower a little late. The bells were soon up and were found to be excellent except for the third. This gave two experienced ringers a nasty shock by seeming to set without doing so, giving the ringer in each case a disconcerting jerk. However, we got over this and rang some passable Grandsire and a course of Stedman.

After a wholesale buying of iced lollies we set off for Chedworth, in the company of Rev. H. P. Hudson, of Ducklington, who had joined us. The buses only just managed the hills so we were late at Chedworth. A short time for a hymn and prayers in the church and then the bells were rung up. We found that if rung up in the order 234561 they sound odd. The bells went quite well but the striking was poor. Some of the party, seeing 'Roman Villa, 10 minutes walk' on their programme decided to go and have a look. Unfortunately it should have read '10 minute sprint' so they had to be fetched by Mr. Hudson in his car. After an excellent tea in Cirencester we moved on to Coln St. Aldwyn. Although the bells here are only 8¼ cwt. they go like Hanborough bells used to and the sweat fairly poured off us. Here we had some really well struck rounds and then some more Grandsire. By this time everyone was very hot so the cool of Bibury church was very welcome. The bells go very well here but as they are light and the draught of rope long they are a little tricky to handle until you get used to them. More Grandsire, and then a good touch of Plain Bob Minor finished the day's ringing. We stopped in Burford for a well earned time of refreshment on the way home. However I have learned that I must see to it in future that the ringing is better organised. I found that I should have seen to it that all the Triples ringers were present at one time, then the Doubles ringers, then the Rounders and so on. We live and learn and next year we will do better. We would like to thank all those who went for their good-natured co-operation. D. J. S.

PENN, STAFFS

The St. Bartholomew's, Penn, ringers in glorious sunshine journeyed on their annual outing, making Messrs. John Taylor's bell foundry the highlight of their tour. Leaving Penn at about 8 a.m. for the bell foundry, their first stop, they were met at 10.15 by Mr. Taylor who gave an interesting conducted tour, after which ringing on the Foundry campanile took place. Stedman Caters and Triples, Grandsire Triples, Plain Bob Major, and Kent T.B. Minor were thoroughly enjoyed.

After lunch in Loughborough the party journeyed cross country to Melbourne in Derbyshire, where some touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung. The striking here was not the ringers' best; the long rope draught, to which the Penn ringers are not accustomed, seemed to be the handicap.

After tea in Derby, Barton-under-Needwood, Staffs, was the next port of call, where the bells were much more to liking of the ringers who rang several methods. Penn was reached at 10.15 p.m., after a very enjoyable day. Thanks are accorded Messrs. John Taylor & Co. and the incumbents of Melbourne and Barton Churches for making the outing so enjoyable C. F. W. E.

SOUTHWELL GUILD OUTING

On Saturday, June 29th, some 30 ringers and friends, mostly from the Nottingham District, enjoyed an outing into the neighbouring county of Derby.

The coach left Nottingham at the early hour of 7.45 a.m., which involved unusual rising for most of the party. However, it was a lovely summer morning and the ancient church of St. Peter, Crich, was reached at 9 a.m. The bells here are rung from the ground floor and an hour's ringing was enjoyed on these well balanced and easy going eight (tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb.).

On to Matlock for coffee, and thence to Fairfield on the outskirts of Buxton, where we found the eight already raised for us. This is a delightful ring both in tone and go, and a pleasant hour was spent with these bells.

From Fairfield we retraced our path to the Waterloo Hotel, Taddington, where an excellent lunch was served with the best of sauce, for our early breakfast had produced a good appetite.

Back to Bakewell, past Haddon Hall with its romantic memories of Dorothy Vernon, and up the hills to Youlgreave, where a wedding had just taken place. The massive tower of Youlgreave houses a particularly fine and heavy ring of eight (tenor 26½ cwt.) with a roomy, well appointed ringing chamber containing records of several peals, some by the Coventry Diocesan Guild.

I was informed that these bells were rehung by Mears & Stainbank about 1922, when the second, which had been cracked, was recast, and proved to be a 'maiden bell.' being hung as it came from the foundry without the need of tuning.

After Youlgreave the comparatively light eight at Old Matlock (14 cwt.) were a pleasant change, and formed a fitting prelude to the excellent tea which we found awaiting us at Matlock Bath.

After a wash and brush up, back to the coach and up the hills to Wirksworth where we found the bells ringing, and a party from West Bromwich in possession; however they soon finished and we took over and thoroughly enjoyed this lovely ring—in the writer's opinion the finest of the day. An almost perfect touch of St. Clement's was struck here at the last tower of the day.

Methods rung were from rounds to Double Norwich and the whole programme was delightfully informal.

Everyone enjoyed the outing and our best thanks are accorded to the organisers, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Simpson. R. A. B.

FARINGDON, BERKS

An enjoyable outing was held on June 22nd by ringers from Faringdon, Shrivenham, Stanford-in-the-Vale, Buckland, Hinton, Waldrist and Marcham. Ringing took place at Banbury, Northampton, Buckingham and Witney, the last named tower providing the best ringing. Lunch was at Northampton and tea at Buckingham. The party were pleased to have with them the Rev. and Mrs. C. H. Davey, of Faringdon. The outing was arranged by Messrs. F. H. Wright and D. Vincent, who are thanked with all others for providing such a happy day.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX

The Braintree St. Michael's ringers had their annual outing on June 22nd, visiting Hatfield, Harpenden, Luton, Leighton Buzzard and the lovely eight at Woburn. A very enjoyable day resulted. Methods rung were Bob Major to London Surprise Major, Bob Royal and Grandsire Caters. Thanks are due to all the tower secs. and everyone who helped to make this outing so successful. G. W.

SOUTH-WEST ESSEX

In blazing sunshine, and with the thermometer hovering near ninety degrees, a coach load of ringers from the South-Western Division of the Essex Association visited Saffron Walden for Great Ringing Day. Starting from Dagenham, only six strong, we picked up ringers from Leytonstone, Walthamstow, Woodford, Wanstead, Waltham Abbey and Epping (not to mention Tonbridge) and arrived at Bishop's Stortford with thirty-five on board. We were joined by the Loughton contingent, travelling by car and, after paying our respects to Miss Hill, enjoyed an hour's ringing on this pleasant ten. We arrived at Saffron Walden in time for a short ring before proceeding to lunch at the Angel Hotel. After lunch, a picked band rang a good touch of Stedman Cinques for a bride who had kindly advanced her wedding so that it should not break into the afternoon's programme.

Ringing in the afternoon ranged from rounds to Stedman Cinques, and after tea we bade a reluctant farewell to Saffron Walden and set out for Dunmow. Mr. Smith was waiting to welcome us to this grand ring of eight, and here we had some of the best ringing of the day. On to Sawbridgeworth, where Mr. Brooks kindly had the bells up for us. I'm afraid we did not acquit ourselves so well here, probably because we had then been out and about for twelve hours on a very hot day. Half an hour's briskly organised ringing, and then on to the Good Intent where we finished the day with singing, sausage rolls and cider—especially the latter!

Home again, the last survivors reaching Dagenham at eleven o'clock. Our thanks are due to Lionel Woods, who put in a lot of hard work to ensure that we had a most enjoyable day. J. E. M. H.

WESTON FAVELL, NORTHANTS

This year's outing to the Banbury district was made in a fleet of private cars. The first stop was at Hanwell (5) where the tower is open to the church on three sides. Here Mr. Sturge and his 80 year old father, who has rung at midnight for 60 Christmas Eves and 60 New Year Eves, greeted the visitors.

The visitors suggest sound-resisting material under the bells for Bodicote (5). After one of the famous Banbury teas a visit was made to Croughton, renowned for having one of, if not the best, rings of five in the Peterborough Diocese. The final tonal qualities of the bells resulted in overstaying time and Sulgrave, with its musical six, was reached 35 minutes late. To all who helped to make the day successful, thanks are extended.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE

On Saturday, May 25th, the Wistaston, Cheshire, ringers held their annual half-day outing, together with ringers and friends from neighbouring towers. The route this year led us to Cheshire's coastline, three out of the four towers visited being in the Wirral Peninsula. Ringing was enjoyed at Handley, Heswall, West Kirby and Bidston and ranged from rounds to a course of Cambridge Minor, while the tea at the Heatherlands Cafe, Thurstaston, which was equally well enjoyed, rivalled the high standard set by last year's tea.

We would like to thank the local ringers who met us at each of the towers and also the incumbents who so readily gave us permission to ring. Last, but by no means least, a special 'thank you' to George, our bell ringing bus driver, who so skilfully negotiated the rather rambling route. J. D. S.

UP AND DOWN THE COUNTRY

WEST VISITS EAST

The nucleus of a party of West Country ringers left Bridgwater, Somerset, on Whit Saturday morning making Wing, Bucks, a convenient stopping place for a 'tower on the way.' Arriving late due to snail's pace progress through Oxford we found the Worcester party waiting. The bells were started off in something of a jangle before we found this was an anti-clockwise six—Mr. Dove please note—after which ringing settled down to various touches on this heavy ring.

Our journey continued on through Cambridgeshire, past the Newmarket racecourse, to our first Suffolk tower, Elvedon. By-passing the old tower with its tubular bells, we found a good ring in the semi-detached Memorial Tower. Before completing the last lap to headquarters at Great Yarmouth we found time to call in on a meeting at Long Stratton, this being the first round tower for most of the party, and the first Norfolk one.

Most of Sunday was spent boating and exploring. One member went to Beccles and here rang Plain and Kent Royal, with the locals and visitors from Isleworth, for morning service. A fine morning led to a violent thunderstorm trapping the writer in Beccles in flooded roads. Luckily those boating had just got ashore and were able to shelter. In the evening we visited the very high tower of Winterton and rang for service which was afterwards attended.

Wet Monday — sorry, Whit Monday — it rained continuously till we finished ringing at 9 p.m. First came Acle with its unique tower inside a tower. Here we were joined for the day by Alan Carveth, Truro, and Cyril Wratten, Cheltenham, they having already travelled 90 miles that morning. Spliced Kent and Oxford proved difficult to bring round! Next Ranworth, where we were not generally impressed by its description 'Cathedral of the Broads,' and Wroxham, where a local ringer joined in Cambridge. After lunching appropriately at the 'Bell' in Norwich, we had a little difficulty in locating St. Miles' little used church among the many towers. Here we were met by Mr. C. Bird, Norwich branch secretary, and his friends, who were to be very helpful to us during the week. Pigeons were disturbed at St. John de Sepulchre and traps were raised to improve the audibility for the benefit of one whose hearing aid had failed. Some rang here their first course of Double Norwich. On invitation a very enjoyable tea was provided by Mr. Bird and friends and handbells were used for 'lapping,' changes, and tunes.

The evening's ringing continued at Ketteringham, Hethersett, a well-known and ideally situated peal tower but where Cambridge did not go, and Wymondham Abbey, with its fine west tower and ring of eight. After some good ringing here all touches were entered in a beautifully illuminated record book.

WEATHER IMPROVES

Tuesday brought better weather which continued the rest of the week. For the first time with us was Trevor Bailey, of Beccles, who had made some of the arrangements and acted as guide for this day and the next. Our hard-hearing member was left behind for the first tower, Halvergate, while he had repairs done to his aid. Nevertheless a dash by the writer back and forth along the Acle 'straight' enabled him to get one pull there, after coffee, etc., was kindly supplied at the Rectory. Next came Reedham, an easy going five, and the crossing of the ferry to Loddon where a local joined us on the eight.

Raveningham was found in its park and here a course of Raveningham Doubles was rung with the help of Clive Smith, of Lichfield, who had now joined us for the rest of the week. Haddiscoe Doubles were well struck in Haddiscoe's ancient tower, despite the fact that there were various ideas about the method. Norfolk Doubles were also rung.

Extra to the programme came a return to Norwich where at short notice we rang at St. Giles' and St. George's and then on for a real 'grab,' led by Mr. Bird, to Saxlingham Nethergate, to intrude on the local practice for a touch of Kent Major, Tasburgh and Mulbarton.

Wednesday found us at Ludham, Norfolk's heaviest five, with its unusual and ancient high tenor box, and then to Catfield, the writer's 800th tower. Although we were told to ring, this was restricted owing to a coffin being in the church. On then to Coltishall (nothing unusual to report), Buxton (a local lady joined us in Double Court), Lammas, in a lovely setting, but with five bells not six as shown in the 'Guide,' Northrepps, where the method of that name was rung, and Cromer, with its fine conspicuous tower and grand ring for their weight. Lastly to Marsham—our half-hour limit being extended to the whole evening, to help the locals in their practice, led by Rev. H. G. Lillingston, President of the Norwich Association.

Thursday, and to Somerleyton with sallies so low that the writer easily rang the tenor, kneeling, to a touch of Double Court, St. Margaret's, Lowestoft, was passed once by all three drivers before we realised it was the church we were looking for. A fete was being held that day at Carlton Colville for the bells, recently rehung, so a collection was made among those present. Some of us arrived very early at Wrentham and a quarter of Cambridge was attempted. The Vicar here was surprised to see 'we ringers from Zummerzet' so tidily dressed and asked if we had brought any 'Zider.' A local 'method' Bramfield Surprise Doubles was tried at Bramfield's detached round tower.

A CHECK

Our only mishap was at the next tower, Wenhaston. An obviously badly cracked stay was finished off. Two hefty members turned the bell back over to save awkward rethreading. A surprise was that the incumbent was previously at an adjoining parish to our Worcester friends. At Halesworth we met Mr. John Blyth, general secretary of the Suffolk Guild, who joined us on another 'extra to programme' effort, an invitation to Wissett. Here our Somerset lady ringer met a ringer previously from her own parish. Finally a mile walk got permission for a short ring at Chediston.

For the last official day of the tour we had three towers only, Aldeby, the only central one encountered, and which was struck by lightning on the Sunday previous — only minor damage caused however—Ditchingham, where the Rector showed us the fine War Memorial in the church and also some interesting brasses, and Bungay.

Goodbyes were said to our Lichfield friend who was returning to his annual meeting and to those from Worcester, returning to ring for a wedding. The Somerset party left on the Saturday for the Beds. and Herts. Festival, arriving at Aldenham after some very clever map reading—a 400th tower scored here. After a wedding we rang Bob Minor on the back six at St. Peter's, St. Albans, and following the service and tea rang at the Cathedral and St. Michael's.

Great help was given by Mr. Bert Johnson and Mr. Walter Ayre in finding accommodation for us for the night. Next morning a rush to Pinner and Harrow Weald for service ringing and then the journey home.

We offer grateful thanks to all incumbents and local ringers of the two counties who gave us such wonderful co-operation. R. D. S.

OUTINGS

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON

About a dozen friends, including a 'wee lassie' from Edinburgh and later 'the mob' form Marple, accompanied the Fairfield ringers on their outing to Loughborough and Leicester on June 22nd.

The bell foundry was reached dead on time and Mr. J. P. Fidler conducted the party on a very interesting tour. A great delight was 'grabbing' Bath Abbey bells with rounds and Queens. At the Campanile Kent T.B. Royal, Plain Bob Major and rounds were rung. An excellent lunch at the Three Nuns preceded a visit to All Saints' Parish Church where Kent T.B. Royal was rung with three teenagers on the back end, rounds and call changes.

An hour was spent at Rothley (6) where some of the best ringing of the day and some of the worst took place. Methods ranged from Plain Bob to the London Group and London Surprise.

St. Mary de Castro (8) was reached 25 minutes late, due to the way having been lost in Leicester, and there was nobody to meet the party. A call on Mr. Ernest Morris resulted in permission to ring on the light eight at St. Margaret's for 40 minutes and the visitors felt privileged when Mr. Morris rang with them in a course of Bristol.

Owing to a late departure, Belper (8), the last tower, was left out. The journey back to the Peak District was enlivened by handbell ringing and singing (?). Thanks for an enjoyable day are expressed to all who arranged the ringing.

HELMINGHAM AND DISTRICT

The Sussex coast was the objective of the Suffolk ringers of Helmingham for their outing on June 29th. Despite an early start at 5 a.m., traffic was so heavy that Rotherfield had to be missed, and Eastbourne was reached at 12.50 p.m. only 10 minutes late. Slow service of the mid-day meal caused the ringers of the party to be late at All Saints' Church, and no ringing was possible owing to a fete in the vicarage grounds. They were however, able to ring for a wedding at St. Mary's Church.

Unfortunately half a dozen non-ringers were missing when it was time to move for Seaford. Four who knew the next call were left behind, but later caught up with the party. After a magnificent tea at the King's Head, Southover, good use was made of the bells of the Parish Church (10). Later ringing was enjoyed at Uckfield. Home was reached by some of the party at 3.30 a.m.

NEWARK-ON-TRENT, NOTTS

By tradition the Saturday nearest the longest day is chosen by ringers and friends of Newark Parish Church for their annual outing On June 22nd the party left Newark at 8 a.m. and reached Sutterton (8) in good time. They did not do fair justice to these bells, which both go and sound well. The next tower, Holbeach (8) with a rather long draught of rope, was voted to contain the best bells of the day.

The journey along the coast of Norfolk past Sandringham and Hunstanton was spoilt by incessant rain, but this had stopped on arrival at Holkham (6, 19 cwt.) where the spacious belfry is approached by a straight broad staircase and the bells 'go' extremely well. The bells of Wells-next-the-Sea (8), which are rung from the gallery, also go very well but are difficult to hear. After a pleasant hour by the sea, some good ringing at Fakenham (8) ended an enjoyable day. Thanks are expressed to incumbents and local ringers and not least to the hardworking secretary, Bill Medwinter.

OBITUARY

CANON H. S. STEPHENSON

Canon H. S. Stephenson, who died on June 4th, had never been a practical ringer but he had been very interested in ringing and a very good friend of ringers for very many years. He had been a member of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association from 1907 and his election as its president from 1950-1953 was an expression of the high esteem in which he was held by ringers.

Canon Stephenson was born in Bombay on November 4th, 1871, and educated at Sherborne School and Trinity College, Cambridge. He went north on his ordination in 1895 and never left the diocese of Durham and Newcastle, serving in Willington, Allendale and Gateshead until his retirement in September, 1955. In 1922 he was made an honorary Canon of Durham Cathedral and he became a King's Chaplain in 1938. Gateshead recognised his great service as Rector from 1914 by making him a Freeman of Gateshead in 1946. .

While at Allendale Canon Stephenson was instrumental in the installation of the original six in a frame for eight, his foresight being justified by the subsequent filling of the two extra pits. The bells of St. Mary's, Gateshead, were twice rehung during his rectorship.

The funeral service on June 7th took place at St. Mary's Gateshead, conducted by the Rector, Canon T. H. Corden. The Bishop of Jarrow, read the lesson and the very large congregation included the Archdeacon of Northumberland as the representative of the Queen, many clergy, including several former curates, and the President of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association, Mr. K. Arthur. The committal ceremony in Saltwell Cemetery was taken by Archdeacon Harvey Clark. The tenor was tolled for the funeral and subsequently a half-muffled peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at St. Mary's, Gateshead. D. A. B.

MR. GEORGE LARGE

We regret to announce the death of Mr. George Large, who was laid to rest in Llandaff Churchyard on July 10th. Mr. Large came to Cardiff about 1923 and joined the St. John's band. He was a safe ringer in the standard methods and rang many peals for the Association. Owing to failing health, he had done very little ringing during recent years.

As clerk of works Mr. Large was in charge of many important buildings in and around Cardiff. Later he went to Newport in charge of the building of the new Civic Centre. He was 72 years of age.

MR. WILLIAM A. BRECKON

It is with regret that we announce the death on June 24th of Mr. William A. Breckon, of Whitby, Yorks. He was 76 years of age.

Mr. Breckon was a very keen ringer and his attendance at Sunday service ringing and practice nights could always be relied upon. He learned to ring about 50 years ago, his first peal being in 1910, and during the years up to 1954 he rang 71 peals (conducted 31) in various methods. For many years he was captain of the tower of St. Mary's Church, and held the respect of his own ringers and the very many friends from other districts. Although he was unable to ring during the past three years, his keen interest in bellringing never changed up to the time of his death.

During the funeral service four of deceased's old ringers rang a course of Grandsire Triples on handbells, and also a half-muffled quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by the local band. S. R. E.

MR. CHARLES SMITH

In the passing of Mr. Charles Smith at Windsor Hospital on June 22nd, in his 91st year, All Saints', Boyne Hill, has lost the last of its Surprise Sunday service band of the 1930s.

Mr. Smith was born at Marlow, where he learnt to ring at the age of 15. He loved to tell the story that he was so small that he had to stand on a champagne box to reach the sally. He had to give up ringing ten years ago as he was unable to climb the steps.

His membership of the Oxford Diocesan Guild dates back to 1885 ; he was also a member of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths. He kept no record of his peals, but it is known that he rang many in the district, walking many miles to take part. His proudest achievement was ringing in the peal of London at Boyne Hill in 1930, rung by a Sunday Service band.

The funeral service was at Maidenhead Cemetery on June 26th and among the floral tributes was a wreath from All Saints' ringers.

In the evening the bells on which he rang for more than 50 years were rung half muffled to touches of Grandsire by local ringers.

E. E. G.

MR. HARRISON SMITH

Older members of the Canterbury District will learn with regret of the passing of Mr. Harrison Smith, of Wickhambreaux, Kent. Mr. Smith, who was within a few weeks of his 90th birthday, had been ill for several years, and had done no active ringing for a long period. He had lived in the parish all his life and had been a ringer at the church for about 60 years. He was elected a member of the Kent County Association in 1902 and had remained a member ever since. In 1926 he was appointed a representative for the district and held this office for a period of ten years, only resigning so that his place could be taken by a younger man. He was a regular attendant at all meetings, until advancing age overtook him and he had to remain indoors, much to his regret.

The funeral took place in the village churchyard, close to where deceased formerly lived, and in addition to the family mourners several of his old ringing friends were present. The bells were rung half-muffled before the service, during the course of which the 23rd Psalm and the ringers' hymn were sung. Among the floral tributes was one from his fellow ringers at Wickhambreaux and one from the Canterbury District.

Much sympathy has been expressed to his daughter, Mrs. Knight, who had looked after him during the whole of his illness. Mr. Smith also leaves another daughter, who has been resident in the United States for a number of years.

MR. FREDERICK J. MYNARD

The death occurred at his home, Near Tower, Emberton, Bucks, of Mr. Frederick J. Mynard, aged 74 years. A founder member of the North Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, he had rung quite a number of peals for the Oxford Guild and the Bedfordshire Association. He was a chorister and ringer at his native church for about 57 years.

A quiet, unassuming man, Mr. Mynard was a very safe ringer and an able conductor in various Minor methods. He leaves a widow and one son, also a ringer.

On Sunday, June 30th, a quarter peal of Bob Minor was rung half-muffled before evening service by C. Wilson 1, A. Freeman 2, A. Stapleton 3, R. Perkins 4, F. W. Mynard 5, M. Cook (cond.) 6.

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MISCELLANEOUS

STAMFORD HILL, ST. ANN'S.—There will be no ringing at this church until further notice. For the next few weeks Messrs. Mears and Stainbank are taking over. Watch these columns for the first quarter on the new eight. 603

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MEETINGS

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CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Swainby (6) at 3 p.m. on Saturday, July 20th.—P. W. B. Semmens, Hon. Sec. 575

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HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Salehurst, July 20th, 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to the Proprietor, New Eight Bells Hotel, Robertsbridge.—Geo. Billenness, 3, Grasmere Terrace, Hawkhurst, Kent. 559

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LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, July 20th, St. Mary Magdalene, Holloway (8) 3-5 p.m. Tea, own arrangements. Meeting in belfry 6 p.m. and further ringing. A good attendance requested. Everyone welcome. — L. Bullock. 545

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NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South Norfolk Branch.—Interim meeting, Sat. July 20th, East Harling. Bells 3 p.m. Short service 4.15. Tea at 'White House,' 5 p.m. Names for tea please to Dr. Paul Jonason, White House, East Harling, Norwich. 528

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Meeting at Loders, Saturday, July 20th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea.—Mrs. Pannell, 35, Clay Lane, Beaminster. 555

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Hurstpierpoint (8), Sat., July 20th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., White Horse Inn. —Geo. North, 11, Richmond Terrace, Brighton. 521

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. —Andover District.—Quarterly meeting, Woolton Hill (6), Saturday, July 20th. Bells 2.30. Service 3.30. Tea 5, in Parish Room. Highclere (8) after tea.—G. K. Dodd, Hon. Sec. 554

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting at Havant, July 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.45. 553

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BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Wedmore, Saturday, July 27th. Bells (8) (subject to tower repairs not in progress) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Cheddar bells available from 7.30 p.m.—E. C. Wickham, Hon. Branch Sec., Waverley, West Lynne Road, Cheddar. 590

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CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD — Crewe Branch.—Market Drayton, Saturday, July 27th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea *must* be sent by July 24th to Mr. F. Price, The Grove, Bentley's Road, Market Drayton.—W. Kerr, Hon. Sec. 596

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Derby District.—Monthly meeting, July 27th, at Doveridge. Bells 3 p.m. Please bring own tea. All welcome.—V. M. Horton, Sec. 542

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. —Meeting at Campsall on Saturday, July 27th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by July 24th to Rev. Keyes, The Vicarage, Campsall. Next meeting, Bawtry, August 31st.—G. Watson, Dis. Sec. 578

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Evening meeting at Litttle Shelford (5) on Saturday, July 27th, 6.30 p.m. —E. W. Bullman, Dis. Sec. 593

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HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Clun District.—Quarterly meeting at Wigmore on Saturday, July 27th, 3 p.m. Inform secretary by July 22nd of numbers requiring tea.—Thomas Davies, 20, Newport Street, Clun.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Canterbury District) and LADIES GUILD (Kent Branch).—Joint meeting Petham, July 27th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 2/-, names for tea, with cash please, to Mr. A. Jarvis, 4, Town Road, Petham, Canterbury, not later than Wed., July 24th. Special coach leaves St. George's Bus Station, Canterbury, 3 sharp : to reserve seat, card to 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury, as early as possible. Ladies, please note change of date and venue. — Mrs. W. Dobbie and B. J. Luck, Hon. Secs. 540

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Quarterly meeting, Shoreham, Saturday, July 27th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, 2/-, not later than Tuesday, 23rd, to A. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Leigh on Saturday, July 27th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Business 6. Tea 5 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—Thornley, Sec. 531

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Chapel Allerton, Saturday, July 27th, at 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., business meeting to follow. Names by Wednesday to Miss Gray, 9, Carrholme Drive, Leeds, 7.—J. F. Hodson. 598

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Higham-on-the-Hill, Saturday, July 27th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, by July 24th, to Mr. Wm. Martin, 6, Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.—Michael Vernon, Dis. Sec. 569

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District. — Meeting, Humberstone, Saturday, July 27th Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea must be in by previous Wednesday to Mr. E. Bagworth, 36, Averil Road, Leicester. 571

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—Meeting at Caistor (6), July 27th, Usual arrangements. Names for tea by July 24th to Mr. T. Richards, Nettleton Road, Caistor, Lincs. 562

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch.—Interim meeting at Castleacre on Saturday, July 27th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5.—C. Tovell, Branch Sec. 563

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — South Oxon Branch.—Meeting at Little Milton, Saturday, July 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by July 23rd.—H. Badger, The Blue Man, Thame, Oxon. 594

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch. — Little Missenden, Saturday, July 27th, 3.15 to 8.30 p.m. Great Missenden, 3 to 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. at former. Names by July 22nd.—Butler, 17, Forest Road, Windsor. 601

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Meeting, St. Katharine's, Savernake, Saturday, July 27th. Names to T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Marlborough. 580

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.— Meeting at Greasley (8) on Saturday, July 27th, at 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements. Look up Superlative.—J. K. Wagstaff, Hon. Sec. 586

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD.— Meeting at Stanford-le-Hope (8) on Saturday, July 27th, at 3.30 p.m. Own arrangements for tea at nearby café. Everyone welcome.—B. C. S. Adler. 579

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Bury St. Edmunds District.—Meeting at Hopton (6) on Saturday, July 27th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—K. G. Brown, Dis. Sec. 573

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division. —Practice meeting, Saturday, July 27th, changed to Christ Church, Eastbourne. Make sure of Cambridge Major. Names for tea to H. Reynolds, Sec., 10, Eastern Avenue, Polegate. 584

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—By-meeting at Lydd on Saturday, August 3rd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Miss M. Vantom, 2, Tarts Cottages, Skinner Road, Lydd.—G. T. H. 600

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Meeting at Marden (8) on Saturday, August 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5. Service 6 p.m. Names for tea, with cash, please (2s.), by Tuesday, July 30th, to Miss D. Colgate, 38, Buckhurst Avenue, Sevenoaks. 507

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.— Meeting at Elveden (8), Saturday, August 3rd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—E. M. Peachey, Dis. Sec. 599

GUILDFORD GUILD (Leatherhead District) and SURREY ASSOCIATION (Northern District).—Annual joint meeting, Leatherhead, August Bank Holiday. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in St. Nicholas' Hall 5 p.m. Numbers for tea to reach by August 1st, please, G. Marriner, 7, Poplar Avenue, Leatherhead. Ringing until 8.30 p.m. 581

NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS.—The annual meeting of above Guild will be held at Leicester on Saturday, September 21st. Meeting 3 p.m. at Police Headquarters, Charles Street. Ringing details later. Dinner arranged for 6 p.m. at Lord Mayor's Rooms, Waterloo Street. Tickets (limited) 12s. 6d. each. Applications for tickets, with remittance, to C. H. F. Knight, Hon. Sec., 51, Oadby Road, Wigston Magna, Leicester. 587

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LISTENING OUTSIDE

IS it not a fact that many ringers are apt to underrate the appreciation of their work on the part of those for whom they ring? It has been said that no one cares what is rung on the bells even though it has meant much careful study and practice, for outside listeners are few and don't know anything about it. To the general public our art is a sealed book, but when all is said and done they do know the difference between good and bad ringing, be it call changes or half-pull style. A small section of the public will sometimes express strong views on ringing and ringers just as much as I could to nearby neighbours who create various noises and do not realise it.

'I don't like church bells,' declared a well-known broadcaster on several occasions over the radio, yet I heard him singing lustily over the air a few months ago, 'I listened with joy, as I did when a boy, to the sound of the old village bells.'

Last year I was compelled to give up ascending belfry steps and taking a rope even for a short touch, a decision I had to make after 63 years of combined duty and enjoyment in most parts of the British Isles. Retirement would have been easy, but all the time there was work to be done such an idea was out of the question, so I became, among other things, a listener in order to still retain contact with ringers and ringing. To the active ringer, listening or looking on for very long is not very appealing because it clearly shows inactivity, but to me it means added interest, especially if the striking happens to be good. Sometimes you meet another keen outside listener who greets you with the information that Grandsire is in progress, yet you know the method is Stedman and openly say so, but he is not convinced and to prove he knows the difference between the two methods he avers that he has rung the tenor to both of them for many years!

Old Fred was a keen listener to his local band for many years and he had great faith in their ability to put up a good performance, although he had never been in the tower. Fred did not know the band had left call-changes to learn half-pull and their longest touch was 504 Grandside Triples, so to stimulate his interest I told him the County Association ringers would shortly be performing various methods including some Surprise ringing. After he has ascertained the date and times he merely said, 'I shall listen carefully,' and the writer thought no more about it until he happened to meet Fred again one evening. I knew what to expect for there happened to be some rough ringing before and after tea, but I did not anticipate such a strong outburst against bad striking and failure to ring various methods without blundering. Nothing would convince Fred regarding the difficulties which occur at a ringers' meeting and he firmly stuck to his opinion that the locals could beat the county ringers easily!

Listening outside sometimes means switching over to a change of programme and you can get many opinions of bells and bellringers, some complimentary, others quite the reverse, the latter portion coming mostly from those who reside near the church. Some critics are under the impression that ringers can ring anywhere or any time, but this is, of course, quite wrong, seeing the clergyman in charge of the parish is the one who has authority in such matters.

During the time devoted to listening you will certainly hear a few trips, missed dodges, or uneven striking, due to a variety of causes. This is a problem which has baffled the ringing Exercise for generation after generation, and from time to time we are reminded of the necessity for good striking. Forty-nine years ago the Central Council debated 'whether the present fashion of ringing a large variety of methods is responsible for decreased attention to accurate striking and, if so, whether any steps can be taken to encourage greater pride in this respect.' After a lengthy debate the following resolution was adopted: 'This Council desires to call the attention of Associations generally, and of conductors in particular, to the desirability of encouraging the greatest possible accuracy in striking.' In those days a certain number of points were awarded for peals based on the method rung, but what good did ringing peals for points ever do to improve ringing generally many ringers could not see, and the whole idea was at length abandoned.

Later on came an idea of awarding diplomas to ringers who could ring a few hundred changes, and this found little favour, for, after all, the best and simplest qualification that can be applied is 'a good ringer.'

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

CROYDON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 13, 1957, in 3 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 36 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in C sharp.

ROBIN G. LEALE	*Treble*	ARTHUR G. MASON	7
MURIEL REAY	2	HILDA G. SNOWDEN	8
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	3	JOHN HILL	9
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	10
MICHAEL P. MORETON	5	CECIL W. PIPE	11
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	6	FREDERICK E. COLLINS	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by FREDERICK E. COLLINS.

TEN BELL PEALS

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Mon., June 24, 1957, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 26¼ cwt. in D.

CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	*Treble*	ARTHUR T. DUTTON	6
ERNEST STITCH	2	*JOHN ANDERSON	7
M. JILL FISHER	3	JAMES S. EASTWOOD	8
P GEORGE GOLDER	4	GEORGE W. HUGHES	9
HOWARD HOWELL	5	FREDERICK G. HANDLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by GEORGE W. HUGHES.
* First peal of Stedman Caters.
Arranged as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss M. Jill Fisher.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., June 26, 1957, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

BRIAN G. WARWICK	*Treble*	HAROLD MARCON	6
ERNEST MORRIS	2	BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	7
CECILIA COWLEY	3	JOHN A. ACRES	8
*PHYLLIS POOLE	4	ERNEST J. JELLEY	9
G. RONALD EDWARDS	5	ALBERT J. COOKE	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* 150th peal on the bells.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., July 13, 1957, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 28¼ cwt.

CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	*Treble*	JOHN PINFOLD	6
GEORGE R. MORRIS	2	DAVID BEACHAM	7
SIDNEY T. HOLT	3	MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT	8
*REGINALD WOODYATT	4	NORMAN GOODMAN	9
BARNABAS G. KEY	5	*THOMAS W. LEWIS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. GROVES. Conducted by CLIFFORD SKIDMORE.
* 200th peal together.

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., July 13, 1957, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 16¼ cwt. in F sharp.

HOWARD HOWELL	*Treble*	JOHN A. ANDERSON	6
FREDERICK G. HANDLEY	2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	7
ERNEST STITCH	3	STELLA HUGHES	8
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	4	HARRY BOSWELL	9
FRANCIS BROTHERTON	5	DEREK PARKER	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.
Rung as a compliment to the Ven. R. L. Hodson, Bishop of Shrewsbury, a former vicar of St. Giles', who officiated at the Confirmation service on July 14th.

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 20, 1957, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5080 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor 23 cwt.

CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	*Treble*	†FREDERICK W. ELLIS	6
ERIC EDMONDSON	2	‡G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	7
*ELIZABETH C. OAKESHOTT	3	HAROLD V. FROST	8
CHARLES F. SAYER	4	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM	9
FRANCIS KIRK	5	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM	*Tenor*

Composed by G. W. DEBENHAM. Conducted by THOMAS J. SOUTHAM.
* First peal in the method and on ten bells, and first attempt. † First peal in the method and on ten bells 'inside.' ‡ First peal of Royal in the method.
Rung as a farewell to Elizabeth Oakeshott.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., July 3, 1957, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5120 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

CECILIA COWLEY	*Treble*	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN	5
JOHN A. ACRES	2	BRIAN G. WARWICK	6
JOSEPH W. COTTON	3	ERNEST J. JELLEY	7
PHYLLIS POOLE	4	G. RONALD EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER (No. 30).
Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
200th peal as conductor for the Guild.
A first birthday compliment to Audrey Mary Warwick, daughter of the conductor, born July 3rd, 1956.

ALLESLEY, COVENTRY.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., July 4, 1957, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's variation. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

DAVID A. CARPENTER	*Treble*	HUBERT G. SUMMERS	5
JOHN W. T. TAYLOR	2	GEORGE GARDNER	6
RUTH M. JACKSON	3	L. MICHAEL CALLOW	7
*H. ERNEST SIBLEY	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID A. CARPENTER.
* First peal in the method. First in method as conductor.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. George Gardner on the birth of a grandson.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., July 5, 1957, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

FREDERICK J. CULLUM	*Treble*	WILLIAM T. COOK	5
BRIAN BLADON	2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	6
ARTHUR G. MASON	3	RALPH BIRD	7
JOHN L. MORRIS	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by S. J. IVIN. Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 6, 1957, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
F. H. Dexter's variation of Thurstans' Four-part.
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in G.

BRIAN G. WARWICK	*Treble*	JOHN M. JELLEY	5
G. HARRY BRAY	2	ERNEST J. JELLEY	6
JOHN A. ACRES	3	*RUSSELL S. MORRIS	7
PHYLLIS POOLE	4	*DEREK G. E. BECK	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal in the method.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., July 8, 1957, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's variation. Tenor 13¼ cwt.

*VALERIE PHILLIPS	*Treble*	†BRIAN A. CRACKNELL	5
GEORGE FRANCIS	2	BRIAN BLADON	6
JUNE M. CLEMENTS	3	FRANK HICKS	7
BARWELL B. DIBBEN	4	RAYMOND OVERY	*Tenor*

Conducted by RAYMOND OVERY.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Surprise.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., July 9, 1957, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-THE-ARCHANGEL,
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

BRIAN PIDGEON	*Treble*	*WALTER H. POOLE	5
*MRS. C. W. POWELL	2	ROGER KEELEY	6
CUTHBERT W. POWELL	3	HENRY G. KEELEY	7
WILLIAM A. YATES	4	G. STEDMAN MORRIS	*Tenor*

Composed by HAROLD J. POOLE. Conducted by G. STEDMAN MORRIS.
* First peal in the method on an 'inside' bell. First peal in the method on the recast bells.

LOWER BEEDING, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., July 11, 1957, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5056 WYE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in G.

LEONARD STILWELL	*Treble*	JUNE CLEMENTS	5
FRANK H. HICKS	2	RAYMOND OVERY	6
BARWELL B. DIBBEN	3	GEORGE FRANCIS	7
A PATRICK CANNON	4	RALPH BIRD	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
The first peal in the method by all the band, in the county, and for the Association.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., July 11, 1957, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRAUNSTONE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

*CYRIL H. KINCH	*Treble*	*CHARLES COLES	5
†RUTH S. HODGSON	2	*DONALD H. NIBLETT	6
EDGAR J. SMITH	3	*J. HOWARD FREEBORN	7
*SHIRLEY V. RYMER	4	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal in the method. † First peal of Major.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 13, 1957, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 WYE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21¼ cwt. in E flat.

BRENDA M. BALLS	*Treble*	BERNARD W. FAIRHEAD	5
ROBERT C. HEAZEL	2	FRANK G. OLIVER	6
FRANK CLAYDON	3	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD	7
ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON	4	HARRY J. MILLATT	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by HARRY J. MILLATT.
The first peal in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.
Rung as a 79th birthday compliment to Ernest J. Butler, of Colchester.

EAST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 13, 1957, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN.
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in D.

WILLIAM ROGERS	*Treble*	REGINALD V. JOHNSON	5
LEONARD STILWELL	2	JOHN W. EUSTON	6
FRANK H. HICKS	3	*ARTHUR J. HART	7
GEOFFREY PEARSON	4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY (No. 46). Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.
* First peal in the method.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

NANTWICH, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 13, 1957, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 28 lb.

*ANN A. F. ELLIS	*Treble*	FRANK BARNARD	5
†MICHAEL S. HART	2	JOHN E. BROUGH	6
‡COLIN SMITH	3	§FRANK OLLIER	7
†JOHN R. THOMAS	4	HARRY CADMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN E. BROUGH.
* First peal. † First peal of Triples. ‡ First peal in the method. § 25th peal.
Rung to mark the engagement of Miss Valerie Scott to Harry Cadman (tenor), both local ringers. Also a birthday compliment to Mrs. J. Challinor (daughter of F. Ollier, seventh).

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 13, 1957, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF IMMANUEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11¼ cwt. in G.

*FREDERICK H. PRICE	*Treble*	CHARLES CLEGG	5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	2	FRED READ	6
†A. VICTOR WILLIAMS	3	WALTER WILKINSON	7
LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS	4	ERNEST J. GOWER	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.
* First peal of Major. † 50th peal.

STRATFIELD MORTIMER, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 13, 1957, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5024 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

A. JAMES GLASS	*Treble*	ANTHONY E. COX	5
WILLIAM F. BUTLER	2	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM	6
ALAN E. HARTLEY	3	WALTER LEE	7
FREDERICK R. SCOTT	4	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Composed by RICHARD F. B. SPEED. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
First peal in the method by all except the conductor

TWICKENHAM, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 13, 1957, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18¼ cwt.

JAMES RAE	*Treble*	FREDERICK A. FINCH	5
H. MICHAEL WILLIAMSON	2	R. JAMES COOK	6
PETER F. WINDLEY	3	ALAN F. THIRST	7
*DENNIS R. RANDALL	4	WILLIAM T. COOK	*Tenor*

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by WILLIAM T. COOK.
* First peal of Major.
Rung to celebrate the diamond jubilee of the Association.

WARWICK.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 13, 1957, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Holt's Original. Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

HARRY J. BODENHAM	*Treble*	FRED C. LYNE	5
WILLIAM COLLETT	2	JAMES PRICE	6
*WILLIAM S. OAKLEY	3	WILLIAM H. MALE	7
HAROLD HUXLEY	4	*WILLIAM J. CLEMENTS	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM H. MALE.
* First peal. First peal of Triples on the bells.
A 79th birthday compliment to William Collett, and also in honour of his completion of 60 years as a ringer at this church.

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WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION
On Sun., July 14, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 9 lb. in E.

*HENRY N. VAUGHAN	*Treble*	FRANK H. HICKS	5
ARTHUR J. HART	2	ERNEST J. LADD	6
E. WINIFRED KEYS	3	WILLIAM ROGERS	7
REGINALD V. JOHNSON	4	†WILLIAM T. BEESON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. MIDDLETON. Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.
* First peal of Surprise. † 50th peal of Cambridge Major. The conductor has now 'completed the circle' at this tower.
A birthday compliment to Thomas E. Sone.

MAULDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., July 15, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5120 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10¼ cwt.

STEPHEN IVIN	*Treble*	ANDREW C. SINFIELD	5
*JENNIFER DAVIES	2	ERIC SHARP	6
GILES C. GALLEY	3	R. GORDON CORBY	7
RONALD J. SHARP	4	†PHILIP MEHEW	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by PHILIP MEHEW.
* First peal in the method and on eight bells 'inside.' † 150th peal and first peal as conductor.
Rung for St. Swithin's Day, and as a birthday compliment to R. J. Sharp.

ALLESLEY, COVENTRY.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., July 16, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

HUBERT G. SUMMERS	*Treble*	DAVID A. CARPENTER	5
A. ROBIN GUY	2	GEORGE GARDNER	6
PAUL K. WILLIAMSON	3	JAMES L. GARNER-HAYWARD	7
JOHN W. T. TAYLOR	4	*L. MICHAEL CALLOW	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by PAUL K. WILLIAMSON.
The tenor ringer has now 'completed the circle' of the tower.
Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter to Elizabeth and Robin Guy, and of a son to Gillian and Paul Williamson. Also a birthday compliment to William Collett, a ringer at St. Mary', Warwick, for 60 years, and a founder member of the Guild, now in its 50th year.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., July 17, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 8 lb. in F.

EDWARD G. L. COWARD	*Treble*	*ARNOLD S. HARRIS	5
BARWELL B. DIBBEN	2	JOHN HILL	6
BRIAN BLADON	3	A. PATRICK CANNON	7
*DEREK G. ASTRIDGE	4	RALPH BIRD	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
* First peal of Surprise.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., July 18, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5056 ERITH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

ERNEST H. KILBY	*Treble*	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	5
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	2	DENNIS KNOX	6
THOMAS J. LOCK	3	ALFRED J. HOUSE	7
ALICK CUTLER	4	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
First peal in the method by all the band, in the county, and for the Association. The conductor's 300th peal.

ERITH, KENT.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Fri., July 19, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Washbrook's variation. Tenor 15 cwt.

ARTHUR G. MASON	*Treble*	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	5
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	2	GEORGE KENWARD	6
JENNIFER M. HIGHLEY	3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM	7
FRANK E. WALKER	4	PETER F. BORER	*Tenor*

Conducted by HERBERT E. AUDSLEY.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

ROADE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 29, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Consisting of four extents each of St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, All Saints, Plain Bob, Old Bob, April Day, Reverse St. Bartholomew, and two extents of Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb in F.

*PATRICIA NEESHAM	*Treble*	‡MICHAEL BENNETT	3
†HARRY E. CURTIS	2	KENNETH D. PERKINS	4
		GEORGE F. ROOME	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE F. ROOME.
* First peal. † First peal in 11 methods 'inside.' ‡ First peal in 11 methods.
Rung for the Festival of St. Peter.

BRENTFORD, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 6, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and five of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

JAMES RAE	*Treble*	JAMES COOK	4
REV. J. E. F. TREDENNICK	2	J. DESMOND PAINTER	5
FREDERICK A. FINCH	3	WILLIAM T. COOK	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM T. COOK.

STOCKBURY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., July 7, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 15 extents of Plain Bob (four callings), 25 extents of Grandsire (ten callings) and Morris's 240.

TERENCE BARTON	*Treble*	*CYRIL S. JARRETT	3
RONALD C. BURNS	2	*ALBERT J. DUNK	4
		GEORGE KENWARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by CYRIL S. JARRETT.
* 25th peal together.
Rung to the glory of God on the day of the broadcast appeal for the Church Restoration Fund by the Vicar, the Rev. W. E. Edwards.

CHILCOMPTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., July 10, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being one extent each of Beverley, Norfolk, London, York, Primrose, Ipswich and Cambridge. Tenor 20 cwt.

ROBERT E. BECK	*Treble*	DAVID TARGETT	4
ADRIAN P. BECK (13)	2	EDWARD J. CHIVERS	5
RONALD G. BECK	3	DAVID HOARE	*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWARD J. CHIVERS.
First peal of seven Surprise methods by all the band except the ringer of the third. The ringer of the second is the youngest member of the Association to ring seven Surprise methods to a peal.

BENHALL, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Thurs., July 11, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being 2,160 of Kent, 2,160 of Oxford Treble Bob (C.C.C. Nos. 152 and 153) and 720 of Plain Bob. Tenor 8¼ cwt in A flat.

JACK PILGRIM	*Treble*	JOHN W. BLYTHE	4
C. JACK GIBSON	2	PETER S. BEDFORD	5
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK PILGRIM.

OVERBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., July 12, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. FAITH.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURFLEET SURPRISE MINOR
Being one 2,160 and four 720's (C.C.C. Nos. 82, 58 and 59).
Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.

E. TREVOR NEWBURY	*Treble*	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	4
COLIN B. LONGMORE	2	CYRIL A. WRATTEN	5
ROBERT W. COLE	3	GERALD C. HEMMING	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY J. HEMMING.
First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.

BARROWBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 13, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE MINOR

Being seven extents (four callings). Tenor 11¼ cwt.

*JULIET OWEN	*Treble*	PETER E. PARRY	4
FREDK. W. PINCHBECK	2	J. MICHAEL SIMPSON	5
DENIS A. FRITH	3	BRIAN HUNT	*Tenor*

Conducted by DENIS A. FRITH.

* First peal. First peal of Grandsire Minor by all the band, on the bells, and for the Guild.

DENNINGTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., July 13, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two 720's each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob, and one 720 of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 19½ cwt. in E.

C. JACK GIBSON	*Treble*	PETER S. BEDFORD	4
ARTHUR LING	2	JOHN W. BLYTHE	5
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

CHATTERIS, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 13, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb.

GEOFFREY A. LUCAS	*Treble*	FRANK BAKER	4
WILLIAM SEEKINGS	2	*TREVOR A. BEVIS	5
DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS	3	HAROLD S. PEACOCK	*Tenor*

Conducted by TREVOR A. BEVIS.

* First peal of Surprise Minor. The ringer of the second has twice 'circled the tower.'

HAMPSTEAD NORRIS, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 13, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 of Cambridge Surprise, one 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, one 720 of Kent Treble Bob and four 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

S. FRANK TUFFLEY	*Treble*	GEOFFREY K. DODD	4
RALPH BIRD	2	REGINALD F. CROOK	5
BRIAN BLADON	3	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

The first peal on the bells for 20 years.

MARTIN-BY-TIMBERLAND, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 13, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. in G.

RONALD RUSSELL	*Treble*	PERCY BALDOCK	4
FREDK. INGALL	2	G. LEONARD THOMPSON	5
AMOS INGALL	3	LOUIS WILLDERS	*Tenor*

Conducted by LOUIS WILLDERS.

First peal of Bob Minor on the bells.
Arranged for the treble and fourth ringers.

SHENLEY, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 13, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 BERWICK SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents with 5-6 the right way throughout. Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in E flat.

PHYLLIS M. MAYNE	*Treble*	RONALD J. SHARP	4
JOAN M. WILCOCKSON	2	GEORGE W. HOLLAND	5
KENNETH R. DUNSTAN	3	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

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

A birthday compliment to Ronald J. Sharp.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 13, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent each of Beverley, Lightfoot, Wearmouth, Cambridge, Primrose, Durham and York. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

MRS. JAMES W. HAW	*Treble*	JAMES W. HAW	4
LEONARD C. BLANCHARD	2	CECIL WADE	5
ALBERT E. SCOTT	3	JAMES H. MUSSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by CECIL WADE.

A birthday compliment to Mrs. C. Wade, wife of the conductor, and to Beverley June Musson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Musson, on her second birthday.

KINTBURY, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., July 14, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. in F.

REGINALD W. REX	*Treble*	BRIAN BLADON	4
*RONALD F. DISERENS	2	RALPH BIRD	5
GEOFFREY K. DODD	3	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

* First peal in seven methods. First peal in seven methods on the bells.

ECCLESTONE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Preston Branch.)
On Mon., July 15, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford T.B. and Kent T.B. (four callings) and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

NEIL KITCHEN	*Treble*	JAMES BLACKBURN	4
THOMAS BARKER	2	STANLEY WALMSLEY	5
LAURENCE WALMSLEY	3	FRANK STEAD	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK STEAD.

Rung fully-muffled as a last token of respect to Abraham Rigbye, a ringer at this church for over 26 years.

HANDBELL PEALS

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., July 14, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 26 *Minutes,*
AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH,
A PEAL OF 5077 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor size 15 in C.

BRIAN G. WARWICK	1—2	PETER J. STANIFORTH	5—6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	3—4	MRS. P. J. STANIFORTH	7—8
JOHN A. ACRES	9—10		

Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER. Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.

Rung to the respected memory of Harold J. Poole.

WOODDITTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., July 16, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT SUNNY VIEW.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

*J. MARY BOISSARD	1—2	JOHN A. ACRES	5—6
ALBERT E. AUSTIN	3—4	J. REGINALD HEATH	7—8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by JOHN A. ACRES.

* First handbell peal.

WOODDITTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., July 17, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT SUNNY VIEW.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 16 in B flat.

J. REGINALD HEATH	1—2	JOHN A. ACRES	5—6
ALBERT E. AUSTIN	3—4	*ANTHONY R. MANN	7—8
*THOMAS F. VARNEY	9—10		

Composed by GEOFFREY DODDS. Conducted by JOHN A. ACRES.

* First peal on ten bells.

ABERGELE, DENBIGHS.—On July 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. S. Griffiths (cond.) 1, L. J. Evans 2, C. Powell 3, J. P. Griffiths 4, H. J. Page 5, R. O. Evans (first quarter) 6. In memoriam the Archbishop of Wales. The ringer of the 5th hails from Romsey, Hants.

ASTON INGHAM, HEREFORDS.—On July 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. Smith 1, Miss M. Tilbury 2, W. Dudley-Wilson 3, A. T. Poulton 4, J. J. Webb (cond.) 5, R. Chew 6. First quarter of Minor for 1 and 6. Rung for Confirmation service.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.—On July 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. N. Pitstow (cond.) 1, M. F. Layton 2, D. N. Layton 3, A. Rogers 4, N. Hobden 5, T. Norman 6, A. E. Cheesman 7, R. I. Parsons 8. Rung for the christening of Christopher, son of Raymond and Gillian Parsons, and as a compliment to D. N. Layton and Margaret Floyer on their engagement.

CARISBROOKE, I.O.W.—On July 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: I. Jackson 1, S. Moody 2, F. Taylor (cond.) 3, W. Upton 4, H. Long 5, A. Jackson 6, A. Drake 7, W. Scott 8. Rung for divine service, at which the Mayor of Newport and Corporation attended; also as birthday compliments to ringers of 3 and 4.

CHELMSFORD, ESSEX.—On June 14th, 1,260 Bob Royal: Miss M. Panton 1, R. Groves 2, A. Hume 3, W. Glover 4, H. Eggleston 5, J. Crawley 6, H. Bradley 7, L. J. Clark (cond.) 8, D. A. S. Symonds 9, P. Eves 10. Rung for the opening ceremony of Chelmsford Cathedral festival week.

CHIPSTABLE, SOMERSET.—On July 13th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: A. Gale 1, S. Smith 2, A. Turner 3, F. Casley 4, G. Sparkes 5, H. Purchase (cond.) 6.

COLERNE, WILTS.—On July 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. C. Weeks 1, J. R. C. Tiley 2, T. Gray 3, G. J. Sheppard 4, A. A. Hillier 5, A. F. Lee 6, P. W. Weeks (cood.) 7, R. H. Clements 8.

COWBRIDGE, GLAM.—On July 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Evans 1, T. Hutchings (first 'inside') 2, R. E. Coles (cond.) 3, H. Blick 4, E. Carter 5, J. Thomas 6, I. D. Davies 7, B. Thomas 8. Rung half-muffled prior to the memorial service of the late Archbishop of Wales. Also on July 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: I. D. Davies 1, H. Blick 2, T. Hutchins 3, R. E. Coles (cond.) 4, E. Carter 5, R. Lee 6, J. Thomas 7, B. Thomas 8. Rung as an 80th birthday compliment to Mrs. M. Carter, mother of the 5th ringer. Both rung with 7, 6, 8 covering.

CREWKERNE, SOMERSET.—On July 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. A. T. Mabey 1, G. W. Rendell 2, M. W. Gilbert 3, D. J. M. Purnell 4, K. E. Pinney (cond.) 5, J. Draper 6, R. J. Gay 7, E. R. Parker 8. First quarter by 1, 3, 5, 7 and 8. Rung with 7, 6, 8 covering for annual founders' day service of Crewkerne School. Also on July 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss G. Eason 1, J. S. Hacking 2, M. W. Gilbert 3, W. H. Poole (cond.) 4, Dr. L. E. Wear 5, K. E. Pinney 6, H. J. Gayland 7, W. Pike 8. First in method by 1, 2, 3 and 5.

CUDDESDON, OXON.—On July 13th, 1,260 Doubles (being 60 changes of Stedman, 40 Reverse Canterbury, 480 Plain Bob and 480 Grandsire): R. H. Jackson 1, D. R. Castell 2, D. C. Bowen 3, M. J. Hallett 4, R. J. Trebilcock (cond.) 5, F. A. Barrett 6. Rung to congratulate Vernon Green on his engagement to Miss Jennifer Fletcher and as a birthday compliment to the 2nd ringer.

GLOUCESTER.—At the Cathedral, on June 29th, 1,296 Grandsire Caters: F. Blowen 1, T. Newman (83) 2, G. Green (first of Caters) 3, W. T. Cox 4, G. L. Hewitt 5, W. C. Jones 6, J. Whiting 7, L. Aston 8, L. Barry (cond.) 9, H. Newman 10. First of Caters since the bells have been augmented.

GOLDINGTON, BEDS.—On July 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Margaret J. Mackonochie (first quarter) 1, E. L. Duffield 2, J. H. L. Blick 3, A. J. Williams 4, J. H. Edwards (cond.) 5, A. G. Lumbis 6. For evening service in honour of the 730th birthday of the church.

HANDSWORTH, BIRMINGHAM.—On July 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss C. J. Yardley (first quarter) 1, Miss E. M. Yardley 2, M. Hall 3, I. D. Thompson 4, A. N. Stubbs (cond.) 5, P. M. Fleming 6. First quarter in the method by all the band. Rung to welcome the Rev. K. H. Hills to the parish.

HARROLD, BEDS.—On July 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: B. Walker 1, H. Gayton 2, Iris Walker 3, R. Walker 4, C. Payne (first as cond.) 5. For evening service on the back five.

QUARTER PEALS

HAYES, KENT.—On June 8th, at St. Mary the Virgin's Church, 1,440 Minor (720 Kent, 720 Cambridge): A. S. Richards 1, M. F. Oakshett 2, R. W. Stephens 3, Hilda Oakshett 4, Mary Stephens 5, D. M. Randall (first as cond.) 6. Rung as a compliment to John Cannell and Susan Porter, who were married shortly before this quarter was rung.

KEYMER, SUSSEX.—On July 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Harniess 1, Miss A. Harfield 2, A. Eaton 3, D. Fagg 4, P. F. Romney (cond.) 5, F. Cox 6.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On July 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. W. A. Yates 1, E. L. Taylor 2, H. G. Keeley 3, R. Keeley 4, Mrs. C. W. Powell 5, C. W. Powell 6, W. A. Yates (cond.) 7, J. Rattenbury 8. For Evensong, also a birthday compliment to Dr. E. L. Taylor.

MARKET DRAYTON, SALOP.—On July 7th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: E. Roberts 1, H. F. White 2, E. Colley 3, Vivienne M. Horton 4, T. Price 5, A. M. Hickman 6, F. Price 7, R. G. Edwards (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

MARKET HARBOROUGH, LEICS.—On July 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Hector 1, A. Flutter (first of Minor) 2, R. Bindley (first quarter) 3, G. Simkin (first quarter) 4, F. Wallington 5, G. Hollick (cond.) 6. Believed to be the first quarter of Minor ever rung on the back six. Mr. Hector has been ringing 50 years, and it is definitely the first in that time.

MONKEN HADLEY, MIDDLX.—On July 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (two extents, different callings): W. Bradbrook (first quarter) 1, T. Pink 2, Margaret Johnson 3, M. Soper 4, C. Ward 5, W. Theobald (cond.) 6, W. Langley 7 covering. First quarter on the bells since recasting. Rung after meeting short for Grandsire Triples on the occasion of the dedication of the bells by the Lord Bishop of London.

NEWTON, PORTHCAWL, GLAM.—On July 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jean Howell 1, A. Hannington 2, E. Phillips 3, H. Boyce 4, G. I. Lewis (cond.) 5, T. M. Roderick 6. Rung half-muffled on the evening of the funeral of the Rt. Rev. John Morgan, Bishop of Llandaff, Archbishop of Wales.

NORBURY, CHESHIRE.—On July 7th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Miss C. Fernley (first of Surprise) 1, Mrs. L. Boumphrey 2, Shirley Harris 3, B. Jones (cond.) 4, A. Richardson 5, R. Smith 6, L. Boumphrey 7, B. Harris 8. For the Sunday School anniversary.

NORTHAMPTON.—At the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, on July 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss N. G. Williams 1, Miss J. A. Downing 2, R. Finch 3, T. Jennings 4, Miss D. M. Miller (cond.) 5, G. F. Roome 6. For the annual reunion service of the Northamptonshire Regiment.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.—On July 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. W. Stead 1, D. J. Forder 2, C. Murphy 3, C. Taylor 4, R. A. Reed (cond.) 5. First of Grandsire Doubles by L. Stead and D. Forder. Rung on the light five by members of the local band.

NORTON, HERTS.—On July 13th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: R. Kendall 1, A. E. Rushton 2, Patricia Hutton 3, Angela Willes 4, E. J. Buck 5, J. W. Sinneld 6, J. R. Jordan 7, P. Mehew (cond.) 8.

NORTON SUBCOURSE, NORFOLK.—On July 14th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: T. G. Page (first of Minor) 1, A. I. Walpole 2, J. W. Forder 3, H. W. Barrett 4, G. C. Walpole 5, T. N. J. Bailey (cond.) 6. For Evensong and as a farewell to the Rev. F. Tattersall, M.A., on his leaving the benefice for the living of Luddenham and Stone, Kent.

PULHAM MARKET, NORFOLK.—On July 6th, 1,320 Bob Doubles: Miss M. Alden (first on five) 1, P. M. Adcock 2, A. F. Ellis (first as cond.) 3, P. D. T. Cattermole 4, E. Whiting 5. Rung for restoration work in the church.

RADLEY, BERKS.—On July 9th, 1,440 Bob Minor: R. Raven 1, Miss R. Paton 2, Miss D. J. Pollard 3, Miss S. Alexander 4, Miss M. R. Cross (cond.) 5, S. Lester 6. First in method by 1 and 6. First 'inside' by 4. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. J. V. Pixell, who has retired after 17 years as Vicar of Radley and 50 years as a parish priest, and for the engagement of Dr. M. Paton (a former member of the band) and Mr. P. Wolfendale.

REDGRAVE, SUFFOLK.—On June 29th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: R. Foreman 1, G. Peck 2, H. Fuller 3, G. Land 4, J. Paul (cond.) 5, A. Driver 6. First quarter 1 and 6. For family service.

SALISBURY, WILTS.—On July 11th, at St. Martin's Church, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Miss M. Page 1, Miss Y. Eloie 2, Miss A. Bacon 3, J. Sutton 4, H. Abrahams (cond.) 5, P. Morgan 6, A. Haines (first of Major) 7, R. Jones 8. Rung in thanksgiving for the life and work of Mrs. Anderson, wife of the Bishop of Salisbury.

SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP, SOMERSET.—On July 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (on the back six): F. Welch 1, R. Welch 2, J. Cornelius (first as cond.) 3, R. Dean 4, G. Monckton 5, I. Best 6. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th.

SILSOE, BEDS.—On June 1st, 1,260 Doubles (two extents each of Reverse St. Bartholomew, Plain Bob and April Day and 540 Grandsire): Miss S. J. Devereux 1, Miss A. Culpin 2, P. J. Lawton 3, T. P. Harris 4, D. R. Brazier 5, B. A. Martin 6. Rung half-muffled as a last tribute to E. J. Baigent, late treasurer of the P.C.C. and treasurer to the Bell Restoration Fund Commitee, which rehung and augmented the ring 1951, also to George Downing, a former ringer; both of whom were interred this day. Also on June 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Mackey (first quarter) 1, Miss A. Culpin 2, B. A. Martin (first 'inside') 3, T. P. Harris 4, P. J. Lawton 5, D. R. Brazier (cond.) 6. Rung for the Parish Eucharist on Whit Sunday. Also on June 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Mackey 1, Miss S. J. Devereux 2, G. F. Olney 3, P. J. Lawton 4, T. P. Harris (cond.) 5, B. A. Martin 6. Rung half-muffled as a last tribute to John Scott, interred this day.

STEPNEY, E.—At the Parish Church, on July 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. A. Hughes 1, Jill Cook 2, Betty Tester 3, H. G. Weedon 4, A. Lewry 5, G. J. Boomsma 6, L. J. Fox (cond.) 7, W. Theobald 8. First of Stedman for 1, 2 and 4. Rung for the annual civic service.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On July 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. E. Bissatt 1, Miss S. Sherwood 2, Miss H. Oakshett 3, C. Sangwin 4, P. Sherwood 5, R. Sanders 6, M. F. Oakshett (cond.) 7, H. Stacey 8. Rung after evening service.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.—On July 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Arlett (aged 14) 1, P. Harding 2, Mrs. F. Penn 3, C. Butcher 4, R. Lucas 5, D. Roberts 6, F. Penn (cond.) 7, R. Burbidge 8.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.—On July 7th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: E. Brunger 1, B. V. Collison 2, E. J. Jenner 3, A. F. Wellington 4, S. G. Ponting 5, T. E. Sone 6, S. Jenner 7, E. J. Ladd (cond.) 8. First in method for 1, 4 and 7. For Evensong.

UPPER CLAPTON, E.—At the Church of St. Matthew, on July 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. M. Steele (first quarter) 1, Miss N. Hales 2, Mrs. D. Neal 3, J. Hales 4, D. Neal (cond.) 5, R. K. C. Wilkings 6. Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter (Gillian Margaret) to Mr. and Mrs. R. K. C. Wilkings on July 6th.

WAREHAM, DORSET.—On July 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. G. Cherrett 1, A. M. Cunningham 2, Miss D. Borer 3, W. J. G. Hiscock 4, C. T. Brown 5, B. G. Bishop 6. First quarter by the local band for 22 years. First quarter by 1 and 3. For Evensong.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFS.—On July 7th, at All Saints' Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. D. Peart 1, Jane Cotterill 2, A. Mills (cond.) 3, J. Cooper 4, F. Baraclough 5, W. A. Partridge 6, J. N. Hadley 7, J. R. Cotterill 8. For Evensong, and as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Baraclough on the 25th anniversary of their wedding, and to Miss Jane Cotterill on the successful completion of her studies at Nottingham University.

WILBURTON, CAMBS.—On July 15th, 1,440 Woodbine Treble Bob Minor: L. Norfolk 1, H. Sharp 2, D. Murfet 3, G. Markwell 4, D. E. R. Knights (cond.) 5, A. Yarrow 6. Rung as a compliment to the ringer of the second on the eve of his 83rd birthday.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On July 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Sheila Douglas 1, A. Bishop 2, Susan Jacobs 3, M. P. Moreton 4, A. Bagworth 5, M. H. Sinden (cond.) 6, F. Corfield 7, E. Jacobs 8.

WONSTON, HANTS.—On July 13th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Stedman, 780 Grandsire): D. J. Roaf (cond.) 1, A. R. Crawfurd 2, A. J. Tumber 3, J. G. Pusey 4, H. J. Verity 5, M. B. Kemp 6. First quarter for 2 and 6. First in two methods for 4 and 5.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

The summer meeting of the Dorchester Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Ringers was held at Wool on July 13th, when the Guild service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. F. C. Whitter), who welcomed the ringers to his church and gave a most interesting address.

Tea was generously provided by the Vicar and the ringers of Wool, and served by Mrs. L. Williams and her lady helpers, a gesture greatly appreciated by the Branch members.

The business meeting was presided over by the Branch chairman (Rev. S. P. Rowcroft, Vicar of Abbotsbury), and apologies for absence were received from the Rev. P. J. Heaton, vice-chairman of St. Peter's, Dorchester, the Rev. Canon A. W. Markby, Mr. F. Precey, and the Charminster ringers.

Two new members were elected—Messrs. J. Fuller and T. Worthington, both of St. Peter's, Dorchester.

It was proposed to hold the next meeting at St. George's Church, Fordington, in September, the date to be confirmed later by the Vicar.

Branch practices were provisionally arranged as follows, subject, of course, to the dates being ratified by the incumbents: July 27th, Preston; August 10th, Litton Cheney; August 24th, Piddlehinton; September 7th, Bere Regis; September 21st, Wool.

The last date was suggested by the Rev. F. C. Whitter as being particularly appropriate, this date being the 50th anniversary of the augmentation of Wool bells from four to the present six.

The Vicar suggested a short commemoration service at 6 p.m., and he and Mrs. Whitter most kindly offered to supply refreshments at the close of the practice. A proposal by Mr. F. Virgin (Upwey), seconded by Mr. A. J. Slade (Preston), that practice nights and other ringing arrangements should be inserted in the guide books of Weymouth and Dorchester as a help to visiting ringers, was carried.

The chairman expressed the thanks of the meeting to the Rev. F. C. and Mrs. Whitter, the choir and organist, and to Mr. L. G. Williams for making the arrangements for the meeting, and also to the ladies for their invaluable help.

Ringing continued until about 9 p.m., under the direction of Mr. H. J. Ford, Ringing Master, and Messrs. J. W. Rose and A. J. Slade, deputy Ringing Masters; methods rung including Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Minor.

Just over 30 members and friends attended, representing towers from Abbotsbury, Dorchester (St. Peter's), East Lulworth, Preston, Upwey, Wyke Regis and Yetminster, with welcome visitors from Canford Magna, Kimpton (Herts), Chelsea and Westminster, together with nine members of the Wool band of ringers.

J. H. H.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—At St. Mary's Church, on July 7th, 1,316 Grandsire Triples: B. Patmore 1, F. C. Maynard 2, F. W. Sykes 3, A. J. Boyack 4, B. Downes 5, C. T. W. Coles 6, R. J. Chapman (cond.) 7, D. Hewitt 8. Also on July 14th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: F. W. Sykes 1, F. C. Maynard 2, C. T. W. Coles 3, E. E. Holman 4, A. J. N. Boyack 5, D. Hewitt 6, M. Hayes 7, R. J. Chapman (cond.) 8. For Evensong and as a 14th birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

BARNSLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

An early start was made on July 6th collecting ringers and friends throughout the district for the outing to Lincoln. The first call was at Vickhill, where we were met by Mr. Hulley, and some good Minor was rung on the fine ring at St. Mary's. As we left the tower Mr. Hulley set in motion the chiming machine, which played us out with 'Home Sweet Home.'

After journeying through fine wooded country we reached Saxilby, to be greeted by Pamela Cox and Shirley Guymer, who joined us in a touch of Bob Minor. We were impressed by a small collection of ringing handbooks which were available in the ringing chamber. Whilst ringing was in progress, the Vicar conducted lady visitors around the church.

After lunch at the Eastgate Court Hotel, Lincoln, we made our way to St. Peter-at-Gowts, where we were welcomed by Mr. J. Freeman and Mr. Hurst. Owing to our late arrival our stay was short, but we found the bells very much to our liking.

A few members attended Evensong at the Minster, and two ringers were mistaken by the Dean for B.B.C. engineers! We left the city after an excellent tea at the Eastgate Hotel, and reached Lea at 7 p.m., finding a first-class ring of Minor, to which we did justice. Mr. Lunn joined us in a touch of 'Cartwheel' Cambridge and his daughter, Pat, the youngest member of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, rang the treble in rounds.

We were greatly impressed by the hospitality of the people we met during our outing, who did so much to make our day one to remember.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The band who rang the peal of Stedman Caters at The Wayside, Leicester, on July 14th, to the memory of Harold J. Poole, would like to associate it with the name of Alfred Ballard, who due to indisposition was unable to take part at the last minute. The band wish Alf a speedy recovery.

Readers whose subscriptions are due are warned that their 'Ringing World' will be stopped after this issue.

Accrington ringers encountered a heavy thunderstorm while on their visit to Yorkshire. They deny that this had anything to do with their previous ringing.

Those who took part in the peal at Leyton recently had first-hand experience of the point discussed at the Central Council meeting, when on an overcast evening the main switch was turned off by the organist, who had already provided some opposition to the ringing by playing the organ. The peal was concluded in almost total darkness.

The Vicar of Willenhall, Staffs (Rev. A. G. Bond), and his son, George, are very interested in ringing. They can ring call-changes creditably and are now practising plain hunting. There are also two altar servers whom they have persuaded to come along, and they have made equal progress. Owing to this, Sunday service ringing is now regular.

The Rev. Ronald E. Sibthorp, who has been Priest, Vicar and Succentor of Truro Cathedral, is leaving in August to take up an appointment as Sub-Chanter of Lichfield Cathedral. Although Mr. Sibthorp's duties at Truro have been very numerous, and have prevented him from taking part in much ringing, he has been a great friend of all the ringers at the Cathedral, and one whose name is held in very high esteem throughout Cornwall.

Mr. Stephen Ivin writes, apropos the peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at Maulden, Beds, on July 15th, that the ringer of the 2nd, Miss Jennifer Davies, is to be congratulated for the skilful way she rang in her first peal of Major 'inside.'

Liverpool Cathedral have arranged for an open day on November 9th, when bands complete or in part will be welcome.

The bells of St. Woolos' Cathedral were rung half-muffled on Sunday, July 14th, as a tribute to the memory of Mr. George Large, whose death was reported in our last issue.

The Editor has been on holiday in Norway for the past fortnight. He will endeavour to answer the many letters awaiting his attention in the course of the next week.

Will the lady who left a brooch behind at St. Ebbe's, Oxford, last Saturday, communicate with the undersigned, giving description, and it will be returned by post.—W. H. B. Wilkinson, 66, London Road, Headington, Oxford.

Regarding the peal of Spliced Surprise Major at Lydd on June 26th (see 'Ringing World,' page 442), our correspondent desires to make the following correction: Methods rung: 2,880 Yorkshire and 2,176 Cambridge and not as stated.

Frank C. Shorter recently celebrated his birthday in gratifying style. The church where he learned to ring and at which he is a chorister (St. Lawrence Jewry) was rededicated on this day, and he afterwards took part in a touch of Stedman Triples on the new bells.

The band who rang a peal at Twickenham on July 13th began to wonder whether there was not something in the superstition about the number 13, when a rope broke after only two courses had been rung. The rope was, however, mended (during a thunderstorm), and the peal was scored without further mishap.

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RINGING AT WAKEFIELD – 1817 to 1826

By DAVID CUBITT

DURING this decade the Society of Ringers at All Saints', Wakefield, became one of the foremost in England, and its members formed the most advanced band there has ever been at Wakefield.

On Monday, January 20th, 1817, a new ring of ten bells was opened at the church. At a public meeting held there on April 25th the previous year it had been agreed to recast one of the eight bells installed in 1779 and add two more; but two months later at another meeting it was resolved that the eight be recast and two added. The work was entrusted to Thomas Mears, of Whitechapel, who also supplied 12 handbells—which have disappeared.

The opening was attended by ringers from Halifax, Sheffield, Leeds, Oldham, Liversedge and Huddersfield, the three last-8-bell ringers—being joined by others. It was settled that each company should ring a half-peal in a method of their own choice. The Wakefield and Halifax Journal of January 24th, 1817, says: 'We understand it is the general opinion that the performance of the first two companies, throughout, was in the best style of excellence, and in the opinion of the judges, a difficult point to say who had the superiority, where both were so truly excellent: but in raising and settling the bells, the Leeds ringers certainly shewed their superiority, and themselves perfect masters of their profession. The Sheffield executed their peal in a most masterly style indeed, and are justly allowed, by the judges, to be ringers of the very first class. Those from Oldham, through some unfortunate circumstance were early out, and gave in: but on the following day, they went through a peal of 2,500 in a manner highly creditable to them: as 8-bell ringers, we believe, they have few superior. Those from Liversedge and Huddersfield, considering they have not had the advantage of practising upon ten bells, rang very well, and gave a proof they were not deficient in their knowledge of permutations.' The newspaper points out that the Liversedge band had only learned to ring within the previous 15 months, Dobson's bells at Liversedge having been opened in July, 1815. The paper also says that though no prizes were offered, a liberal subscription was divided between the visiting bands according to merit, and that, 'on no former similar occasion, did ever so numerous a body go home better satisfied, or ever conduct themselves in better order.' Those who rang pronounced, with other ringers present, the bells 'to be the finest ring of bells, for the same weight of metal, of any in the kingdom.' The tenor weighed 31 cwt. 9 lb.

Parnell, quoted by Mr. Morris in his 'History and Art of Change Ringing,' wrote that the first peal on these bells was 5,000 Oxford New Treble Bob Royal, rung by a joint band composed of members of the Sheffield Independent and Wakefield Societies on Easter Monday, April 6th, 1817, in 3 hours 35 minutes. April 6th that year was a Sunday: the following year it was a Monday. In neither year is the peal reported in 'The Wakefield and Halifax Journal.' Perhaps a Sheffield reader can supply the correct day and date.

The funeral of Princess Charlotte Augusta (wife of Prince Leopold George Frederick, of Saxe-Coburg, and only child of the future George IV), whose death on November 6th, 1817, in labour giving birth to a dead son, caused universal sorrow and great anxiety as to the succession to the crown, was marked in Wakefield by 'every possible demonstration of sorrow' (local paper), muffled bells being rung throughout the day at both churches in the town. Another royal funeral, of Charlotte, wife of George III, early in December, 1818, caused the tenor bell to be rung for a long period both morning and evening, while muffled bells were rung at the time of the interment.

Three Wakefield ringers were in a mixed band which rang 5,076 Grandsire Caters, conducted by Joseph Tebbs, of Leeds, on July 14th, 1819, at St. Michael's, Ashton-under-Lyne, where a new ten had been opened two days earlier. The following month a combined Wakefield and Leeds band, conducted by Tebbs, rang on the opening of the bells at Birstall, where five—excluding the tenor cast by Pack and Chapman in 1771—of the old six had been recast and two others added by Dobson, of Downham. The combined company won the first prize—a silver tankard, valued at 12 guineas—ringing against six other bands. Competitors had the choice of ringing 2,496 or 2,528 changes of Kent or Oxford Treble Bob Major. The second prize—a silver pint pot, valued at five guineas—was awarded to the Bradford ringers.

George III died on January 29th, 1820, and when the news reached Wakefield the tenor bell at All Saints' was tolled for several hours and continued the whole of the following day. On the day of his funeral there was muffled ringing at All Saints' and St. John's.

On Whit Monday that year, a ring of ten by Mears was opened at Chesterfield. Bands of ringers from Oldham, Sheffield, Ashton-under-Lyne, Nottingham and Mottram rang peals of Grandsire Caters. 'The Wakefield and Leeds Company, being desirous of ringing all the 10 bells, struck them off, and rang a complete peal in good style of New Treble Bob Royal, consisting of 5,190 [a misprint for 5,120] changes . . . which was correctly brought round in three hours and twenty-five minutes.' ('The Wakefield and Halifax Journal,' June 2nd, 1820.) The peal was conducted by Joseph Tebbs.

At Wakefield on October 16th the same year the local society rang 6,030 changes of Grandsire Caters (with two men on the tenor), in 3 hours 44 minutes, composed and conducted by William Woodhead. This was possibly the longest length of Grandsire Caters in Yorkshire at the time. Tebbs left his public house in Leeds and came to Wakefield for the occasion, offering his congratulations to the ringers at the end of the peal.

The bells of the Wakefield churches rang in November, when Lord Liverpool dropped his Bill of Pains and Penalties, an attempt to deprive Queen Caroline of her title and dissolve her marriage. She did not retain her general popularity, however:—

> Gracious Queen, we thee implore,
> Go away, and sin no more.
> If that effort be too great,
> Go away at any rate.

The Wakefield and Halifax Journal of Friday, April 27th, 1821, notes that 'On Monday a fine new peal of ten bells, the tenor in the key of D, was opened at Rotherham, by the society of ringers belonging to that town. Several sets attended, as is usual on such occasions, from Wakefield, Halifax, Leeds, Huddersfield, Mottram and Chesterfield. Every separate set completed their peal (i.e., touch), excepting that from Mottram. The superiority was awarded to the Wakefield Youths for best striking, to the Leeds for intricacy of method.' The 'Leeds Mercury' of April 28th identifies the methods rung: Chesterfield, Mottram, Sheffield (not mentioned in the Wakefield paper) and Wakefield—Grandsire Caters: Huddersfield—Kent Treble Bob Royal: Halifax and Leeds—Stedman Caters.

About this time the Wakefield ringers began to practise Stedman. On the evening of October 10th, 5,079 Stedman Caters, composed and conducted by William Woodhead, were rung by the local society in 3 hours 11 minutes, and 'The Wakefield and Halifax Journal' pointed out that the ringers had had little more than five months' practice at the method.

Having disposed of Stedman, the ringers applied themselves to Cambridge, and with little help from ringing manuals had within a year attempted a peal of Royal in the method, the first company to do so. Joseph Tebbs and John Hudson, of Leeds, and James Hudson, of Halifax, were present at the attempt on September 3rd, 1822, which unfortunately failed after 4,700 changes had been rung. The ringers were: Mark Blackburn, treble; Joseph Sugden, second; Joseph Priestley, third; George Pickering, fourth; John Hall, fifth; James Gill, sixth; Joseph Gill, seventh; Thomas Netherwood, eighth; William Woodhead (conductor), ninth; Robert Collett, tenor. The following month, on the 26th, a successful attempt at the peal was made, Joseph Tebbs coming in on the third for Joseph Priestley, who was presumably blamed for the September failure, and 5,400 changes, composed and conducted by Woodhead, were rung in 3 hours 35 minutes. A number of ringers came to listen, including David Robinson, of Leeds, John Pearson (Liversedge), Samuel Barraclough (Birstall) and Jonathan Womersley (Huddersfield).

Woodhead and Tebbs took a joint Wakefield–Leeds company to York the following year. On Monday, August 18th, they 'attempted to ring several favourite peals, at the Cathedral, but owing to the dilapidated state of the machinery, in the hanging of the bells, they were utterly incapable of succeeding to any extent. We understand that they pronounced this finest and most powerful peal of bells in the kingdom to be no longer in a ringing condition.' ('The Wakefield and Halifax Journal,' August 29th, 1823.) These were the ten hung in 1765.

Two prizes of ten and five guineas were offered at the opening of Pudsey's eight bells on Monday, May 10th, 1824, and 11 companies competed, including those of the Wakefield towers—who failed to distinguish themselves—St. John's being placed ninth and All Saints' tenth. The test was 1,728 changes of Oxford or Kent Treble Bob Major in 62 minutes—for every minute over or under ten points were forfeit. The last company finished ringing after 3 o'clock on the Tuesday morning, when the first prize was awarded to Halifax, the second to Huddersfield.

Wakefield, All Saints', ringers next turned their attention to Superlative Surprise Royal as devised by Shipway, a treble lead of which is printed in his 'Campanalogia.' According to a quotation in Morris' 'History and Art,' a peal in the method, later proved false, was rung at All Saints', Wakefield, on Monday, January 16th, 1825, in 3 hours 28 minutes, conducted by William Woodhead. It happens, however, that January 16th that year was a Sunday, and January 16th, 1826, a Monday. The All Saints' Society rang a true 5,400 of Shipway's Superlative Surprise Royal, conducted by Woodhead, on Monday, March 27th, 1826, in 3 hours 26 minutes, the ringers being: William Fawcett, treble; Joseph Sugden, second; Mark Blackburn, third; George Pickering, fourth; John Hall, fifth; James Gill, sixth; Joseph Gill, seventh; Thomas Netherwood, eighth; William Woodhead, ninth; Robert Collet, tenor. The composition was by Joseph Tebbs, who gave it to the Society. I have been unable to trace local newspapers for 1825 and 1826 to check the date of the false peal.

James Hewitt, who proved the first Superlative peal false, was a ringer at St. John's, Wakefield, a tower where ringing also advanced considerably during the years 1817–26. The foundation stone of this church had been laid on November 3rd, 1791, and the first peal—5,040 Triples—on its eight bells rung on Decem-

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TWO PAGES OF REPORTS OF RINGERS' OUTINGS —

WILLENHALL, STAFFS

St. Giles' ringers and friends, accompanied by the Vicar (Rev. A. G. Bond) and Mrs. Bond and their son George, held their annual outing on Saturday, July 6th. Shropshire was the county selected. At 1 o'clock we were off. The route was via Tettenhall, Albrighton, Shifnal, Madeley and Ironbridge, where the driver slowed down to enable the party to have a good view of the first iron bridge to be built.

Arriving at Coalbrookdale, we were welcomed by Mr. Alfred Bayley. After inspecting the unique tombstone of the late William Saunders and his wife, we soon had the musical ten bells going to call-changes. With the help of A. Bayley we attempted Grandsire and Stedman Triples. Reluctantly leaving the dale, we proceeded to Church Stretton. Arriving at the Church of St. Lawrence, we were met by a member of the local band, who informed us that everything was in order for us to ring. It was decided to have tea first, and then we returned to the church and raised the bells, which were kept going to call-changes, also Grandsire and Stedman Triples. The bells were then lowered in peal.

There had been rumblings of thunder whilst we were ringing and a storm developed as we were travelling towards Ludlow. It was raining when we arrived there but stopped soon afterwards. Half-an-hour was allowed here, as several members wished to storm the Castle, but on entering the courtyard they were turned back by the keeper, it being time to close the gates.

The homeward journey was by way of Bridgnorth, Whitwick and Compton, arriving at Willenhall soon after 10 o'clock, everyone having had a most enjoyable outing.

Thanks are expressed to incumbents for permission to ring, and to local ringers who made us welcome. C. W.

PETERBOROUGH GUILD OUTING

Forty members and friends of the Guilsborough Branch enjoyed a half-day outing in Huntingdonshire on Saturday, July 6th.

The bells of Hemingford Abbots (6) and Hemingford Grey (6) were available during the afternoon. These two towers being only a mile apart allowed the party to be divided and ringing to take place in both towers at the same time.

Tea at Godmanchester was somewhat delayed. However, this did not prevent visitors from making full use of the fine eight at Godmanchester immediately afterwards. Plenty of rounds were rung, and Grandsire, Stedman and Bob Major preceded a good fall.

The last tower of the day was Great Staughton (6), where the combination of weight and long rope draught presented some difficulties to the younger members, but all performed creditably. The ringing here included a course of Cambridge.

And so home, with a stop on the way for refreshment, and a lesson in the art of playing skittles, for all who wished to take advantage of the opportunity.

Thanks are extended to clergy and local ringers and to the Guilsborough Branch secretary for making the arrangements.

SHEFFIELD CATHEDRAL

July 13th was the chosen date, and a 7 a.m. start was made from the Cathedral gates. The party included a number of non-ringers, so it had been decided that the whole of the afternoon could be spent at the Lincolnshire coastal resort of Mablethorpe. The route was quite a country one, the Lincolnshire wolds being parklike in character. The day was quite warm, the few showers encountered being very light.

Louth was reached by 10 a.m. and an hour's ringing on the heavy eight enjoyed. The tower with spire (300ft., the tallest in the county) is very substantial: nevertheless, a peculiar oscillation appears to take place when ringing, which affects some of the bells. It was good to see that considerable work was in hand to restore this beautiful church.

Lunch was enjoyed on arriving at Mablethorpe, after which the party split up. Some went by coach, to ring on the excellent six at Alford: others spent their time on the beach. One party walked two miles along the newly-constructed sea wall to Sutton-on-Sea. Tea brought the party together again, followed by the run to Gainsborough. The ringing here was quite good, as it should be on this delightful octave (tenor 19 cwt.).

Sheffield was reached by 10.20, and all were agreed that the weather, bells, coach, meals and refreshments had been first-class. Our thanks are extended to the towers concerned, and our secretary, for making such good arrangements.

H. O. C.

SPALDING, LINCS

A most enjoyable day's outing was arranged by Mr. J. Newington for the Spalding ringers, who were joined by friends from neighbouring towers on July 13th. Starting at 6.45 a.m., the party headed for Hertfordshire and Essex. The first tower, Barkway, was reached punctually and no time was lost in getting the bells into changes. At the next tower, Braughing, the Rev. G. N. Heath joined the ringers for a brief spell: he had come over specially from Stevenage. Handbells were used here.

Sawbridgeworth was the next place visited. After a ring here and thirsts quenched, the tourists journeyed on to Bishop's Stortford, where the first call was for lunch. With a few minutes to spare before visiting the tower, the handbells were again brought out for a few minutes. The next tower, Dunmow, was not easy to find, but the party were in time to provide a bride and her groom with some wedding bells. All agreed the bells are a good eight. After this tea was enjoyed.

At Thaxted, where some of the best ringing of the day took place, the large number of visitors to the church showed great interest in the ringing, which is done from the ground floor. The last call of the day for ringing was at Saffron Walden, where the ringers excelled in ringing Caters, Royal and Cinques. Thanks to Messrs. Pitstow and Pye for their welcome.

On then back towards Spalding, but not without a stop at Huntingdon for the usual refreshments. Home was reached about midnight, all agreeing it had been an excellent day's outing.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE

As the outing season comes round each year, it becomes increasingly difficult to decide on the district to visit for a full day of ringing, but there was general agreement that the Bolsover ringers' outing to South Lincolnshire on June 29th was one of the best ever undertaken, in spite of the great heat. The local band was augmented by old friends from Chesterfield, Staveley, Warsop and Worksop, and the first tower, Heckington, was reached at least half-an-hour early. The whole party was accommodated at a local hotel for morning coffee until Mr. Dixon arrived to open the ringing chamber. The weather was already very hot indeed, but the fine octave was kept going in various methods for an hour. At Sutterton, Mr. Rhoades was waiting to welcome us at exactly the time arranged for the visit. The unusual entrance to the tower was strange to the youngsters who are accustomed to ground floor ringing. Mr. Clarke, of Boston also very kindly met the party at Sutterton, and was good enough to guide the coach round the back streets to avoid the heavy Saturday market traffic. Lunch was taken in Boston and then we began the long ascent to the ringing chamber of St. Botolph's. Although we had to finish early for a wedding, the whole party had an opportunity to have a ring on the famous bells at Boston.

At the next church, Surfleet, Mrs. Richardson was waiting to meet the coach, and we were all impressed by the unusual angle of the tower, which appeared likely to fall over at any time. We were assured by Mrs. Richardson that there was no danger, and most of the party had their first opportunity to ring on 12 bells. The younger members had some difficulty in handling the light bells on the front end, but a reasonable course of Bob Maximus was brought round.

A very substantial tea was soon disposed of at the Bull Hotel, Pinchbeck. Mr. Richardson looked after us very well indeed, and we very much enjoyed ringing the very fine octave at St. Mary's.

At the final tower, Spalding, we had some of the best ringing of the day, although the numbers dwindled as many people felt a great desire to do something to neutralise the effects of the heat they had endured during the day.

Our very best thanks are tendered to all who assisted with the arrangements for a very successful day, and we now look forward to the next time. It was very gratifying that the three National Servicemen of the local band were able to obtain leave for the outing, and we very much appreciated the assistance of our friends from neighbouring towers. Methods rung during the day included Plain Bob, Little Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Double Norwich, Cambridge Surprise, Superlative Surprise, Stedman Triples and Grandsire Caters.

A. S. C.

LONDON.—On July 15th, at St. Lawrence Jewry, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. G. Fenn 1, H. Langdon (cond.) 2, J. F. Smallwood 3, A. B. Peck 4, G. W. Cecil 5, J. Phillips 6, R. F. Deal 7, C. A. Watts 8. Rung for the reconsecration of the restored church by the Bishop of London, which took place this day.

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ST. NICHOLAS', N. STONEHAM

This year the outing took the form of a coach trip to Oxford, 18 people in all going, including four non-ringing friends. The coach left Southamoton at 8 a.m. and, with one stop for refreshment en route, arrived in Oxford at 11 a.m.

Ringing commenced at St. Thomas' Church, a ring of six (tenor 8 cwt.), a rough-going, odd-struck lot, where we managed passable rounds but little else worthy of note.

St. Ebbe's came next, with is 4¾ cwt. tenor. The bells were more difficult to strike than we had imagined. Yorkshire wouldn't go, but Cambridge eventually did, with some fair striking. Lilian's rope broke whilst ringing rounds: all credit to her that the bell set itself. Grateful thanks to Peter Sanders for immediately fixing a new rope.

After a break for lunch (the rain having stopped), we met again at St. Giles' (8, tenor 13 cwt.). These are a very odd-struck ring, and were a real testing-piece. However, we managed, amongst other things, a fair touch of Grandsire Triples, a good course of P.B. Major and a good touch of Stedman Triples.

The best ringing of the day was achieved at St. Mary Magdalen (6, tenor 8 cwt.), being a course of Cambridge Minor very well struck. Kate fell through a loose floorboard and badly grazed her shin; much gratitude to Mr. Haythorne for his promptness in getting the necessary dressing and applying it.

Had a look in at the quadrangle of Exeter College, whilst on the way to St. Martin and All Saints' (8, tenor 7¾ cwt.). Here is a spacious, clean, well-kept belfry, with walls covered with peal boards. Ropes were very springy, and the bells somewhat difficult to handle (though not so difficult as our own trebles!). No very good ringing here, except one lot of rounds and the final touch of Kent Major.

The party divided into two groups for tea, the Southampton University ringers joining Sephen Ivin and company at one café, while the remainder went on to an excellent meal at Crawford's.

After tea we visited Carfax tower, and had a fine view of Oxford from the top before raising the six in peal. Needless to say, the tenor (15 cwt.) went up the wrong way. The ropes were found to be very springy, being new, I gather, thanks to some American visitors, but we enjoyed some good ringing nevertheless. Two good courses of Cambridge Minor were rung: one a 'single course' (as opposed to 'Bob ditto') by the University types, and the other an ordinary humble plain course, the slower one producing the better striking.

The coach left for home at 7.45 p.m., leaving behind Michael and the Weston guests, and our old friend Derek. The first halt was at Abingdon, where some Morris dancers were performing in the street, and three of the party were temporarily left behind when the coach set off without them. However, they only had a quarter of a mile to catch up! Next halt was at East Ilsley, where Double Diamonds, Babychams, etc., were imbibed in moderation, and into the bargain the local incumbents gave permission for us to ring on the eight bells there (tenor 8 cwt.). We managed some rounds and a course of Cambridge Major, and voted this to be the most enjoyable ringing of the day (the 'surprise' element, of course?), and wished we could have stayed longer. Rang handbells here, too, P.B. Minor and Grandsire Triples.

Thanks are due to Peter Sanders, of the Oxford University Guild, who made all arrangements at his end and acted as guide to the party throughout the day, and to all the incumbents for allowing us the use of their bells.

R. A. R.

RAINHAM, KENT

On June 29th, a very hot day, the Rainham bellringers, and ringers from the neighbouring towers of Chatham, Newington, Bobbing, Stockbury and Sittingbourne, besides two members from Queenborough, held their annual outing, touring Kent and Sussex. After a short delay, owing to two members from Chatham catching the wrong coach, a start was made from Rainham about 8.30. After picking up other members of the party along the road to Sittingbourne, we soon made tracks for Wingham. Passing through Canterbury, we reached St. Mary's, Wingham, a ring of eight (tenor 19¼ cwt.). Here we enjoyed ¼-hour's ringing. We continued to Walmer and were welcomed by Mr. F. Rye, and soon had the bells of St. Mary's—another ring of eight (tenor 19 cwt.)—going to Grandsire. A good touch of Kent Treble Bob ended through a rope breaking.

Lunch was at Deal, after which we toured the coast, passing Dover and Folkestone, and on to Burmarsh in the Romney Marsh district, only to take the wrong route before reaching All Saints', a ring of six (tenor 9½ cwt.) half-an-hour late. No one was there to meet us, but eventually Mrs. Watts came along to welcome us. While the ringers enjoyed ringing touches of Minor and Doubles, other members looked around the church.

Rye was the next objective, but the driver made for Tenterden. However, thanks to Mr. George Kenward, we were able to reach Rye in time for tea. We visited Rye Church: but, like last year, were unable to obtain the use of their bells. At Iden (6) we were again greeted by the Vicar. Here Minor and Doubles were rung. Our last tower of the day was that grand ring of eight (tenor 30 cwt.) at St. Mildred's, Tenterden, where we were welcomed by Miss Relfs, and soon had these fine bells going for the next hour. Our ringing ended with a course of Kent Treble Bob Major. Afterwards the two back-enders had a 'quick one' in a nearby local, as did others.

On our way home a stop was made at Hollingbourne for drinks and a friendly chat with the locals.

The members of the party are grateful to those who helped to make the outing so pleasant, especially the incumbents and the persons who met them at the various towers. F. J. C.

LANCASHIRE RINGERS IN YORKSHIRE

The annual outing of the Accrington ringers this year was held on July 6th. It had been decided that after last year's events, we should travel by British Railways.

Accompanied by friends from Rossendale and Penwortham we arrived in Skipton only a few minutes late, and spent over an hour ringing the fine eight bells. The ringing, however, did not settle down as it should have done, possibly because we were not yet accustomed to the Yorkshire tails, which were also encountered at most of the other towers on our route.

Our next stop was at Keighley where, after ringing most of the party were fortunate enough to have lunch in a cafe. Nine-tenths of the party then went to Haworth, but the Ringing Master, making some excuse about getting a key to the tower at Bingley, deserted us (probably to go 'train-spotting').

Having recovered from the steep climb up to the church at Haworth, about an hour was spent at Bingley, where we were joined by a friend from Burnley, where apparently it is the custom to sleep until lunchtime on Saturdays.

Headingley was our next tower, where we enjoyed ringing the well-going bells which, however, refused to ring Oxford Treble Bob. (It must have been the bells, because all the ringers claimed to be able to ring Oxford !)

A packed tea was consumed in the train before arriving at Ilkley, the home of the late Jasper Snowdon. After a very enjoyable ring, we made the return journey home, where we were welcomed by a heavy thunderstorm. We do not think this had any connection with our ringing earlier in the day, but who knows?

We wish to thank all incumbents for their permission to use the bells, and also the ringers who so kindly welcomed us to the towers. British Railways, too, deserve a compliment for the almost perfect way in which our trains kept to schedule.

Methods rung during the day included Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Norwich Major, Grandsire Triples, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and London Surprise Minor. J. P.

CRANFORD, MIDDLX.—On July 17th, at the Church of St. Dunstan, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Gillian P. Harbour (first quarter) 1, D. Fowles 2, Eileen M. Ricketts 3, Barbara Marchant 4, J. E. Chilcott (cond.) 5, J. E. Ricketts 6.

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Annual Meeting at Bournemouth

The 78th annual general meeting of the above Guild was held at Bournemouth on Saturday, July 6th. The bells of Christchurch Priory and St. Peter's and St. John's Churches at Bournemouth were available at various times during the day, and full use was made of them.

The service was held in St. Peter's Church, conducted by the Rev. Canon Brasnett (in the absence of the Vicar), assisted by the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, Vicar of St. Michael's, Southampton. The address was given by Canon Brasnett, who chose as his text 'He sent forth his servants at supper time to say to them that were bidden, Come, for all things are now ready.' He likened bellringers to these servants, saying that they also invited people to enter God's house. He added that the invitation included ringers themselves.

An enjoyable tea was taken in St. Peter's Hall, which was followed by the business meeting, with the Master (Mr. F. W. Rogers) in the chair, supported by the general secretary (Mr. J. A. C. King) and the general treasurer (Mr. R. A. Reed).

The Master called upon the meeting to stand in remembrance of two members who had passed on—Messrs. W. Tucker and W. Reed, both of whom had been members of the old Winchester Guild before it split up, and both had done great good in their own Districts.

The Master welcomed all present, especially the visitors from Peterborough, Nuneaton and Salisbury.

The statement of accounts was presented by the treasurer. This showed a balance in hand of £153 8s. 0½d., compared with £154 18s. 5½d. at the end of the previous year.

Mr. C. H. Kippin gave an account of the Central Council proceedings. Following this, a suggestion that the C.C. representatives should be instructed to vote in favour of any organisation designed to further the interests of bellringing was defeated, it being held that the representatives should vote as they thought fit after hearing the debate.

All the officers were re-elected en bloc and thanked for their past work.

A resolution from the Christchurch District urging that the subscription be raised so that a free and full report might be issued every year caused some discussion. It was found that there were quite a few points involved and, if the resolution was carried, two other rules would have to be altered as well. Furthermore, to provide such a report it might be necessary to raise the subscription to 10s. each. It was decided, therefore, to give the members as much opportunity as possible for discussing the matter, and a special general meeting will be held in Southampton on Saturday, November 2nd, for this purpose. In the meantime, the District secretaries would be asked to introduce the subject at their own meetings.

It was decided to donate five guineas towards the cost of the new ring of eight at Bitterne Park, Southampton. It was also agreed that five guineas should be given towards the cost of the new ring of ten at Portsmouth Cathedral, shoud an official application be made.

The next annual general meeting will be held at Southampton on Saturday, July 5th, 1958.

Miss Ruth Carey, on behalf of the Southampton University Society of Bellringers, presented the Guild with a copy of Ernest Morris' book 'Towers and Bells of Britain.' This was, she said, in appreciation of the help they had received from the Guild.

After the meeting members adjourned to enjoy further ringing on Bournemouth's two fine rings of eight.

Thanks are due to Mr. A. V. Davis, for all the local arrangements, and to the clergy who made their bells available.

THE LADIES' GUILD

Annual General Meeting

The annual general meeting of the Ladies' Guild was held at Newcastle upon Tyne on Saturday, July 6th, and the members had a most successful and enjoyable weekend. All the arrangements were made by Mrs. N. Lea, secretary of the North-Eastern District, and her committee, and their hospitality started on Friday evening, when members arriving soon found themselves invited out to a meal.

On Saturday morning the bells of All Saints', Gosforth (10), SS. James and Basil's, Fenham (8), and St. Stephen's, Scotswood Road (8), were available, and good use made of them until lunch time. In the afternoon members visited St. John's, Grainger Street (8), and the Cathedral (12), whilst after the meeting the Cathedral bells were again available, together with those at St. Mary's, Gateshead (8). For those staying overnight there were still further possibilities for 'tower snatching,' with five towers available on Sunday morning.

The Guild service was held on Saturday afternoon in the Cathedral, conducted by Colonel the Rev. Richard Atkinson, and was attended by some 70 members and friends.

Tea was served in the Cathedral Library, and was provided by the North-Eastern District. In order to do this the District members got to work some weeks ago to organise a jumble sale and raffles, and the result was a wonderful tribute to their efforts. The grateful thanks of the assembled company were expressed by the president (Mrs. K. Lock), not only to Mrs. Lea, the Misses Softley and all those members who had helped, but also to the member of the 'Supporters' Club' who firmly maintains that he had to have his car fumigated after transporting so much jumble!

The Guild was welcomed to Newcastle by Mr. K. Arthur, president of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association. He was warmly thanked by Mrs. Lock, and after votes of thanks had been passed to all those who had helped with the arrangements for the meeting, and to the various incumbents, the gentlemen left the meeting.

The business meeting then followed, the president taking the chair. Some members travelled long distances in order to attend this meeting, but perhaps the most Spartan were the representatives of the Midland District, who rose at 4 o'clock on Saturday morning in order to be present, and who arrived home some 24 hours later.

The officers of the Guild were re-elected, with thanks for their services during the past year. Several alterations to the rules were passed, including, after some discussion, the proposed increase in subscription. It was eventually agreed that as from January 1st, 1958, the subscription should be raised to 2s. for those over 16 years of age, but should remain at 1s. for those of 16 years and under.

Last year a sub-committee was appointed to discuss the question of suitable venues for the annual meetings, as it was felt that the somewhat haphazard way of proposing at one annual meeting the place for the next did not give all members an equal chance of attending. Mrs. Richardson submitted their suggested rota to the members, and all agreed this provided a most satisfactory scheme. According to this rota, the south-eastern part of the country was the next to be visited, and Canterbury was proposed and agreed for 1958, to be held on the first Saturday in July if possible.

The Guild peal book was available for inspection and a hearty vote of thanks was passed to Miss Muriel Reay for having entered up since the last annual general meeting all the peals rung by the Guild since its formation.

After the meeting members returned to the Cathedral for further ringing.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION

Eastern District

The annual meeting of the Eastern District (Irish Association) was held in St. George's Parochial Hall, Dublin, on Easter Monday, and was attended by members from Arklow, Drogheda and Dublin (St. John's, St. George's and St. Patrick's Cathedrals). Also present were English visitors, and members from Southern and Northern Districts.

Both SS. Augustine and John's and St. George's made arrangements for lunch, and entertained the meeting to tea, which was well appreciated.

The election of officers resulted as follows: Chairman, Mr. J. MacManus (Dublin); vice-president, executive council, Mr. R. Shaw (Arklow); treasurer, Mr. W. D. Graham (Drogheda); secretary, Mrs. F. E. Dukes, Meadow Cottage, Julianstown, Co. Meath; assistant secretary, Mr. R. Huber (Drogheda); Ringing Master, Mr. J. Huber (Drogheda); representatives on executive council — Mrs. Dukes, Messrs. V. Crawford and J. MacManus.

The summer meeting was decided for Dublin in August, in order to give members an opportunity of hearing and meeting the visiting peal tourists, led by Mr. Wilfred Williams, of London.

After the meeting the Lindoff Cup contest was held at St. George's Church. The judges, Messrs. G. Bingham, M. Ellis and A. Foster, unanimously declared Drogheda the winners with 47 faults. Arklow was second and SS. Augustine anl John's, Dublin, third. Mr. V. Crawford acted as Ringing Master in the tower.

The cup was presented to Miss Sandra Dukes (aged 12), first substitute for the winners, by Mr. George Lindoff, of Bradford. The attendance shield was also presented to Mr. J. Huber, deputy Ringing Master for Drogheda, by Mr. F. E. Dukes, representing the president.

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WAKEFIELD RINGING—

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ber 28th, 1794, by the All Saints' Society. A separate ringing society was formed at the church, and Benjamin Thackray—or Thackrah—of Dewsbury, seems to have been their tutor. They rang 'Holt's Tripples' on October 14th, 1821, conducted by Thackray, in 3 hours; 5,040 Grandsire Triples on November 12th, 1821, composed and conducted by Proctor Hewitt, in 2 hours 56 minutes; 5,120 Kent Treble Bob Major on October 14th, 1822, composed by Thackray and conducted by Proctor Hewitt, in 3 hours 12 minutes; 5,120 Kent Treble Bob Major on September 3rd, 1823, at St. Giles', Pontefract, conducted by Thackray, in 3 hours 1 minute; and on Christmas Day, 1823, they attempted 5,152 Superlative Surprise Major, composed and conducted by Thackray, but failed after 5,088 changes.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

LONGFORD BELLS

Dear Sir,—I was extremely interested and pleased to read Mr. Dove's account of a visit to St. Chad's, Longford, Derbyshire, by a band of ringers on May 15th last. However, I fear it is not 33 years since this excellent ring of bells was last heard.

Twelve months ago (all but four days) our usual party from South Staffordshire visited the tower, and with the aid of carpentry tools, etc., supplied by Mr. Archer, one of the churchwardens, we made small holes in the new floor to enable the ropes to be threaded through. Two of our party were the 'some kind friend who had put the second back in its bearings,' but the tenor (15 cwt. in F sharp) proved too much for us and we were unable to make a rope hole large enough to enable us to ring it. We were able to sample the 'minor' five to changes, however, and chimed the six with one of us upstairs 'clocking' the tenor by hand. I agree with Mr. Dove that these are a fine six well worth any band taking an interest in. Let us try and see how many more 'unringables' just are not.—Yours sincerely,

CLIVE M. SMITH.

Lichfield, Staffs.

A BELL MUSIC QUERY

Dear Sir,—Being interested in music, I have from my youth been perplexed by the practice of the bellfounders in casting rings of 12 bells so that a thirteenth is needed to enable two eights to be obtained. With a tenor in C, a ring of 12 in the conventional manner but with the second sharpened to F sharp will give two rings of eight—one in C, the other in G; moreover, the effect when these 12 are rung will be far more pleasing because of the change in key rather than the descending run in the same key of the conventional 12. From the point of view of symmetry, too, there is a dreadful sense of unbalance about 12 bells which would be nicely corrected by this sharpening of the second, so dividing the 12 into three similar fours (tetrachords).

Considering the financial aspect, it is plain that 12 bells would be cheaper than 13—a factor surely of primary importance when a new ring is being installed, and only offset by the doubtful advantage of having the choice of three sixes!

The founders need not, however, be apprehensive, as this arrangement of 12 is so pleasing that ringers would probably be tempted to augment their bells by the same principle to 16, and perhaps even 20, without the rings acquiring any of the ungainliness that seems to attach itself to present rings of 12.—Yours sincerely,

P. H. WHITAKER.

Spondon, Derby.

EMBLEM FOR PROCESSIONS?

Dear Sir,—On our patronal festival it is customary for representatives of Church organisations to join in a procession round the church, carrying an emblem of their organisation. The vicar is anxious for the ringers to be represented in this procession.

Can any of your readers let us know if this is a custom in any other church, and if so, what is the form of the emblem that is carried.—Yours faithfully,

A. W. HOLDEN.

THANKS

Dear Sir,—May I, through 'The Ringing World,' thank the ringers of North Somerset for their hospitality and kindness, which helped to make my nine months' stay at R.A.F., Locking, a very pleasant one.—Yours sincerely,

GEOFFREY M. BREWIN.

Shrewsbury.

BAT-ING; RABBIT-ING; DIPLOMA; PROFESSORSHIP?

Dear Sir,—May I give a few words of advice to Nancy Kempsall?

Hello! Nancy. 'There you are,' 'I told you so': but then, I should not say 'I told you so.'

Which is it to be? You stick to bat-ing, you will enjoy it more.

You seem to have found out pretty early, which is a good thing, that reason, at least some people's reason, can be very unreasonable at times.

I was for writing recently, after casting up your 'quarters' in last week's 'Ringing World,' but again, pressure of 'work.'

Three quarter peals, one Triples, 'first inside,' and one Doubles, 'conducted,' and two front-page articles in 'The Ringing World'; hurry up, you will soon be having two peals in each of two 'Ringing Worlds'; that's the time, happy day

Now just you read your 'thoughts' again, aloud—I won't say foolish thoughts; try and read them as you would wish others to read them, you will find it is not frustration, neither do I think it 'deflated ego'; it is, I think, just the natural outcome of perhaps wanting to progress too quickly.

A little later on in 'your thoughts in writing' you come to the focal point, right down to it, your duty to God and your Church; you don't need a professorship, diploma, or even a certificate for Sunday service ringing.

Don't let your 'Bats in the Belfry' down, unless you are joining 'the Rabbits' Guild,' stick to your Doubles of Grandsire and Stedman; Surprise will naturally follow.

Next year I hope that you will extend your tower-grabbing beyond Lancashire, into Cheshire, and have a look at the Cheshire Cats; we will help you to see reason.—Yours, etc.,

'OWD BAT-ER.'

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

The annual meeting of the Banbury and District Branch was held at Banbury on Saturday, July 13th, when, owing to holidays and other distractions, the attendance was not so good as might have been expected. About 50 members were present at the service and at the tea and business meeting, and there were visitors from Coventry, Peterborough and Bedford Guilds.

Miss M. R. Cross took the chair, in the absence of the Branch chairman, and congratulated the Branch on ringing its first peal on eight bells by resident members; she challenged them to ring peals on five, six and ten bells during the coming year.

All the officers were re-elected except that Mr. G. Burton replaces Mr. H. Alexander as representative on the Guild committee.

The next quarterly meeting was fixed for Steeple Aston on October 19th, and monthly practices at Duns Tew, Sandford St. Martin and Great Tew.

TRAGEDY IN DORSET VILLAGE

Tragedy occurred in the belfry of the parish church in the little Dorset village of Okeford Fitzpaine on Monday, when a bell, weighing 10 cwt., swung down, crushing the 68-year-old rector (Rev. Wm. Mortimer) and killing him almost instantly. A nine-year-old boy was slightly hurt in the mishap.

According to a local ringer, the bells were left up ready for the evening service. With the bells in this position it would be very dangerous for anybody to go into the bell chamber, for the slightest jolt might set them swinging.

The rector was fulfilling a promise he had made to the children of his Sunday School that he would show them the six bells in his church.

A DOUBTFUL PRIVILEGE?

We ringers have often been told that it is an advantage to have a ringer or ringers on the Church Council. I venture to suggest that this can sometimes be a doubtful privilege.

I must first set the scene by saying that we are blessed with a ground floor ringing chamber and that our Friday evening practices are so well attended by locals and visitors in summer months that there is usually a spare band or two waiting its turn to ring. We also have a fairly large churchyard in need of mowing.

It happened this way:—

One Friday evening one of our churchwardens (who wouldn't have done it if we hadn't been on the ground floor) looked in on us, looked round, said 'Good evening' with a peculiar glint in his eye, and departed.

At the next P.C.C. meeting (and without any warning) this churchwarden rose and enquired whether, in view of the fact that at ringing practices there were apparently a number of 'spares,' couldn't these 'spares' mow the churchyard and lawns while waiting to ring. Faced with 'jolly good idea' murmurs from all other Council members, our representatives agreed to try their powers of persuasion on their brother and sister ringers, and promised that provided they received the right kind of answer, we'd 'have a go.' (Of course, since our P.C.C. members were also those with the most persuasive tongues this proved easy.)

Any fine Friday evening from then on it was a case of 'Charlie, go and find Jack and Bill, we want some Cambridge': or, 'I'll have a go with the billhook now, John: you are wanted for rounds.' In fact, some people got so interested in dodging tombstones and hunting weeds that it was a job to get them into the belfry to ring at all.

At the next P.C.C. meeting our ringers reported 'progress,' and got their own back by adding that obviously both mowing machines had reached their present owners—us—via the parish jumble sale, and that they wouldn't cut butter, let alone grass. They wound up by saying that there was a wonderful electric one on the market that was a marvel at navigating tombstones. It only cost umpteen pounds, and what about it? This matter, needless to say, is still 'sub judice,' with distinct accent on the sub. So it looks as though we're landed with the old ones again this year.

Therefore *if* you ring from the ground floor and *if* you have well attended practices and have a churchyard that needs mowing, should a churchwarden look in and say 'Good evening' with a peculiar glint in his eye, don't say you haven't been warned. 'DELIGHT.'

P.S.—*All* the facts in the above may not be strictly true—but that's my story and I'm sticking to it.—'D.'

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

The Elloe Deaneries Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild found it necessary, at short notice, to rearrange the meeting place for June 22nd, when Crowland was visited. Ringing commenced in the early afternoon on the six bells. The service at 4 p.m. was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. C. I Lee), the organist being Mr. W. E. Turner. The 28 members present then enjoyed an excellent tea, given and arranged by local ladies. A charge of 2s. per head was made and the proceeds given to charity.

At the business meeting, Mr. W. A. Richardson was in the chair: three new ringing members were elected, and a collection for the belfry repair fund amounted to £1 1s. Mr. S. Bennett said it was proposed from the Guild committee to raise the subscription for honorary members. It was decided to leave this for discussion at the next meeting. A hearty vote of thanks was expressed by Mr. J. G. Ames to all who had made this meeting such a happy one. Further ringing continued on both tower- and handbells.

FESTIVAL AT CHELMSFORD

The fourth annual festival held at the Cathedral Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, St. Peter and St. Cedd, Chelmsford, from June 14th to 23rd, added another great success to those of previous years, and again the Essex Association were invited to play a part.

The festival commenced with the Cathedral band ringing a quarter peal of Plain Bob Royal (1,260 changes): Margaret Patent 1, Arthur Hume 2, Ernest J. Runter 3, Ronald Groves 4, Howard W. Eggleston 5, John Crawley 6, Harry Bradley 7, Leslie J. Clark (conductor) 8, Dennis H. S. Symonds 9, Peter J. Eaves 10.

At the opening ceremony held in the Shire Hall, the Bishop of Chelmsford presided. Mrs. Nancy Price, C.B.E., gave a lecture with the title 'As I Pass By.'

On Saturday eight members representing the North Western District rang touches of Stedman Triples preceding the Friends of the Cathedral service. In the evening, an organ recital was given by Francis Jackson, B.Mus., F.R.C.O., organist and master of the choristers, York Minster.

The Cathedral ringers were again at work on Trinity Sunday. At the Trinity ordination service 12 deacons and 11 priests were ordained.

On Tuesday members from the Northern District rang a quarter peal (1,259 changes) of Grandsire Caters. The ringers were: H. G. Felton 1, Lewis W. Wiffen 2, Ernest W. Furbank 3, Frank Clayden 4, Alan R. Syder 5, Ronald Suckling 6, Frank B. Lufkin (conductor), 7, Ernest W. Bright 8, Walter Arnold 9, Terry Earle 10. The quarter peal preceded the presentation in the Cathedral by the St. Cross Players of the Dorothy Sayers play 'Zeal of Thy House.'

On Wednesday, before the second performance of the play, ten members from the South Western District rang a quarter peal (1,440 changes) of Cambridge Surprise Royal, as follows: Charles R. Smith 1, Brian J. Howard 2, Frank V. Gant 3, Lionel S. Woods 4, Harry Turner 5, John Armstrong 6, Andrew J. Salisbury 7, Charles E. Willmington 8, Alfred J. House 9, John H. Crampion (conductor) 10.

On Thursday the ringers were drawn from the South Eastern District and a quarter peal of Grandsire Caters was rung before a piano recital given in the Cathedral by Dennis Matthews. The ringers stood as follows: Michael Edwards 1, Miss Mary Dowsett 2, Peter Came 3, Edward W. Roast 4, Howard W. Eggleston 5, Ivan Saunders 6, Patrick Saltmarsh 7, Arthur H. Everett (conductor) 8, David Hodgson 9, Charles Smith 10.

Saturday, June 22nd, saw the gathering together in the Cathedral of families for the diocesan family services, when a representative family from every parish in the diocese was invited to attend. This great gathering filled the Cathedral twice. At the first service the Bishop of Barking was the preacher, and at the second the Bishop of Colchester.

Members from the North Eastern District rang the bells prior to the two services and before the musical recital given by Pamela Bowden (contralto) and Derrick Cantrell, B.Mus., F.R.C.O., organist and master of the choristers (organ). Unfortunately, owing to a shift course, the ringers were not able to record a quarter peal of Little Bob Royal.

There were many things of interest exhibited on show in the Cathedral, and the flower decorations by ladies throughout the diocese were magnificent and a real joy to behold. May we have the pleasure to assist again in a great diocesan effort. R. C. H.

HURST, BERKS.—On July 17th, 1,260 St. Clement's Triples: J. Froome 1, B. C. Castle (cond.) 2, R. Rivers 3, Mrs. B. C. Castle 4, W. Hunt 5, H. Smith 6, A. J. Rance 7, F. Hicks 8. First in the method by all the band.

TEN COUNTIES AND BELLS AS WELL!

It was going to be a leisurely holiday, cycling down country lanes, dozing in the afternoons and—no ringing! However, the idea of passing by so many towers was too much temptation, and Saturday, June 8th, saw us, both loaded with luggage, cycling up through Windsor to Tring, our first tower. A good heavy eight, and a variety of methods was worth the 50 miles! Then on to Ivinghoe that night for our first taste of youth hostels.

As you will remember, on Whit Sunday it rained—and it certainly rained on us! Nothing daunted, a touch of Grandsire Triples at Hemel Hempstead for morning service recovered our flagging spirits, and Mrs. Plummer, wife of a Hemel ringer, kindly dried us out. We waited at Ware, just outside Hertford, that night, but no ringers appeared.

Whit Monday, Chelmsford, and more rain! Unfortunately, we missed the Great Cannon but gathered much from the explosions around us! We rang at Writtle and the rather shaky eight at Widford, but found the Cathedral bells the best and the most enjoyable.

On Tuesday morning we cycled to Cambridge in bright sunshine and a strong wind, arriving in the late afternoon. That evening we joined the local band at Cherry Hinton, a fair-going five a few miles from the city. Stedman and Grandsire were brought round with some success.

The heatwave began in earnest the next morning. So far we had been disappointed in Cambridge, but in King's College Chapel we saw some of the finest examples of architecture we had seen, while the 'backs' of the Colleges were wonderful. Rolling lawns sweeping down to the river bathed in brilliant sunshine gave us our most vivid impression of Cambridge.

Cycling through the heat to Bedford was quite an endurance test, but we arrived there just after lunch, perhaps a little burnt but otherwise intact.

We met Eddie Jeffries, a great Bedford ringer, and his wife here, and had tea with Mrs. Ivin, Stephen's mother. That evening we went for a quarter peal of Bob Minor at Willesden with an all-girl band—which we lost! All apologies to the rest of the band.

The next day we cycled through wonderful country to Badby, and attended a practice at Daventry that night, arranged for us by Pat Chapman. The left-hand ring went well but the heat proved too much for tip-top ringing. Afterwards we spent a pleasant half-hour with Mr. and Mrs. Jeffries, who had come over from Bedford, at Pat's house listening to ringing records. Unfortunately, we had to dash back to Badby before the Youth Hostel closed its doors.

Our aim on Friday was Stratford—if the heat would let us! Am afraid that I cycled into Stratford wearing a pyjama jacket—the best protection against the sun that I could find!

The flags were out in Stratford, and the children were country dancing on the green. The Queen was at the Memorial Theatre and we had the good luck to see Her Majesty and Prince Philip leave Stratford about 5 p.m. We saw 'As You Like It' at the Theatre that evening and watched the swans on the river during the interval.

By now our own mothers would not have recognised us—our previous fried state was beginning to look more becoming.

We arrived at Worcester in the heat of the day and even our spirits were daunted. Plans of attending another meeting were ruled out and we spent the afternoon by the river—the coolest part of the town!

Worcester Cathedral on Sunday morning and All Saints' ten whetted our ringing appetites once again. The Worcester ringers invited us to ring with them that afternoon, and we saw for the first time the marvellous view from the Malvern Hills. We visited three towers, where Cambridge, London and other methods were rung with much energy—though the temperature was over 80°.

That night we stayed at the home of George Morris in Malvern, and would like to say many thanks to Mrs. Morris and the Worcester ringers for a wonderful day.

The end of the tour came quickly. We arrived at Stow-in-the-Wold just as the bells were rung down at the end of the practice. The sweeping hills of the Cotswolds impressed us but I vowed I would never go there again—on a bike!

Tuesday we went through Bourton-on-the-Water, where we were intrigued to find a village within a village within a village. We explored several lovely villages that day on the way to Inglesham. A practice at Christ Church, Swindon, was the end to a perfect day.

Our tour finished at Oxford the next day, and we actually went by train to Banbury that evening to join the Oxford ringers, a course of Pudsey Royal by my more experienced friend being the crowning glory.

Thursday evening we had a party at Daphne's, where we feasted on wood-pigeons and white wine, and Bill Jackson entertained us with his guitar.

Friday morning we cycled past the pinnacles and spires of Oxford for the last time on our journey back to Guildford.

We would like to thank all the ringers who made our holiday such a success and given us so many happy memories.

JOAN BEAZLEY, aided by ANN M. COX.

RYE RINGERS' OUTING

On June 22nd, 23 ringers set out from Rye for their annual outing, among them five exiles and a visitor from Oxford. For five members this was the first outing.

Four Kentish towers were visited during the afternoon and evening. The eight at Frittenden proved popular and the treble going through the clock case quite a novelty. At Linton the steep ladder was negotiated with great care but it was worth the climb. The ten at Leeds were a little more difficult as for many it was the first ring on this number of bells. Plain hunting on nine was managed, however.

Ham and salad tea was enjoyed at Maidstone and after a wander round the town the six at Chart Sutton were rung to Grandsire Doubles, Plain Bob Minor and Triples, and Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor.

After a short break at Tenterden the coach returned to Rye at 9.45 p.m. Grateful thanks to all incumbents and to local ringers who met the tourists.

OBITUARY

MR. GEORGE BASON

On July 5th the above-named ringer was laid to rest in the churchyard at the Cheshire village of Rostherne, when members of the local band, together with representatives of the local branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild, paid their last respects to an old and valued friend.

George had been associated with the church from boyhood, when he sang in the choir, and for many years had served as ringer and in other capacities. Of a quiet nature, and obviously a true countryman, he had travelled widely on the Continent in connection with his employment, visiting different horse shows. Although not a peal ringer, he was always ready to welcome all to the tower, and his staunch support of the Chester Guild was much appreciated by the local officials. He will be greatly missed not only in his own tower but by his friends throughout the Bowdon, Stockport and Mottram Branch of the Chester Guild.

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MISCELLANEOUS

BATH ABBEY bells will be rededicated on Saturday, August 3rd. All ringers welcome from 3.30 to 6 o'clock.—W. J. Prescott. 613

WITNEY RINGING SOCIETY.—No practices during the month of August next. Sunday service ringing as usual. 607

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MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Meeting, Saturday, July 27th. Ringing at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, 3.30 p.m. Business at Ship, Talbot Court, E.C., 6 p.m.—A. B. Peck, Sec. 577

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Branch.—Quarterly meeting, West Buckland (6), Saturday, July 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea essential.—A. H. Reed, George Street, Taunton. 589

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Evening meeting at Litttle Shelford (5) on Saturday, July 27th, 6.30 p.m.—E. W. Bullman, Dis. Sec. 593

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Canterbury District) and LADIES GUILD (Kent Branch).—Joint meeting Petham, July 27th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.15. Special coach leaves St. George's Bus Station, Canterbury, 3 sharp; to reserve seat, card to 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury, as early as possible. Ladies, please note change of date and venue.—Mrs. W. Dobbie and B. J. Luck, Hon. Secs. 540

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — South Oxon Branch.—Meeting at Little Milton, Saturday, July 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m.—H. Badger, The Blue Man, Thame, Oxon. 594

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch. — Little Missenden, Saturday, July 27th, 3.15 to 8.30 p.m. Great Missenden, 3 to 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. at former.—Butler, 17, Forest Road, Windsor. 601

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Stanford-le-Hope (8) on Saturday, July 27th, at 3.30 p.m. Own arrangements for tea at nearby café. Everyone welcome.—B. C. S. Adler. 579

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Bury St. Edmunds District.—Meeting at Hopton (6) on Saturday, July 27th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—K. G. Brown, Dis. Sec. 573

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, Saturday, July 27th, changed to Christ Church, Eastbourne. Make sure of Cambridge Major. Names for tea to H. Reynolds, Sec., 10, Eastern Avenue, Polegate. 584

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting at Wilburton (6) on Saturday, August 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. E. R. Knights, Dis. Sec. 604

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting, Ottershaw (6), Saturday, August 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. at The Otter. Names by Wednesday, July 31st, to Hazel Hancock, Malshanger, Chobham Road, Ottershaw. 602

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Aug. 3rd, New Mill. For teas please notify by July 27th N. Tinker, Eastfield, Mearhouse, New Mill, Huddersfield.—A. Farrand, Greenhill Cottages, Roughtown, Mossley, Manchester. 610

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Meeting at Abbots Langley (6), Saturday, August 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5.15. Tea 5.45 p.m.—K. R. Dunstan, Dis. Sec. 618

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Meeting at Marden (8) on Saturday, August 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5. Service 6 p.m. Names for tea, with cash, please (2s.), by Tuesday, July 30th, to Miss D. Colgate, 38, Buckhurst Avenue, Sevenoaks. 507

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at Holy Trinity, Burnley, on Saturday, Aug. 3rd. Ringing 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Cups of tea provided.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 606

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch.—Meeting, Parbold, Saturday, Aug. 3rd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. No tea provided—café nearby.—M. E. Ridyard, 16, Vaughan Road, Southport. 614

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—A monthly meeting at Weston-Underwood, Saturday, Aug. 3rd. Bells (6) 5 p.m. All welcome.—R. H. Howson. 615

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Meeting, Bratton (6), Saturday, Aug. 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service and tea. Names for tea to S. Cockell, 19, Craybourne Road, Melksham, Wilts. 608

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Meeting at Elveden (8), Saturday, August 3rd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—E. M. Peachey, Dis. Sec. 599

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Hartfield (6), Saturday, Aug. 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names by previous Wednesday, please, to I. Butcher, 14, Withypitts, Turners Hill. 612

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—August Bank Holiday meeting at Chesterfield, 3 p.m. on Monday, 5th. Names for tea must be sent by August 1st to Mr. S. Scattergood, 797, Sheffield Road, Chesterfield. All welcome.—J. Seager, Sec. 620

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Southampton District. — Combined practice meeting on August Bank Holiday. Towers available: Mottisfont, 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.; Lockerly, 2 to 4; Tytherly 5 p.m. Please make your own catering arrangements.—M. J. Butler. 622

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak and Chesterfield Districts.—Joint meeting at Ashover on Saturday, Aug. 10th, at 3 p.m. Cups of tea only. Come and enjoy a ring on this grand old mellow octave.—H. E. Taylor, A. B. Cooper, Dis. Secs 616

HUNTINGDON DISTRICT'S 'ANNUAL'

The annual outing of the Huntingdon District of the Ely Association was held on July 6th, when towers in West Norfolk were visited.

Hilgay (8) was the first tower, where we found the bells already raised, but the ringing was not of a particularly high standard, and a course of Cambridge Major came to grief through one ringer changing to the Minor variation. The light six at Denver were then visited and the ringing here was a great improvement, the party by then being fully awake.

After lunch at Downham Market, the delightful six at Wiggenhall (St. Mary Magdalen) was next on the programme, and here the best ringing of the day was enjoyed. This was followed by Tilney (All Saints', 6), where Mr. Rose met us and had most of the bells raised, after which we had tea at West Lynn.

After tea we joined forces with the Wisbech District of the Association at Terrington St. Clement (8), where six members of the party nearly missed the 'bus and travelled on to the last tower, Terrington St. John (6), where we were met by the Messrs. Cousins and where a garden fete was in progress in the grounds of the Vicarage next to the tower. Children's dancing was watched by some of the party whilst others patronised the stalls, purchasing fruit to pacify wives who had been left at home.

Two stops were necessary on the journey back: one for a frantic telephone call to be made to locate a forgotten blazer, and the other following a loud report from a back tyre, this mishap unfortunately taking place beyond walking range of a hostelry!

Before the party broke up, Mr. F. Lack proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the District secretary (Mr. H. S. Peacock) for the work which he had done in organising such a splendid day, and this was carried with acclamation.

E. R.

ST. ALBANS RINGERS' OUTING

Several members of the St. Albans Cathedral Society of Change Ringers were surprised to learn from the Dean of Lichfield, who welcomed them to ring at Lichfield Cathedral on July 13th, that St. Albans Cathedral is the highest above sea level in this country, and that Lichfield is the next highest, with a difference of 54 feet.

The St. Albans ringers were on their annual outing, which took them first to Chilvers Coton (All Saints') and then to St. Mary's, Lichfield, before lunch in the city. They proceeded to Walsall (St. Matthew's), and after tea to Bromsgrove (St. John Baptist), returning to St. Albans via Stratford-on-Avon and Banbury.

Good food and good ringing were the features of the day, the Lichfield Cathedral ten and St. Matthew's 12 giving special pleasure. Stedman, Grandsire, Plain Bob, Little Grandsire and Cambridge were among the touches rung during the day: the Stedman Cinques at Walsall, where the bells are closely akin in weight to St. Albans Abbey bells, were particularly well 'tapped out.'

Several wives accompanied the ringers on the trip, and learners were given the opportunity to strike some rounds at each tower visited.

Everywhere, the visitors were welcomed in the best traditions of ringing, and arrived to find, in some cases, the bells up and all ready to go. The outing was arranged and led by Mr. W. J. Arnold, deputy tower captain at St. Albans Cathedral. Ringing at the various towers was led by Mr. B. Johnston (St. Peter's, St. Albans), Mr. Walter Ayre (Apsley), Mr. G. Dodds (District Ringing Master) and others.

STANDLAKE, OXON.—On July 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Bernard Coggins 1, B. J. Coggins 2, Margaret M. Wynn (first 'inside') 3, E. Hill 4, A. H. Gearing (cond.) 5, B. E. Costar 6.

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TWO AMERICANS ON HOLIDAY

WE hear much to-day about the need for instruction in ringing and about the difficulties experienced by those desirous of learning to ring. Perhaps the following true story of two people who surmounted more difficulties than most of us contemplate will hearten other learners and show how individual enterprise can win through.

David and Alice Dickinson are both lecturers in the Faculty of Mathematics in the University of Massachusetts, U.S.A. One day in 1954, when browsing round a second-hand book shop, they found and bought for the equivalent of sixpence a much worn copy of Woolmore Wigram's 'Change Ringing Disentangled' (London, 1888). The mathematical problems implied interested them greatly, but to appreciate the theory they thought it necessary to delve into the practice also.

The first step was a visit to Mrs. Shurcliff, of Boston, who is believed, in the U.S.A. at least, to be the sole surviving female member of the College Youths and learnt to ring in England at the turn of the century. Mrs. Shurcliff showed David and Alice how to ring handbells and pushed them through two plain courses of Grandsire Doubles. The next week they ordered a set of eight handbells from a famous firm in this country and these arrived just one year later. In a way this delay was a good thing as three or fours days before the bells arrived they lost their house and all their belongings, including their collection of 'Ringing Worlds' and various ringing books, by fire. The books and 'Ringing Worlds' were, however, soon replaced by the generous response of readers to an advertisement in this journal, and so with more books David soon prepared a modernisation of Thompson's proof of the impossibility of a peal of Grandsire Triples without singles ('American Mathematical Monthly,' June, 1957), whilst together they became competent at Bob Minimus on the surviving handbells.

During this period of some 18 months they were continually in and out of law courts endeavouring to get satisfaction from the company responsible for the fire, so when, early this year, the claim was paid, they decided to take six months' sabbatical leave in order to learn bell-ringing in this country.

Whether they were aware of the College of Campanology is uncertain, but they decided to come to the University in Great Britain and so arrived at Cambridge on March 7th this year, where they got in touch with the University Guild. Members of the Guild started them off with lashed bell practice, an hour a day each for six days, backstrokes only at first, then handstrokes only and eventually both together, going back to single strokes whenever there was any signs of bad handling. One member very generously demonstrated the sort of handling that breaks stays and broke the stay in the process.

By the end of the Lent term they were ringing respectable rounds at the Guild's learners' practice at St. Bene't's, so were allowed to take a fortnight's holiday in France. On April 1st they were back and given a programme of four evening practices a week at Ely Diocesan Association towers dealing almost exclusively with learners, together with Sunday ringing at one of them. In addition they attended the Association's meetings within cycling distance.

In this programme good striking in rounds and plain hunting on five or six was taught, and by the beginning of July they were capable of starting on Plain Bob and Grandsire 'inside.'

During the first three months of their stay, handbells were not taught very intensively—just occasional attempts at plain courses of Bob Minor to get some idea of the three positions. Serious practice started on July 8th with a three-hour session (10 p.m.–1 a.m.), David and Alice ringing 1–2 and 3–4 respectively, with a member of the C.U.G.C.R. on 5–6, ringing continuous plain courses and finishing with some instruction of bob making. A second three-hour session started with short touches and finished with a 720. Then followed two more three-hour sessions, each ending with a quarter peal, and another in which two Guild members took the learners one at a time in order to improve the beat.

Their stay in this country is now drawing to a close, and we are pleased to be able to publish a tower-bell and a handbell peal for each of them and wish them every success in their avowed intention of promoting change ringing in the U.S.A.

W. J. R.

TEN BELL PEAL

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., July 23, 1957, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, MANCROFT,
A PEAL OF 5075 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 37 cwt. 99 lb. in C.

DORIS E. LIDBETTER	*Treble*	CLIFFORD BIRD	6
*EILEEN HUDSON	2	BERT GOGLE	7
JOHN R. SMITH	3	GEORGE SAYER	8
ARTHUR G. BASON	4	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	9
PHILIP J. H. HUDSON	5	NOLAN GOLDEN	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal on ten bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

CAMBRIDGE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 13, 1957, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW-THE-GREAT,
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

JOANNA M. BOISSARD	*Treble*	*HUGH NEILL	5
J. DESMOND PAINTER	2	JOHN G. GIPSON	6
*M. SUSAN JACKSON	3	GILES C. GALLEY	7
CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON	4	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by G. BAKER. Conducted by WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN.
* First peal in the method.

LONDON, E.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., July 15, 1957, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN, LEYTON.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in A flat.

*JOAN E. BAKER	*Treble*	‡BARWELL B. DIBBEN	5
†ANNE C. GARNETT	2	‡ALAN J. FROST	6
MICHAEL P. MORETON	3	ROBIN G. LEALE	7
DAVID W. JAMES	4	WILLIAM T. COOK	*Tenor*

Composed by J. HOLT. Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.
* First peal of Triples. † First peal on tower bells, on eight, and in the method. ‡ First peal of Grandsire.

FRINDSBURY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., July 17, 1957, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 16 cwt.

RUTH A. HIGHLEY	*Treble*	JENNIFER M. HIGHLEY	5
PETER F. BORER	2	TERENCE BARTON	6
RONALD C. BURNS	3	CYRIL S. JARRETT	7
GEORGE KENWARD	4	LESLIE B. DOBBIE	*Tenor*

Conducted by CYRIL S. JARRETT.
Rung as birthday compliments to Mr. George Kenward, Mr. T. Sone and Miss R. Dobbie.

HINGHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., July 17, 1957, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Cave's transposition of Washbrook's. Tenor 16¼ cwt. in F.

NOLAN GOLDEN	*Treble*	*PHILIP J. H. HUDSON	5
*EILEEN HUDSON	2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	6
JOHN S. BARNES	3	BERT GOGLE	7
GEORGE SAYER	4	ALLAN C. HAINES	*Tenor*

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal of Stedman (from Rochdale).

COLE-ORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Thurs., July 18, 1957, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GAINSBOROUGH LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

*GEORGE L. ROOBOTTOM	*Treble*	*VIVIENNE M. HORTON	5
*GORDON A. HALLS	2	*BARNABAS G. KEY	6
*FRANCIS R. LOWE	3	JOSEPH W. COTTON	7
*DEREK P. JONES	4	ROLAND BENISTON	*Tenor*

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.
* First peal in the method.
Rung for the engagement of Mr. Francis R. Lowe and Miss Hilda E. Beeson, both of Derby.

BIGGLESWADE, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 20, 1957, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in F.

*FRANK H. BRISCOE	*Treble*	†ALAN S. SMITH	5
†JAMES W. HAW	2	JOHN H. BLUFF	6
LEWIS H. BYWATERS	3	GEORGE S. BUSH	7
†GEOFFREY W. MAYES	4	†BRYAN F. SIMS	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by BRYAN F. SIMS.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal in the method.

EDENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 20, 1957, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in F sharp.

JULIET OWEN	*Treble*	*PETER A. HILL	5
JOHN E. COOK, JUN.	2	BRIAN HUNT	6
W. RUSSELL READ	3	LEONARD C. BLANCHARD	7
DENIS A. FRITH	4	J. MICHAEL SIMPSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by DENIS A. FRITH.
* First peal 'inside.' First peal of Major by all except the conductor.

EWELL, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 20, 1957, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5120 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

DEREK G. SPITTLE	*Treble*	*DAVID E. PARSONS	5
*KATHLEEN E. WELLER	2	FREDK. W. HOUSDEN	6
*MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT	3	HAROLD N. PITSTOW	7
*CHARLES W. MUNDAY	4	JOHN HILL	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by HAROLD N. PITSTOW.
* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 20, 1957, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 LYME SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in A.

H. GEORGE HART	*Treble*	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN	5
JOHN R. MAYNE	2	JOSEPH WM. COTTON	6
ELSIE K. HART	3	WILLIAM WENBAN	7
JOAN M. WILCOCKSON	4	FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
First peal in the method by all the band, in the county, and for the Association.

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MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 20, 1957, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, being 1,312 Bristol and 1,280 each of London, Cambridge and Superlative, with 110 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in B flat.

JOHN WORTH	*Treble*	C. KENNETH LEWIS	5
FRED DUNKERLEY	2	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	6
EDWARD JENKINS	3	BRIAN HARRIS	7
BASIL JONES	4	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.
Rung for the wedding of the Vicar, Rev. W. E. P. Tyson, M.A., which took place at Astbury the same day.

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 20, 1957, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
6th place bobs. Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in E.

HAROLD F. WHITE	*Treble*	RICHARD J. WARRILOW	5
JOAN BERESFORD	2	NEIL D. LOMAS	6
ROBIN G. TURNER	3	EDMUND MALIN	7
ARTHUR PRITCHARD	4	FREDK. WM. GROCOTT	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by FREDK. WM. GROCOTT.
The first peal of Bristol Surprise on the bells.

ROTHWELL, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Leeds and District Society.)
On Sat., July 20, 1957, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5056 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 21 lb.

GEORGE W. STEEL	*Treble*	THOMAS W. STRANGEWAY	5
ARTHUR G. WOOD	2	WILLIAM WARD	6
*VALERIE M. MASSAM	3	FRANK RAYMENT	7
FRED BENNETT	4	IRVIN SLACK	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by THOMAS W. STRANGEWAY.
* First peal in the method away from the treble.
Specially arranged and rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Valerie M. Massam.

MARSHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., July 22, 1957, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in A flat.

*GILLIAN PASLEY	*Treble*	MRS. HANBURY F. CARTER	5
HANBURY F. CARTER	2	N. JOHN A. PUMPHREY	6
JOHN R. SMITH	3	REV. H. G. LILLINGSTON	7
WILLIAM R. CATCHPOLE	4	WALTER C. MEDLER	*Tenor*

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by WALTER C. MEDLER.
* First peal of Major, first attempt (aged 14).
Rung in honour of the Feast of St. Mary Magdalen: also to commemorate the conductor's 50 years' membership of the Association.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., July 24, 1957, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS.
A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

RAYMOND G. LOFTY	*Treble*	NOLAN GOLDEN	5
ARTHUR G. BASON	2	PHILIP J. H. HUDSON	6
GEORGE SAYER	3	JOHN MOORE	7
*EILEEN HUDSON	4	BERT GOGLE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal in the method.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., July 24, 1957, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5008 HEDINGHAM BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18¼ cwt.

FRANK CLAYDON	*Treble*	ALAN R. SYDER	5
TERRY EARLE	2	HILDA G. SNOWDEN	6
LEWIS W. WIFFEN	3	FRANK B. LUFKIN	7
BRIAN J. HOWARD	4	WALTER ARNOLD	*Tenor*

Composed by EDGAR WIGHTMAN. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.
First peal in the method, which is 228 in C.C. collection of Plain Major methods.
Rung as a compliment to Rev. and Mrs. G. M. Lister, on being at Sible Hedingham for three years.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

HARLESTONE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 6, 1957, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Tenor 21¼ cwt. in E flat.

GEORGE CARE	*Treble*	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	4
*ROBIN V. BAKER	2	GEORGE W. HOLLAND	5
RICHARD F. ROE	3	STEPHEN IVIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.
* First Surprise peal. Mr. P. I. Chapman has now rung 200 peals in 100 towers.

MELDRETH, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., July 9, 1957, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN G. GIPSON	*Treble*	T. REGINALD DENNIS	4
*DEREK E. SIBSON	2	HUGH NEILL	5
ALAN SHEPHERD	3	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN.
* First peal. 100th peal as conductor.

BUNWELL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., July 11, 1957, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

LEONARD G. TOOKE	*Treble*	RONALD E. BURT	4
WILFRED G. SAUNDERS	2	FRANK C. J. ARNOLD	5
T CHARLES BROWNE	3	CEDRIC F. W. PHILLIPPO	*Tenor*

Conducted by CEDRIC F. W. PHILLIPPO.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Rev. C. J. Warren, Rector of Bunwell since 1954, whose funeral took place the same day.

BLANKNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., July 12, 1957, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD.
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR
Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

ROBIN WORSDALL	*Treble*	*LEONARD G. THOMPSON	4
LOUIS WILDERS	2	W. ROBERT PARKER	5
*JOHN F. PEARSON	3	GEOFFREY R. PARKER	*Tenor*

Composed by H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by GEOFFREY R. PARKER.
* First peal in the method.

BURTON-UPON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., July 15, 1957, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK, WINSHILL.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents (C.C.C. Nos. 64-69, 59).
Tenor 17 cwt. 14 lb. in F.

*KENNETH BALLINGTON (13)	*Treble*	FRANCIS R. LOWE	4
†PETER G. BELLAMY-KNIGHT	2	RONALD H. DOVE	5
JOSEPH WM. COTTON	3	DEREK P. JONES	*Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Surprise. The first peal of Surprise on the bells.
A birthday compliment on this day to Mr. Francis R. Lowe, also his 250th peal, and rung for his engagement, on this day, to Miss Hilda E. Beeson, of Derby. Also a compliment to the conductor on his birthday.

HARSTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., July 17, 1957, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Being 42 extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

*ALICE B. DICKINSON	*Treble*	HUGH NEILL	3
M. SUSAN JACKSON	2	JOHN G. GIPSON	4
		WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN.
* First peal.

WILLINGHAM, CAMBS.—On July 7th, 1,440 Ipswich Surprise Minor: A. Denson 1, N. Robinson 2, D. Murfet 3, G. E. Crisp 4, G. A. Lucas 5, D. E. R. Knights (cond.) 6. For sung Eucharist.

HOLYWELL, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., July 18, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

*DAVID J. DICKINSON ..	*Treble*	HUGH NEILL	4
M. SUSAN JACKSON.. ..	2	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN ..	5
DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS..	3	GEOFFREY A. LUCAS	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN.
* First tower-bell peal.

TARRING, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., July 18, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being one 240 and 12 extents (ten callings) of Grandsire and 14 extents each of Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob (four callings)
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

DAVID BRAND	*Treble*	DOROTHY K. SAUNDERS ..	4
*DONALD A. SMITH	2	GEORGE FRANCIS	5
*MERVYN FROMM	3	†ANTONY M. HORN	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE FRANCIS.
* First peal of Doubles. † First peal.

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., July 19, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Oxford, Double Court, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B. and Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt.

LESLIE D. MILLS	*Treble*	FRANK H. PIKE	4
ROY DUESBURY	2	A. EDWARD LEGGETT ..	5
MRS. LESLIE MILLS	3	DONALD L. MILLS	*Tenor*

Conducted by DONALD L. MILLS.
First peal in seven methods as conductor.
An 18th birthday compliment to the conductor.

QUEENBOROUGH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 20, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

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

*†GEORGE KENWARD ..	*Treble*	‡STANLEY V. RAYFIELD ..	4
*†CYRIL S. JARRETT	2	WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT ..	5
*ALBERT J. DUNK	3	*RONALD C. BINNS	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.
* First peal of Stedman Doubles. † 100th peal together. ‡ First peal of Stedman. First peal of Stedman on the bells.

WESTON FAVELL, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 20, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 ST. PETER'S DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (eight callings). Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

ERIC BILLINGS	*Treble*	PERCY AMOS	3
VICTOR A. PERRY	2	GEORGE F. ROOME	4
DEREK P. JONES..	*Tenor*		

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
The first peal in the method.
Rung in honour of the patron saint of this church, and the 250th anniversary of the bells becoming a ring of five.

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., July 22, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in D.

*BRIAN STAPLETON	*Treble*	*IVOR PETT	4
ROBERT CHURCHILL ..	2	MICHAEL STEPHENS	5
*ARTHUR KERSHAW	3	KENNETH SPAVINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by MICHAEL STEPHENS.
* First peal.
Rung as a farewell compliment to the Rev. E. A. Storrs Fox, priest-in-charge of the parish since 1952.

CHEDISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., July 22, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and four 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

E. JACK THURLOW	*Treble*	EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	4
PETER KINDRED	2	JOHN W. BLYTHE	5
C. JACK GIBSON..	3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

HANDBELL PEALS

CAMBRIDGE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., July 16, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
AT ST. CATHERINE'S COLLEGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor size 11 in G.

*DAVID J. DICKINSON ..	1—2	HUGH NEILL	3—4
		WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN ..	5—6

Conducted by WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN.
* First peal.

SURBITON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., July 17, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT 104, BERESFORD AVENUE, TOLWORTH,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 13 in E flat.

ANNE C. GARNETT	1—2	ROBIN G. LEALE	3—4
		MICHAEL P. MORETON ..	5—6

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.
The first peal in the method for the Association, and by all the band.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., July 19, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT ST. CATHERINE'S COLLEGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor size 11 in G.

*ALICE B. DICKINSON ..	1—2	HUGH NEILL	3—4
		WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN ..	5—6

Conducted by WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN.
* First handbell peal.

CLEATHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., July 19, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
AT CLEATHAM HOUSE FARM,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation). Tenor size 15 in C.

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

Conducted by JACK BRAY.
* First of Triples 'in hand.'

KILMORY KNAP, ARGYLL.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., July 23, 1957, *in* 1 *Hour and* 57 *Minutes.*
AT DUN A BHUILG,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents called differently. Tenor size 13 in E.

MRS. E. A. BARNETT.. ..	1—2	EDWIN A. BARNETT	3—4
		EDWIN H. LEWIS	5—6

Conducted by EDWIN H. LEWIS.
Rung on Mrs. E. H. Lewis's birthday.

SILEBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(The Humphrey Perkins School Campanological Society.)
On Wed., July 24, 1957, *in* 1 *Hour and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT 153, RATCLIFFE ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 21 extents each of Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor size 11 in G.

DEREK M. SAWYER	1—2	B. STEDMAN PAYNE	3—4
		MICHAEL WHITE	5—6

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

QUARTER PEALS

ARDINGLY, SUSSEX.—On July 21st, 1,260 Bob Doubles: Miss R. Holman 1, H. J. Wilde 2, A. J. Butcher 3, C. F. Bennett 4, I. A. C. Butcher (cond.) 5, M. Probert 6 First quarter for 1 and 6.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On July 21st, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: P. Flack 1, L. Scoot 2, P. Hutton 3, E. Buck 4, R. Castledine 5, D. Sutcliffe 6, C. Harwood 7, J. Dear (cond.) 8. First in the method by 1 and 2. First in the method by a local band. Rung for the Feast of St. Margaret, Baldock's sister church at Bygrave.

BOW, LONDON.—On July 14th, at St. Mary-atte-Bow, 1,260 Stedman Triples: L. W. Bullock 1, J. Hales 2, T. H. Taffender 3, P. J. Hutchins 4, D. R. Randall 5, L. W. Battley 6, E. D. Smith (cond.) 7, J. A. Hales 8. For Evensong.

BRAMPTON ASH, NORTHANTS.—On July 24th, 1,260 Bob Minor: A. J. Frost 1, P. G. K. Davies 2, Miss D. Lawless (first 'inside') 3, Miss J. Baker (fiirst 'inside') 4, D. W. James 5, B. P. Morris (cond.) 6. Rung for the Feast of St. James.

CARLISLE, CUMBERLAND.—On July 21st, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Doubles (780 Grandsire, 480 Plain Bob), on the middle five: E. A. Palmer 1, J. Hodgson (first quarter) 2, R. Briggs 3, J. Ling 4, A. Forsyth 5, J. Boustead 6, J. Grieve 7. Conducted by 4, 5 and 6.

CARLTON COLVILLE, SUFFOLK.—On July 21st, 1,260 Bob Doubles: Monica Howes (first quarter) 1, P. G. Tovell 2, R. T. Tovell 3, M. J. Stokes 4, T. N. J. Bailey (cond.) 5. Rung in honour of the christening this day of Christine Patricia, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Gouod, of Oulton Broad. Mr. Gouod is the local Ringing Master.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.—On June 30th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Margaret Jennings 1, Ann Miles 2, E. Roberts 3, M. Jennings 4, S. Arnold 5, W. Slaughter 6, G. Jennings (cond.) 7, J. Laker 8. For Evensong, and to welcome ringer of 4 home from National Service.

DOWNHAM, ESSEX.—On July 17th, 1,224 Minor (720 Cambridge and 504 Spliced Oxford and Kent T.B.): G. Sandwell 1, H. Turner (cond.) 2, L. H. Turner 3, R. N. Pittman 4, B. Howard 5, B. C. Hines 6. Rung half-muffled prior to a memorial service to Canon Vaughan-Jones, a former rector, who died in S. Africa on July 6th last.

EDINBURGH.—On July 21st, at the Cathedral Church of St. Mary, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Ballington (13, first on eight) 1, Kate Branson 2, W. H. Pickett 3, J. Killick 4, A. W. Lloyd 5, C. R. Raine 6, D. P. Jones (cond.) 7, A. Best 8. Rung to welcome the Very Rev. R. Foskett, recently installed as Provost of the Cathedral.

EPPING UPLAND, ESSEX.—On July 20th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob, 660 Grandsire): Janet Evans 1, A. Mansfield 2, J. Cordell 3, W. Wedlock (cond.) 4, J. McPhail 5, C. Bengham 6. Rung for the wedding of Miss Diana Padfield to Mr. W. Collins.

EWELME, OXON.—On July 21st, 1,260 Grandsire and Bob Doubles: Patricia Reason (14, first quarter) 1, R. H. Baker 2, F. Godden 3, J. Godman 4, B. Blond (cond.) 5, J. Busby 6. For Evensong.

GRANTHAM, LINCS.—On July 21st, 1,278 Grandsire Caters: Miss V. Sharpe 1, R. Read 2, P. Hill 3, F. Pinchbeck 4, H. Squires 5, B. Buttery 6, L. Squires 7, H. R. Woods (cond.) 8, M. Simpson 9, D. Frith 10. Rung for Evensong

GREAT ADDINGTON, NORTHANTS.—On June 24th, 1,320 Minor (720 Kent T.B., 600 Plain Bob): Miss J. Blanchard 1, Miss J. Giles 2, D. James 3, R. Stretton 4, B. Cope 5, G. Watson (cond.) 6. First quarter by 1 and 2.

HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On July 21st, at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. H. Harris 1, B. E. Woodall 2, H. Shilvock 3, J. H. Cox 4, Miss W. Pretty 5, T. Greenhall 6, L. Clissett (cond.) 7, G. Bradley 8. Rung for the jubilee celebration of St. Margaret's Church. Also rung prior to the tenor ringer joining the Forces.

HAMPTON, MIDDLESEX.—On July 14th, 1,296 Bob Major: Margaret Essen (first quarter) 1, P. Ridgway 2, Paddy Feddern 3, Mrs. P. Ridgway 4, W. S. Deason 5, P. A. Lawrence 6, R. G. Leale (cond.) 7, D. A. S. Hawkins 8. Also on July 21st, 1,260 Minor (720 York Surprise and 540 Windermere Bob): Margaret Essen 1, D. Hawkins 2, W. S. Deason 3, R. Woodcock 4, P. A. Lawrence 5, S. J. Woodcock (cond.) 6.

HANDSWORTH, BIRMINGHAM.—On July 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss C. J. Yardley 1, Miss E. M. Yardley 2, A. N. Stubbs 3, I. D. Thompson (cond.) 4, P. Beresford 5, A. R. Crump 6. Rung to commemorate the wedding of the Rev. K. H. Hills, curate of the parish, to Miss H. J. McDowall Morgan, of Washwood Heath, on the previous day.

KEYMER, SUSSEX.—On July 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Eaton 1, P. Robinson 2, J. Backshall 3, S. A. Hill 4, P. F. Romney (cond.) 5, F. Cox 6. Rung half-muffled as a mark of respect to the memory of the Ven. H. C. Loasby, formerly Archdeacon of Madras, Rector of Uckfield, and for some years assistant priest in this parish.

KELVEDON, ESSEX.—On July 22nd, 1,320 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: J. Papworth 1, J. Elliott (cond.) 2, Miss W. M. Elliott 3, H. Nicholls 4, C. Burton 5, A. R. Elliott 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. C. Button, interred that day.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—On July 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. H. Winch (cond.) 1, A. S. Harris 2, Rev. C. R. Marshall (first quarter) 3, Miss P. Smee 4, G. Marriner 5, B. Hawkins 6, A. H. Smith 7, H. V. Young 8. For Evensong.

LOUGHTON, ESSEX.—On July 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss S. R. Green 1, L. S. Woods (cond.) 2, Miss C. Ford 3, S. T. Ford 4, M. Austin 5, F. Tomlin 6, D. Riley 7, H. Duncan 8. Rung with the very best wishes of the band as a farewell to the ringers of 3 and 4, who will shortly be leaving the district.

PARRAMATTA, N.S.W.—On April 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Polain 1, J. J. Cummins 2, P. Gates 3, T. W. Goodyer (cond.) 4, K. G. P. Stacey 5, T. Howell 6.

RAMPTON, NOTTS.—On July 7th, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob, 540 Plain Bob): P. Gready 1, M. Ross 2, R. Hobbs 3, T. Randall 4, H. Denman (cond.) 5, M. Kemp 6. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Bryan Ross, brother of the second ringer.

REIGATE, SURREY.—On July 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. P. S. Cracknell 1, F. B. Jeal 2, C. S. Hoad 3, F. T. Hoad 4, W. H. Inwood 5, A. T. Shelton 6, B. A. Cracknell (cond.) 7, Miss J. Hanning 8. By the local band for Evensong.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.—On July 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Hook 1, G. King 2, J. H. Edwards 3, A. Hoad 4, A. Smith 5, S. May 6, W. H. Hoad (cond.) 7, A. Allcorn 8. Rung especially for the 100th birthday of Mrs. Brooks. Believed to be the first occasion of any parishioner reaching this age.

SHERINGTON BUCKS.—On July 19th, 1,260 Doubles (60 Grandsire, 120 Winchendon Place, 120 St. Nicholas', 120 Reverse Canterbury, 120 St. Simon's, 120 St. Martin's, 240 April Day, 360 Plain Bob): B. Grainger 1, Angela Grainger 2, P. Newing 3, M. G. Hooton 4, A. E. Butcher (cond.) 5.

STAMFORD HILL, LONDON.—At St. Ann's Church, on July 23rd, 1,440 London Surprise Minor: Miss P. Rowe 1, Miss L. Hawes 2, M. Cubitt 3, B. Bladon (cond.) 4, M. Rowe 5, E. J. Rowe 6. The last quarter peal on the old six. The 29th quarter this year.

STEEPLE ASTON, OXON.—On June 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Gardiner (first quarter) 1, H. Adams 2, A. Johnston (first quarter) 3, H. Adams (first as conductor) 4, F. Darvill (first quarter) 5, E. Franks (first quarter) 6.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On July 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (1 and 2 leading): S. Stacey 1, H. Trewin 2, D. Garvie 3, H. Heard 4, C. Sangwin (cond.) 5, A. Bissatt 6, H. Stacey 7, T. Finnemore 8. Rung for St. Andrew's fete.

TETTENHALL, STAFFS.—On July 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss C. Slater 1, H. Howell 2, Miss B. Falkiner (first 'inside') 3, G. Smallwood 4, A. G. Newman 5, E. Stitch (cond.) 6, R. Humphries (first on eight bells) 7, E. Southwick 8.

TRULL, SOMERSET.—On July 21st, 1 260 Bob Minor: Beryl Churchill 1, G. Perry 2, F. Sparks 3, M. Noad 4, R. Baker 5, H. Churchill (cond.) 6.

TWYWELL, NORTHANTS.—On July 22nd, 1,320 Doubles (120 each of Winchendon Place, St. Matthew's, St. Nicholas', St. Simon's, St. Martin's, and 720 Plain Bob): Joan Baker 1, F. E. Crosier 2, C. H. Newell 3, D. W. James (cond.) 4, D. Perkins 5. First quarter in six methods by all the band. Rung by the Cranford band for the Feast of St. Mary Magdalene.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—On July 21st, 1,392 Bob Major: F. C. Maynard 1, H. Rumens 2, B. Downes 3, E. E. Holman 4, M. C. Austin 5, D. Hewitt 6, A. J. N. Boyack 7, R. J. Chapman (comp. and cond.) 8. Rung for Evensong and the 18th birthday of the conductor.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFS.—At All Saints' Church, on July 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jane Cotterill 1, E. A. Parish 2, A. Mills (cond.) 3, J. Cooper 4, F. Baraclough 5, W. D. Peart 6, J. N. Hadley 7, J. R. Cotterill 8. For Evensong, with the bells muffled, in memoriam Josiah Hadley, verger at this church (1933–1957).

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On July 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Jacobs 1, J. Tomsett 2, M. Sinden 3, Susan Jacobs 4, P. Devenish 5, A. Bishop 6, M. P. Moreton 7, F. Corfield (cond.) 8.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.—On July 20th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: A. Henshall (first quarter) 1, J. D. Smith 2, B. Porter 3, R. A. Trickett (first quarter as conductor) 4, J. Adams 5, F. R. Morton 6. Rung to celebrate the recent marriage of Mr. Michael Morgan-Wynne, a local ringer, to Miss Barbara Baxter. Two attempts at a mixed Doubles peal had previously failed.

WOBURN, BEDS.—On July 16th, 1,260 Bob Triples: B. Stapleton 1, Angela Grainger 2, Anne Spavins 3, B. Grainger 4, Phyllis Gray (first of Bob Triples) 5, K. G. Spavins 6, P. Newing (cond.) 7, F. F. Bloxham 8. Rung for the birthdays of Miss P. Gray and Mr. W. Maytum (Littlebourne, Kent).

ST. LAWRENCE JEWRY-NEXT-GUILDHALL

'I was well pleased with the church, it being a very fine one.'

So wrote Samuel Pepys in his Diary in 1664, but little is known of the church which was destroyed in the Great Fire of London in 1666.

We do know, however, that the new church, designed by Sir Christopher Wren, was very beautiful, and was the costliest of Wren's buildings of the 'hall' type, the vicar's vestry being reputed to be one of the finest small rooms in Europe.

It is said that St. Lawrence, to whom the church is dedicated, when he was told to bring out the church's treasure produced all the sick and poor people he could find, dispersing the valuables secretly. This was in A.D. 258, during the Valerian persecutions, and led to his martyrdom. He was flayed and then roasted on a gridiron. This emblem recurs throughout the church, and the weathervane takes this form.

On December 29th, 1940, the church was destroyed by enemy action, only the walls and tower remaining. Rebuilding was commenced in 1954 and completed in 1957, to the design of Mr. Cecil Brown. Under the reorganisation scheme for the City churches, St. Lawrence's ceased to be a parish church and became a guild church, with a ministry to the weekday working population, and it was designated the official church of the Corporation of London.

Many famous figures in the church have been connected with St. Lawrence's, including William Grocyn, the great Greek scholar; Edward Reynolds, later Bishop of Norwich; Seth Ward, later Bishop of Exeter; John Wilkins, later Bishop of Chester; Sir Thomas More, who lectured there; and John Tillotson, Archbishop of Canterbury, 1691–94, who was baptised, married and buried there.

The new church was reconsecrated on July 15th by the Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of London, and in the presence of a most distinguished congregation, which included the High Commissioners of Ceylon, Australia, New Zealand and S. Africa; representatives for the High Commissioners of Canada and India; the Master of Balliol; the Masters and Wardens of the Worshipful Companies of Mercers, Haberdashers, Girdlers, Cooks, Weavers, Turners and Loriners; the Keeper of the Guildhall; members of the Court of Common Council, City Marshal, the High Officers, the Sheriffs, and Court of Aldermen; churchwardens, architect, the Vicar of St. Lawrence Jewry, Rt. Hon. the Lord Mayor of London and Diocesan Registrar.

Amongst the clergy present were the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Bishop of London, the Dean of St. Paul's, Rural Dean of City, Archbishop of Capetown and the Archdeacon of London.

At the west door, the Lord Mayor, addressing the Bishop, said: 'Right Reverend Father in God, we pray you to reconsecrate this our church': and the Bishop replied: 'I am ready to proceed to the reconsecration.' Prayers were then offered, and the Bishop ordered the Registrar to read the Sentence of Consecration, which he then signed, and ordered that the instrument should be enrolled and preserved in the muniments of the Diocesan Registry. The sermon was preached by the Bishop of London, and the blessing pronounced by the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Then the new ring of bells rang out, and a well-struck quarter peal of Stedman Triples was rung by a company of College Youths, which included five past Masters.

The bells, a beautiful ring of eight (tenor 24¾ cwt. in E flat) were cast and installed by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and are a worthy product of this old established and historic foundry. Very flattering comments were made by all who heard them. JAYFUS.

City Bells a Tonic to Workers

The following letter in appreciation of City bells appeared in 'The Daily Telegraph':—

Sir,—Leaving my office within the parish of St. Lawrence Jewry Next Guildhall, in the City of London, on the occasion of the recent rededication of the beautifully reconstructed church, I was met on my homeward journey with the uplifting of music of bells broadcast from the belfry.

I am sure that many would like to express appreciation for the happy thought that prompted the arrangement. The delightful melody of the bells seemed to create a joyous and exhilarating effect on the erstwhile worshippers of Mammon and Moloch. Nothing better could be imagined to thrill and react as a tonic to City workers.

For too long have the bells of our City churches been silent. One recalls the pre-war jubilant Ascension Day ringing of the bells from the steeple of St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside.

Bells have been aptly described as the Church's artillery, and I should like our ecclesiastical fathers to make it possible for City workers to hear more music of the bells during weekdays and not confine this delightful ministry to Sundays.

Would it be possible for the majestic bells of St. Paul's Cathedral to be rung mid-week, perhaps by a volunteer group of City workers—in fact a junior group of College Youths or Society of Cheapside Scholars?—Yours faithfully,

G. WALDREN.

London, N.10.

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Great Tey

The ringers of St. Barnabas', Great Tey, had their annual outing on July 20th, and made a trip to Winchester. Ringing took place in the following Surrey towers: St. John's, Egham; St. Andrew's, Farnham, and St. Mary's, Ewell. The enjoyment of the day was enhanced by the bells being ready in each tower visited. Thanks are expressed to all steeple-keepers concerned. The arrangements were made by Mr. J. W. Dyer, captain.

ST. MATTHEW'S, UPPER CLAPTON

Two new peal boards were dedicated after Evensong on Trinity Sunday at St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, by the Vicar (Rev. C. H. Shaw Kew), who is president of St. Matthew's Society of Voluntary Ringers. The ceremony was witnessed by a considerable number of the congregation, the choir, and visitors from other towers. The two new boards were given by two local firms and prepared by Mr. Friswell for lettering by the sign-writer.

The peals thus commemorated are as follows:

On April 11th, 1953, in 2 hours 53 minutes
(No. 3461 Middlesex Association)
5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. A. Hales	1
G. L. Friswell	2
Mrs. R. K. C. Wilkings	3
G. A. Parsons	4
R. K. C. Wilkings	5
D. Neal	6
C. E. Willmington	7
C. F. Neal	8

On June 16th, 1956, in 2 hours 50 minutes
(No. 3598 Middlesex Association)
5056 BOB MAJOR

A. Richardson	1
J. M. Highley	2
Mrs. T. J. Lock	3
D. C. Bowen	4
A. W. J. Butler	5
G. A. Parsons	6
C. E. Willmington	7
T. J. Lock	8

With the exception of Messrs. J. A. Hales and A. W. J. Butler, all who took part in the peals were present at the dedication ceremony.

EMMANUEL, PLYMOUTH

The ringers of Emmanuel Church, Plymouth, with wives and families, visited Cornwall on the occasion of their annual outing on Saturday, July 13th, and rang at six churches, the distance covered being 206 miles, this being the longest journey undertaken by the post-war band. A stop was made at Lanivet for welcome coffee, the majority of the party having had a very early breakfast.

First place to ring was at Redruth, where there is a ring of eight, then on via Wendron—the view from the high ground of St. Ives and Carbis Bay on the one side of the Land's End peninsula and the top of St. Michael's Mount on the other was seen at its best in the beautiful weather that favoured the party—to lunch and to ring at Helston. Next a visit was made to St. Anthony-in-Meneage, with its lively eight, the church being right down by the River Helford. Then on through the narrow roads, which just fitted the 33-seater coach, to the grand ring of eight at St. Keverne.

Tea was partaken at the Lizard Hotel, The Lizard, followed by ringing at two 6-bell towers—Landewednack, the most southerly church in England with a ring of bells, and Cury.

After a short stop at Bodmin on the homeward run, which was made via Truro, Plymouth was reached with everyone quite pleased with a good day's ringing, all the towers being new to all the ringers, with the exception of four. A hearty welcome was extended at each church, and the ready permission of the various incumbents to ring was greatly appreciated. The fact that in no less than three towers the bells were up made us think the art of raising and lowering in peal was dying in south-west Cornwall. Touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and Kent were rung during the day. Friends from St. Andrew's and Plympton St. Maurice, as usual, joined the party. Ringing was under the direction of Mr. J. P. Sims, captain, and arrangements were made by Mr. H. H. Thomas, hon. secretary. H. H. T.

TOWERS IN FOUR COUNTIES AT WHITSUN

On Friday, June 7th, two widely-separated parties began a journey to Swindon for another 'Weekend Wheatsheaf,' the Derby contingent winning in a well-known Morris tourer. The two members from Bedfordshire arrived three hours behind at 2 a.m., one of them having willingly accepted a race handicap—a peal attempt for Bristol at Erith, which proved successful. After meeting at breakfast, we set out for the start of a fully planned day. At Castle Eaton (6, 7¼ cwt.) one of us became unfortunately afflicted by the dis-ease dreaded of ringers—blisters!—and our peal attempt was stopped in the 6th extent. During the afternoon and evening we visited Meysey-Hampton (6, 9¼ cwt.), Ampney Crucis (5, 8 cwt.—an entertaining musical oddity—13345!) and Cricklade (5, 12 cwt.), finishing with a visit to the District meeting at Bishopstone (8, 19¼ cwt.).

On Sunday we were warmly welcomed for ringing at the two Swindon churches, and in the afternoon rang a very good peal in 14 methods on the bells of Ogbourne St. George (18¼ cwt.), surely one of the finest fives in England. After returning the bells to the 'inverted handstroke,' Derek was seen cooling off in almost the same position over an ideally situated water trough! We were thanked by the vicar of the twin churches during the service at Ogbourne St. Andrew (5, 10 cwt.), and afterwards rang the congregation out with various touches.

A tour passing through the Savernake Forest and the Vale of Pewsey had been arranged for Whit Monday. At Tottenham Park (St. Anne's?) in the depths of the forest we found a good Mears peal (5, 11 cwt.). Noticing that the second rope frequently wished to leave its wheel, and also the nearby Warren, we thought —'This must be the H.Q. of the Rabbits' Guild!' At Burbage (5, 14 cwt.) one of our younger members clearly demonstrated the axiom: 'To stand on the floor, one's feet ought to be in contact with it'; this to his discomfiture and our amusement! An excellent lunch with Sally Lunn came between the ringing of the fine sixes at Collingbourne Kingston (19¾ cwt.) and Ducis (11¼ cwt.), an unusual feature being the long, untucked tail-ends at the latter. Everleigh (6, 14¼ cwt.) was followed by the magnificent six at Upavon (14 cwt.), many methods up to Surprise bringing out to advantage the musical qualities of this grand ring. Floral decorations were much admired throughout the day, those at Pewsey (6, 11 cwt.) being particularly beautiful. Milton-Lilbourne (6, 10 cwt.) was our last tower, and on the way back to Swindon we were delighted to see a signpost to the village of Oare—for this has a special significance to many Bedfordshire (and other initiated) ringers!

By 5.30 a.m. the Morris was ambling along into the sunrise on the way to Cambs and Suffolk, now carrying six people and laden with camping gear. Whilst the equipment was being unloaded at Hitchin, Philip bounded before by bus to Baldock, there to join the other car. The first tower of Tuesday was Great Wilbraham (5, 9 cwt.), where we all re-met at 10 a.m. Here the bells are chimed, and we were astonished by weird noises from 1 and 5—soon found to be hanging on iron bars, the soundbows touching the supporting metal trestles. Adjustments were made and the improved tone removed our first suspicion that the bells had been scrapped for metal tubes! Ringing followed at Bottisham (5, 11 cwt.), Swaffham Prior (6, 11 cwt.) and Burwell (8, 13 cwt.), where we were met by R. J. Housden, and admired the augmented ring. The fine bells at Newmarket (6, 21 cwt.) and Exning (5, 14 cwt.) inspired good ringing, and when chiming the musical bells of Cheveley (5, 14 cwt.) we thought how nice they would sound if restored to ringing condition. Chippenham (6, 10 cwt.) and Freckenham (5, 10 cwt.) preceded our last tower at Isleham (5, 25 cwt.), where (after prodigious and titanic efforts) we were well rewarded by very good rounds and a fine lower in peal.

Our appreciation is due to all incumbents for granting permission, and to Ann, Brian and Richard for their organisation. In addition, we extend our sincere thanks to the Rev. and Mrs. G. F. Williams, of Cheveley, whose munificent hospitality in providing tea for the party was without parallel, and will always be remembered.

P. M.

NEWS FROM AUSTRALIA

On Saturday, May 3rd, Geoffrey Logan, of St. Mary's Cathedral, Sydney, was married to Dianne Foster. Geoff's ringing is now very limited as he is senior resident doctor at Royal Newcastle Hospital, which is some distance from Sydney.

Harold Jeeves, of St. Paul's, Maryborough, paid a visit to St. Mary's Cathedral in May, but unfortunately arrived too late to ring. However, he met 'Chook' Fowell, Laurie Curran and John Cummins, all of whom went on the Maryborough trip from Sydney in 1953.

Another visitor in May was Mr. Gibson, from Dublin, on a visit to his daughter in Queensland. Mr. Gibson rang Stedman Doubles and Plain Bob Minor at St. Mary's, and will be returning to Sydney later in the year.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. Roland Morant, who has acted as instructor at Stoke-next-Guildford and was previously associated with St. Nicolas', Guildford, sails with his wife for Canada this month. Both are members of the teaching profession and they hope to make their new home at Winnipeg.

Mr. Pat Cannon's peal tour this year starts on August 10th in the Reading area.

The bells of Bath Abbey will be reopened on August 3rd.

The peal at Winshill, Burton-upon-Trent, on July 15th provided Mr. Ronald H. Dove with an opportunity to fulfil an ambition of many years standing. It was at this church that his father was organist and he sang as a choirboy.

Mr. Brian Anston, Ringing Master of the Kettering Branch, Peterborough Diocesan Guild, addressed the Corby Interim Rotary Club on July 16th on 'Bells and bell ringing.' The talk was illustrated by handbells, a model bell and sketches.

The band who rang the peal at Rothwell for Miss Valerie M. Massam's 21st birthday would like to thank her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Massam, for their kind arrangements for tea after the peal. They were sorry that Percy was not able to participate in the peal.

Visiting Cheshire for the first time are Mr. and Mrs. W. Gorringe, of Hawkhurst, Kent, who have been staying near Astbury. On Sunday evening, July 21st, they rang at Christ Church, Crewe, and on Monday they joined in a 'tower grab' with Mr. R. H. Dove. Others taking part were Messrs. R. D. Langford, G. A. Packer, W. F. Stenson, J. Brough, E. Boffey, F. Ollier, A. Jaques, H. and S. Sutton, Derek Smith, Tony Trickett, Brian Porter and F. Moreton.

Mr. Ronald H. Dove, Ringing Master of Leeds Parish Church, has been combining business with pleasure at Crewe. Travelling in Mr. Bernard Ongley's bus there was a bit of 'tower grabbing' on July 22nd: Wistaston 6.30 p.m., Acton 7.10, Nantwich 7.45, and his train back to Leeds at 8.58 p.m. The ringing was much enjoyed.

The 50th anniversary of the granting of a charter to the Borough of Nuneaton was celebrated by a peal at All Saints' Church, Chilvers Coton, on July 23rd.

During a peal attempt of Yorkshire Surprise Maximus at Leicester Cathedral last week, P. A. C. broke the stay of the third bell about half way through the peal, and now joins forces with his old colleague A. P. C., who did a similar thing at the C.C. meeting last year.

The rather heavy ring of six bells at Wellington (Hereford) Parish Church were being rung to rounds on a recent Saturday afternoon by a band of young novices, previous to the annual service of the combined choir festival. It had been a very hot and sultry afternoon, and at 'Stand' the young lad on the fifth remarked: 'Gee, this is a winter sport!'

Miss Audrey Bailey is back in England after her experiences in Canada. She writes: 'I had a very wonderful trip across Canada and through the Rockies, and felt it was a fitting climax to the holiday to be given the opportunity of ringing on the beautiful eight at Victoria Cathedral. Mr. Izard and the band gave me a great welcome, and I have thoroughly enjoyed the Tuesday practice night. I only wish I could have stayed a little longer in Canada to accompany the ringers when they go to ring on the new eight at Calgary.'

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DORSET RECTOR KILLED BY ONE OF HIS OWN BELLS

RINGERS' CAPTAIN AND PRECAUTIONS

A VERDICT of 'Accidental death' was returned by the North Dorset Coroner (Mr. W. H. Creech) at the inquest held on July 23rd on the Rev. William Russell Ware Mortimer (68), rector of Okeford Fitzpaine, who was killed by a bell the previous Sunday afternoon when he was showing a party of school children round the ringing chamber of his church.

The Coroner commented: 'A clergyman being killed in this manner in his own church, after taking a service there, is quite beyond the understanding of the human mind.'

The Coroner said it seemed conclusive that some action by the rector, which was quite involuntary, set the bell off. His outstretched hand might possibly have touched a part of the bell or a stay.

Dr. H. F. Wilson, of Child Okeford, said death, which was instantaneous, was due to a fractured skull. The rector's right shoulder was completely smashed.

One of the children who went into the belfry said Mr. Mortimer went into the bell chamber and two of the children stayed in the doorway.

'Three of us were on the steps,' she said, 'when I heard someone call out: "Something has hit my head." My brother, Sonny, who was in the doorway, was hit on the head. We all came down the steps. When we got down Mrs. Ricketts asked where Mr. Mortimer was, and we said we did not know.'

CHILDREN FRIGHTENED

Mrs. Florence Ricketts, the Sunday School superintendent, said when the children came down the steps they were frightened, and Mrs. Mortimer asked her to go up and see if she could find the rector. 'I went up to the belfry and could not hear or see anything, so I came back and told Mrs. Mortimer I would fetch help,' she said.

Leo Kingsley Underhill, a retired schoolmaster, of Okeford Fitzpaine, said he was called by Mrs. Ricketts and he went up to the belfry. On going to the entrance of the bell chamber he saw a bell half up facing him just inside the door. Then he saw one of Mr. Mortimer's feet through the other side. His head was very near the rim of the bell, and his body was caught between the rest of the bell and the frame.

'He did not reply when I spoke to him, and after I was quite sure I could not get him out, I went downstairs and got the ringers,' he said.

Replying to the Coroner, he said anybody standing in the doorway of the bell chamber would be only just out of reach of the bells.

HALF-AN-HOUR TO MOVE BELL

Dr. Wilson said when he was called to the church he went up into the bell chamber and saw the rector pinned by his legs and body to the bell. His head was against the wall and there was a gash in the scalp. It was quite obvious he was dead.

Afterwards, he said, it took the ringers over half-an-hour to move the bell. He noticed that all the other bells were in the upright position.

The doctor said that to get through the doorway one would have to bend. He would imagine that when the big bell swung over it would come within a few inches of the doorway.

'I think if he were leaning forward and that bell suddenly came over, it would probably hit his head and sweep the body underneath and pin it there,' he said. 'I don't think it would be necessary for him to have to be right inside.'

WARNING NOTICE DISPLAYED

Mr. Benjamin Ridout, captain of the bellringers, said that when they finished ringing for the morning service on Sundays the bells were left in the up position. After ringing the last five-minute bell he put up the warning notice that the bells were up.

The Coroner asked if anybody walking across the bell chamber could cause a bell to come down, and Mr. Ridout replied that it was impossible to walk across the chamber. The bells were in an iron frame, and it would be impossible to get in unless that particular bell was down. He said he did not think the accident could have occurred through some fault in the mechanism.

Replying to the Coroner, he said: 'I don't think he could have stumbled because he would have to crawl under the bell. I think, perhaps, he caught hold of something to pull himself out and pulled the bell over.'

HAD TO CRAWL INTO BELL CHAMBER

The Coroner: Do you mean to say that when the rector went into the bell chamber he must have crawled?

Witness: He could not walk in, sir. He would have to go on his hands and knees.

The Coroner: It seems to me if he had to crawl in he might very easily have touched something. If he was crawling along it would have been quite possible for his hand or some portion of him to have just knocked the bell? —Yes, he was bound to knock something, either a part of the bell or the stay. It would not take very much force to set the bell off.

Inspector T. Battson: Assuming the only position in the bell chamber where a man could stand up was immediately inside the doorway, which way would he turn before he descended the ladder out of the chamber?

Witness: The ringers go down backwards.

Further questioned, he said the rector had been to the bell chamber before, but not many times. As far as he could gather, the children told him the warning notice was displayed when they went up.

BELL STRAIGHT IN FRONT OF DOOR

Another bellringer, Frank Hilliar, of Rosehill Farm, Okeford Fitzpaine, said there were six bells in the belfry, and number five bell, the one that killed the rector, was the heaviest but one.

'What did Mr. Ridout mean by crawling?,' the Coroner asked him. He replied: 'When you go into the bell chamber you cannot walk straight in because the fifth bell is straight in front of the door. When it is up you can go in as far as the headstock.'

The Coroner: Do you think the rector was crawling or upright?

Witness: He could not have been upright. You could not touch the bell, but you could touch the stay or the slider that would set the bell off.

BELLS NEVER LEFT UP AT NIGHT

Replying to further questions, witness said the bells were never left up at night, because the ringers did not think it was safe to do so, as anyone might go into the church and wander about. It was dangerous to go into the bell chamber, and that was why they had a notice. The bell weighed between 9 and 10 cwt., and had to be manhandled up after the accident.

He added: 'No ringer would go to our bell chamber unless we had let down the fifth bell, because it is straight in front of the door.'

The Coroner said one would have thought that the rector knew it was a source of danger to go into the bell chamber. 'It is a most tragic affair,' he added, expressing sympathy with the members of the family.

THE FUNERAL

At the funeral service on July 24th, four of the bellringers acted as bearers—Messrs. Benjamin Ridout (captain), Bert Ridout, Frank Hilliar and Robert Ridout. The service was conducted by the Rev. C. F. Wellesley Wilkinson and the committal sentences said by the Archdeacon of Dorset (the Ven. E. L. Seager).

Among those attending were Mr. W. C. West (hon. secretary of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, also representing Canon Cox, Master of the Guild) and Mrs. West, and Mr. W. Shute (Ringing Master of the North Dorset Branch).

LEAVE THE BELLS DOWN

Dear Sir,—Since the announcement in the papers of the most unfortunate accident at Okeford Fitzpaine on Sunday week, I have found myself trying to explain the technical details of what happened to several inquisitive non-ringing friends.

Each one has asked me why bells are left up, and having been at a loss to suggest a sound reason, I am forced to admit that I don't think there is one. The practice can only be described as slovenly, lazy and indeed dangerous.

No doubt adequate precautions are taken by most tower keepers to prevent accidents, but we have recently seen two occasions where people, unaware of serious danger, have lost their lives by climbing through the pits of the bells: the tragedy at Westbury-on-Trym a short time ago being the other example.

Every ringer should become conscious of the danger of leaving bells up and unattended, and the Exercise in general should thoroughly deprecate it. I think those amongst us who make a regular habit of leaving our bells up would do well to follow the example of the call change ringers of Devon, and take a little more pride in our rises and falls.

Safety precautions are all very well, but surely the best way to prevent any future accidents of this kind is to remove the cause of the trouble by **leaving the bells down.**—Yours sincerely,

RONALD K. RUSS.

Sonning Common, Reading.

GUILD SECRETARY'S THEORY

Dear Sir,—I visited the scene of the accident and it seems possible the Rev. W. R. Ware Mortimer did not understand the bells were dangerous when in the 'up' position, and that the notice in the ringing chamber—'Danger, bells up'—meant that the ropes should not be touched. It is very difficult to negotiate the steps to the ringing chamber and more so to reach the bell chamber.

The fifth bell is just inside the opening, and when in the 'up' position the bell pit is wide open. The rector evidently crawled into this and somehow moved the slider which caused the bell to swing and strike the rector, taking him first one way and on its return pinned him against the frame, killing him instantly. This is my suggestion. It shows that these places should be securely locked up and the key kept by the ringing captain. This event caused a gloom over the whole diocese.—Yours sincerely,

W. C. WEST, Hon. Secretary,
Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

A NON-RINGER'S QUESTION

Dear Sir,—May a non-ringer 'stick his neck out' far enough to inquire for a straight answer to this question: Is there any real reason other than plain laziness for the practice of leaving bells up in readiness for use later in the day or week or month?—Yours, etc.,

INQUIRER.

LADIES' GUILD ANNUAL REPORT

A very encouraging report was presented for 1956 at the annual meeting of the Ladies' Guild held at Newcastle-upon-Tyne. (See last week's 'Ringing World.')

Membership.—Most of the District secretaries report an increase, not only in membership but also in enthusiasm, and most of the meetings held during 1956 have been well attended. Subscriptions are up by £7 17s. 6d., a very satisfactory position, as the greater part of the increase is spread over eight of the Districts in existence in 1955 and this increase more than offsets the decrease last year. Of the new Districts formed in 1955 the Sussex District has gone ahead well and has doubled its membership. Although not strictly to be included in this report, we welcome the formation of another District in 1957 and assure Miss Amor, the secretary of the new Bedford District, of our support.

Finance.—Although we ended the year on the right side, the balance was still not large enough to permit the publication of a report. In view of the steady rise in expenditure, in spite of the fact that every effort is made to keep the expenses as low as possible without impairing the efficient running of the Guild, and bearing in mind the possibility of a further increase in the cost of postage, it does seem that the time has come to increase the subscription.

Peals.—During the year two peals were rung, both in the Central District and both conducted by Miss H. G. Snowden—Cambridge Surprise Major at St. Albans and Yorkshire Surprise Major at Harrow Weald. One District, the North-Eastern, made three attempts for a peal which, unfortunately, were not successful, and we hope that 1957 will see their ambition realised. Quarter peals were reported from the Sussex District (Grandsire Triples) and the Western District (two of Grandsire Doubles), and we shall hope to see these Districts featuring in our peal book next year. We should like to express our grateful thanks to Miss Muriel Reay for all the work she has done on the peal book, especially as since the last annual general meeting it has not been a question of writing in a few peals but of completing the records since the Guild was formed.

President.—Although it may not be customary to pay tribute to an officer of the Guild until she retires, I should like to say a word of appreciation of the work Mrs. Lock has done during her year as president. She has visited a number of District meetings, which has entailed travelling a good many miles, and she has written to those she has been unable to visit. Several of the District secretaries have written to say how much they have appreciated this, as it does give a greater feeling of unity when the various Districts have an opportunity of meeting members from other parts of the country. The formation of the new Bedford District is also largely due to her efforts and it is to Mrs. Lock that credit must be given for the preliminary arrangements for the dinner to be held in October, 1957.

District Secretaries.—At the beginning of 1956 we had eight unmarried District secretaries, but since our last annual general meeting no less than four of them have married, though whether future District secretaries will regard this as an inducement to take office, or demand 'danger money' for it, remains to be seen. In any case we extend our good wishes to Miss Lawrence of the Central District, Miss Haffenden of Kent, Miss Bate of Yorkshire, and Miss Evans of South Wales. My own personal thanks are given to all the District secretaries, who have worked so hard during the year and for their co-operation in supplying information when required.

Auditor.—I should also like to express our very grateful thanks to Mr. F. J. Bailey, father of Miss Audrey Bailey, who so kindly agreed to audit our accounts in Audrey's absence abroad.

D. C.

GLOUCESTER GUILD OF UNITED CHURCH BELLRINGERS

On Saturday, July 6th, the annual outing of the Gloucester Guild of United Church Bellringers was held, the venue this year being in the Buckingham and Oxford areas.

We left Gloucester by coach at 7.45 a.m. and proceeded over the Cotswold Hills, which were as beautiful as ever, in spite of the dry season. Passing close to the village of Upper and Lower Swell, then through Stow-on-Wold, we made our way to Deddington, where we had our first ring of the day at the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

At 10.30 we moved on to Buckingham, where we had a break for coffee and any refreshment required. This proved to be a short stay as our next port of call was Bedford, where lunch had been arranged for 12.15.

During lunch we were joined by one of our old members, Gordon Corby, and his fiancee. After lunch at 1.30 we had our next ring at the Church of St. Peter, Bedford. By now it was getting a little too warm for ringing—in fact it was considered to be the hottest day of the year—so before leaving Bedford at 2.45 the order of the day was ice-creams and ice-lollies.

Our next destination was Linslade. Arriving on time we had a splendid ring at St. Barnabas', after which there was a welcome opportunity to have a wash and clean up, before taking tea at the Hunt Hotel. After tea we were in for a surprise item: two members of the fairer sex in our party gave us a session of rock 'n' roll, which was really quite an effort in view of the temperature.

En route for our next ring at St. Mary's, at Thame, it started to rain, and much to everyone's relief it continued for the remainder of the evening. Our stay at Thame was most enjoyable and we started in a homeward direction at 8 o'clock, travelling via Oxford, where we said our farewells to one of our old members, Ron Russ, and his fiancee.

One more stop was made on the way home, this time for refreshments only.

We eventually arrived in Gloucester at 11 p.m., as arranged, all of us by now feeling very tired, very satisfied, and having gained a lot of experience during the day.

Thanks are extended to our organiser, Michael Ling, who was responsible for all the arrangements.

H. W.

RINGERS' EXHIBIT AT SUSSEX COUNTY SHOW

For some years now the Church in Sussex has held an exhibition at the County Agricultural Show illustrating different aspects of Church work in the county. This year's show was held at Bognor Regis on July 17th and 18th.

Of special interest to ringers was a working model of a mediæval bell foundry to a scale of 2in. to 1ft. It was the centrepiece of an exhibit designed to illustrate how most of the church bells in the county were cast. To build the core foundations, drying kilns, furnace and casting pit, 1,300 bricks were made and fired in a kitchen fireplace. (Whose wife had to put up with that lot?) The foundry was operated by six puppet workmen performing the different tasks from the construction of the core and cope to tuning the finished casting. To explain its design more clearly the casting pit was shown in section.

Sloping panels round the three sides of the foundry showed the ores and metals from which bell-metal is made and the materials which are used in the construction of the moulds. Also seen were moulds used for wax inscriptions and the methods by which these are applied, together with examples of letters and ornaments of 16 of the Sussex founders.

The set of tuning forks used by Canon Simpson, of Fittleworth, in his researches into tuning on the five-tone principle, and the type of hammer used for chip tuning were displayed. The backcloth traced the development of the bell shape up to the present day and included in this part of the exhibit were two old handbells, one over a thousand years old. Finally, at either end of the panels were photographs showing present-day work in the foundries at Whitechapel and Loughborough.

Three members of the Sussex County Association—Mr. and Mrs. George Elphick, of Southover, and Mr. Len Stilwell, of Worthing—were kept busy during the two days conducting people round the stand. Altogether the exhibit was explained to over 600 visitors.

The Church Tent was opened by the Bishop of Chichester (Dr. G. K. A. Bell), who is also president of the Sussex Association, and he was shown round the stand by Mr. Elphick. The people responsible are to be congratulated on a fine exhibit and it is to be hoped that it may be possible to have similar stands at future shows dealing with other aspects of ringing.

P. F. R.

Bellringer's Diary, 1958

Will Association secretaries kindly forward without delay the names and addresses of their officials, together with dates of annual meetings, etc., for inclusion in the 1958 Diary, which will shortly be going to press.

May I thank those who have already obliged. —W. H. Viggers, 37, Highfield Gardens, Aldershot.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL AND IRELAND

Dear Sir,—The announcement of the Central Council's decision to hold the meeting next year in Ireland seems to have had a somewhat apathetic reception. The vote in favour of going to Ireland could hardly be regarded as a representative one, 59 voting for it and 51 against, whilst about 40 members did not vote at all.

Many of those who undertook to attend may find difficulties when the question of expense is considered. It is pretty certain that Associations who are experiencing difficulty in balancing their budgets will have to think hard before authorising their representatives to make the trip, and many representatives who pay their own expenses will be inclined to hesitate before making a final decision.

It seems, therefore, that next year's meeting is likely to be a small one, and it may be speculated as to how far any important decisions taken could be conceived authoritative.

To those not fully conversant with the way the Council works—through its committees—this trip would lend colour to a somewhat general idea that Council members are only out for a good time. That is far from the case. Most representatives regard the Council's work in a very serious manner.

No one doubts the warmth or sincerity of this generous invitation, now outstanding for many years, to visit a beautiful country, but one is inclined to question how far the Exercise **as a whole** will benefit from what is now projected.

Certainly an official visit of Central Council members to Ireland by those who can afford it is a good idea, but to have the one and only meeting during the year there will result in disfranchising a good proportion of the Associations affiliated to the Council.—Yours sincerely, J. FRANK SMALLWOOD.

London.

CANADA AND RINGING

Dear Sir,—Readers will recall that just before Christmas six of the bells of St. Matthew's Church, Quebec, rang out for the first time after nearly 25 years. Sunday, May 19th, was the first occasion when all eight bells were rung in call changes for morning service. This was made possible by Professor Taylor, originally an Oxford ringer, who drove 150 miles from Bishop's University, Lennoxville, Quebec, to help the band. It is, perhaps, not every enthusiast who will leave home before six o'clock in the morning and come such a distance to ring for a mere half an hour! However, with six St. Matthew's ringers and one visitor from Montreal, it was a most enjoyable gathering.

Regular practices are maintained at Quebec, and the local band, with Mrs. Pickles' guidance, are making very good progress.

It is marvellous to be home again, but any ringers going over to Canada will have a great reception in Quebec and Victoria! I hope many will at least spend a holiday there.—Very sincerely yours,

AUDREY BAILEY.

Welwyn Garden City.

AN EDINBURGH APOLOGY

Dear Sir,—The ringers taking part in the quarter peal at St. Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, would be grateful if you would express our apologies to two visitors who came up to the belfry whilst we were ringing and left again without getting a chance to ring and before we were able to explain why we did not stop although we were only ringing eight of our ten bells.—Yours truly,

KATE BRANSON.

Edinburgh.

A CRITIC GETS BUSY

Dear Sir.—Since the use of titles has been so condemned by the Central Council (Vol. LIII., No. 2414, page 434, col.1), some guidance will surely follow. What of captains and ringing masters up and down the country due for election to office and to carry the title with the office? Would, for example, the man who calls the bobs and keeps everyone else in order be content to be known as No. 1 Special? This would at least avoid him and others not knowing whether or not he was shouting at the treble or himself. And the tower could still be within the 'Society for the promotion of the art and the science' category, in sum — academic.

Or is the motion intended by the Central Council for use only in the C. of C.? If so, it is, one feels sure, very good of them. No doubt the next Council meeting will be able to clear the muddle and meeting, as it will, in Ireland, make history.

Reading the reports of the Chelmsford meeting one finds no small difficulty in refraining from doing what so many speakers did, and 'flying off the rope end.' On numerous occasions it has given the writer no small pleasure to listen to, and read of the wisdom in council of such as C. W. Roberts, J. F. Smallwood, the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead and C. K. Lewis, but your issue of July 5th comes as a 'shocker.'

The B.B.C. make changes in their broadcasts even at the last minute, as is well known, but criticism to be of value must be well informed, and criticism of the average nice homely bellringer, broadcasting not, as many do, for gain, but for the love of the thing, will not improve the technical standard of the performance or subsequent broadcasts. We would not criticise the technical standard of the people in a 'Wilfred Pickles' programme. Much can be done with the B.B.C. but useless criticism is not the way.

Of certificates. Well does the writer remember his effort to secure a certificate from the Lancashire Association—not for swank, may one assure the speaker on this matter, in fact the writer valued his certificate so much that he now cannot find the thing so safely is it tucked away—while to-day, without any effort, a badge may be bought and worn, while the wearer remains—hand and back—a menace to everybody ringing and listening..

Of 'The Ringing World.' Either this is our paper, or it belongs to a few. Must a poll be held before sanity is restored. That so many subscribers within and without the Council express approval of the printing. College of Campanology Manual, that printing and space was justified. It could never be expected that many who for years have made Surprise a little tin god would understand it all. If the columns of 'The Ringing World' are to be reserved for the few, then the daily or weekly nationaal or local Press must be our outlet. Study would be, not so much the truth, but editors' and readers' foibles, likes and dislikes. There would it is true be the risk of being paid for pocketing one's conscience.

That young people taking up bellringing should become students of a College of Campanology and be taught and examined, is a measure long overdue. The Central Council has over the years neglected the training of instructors and the need is urgent—not a committee appointed in 12 months to report in another 12 months. Do not blame people who get on with a job the Council appear not to know how even to start. That the new booklet for beginners is not to be published after wide reading, but before, is wrong. The old book (official publication), excellent though it is, contains two errors, these have led to the writer's certain knowledge to accidents.

May one thank the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow for his plea for a fair hearing, and the Rev. J. G. M. Scott for his appreciation of 'The Ringing World,' and Mr. Philip Gray for sound common sense?

May one deplore that speakers should, without offering evidence of support, state that the Council had been treated disrespectfully, contumacy one speaker called it, a matter disposed of by Dr. Hatcher but not withdrawn by the speakers. It must be a very hard-up effort, when, in support of his view, a speaker has to refer to 'others' who think as he thinks; a good trick to induce votes but should not be allowed to stand without evidence in support. Volumes of signatures would do. (Make sure each is a subscriber to 'The Ringing World.')

In view of the published criticism of many nice homely Sunday service bellringers by an unknown but prominent member of the Central Council, may you also find room, perhaps without the black surround, for this criticism of the Council (chickens come home to roost), and may we hope for a higher standard of debate, please, in 1958.—Yours very faithfully,

ERNEST L. HUMPHRISS.

Woolton, Liverpool.

A LEICESTERSHIRE FOUR-BELL TOWER

Dear Sir.—I have waited with interest to see how many Leicestershire towers are published, particularly as there are so many eminent and knowledgeable ringers in the county, as well as the foundry at Loughborough, which in its archives surely has most of the answers.

The tower uppermost in my mind though, the first in which I rang a bell with others, is Barkestone, in the Vale of Belvoir. My father was Vicar here for nine years, and the bells were rung regularly every Sunday, usually in rounds, but the six changes were rung on the first three with covering tenor for festivals.

If my memory is correct, the treble, third and tenor are by Hedderly, tenor about 12 cwt. (although reputed to be a ton). The second was recast by Taylors in, I think, 1887. It is a lovely church with tower and spire, and there is room with modern hanging for at least six on the one level.

It was a noisy ringing chamber as there was only a plank flooring separating the ringers from the bells, but their tone was good and the local ringers' speciality was the 'rise and fall' in peal, for which they allowed a full five or six minutes each way. In my humble opinion, four bells—in tune—frame high, sounding over the fields, makes very attractive music on a summer's evening.

Apropos of Mr. Dove's excellent book, I suspect that Harby, given as Notts, should be Leics. The postal address of most of the Vale was Nottingham, although our villages were actually in Leicestershire but I am open to correction in this. Another four-bell tower in the area was Granby, and so was, I believe, Redmile. Stathern was a four-bell tower too. Long Clawson has five, so have those at Harby. The nearest eight-bell tower was Bottesford, surely with one of the most glorious spires in England.

Many of these county churches are well worth a visit, and maybe one of the experts at the foundry can enlarge on what I have written.—Yours faithfully,

E. F. M. SAMSON.

B.F.P.O. 17.

SHAFTESBURY, DORSET.—On July 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Morgan 1, W. Whatmore 2, A. E. Woods 3, R. Wareham 4, F. Chant (cond.) 5, J. Morgan 6. Rung half-muffled to the memory of the late Lady Shaftesbury, wife of the Earl of Shaftesbury, patron of the living, and to the late Mrs. W. L. Anderson, wife of the Bishop of the Diocese.

LETTERS—Continued

THE COLLEGE AND 'THE RINGING WORLD'

Dear Sir,—To those of us who have been following with some interest the progress of the College of Campanology, a recent issue of 'The Ringing World' makes interesting reading.

One notes with pleasure that the organisers have at last seen fit to do what very many readers consider should have been done in the first place—that is, to publish their manual at their own expense instead of inflicting upon us over a period of weeks a seemingly endless series of articles, which it now appears was the 'draft' of their publication. One notes also, in the College's advertisement, the fact that their manual is unique in having been offered to the Exercise before publication: I, for one, hope most sincerely that it will remain unique in this respect, as I do not consider it to be one of the functions of our journal for its columns to be used to try out the effect of a private publication on ringers before it is printed at the expense of the compilers. I note also that the 'draft' was 'offered for vetting,' but knowing a certain gentleman's reaction to adverse criticism of any kind, I may be forgiven for wondering just how much notice was taken of the large amount of criticism offered!

However, we should be thankful that the publication of this manual should now mean the final cessation of the spate of weekly instalments in our journal. Those who are able to comprehend, and who wish to use the College's weird and wonderful method of training by 'ordeal by blackboard and chalk' will now be able to buy their own copy of the manual, while the average service ringer can once again enjoy to the full the many interesting items which have always made 'The Ringing World' a truly fascinating publication—and continue to instruct his beginners by older, well tried and easily understood methods of instruction.

Just one more point—the long list of College office bearers which appeared some weeks ago above the name of Dr. Hatcher genuinely makes one wonder (particularly in view of various remarks and statements heard at Chelmsford) just how many of these eminent and well-known ringers actively support the organisation and how many were gently persuaded to allow their names to be used to give the College a semblance of backing from Higher Authority! Just a point, as I say, but one which the ordinary Sunday service ringer might ponder when considering whether he or she really ought, in order to be considered a Trained Ringer, to take a course and qualify as Ringer I., Tutor I., Examiner I., etc., etc.! It would also be most interesting for this same average Sunday service ringer to know how many people to date have qualified for these meaningless titles and have been awarded the equally meaningless diplomas (on payment of the fee of 2s. 6d., I understand . . .!).

Tailpiece—for light relief—a little tale told by a certain very well-known ringer at a function some while ago. It seems that a friend of the 'Well-Known-Ringer' was asking him the exact meaning of a particularly involved and complex section of one instalment of the manual. 'Ah,' replied the W.K.R., 'that's just their way of saying, in 719 words or thereabouts, "Just get your bloomin' backstrokes in. . . ."' Verb sap!—Yours sincerely,

PETER N. BOND.

Hildenborough, Kent.

HAMPTON, MIDDLESEX.—On July 28th, 1,296 Minor (720 Frodsham Bob and 576 Double Bob): Margaret Essen 1, R. Woodcock 2, W. S. Deason 3, P. A. Lawrence 4, R. G. Leale (cond.) 5, P. A. S. Hawkins 6. For Matins.

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

COMMENTS ON CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING

AT a meeting of the executive committee of the North Staffs Association on July 6th consideration was given to the proceedings of the Central Council meeting, 1957, and among certain of its findings received with approval were the printing of warning cards to try to prevent the accidental switching off of belfry lights from the body of the church and the reintroduction of the term 'Plain' before 'Bob' in standard method names.

As with the Central Council, however, discussion centred on the two resolutions reported on pages 433 and 434 of 'The Ringing World,' and very considerable concern was expressed at the attitude adopted by the Central Council.

In connection with the first resolution (namely, that the Council, as the representative assembly of all change-ringing associations, deprecates the proposed introduction of academic titles for ringers, particularly by a body which is not recognised or affiliated to the Council), it was felt that such a recommendation was outside the powers of the Central Council—the vote was in fact taken on the question: 'Do we believe in titles or don't we?' It was noted that academic or quasi-academic titles already exist—the 'Master' of the Ancient Society of College Youths, for instance; many associations have Instructors and there is little distinction between an official Instructor and a tutor. Likewise many associations require a qualification for membership—the ability to ring a certain number of changes—and many in addition award certificates or diplomas on qualification. For a ringer to say he is a member of a particular association is the equivalent of saying he has ringing qualifications. Other associations award certificates to members ringing their first peal. The Central Council, moreover, condones the annual publishing of lists of leading peal ringers which becomes a championship for those with sufficient leisure and energy, if nothing else.

Titles are merely the acknowledgment of office or qualification, and already exist in fact and by implication.

If an association or body of individuals wishes to establish its own standards or to employ titles for *its own use*, then that is purely a domestic matter and no concern of the Central Council.

This resolution dealt with 'academic' titles in general, and not merely those awarded by the College of Campanology. In the rider to the resolution, however, indirect reference is made to the College, which was admitted to be a 'body which is not recognised or affiliated to the Council.' The Council exceeds its powers in passing resolutions on bodies not connected with it.

As far as can be judged, and the Council could judge no further, the College does not set out to compete with the Council or to carry out any of the functions of the Council, and in the circumstances the Council has no valid grounds for making recommendations of this nature or such oblique references to the College.

The greater part of the debate on this motion was, moreover, completely out of order and irrelevant, as indeed was that on the second motion which, fortunately, was not put. It was considered a sad reflection on the executives of the Council that such a motion should have been permitted to appear on the agenda. It would be an unjustifiable presumption to prophesy 'that the so-called College of Campanology is unlikely to prove of any service to the furtherance of the art of change-ringing' (although such a resolution would go a long way to ensure that it did not). The College would survive or die on its merits, and this only time and experience would prove. It would also be presumptuous to deny it recognition before it had applied for it. The whole motion was considered *ultra vires*.

It was patently clear from the attack in the motions and in the speeches in support of them that a matter of what, in the future, might be of considerable importance to the Exercise, had been used as a vehicle for and as an expression of personal animosities.

The only question the Council was competent to debate at this particular juncture was the publication of the Manual in 'The Ringing World.' If the Council wished to debate the College of Campanology, the proper course would have been to have asked for and examined the constitution, objects and rules and regulations of the College, and to have reached considered conclusions solely on the merits and demerits of the College, irrespective of its founder or its officials, and to have dealt with the question or recognition as a consequence of its findings or on the request of the College.

There is a crying need for competent instructors, and the Council, with so many books and articles available for beginners, would have done well to give genuine and impartial consideration to any organised attempt to deal with this need, and to have given higher priority in its own business to the production of a manual for the training of instructors. The Council exists only through associations affiliated to it, and should operate for the benefit of those associations and their members. It would have done a greater service for the Exercise if it had devoted its thought and effort at Chelmsford to a constructive assessment of the College, rather than to have tried to condemn it out of hand through two ill-conceived and prejudiced motions.

After a lengthy discussion, during which the reasons for the Council's action were noted, it was finally agreed unanimously that this Association deplores the manner in which the Central Council has dealt with the College of Campanology as a question of principle, and that the Council should bring itself into disrepute by discussing matters which were *ultra vires*, by failing to give reasonable consideration to a matter of importance to the Exercise, and by permitting its debates to become irrelevant and of a personal nature.

E. H. E.

5,376 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

By ERNEST MORRIS

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26345	—		
43265	—		S
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Twice repeat.

Reduce to 5040 by calling *last* block of one part W. SH. cuts out 3 courses.

N.B.—The reverse of above 5376 published May 17th (p. 320) to reduce to 5040 read: Call the *last* block of one part SW-H cuts out 3 courses.

RINGING IN LONDON & BIRMINGHAM 60 YEARS AGO

Mr. Albert J. Hughes, of 14, Robert Street, Bangor, has provided us with the following notes of his ringing experiences in Birmingham and London at the turn of the century.

The first ring of bells I ever heard was at Welshpool in 1887. I was then at school at Buttington, and had about four miles to walk from my grandparents' farm at Wen House, Thorpe Leighton, Welshpool. The sound of those bells from the Long Mountain five miles away has remained in my memory. My grandfather, father and uncles were ringers, and years afterwards when I had made some progress in the art, I longed to ring on those bells.

In 1897 it was decided to have a ring of bells at Smethwick old church: a public subscription was made and a ring of eight obtained from Messrs. Carr. These were not satisfactory and Carrs provided another ring which were an improvement but were rather harsh.

I remember my first visit to the belfry and seeing the ropes going up and down, the sallies being of various colours—yellow, red, dark blue, pink—in fact all the colours of the rainbow. A band was recruited of old ringers, and their limit was three courses of Grandsire Triples.

My father, who was the tenorman, asked if I would like to learn to ring, and I replied 'Yes,' as I had always wanted to ring. I started with the five-minutes bell, a half pull at a time, so it took me a long time to learn to ring rounds. In the meantime I had introduced Tom Piggot and later on three brothers and a sister.

FIRST PEAL IN 1900

Then Tom and I went to Oldbury practices, and I was allowed to ring the treble to a touch of 500 Grandsire Triples. The veteran ringer, Sam Reeves, was there, and promised to arrange a peal for me the next week at Smethwick, which he did, so I rang my first peal in 1900.

The Piggots and I visited all the local towers on their practice nights, often walking the five miles to Dudley and Halesowen; later on we commenced visiting the Bull Ring and helped to raise the back bells, and gradually we made good at Stedman Caters and then Cinques. No other method but Stedman was rung, but the striking was superb. Afterwards an adjournment would be made to the Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, and the handbells would be brought out.

Frequently on Sundays we visited Harborne, the method being Grandsire Triples. Old John Day at that time was a regular ringer, a very old man wearing a skull cap. At this tower we always had a good welcome. About this time John Jagger came to live at Oldbury and started a band of us lads on London Surprise. We learnt the method but rang no peals of it. There were four or five of us who visited all the local meetings, and we took part in a few peals in the standard methods, including a peal of Forward Major at Selly Oak.

FORWARD MAXIMUS

I was working at the new Central Hall, Birmingham, and an attempt was being made for Forward Maximus at the Bull Ring, so I went along to help Bill Barker to oil the bells and raise them. As the starting time got nearer there were only 11 men and myself. I went down the stairs with Bill Barker to meet the other man and lock up, but Ernest Allaway didn't turn up, so Bill Barker said: 'Back upstairs.' I thought they would go for Stedman Cinques, but 'Go, Forward Maximus,' was the order. I thus rang my first peal of Maximus in 3 hours and 42 minutes. A marble tablet, given by John Carter, records this performance in the tower; Arthur E. Pegler rang the tenor.

At that time there wasn't a regular Sunday service band, and service ringing took place once a month. The incumbent couldn't understand this and arranged for the bells to be rung every Sunday, and I was one of the original Sunday service band. I believe only A. Paddon Smith and Albert Walker are left of that band.

When the brothers Pye and the Birmingham men went for the longest length of London at Halesowen, we were among the crowd listening, and we left with the bells going well. As we got to the top of the hill, who should we meet but Tom Millar, wearing a hard hat, with coat tails flying and riding a bicycle. However, the attempt was not successful. When the next attempt was made it was at King's Norton, and I was there all the time attending to Harry Withers, who took down every lead-end, my job being to fetch Harry an occasional bottle of Guinness, which he also took down!

A SURPRISE FOR GABRIEL LINDOFF

The peal was an excellent one, and by the time the band came out Harry had written out the composition in peal form and handed it to Gabriel Lindoff (the composer). Gabriel looked at the figures and said in astonishment: 'Where did you get these figures from? There's only one copy—that's sealed and deposited with "The Bell News".' Harry replied: 'That's what you've rung today.' I had the job of taking the two borrowed ropes back to Birmingham, which I left at the Tamworth Arms. Bill Pye paid my fare, which was 8d. The next time I saw him (Bill) was at St. Bride's, Fleet Street, in 1903, after they had rung a peal of Stedman Cinques. I had been among the listening crowd and hearing the criticisms: no names, no pack drill.

At this time I was working on a church at Muswell Hill, and I used to attend practices at Southgate and always received a cordial welcome from the conductor, Mr. Sydney Wade, the brothers Miller and little Johnny Armstrong, who was a very small, lively man and an excellent ringer. I have recently been in communication with Sydney Wade, but the Millers and Johnny Armstrong are no longer with us.

One of the Millers was a tenant farmer in Colney Hatch, and he was getting hand-worked engravings of peal records worked by an inmate artist. He asked me if I would like one done as I had 'The Bell News' cutting of the Forward Maximus (mentioned earlier). I let Mr. Miller have it and in due course I had the engraving given me. This I still have framed in my house, and many ringers from all over the country have admired it—a work of art, and just as good as when it was done 54 years ago.

I often went down to the City and always called for Arthur Jacobs, who lived at Hornsey. I had met Arthur on his bell-hanging jobs in the Midlands, and I always got a cordial welcome from Mrs. Jacobs, who used to wear a silver brooch with small gold bells hanging in the shape of a bell.

We would sometimes ring at St. Michael's, Cornhill, with Mr. Challis F. Winney conducting. What a wizard of Stedman he was! Among the towers we rang at were St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, St. Margaret's, Westminster, and St. Magnus', Lower Thames Street.

AT ST. PAUL'S

I was not invited to ring at St. Paul's on my first visit, but had the satisfaction of going to the south tower and stood alongside Great Paul when she was swung about frame high. I was amazed at the W.I. headstock which was bent well down the bell to give a shorter swing. I heard there were eight men pulling her that day. The late James E. Groves was with me on that occasion and it was only by perseverance that we got through to see Great Paul. An ancient, short gentleman, an old ringer, did his best to stop us. (I think it was Mr. James Petitt.) The second occasion I visited St. Paul's I was invited to ring in the service touch by Mr. W. Cockerill, and I took the rope of Mr. Herbert Langdon.

I rang Grandsire Caters at St. Clement Danes' and met Mr. Alex Young, whom I had met several times in the Midlands. I also made the acquaintance of Mr. A. T. King, the secretary of the Middlesex Association, which I joined. I attended meetings of the College Youths at the Coffee Pot, and also the Cumberlands, but I forget where. Arthur Jacobs and Henry Dains were great friends and, although I never rang with Mr. Dains, the three of us used to go around the city in a hansom cab. What a jolly time it was—none of us being abstainers!

I was invited to High Barnet, and there I saw for the first time the Ellacombe practice bells. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung that evening. James E. Groves was rehanging a ring of six at Edgware, taking the canons off, drilling the crowns and bolting on to new headstocks. I was at the opening, a meeting of the Middlesex Association, and remember ringing the tenor to a 720 of Kent Treble Bob. I was always assured of a warm welcome by Mr. Herbert Langdon, Mr. Alfred Peck and Mr. Challis Winney, whom I met years afterwards at a Henry Johnson dinner.

Later that year (1903) I got a job at Bangor, North Wales, and my ringing career gradually developed. There was the making of a good band at Bangor, but a little jealousy prevented progress beyond Cambridge, but we could ring that for service.

FOUR-BELL TOWERS IN KENT

Dear Sir,—Further to the list in 'The Ringing World' of July 19th, of 'Towers in Kent,' from N. Davis, of Ashford, another tower in his district is Boughton Alup, which I have always understood contains four bells. I am sorry that I cannot give any positive details.

The fours at Challock and Westwell are very interesting to me as an uncle of mine was a ringer at the latter tower some years ago and I was baptised there on February 1st, 1874. My parents were also married there.

There should be some interesting detail forthcoming when lists of towers with twos and threes with details are unearthed. I have in mind two churches on the other side of the Stour Valley, viz., Hinxhill and Brook, which I believe contain two and three respectively.—Yours faithfully,

GEORGE H. HEAD.

Hanworth, Mddx.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

The diamond jubilee festival of the Guild was held at Truro Cathedral on July 20th. Over 150 members were present, representing over 20 towers. The bells of the Cathedral were kept going in the afternoon and early evening, under the direction of Mr. D. Burnett, the Ringing Master of the Guild, and the bells of many neighbouring towers were available, including St. Clement's, a 4-bell ring, where Bob Minimus sounded out over the St. Clement Creek of the Truro River.

Many ringers climbed the Cathedral's central tower, under the guidance of Mr. Tall, the Cathedral steeple-keeper, and also a ringer; and the Cathedral plate and vestments were on view in the crypt.

The service took place in the choir of the Cathedral and was conducted by Canon Fison, the sub-dean, assisted by Canon Peeke, a vice-president of the Guild. Canon Fison apologised for the absence of the Bishop, who was at Falmouth dedicating a new church, and who sent his greetings. In his address the Canon told us that in the place of bells the Jews used trumpets, and that the Hebrew word used at their jubilee for the trumpet was Yobel. Let them retain the Bible spelling, proclaiming rest for the land and release from slavery and debt. The church bells proclaimed a weekly day of rest and release from work bringing refreshment to soul and body.

The president of the Guild, Mr. A. Carveth, presided at tea and spoke of the flourishing state of the Guild which, although it could not claim so many peals as other guilds, included ringers of all kinds from round and call-change ringers to those who rang Surprise methods. In the diocese, which had 142 rings of bells, 84 were affiliated to the Guild.

Mr. W. H. Southeard, the Master of the Cathedral company, welcomed the gathering to the Cathedral, and said he was sorry that the choir and organist were unable to be at the service, but they would be interested to know that the organ had been played by the Succentor, the Rev. R. E. Sibthorp, also a ringer.

250th ANNIVERSARY OF WESTON FAVELL BELLS

Thanksgiving services for the 250 years in which the five bells of St. Peter's Church, Weston Favell, Northants, have sounded over the parish and surrounding countryside were held in the church on Sunday, July 21st, conducted by the Rector (Rev. Douglass Hopkins). The 8 a.m. Eucharist was corporate for ringers. In addition to the local team, who turned out in full, visiting ringers attended this service from as far away as Weedon Bec, 10½ miles distant.

Evensong took a special form. The belfry captain assisted the Rector in the blessing of each of the bells for the 250 years, together with a blessing on the future of the ringers' work under their leader, Mr. P. Amos, who has been responsible during the last seven years for training the team from scratch to the state of being able to ring a number of Doubles methods regularly every Sunday, and, more important still, in realising a sense of duty by staying to the services for which they have called others. The team have also made themselves responsible for care and ringing of the bells (5) in the neighbouring parish of Whiston.

The hymns, 'Unchanging God who livest,' 'Ring out the old, ring in the new,' 'Rejoice today with one accord,' and 'Now thank we all our God' were the climax to a successful thanksgiving week-end. The sermon (about bells and ringers) on Sunday evening was preached from the text 'Their sound is gone out into all lands.'

On the Saturday previous the ambition of the tower captain (Mr. P. Amos) to ring the first full peal of Doubles named after the patron saint was achieved. This was ably conducted by Mr. Derek P. Jones, who came from his home at Hitchin, Herts. It was rung in 2 hours 36 minutes.

The full history of the bells, together with the tower (which before 1725 had a spire), has been put into booklet form and can be bought (price 6d., excluding postage) from the tower captain, Mr. P. Amos, 30, Inkerman Terrace, Northampton. The next page in the church's history is the replacing of the main beams—infected with death-watch beetle—by steel girders. P. A.

MR. W. E. CRITCHLEY'S 400 PEALS

TOWER BELLS

Doubles.—Grandsire 2 (conducted 1), 10 methods 1 (1).

Minor.—1 method 14 (3), 3 methods 4 (3), 4 methods 2, 5 methods 2 (1), 7 methods 6 (4), 9 methods 1, 12 methods 1 (1), 15 methods 1 (1), 45 methods 1, 64 methods 1.

Triples.—Grandsire 9 (6), Stedman 14 (10), St. Clement's 1 (1).

Major.—Plain Bob 17 (5), Kent 1, Double Norwich 5 (4), Little 3 (2), Gainsborough Little 1 (1), St. Clement's 1 (1), Winchester 1, Oswald Delight 1, Spliced Plain and Little 1 (1), Spliced Plain and Gainsborough Little 3.

Surprise Major.—Cambridge 17 (9), New Cambridge 2 (1), Bristol 32 (8), Dublin 2 (1), Lincolnshire 6 (2), London 33 (11), Pudsey 5 (2), Rutland 6, Superlative 6 (2), Yorkshire 28 (8); 3 Spliced 2 (1), 4 Spliced 16 (11), 5 Spliced 3 (3), 6 Spliced 4 (3), 7 Spliced 2 (2), 8 Spliced 5 (4), 9 Spliced 1 (1), 36 Spliced 1 (1), 42 Spliced 1 (1), 48 Spliced 1 (1), 53 Spliced 1 (1); one each of Aldenham, Ashtead, Biddenden, Bradford, Brereton (1), Campsall (1), Conisborough, Darlington, Doncaster, Double Dublin, Reverse Dublin, Ealing, Elford (1), Fordham (1), New Gloucester, Hatfield (1), Ipswich (1), Leeds, Lincoln (1), Liverpool, Norfolk, Pyrford, Rochester, Rotherham, Sandringham, Southwell (1), Tavistock Wakefield, Warwickshire (1), Watford (1), Wembley (1), Zetland.

Caters.—Grandsire 3, Stedman 4 (1).

Royal.—Plain Bob 2, Oxford T.B. 1, Cambridge 13 (1), Yorkshire 15 (1), one each of Aldenham, Bedford, New Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Lindsey, London, Oakham (1), Pontefract, Rochester, 2 Spliced Surprise 1.

Cinques.—Grandsire 1, Stedman 5.

Maximus.—Plain Bob 1, Cambridge 8, Southwell 1, Yorkshire 5.

HANDBELLS

Minor.—1 method 2, 3 methods 1, 5 methods 1, 7 methods 1, 10 methods 1, 14 methods 1, 15 methods 1 (1), 34 methods 1, 42 methods 1, 55 methods 1, 57 methods 2, 73 methods 1, 109 methods 1.

Triples.—Grandsire 1.

Major.—Plain Bob 12 (11), Kent T.B. 2 (2), Little Bob 1 (1).

Total.—Tower bells 369, conducted 134; handbells 31, conducted 15.

PRESTBURY, GLOS

A half-day trip was held on July 20th, when ringing was enjoyed on the bells at Ashton-under-Hill, Hinton-on-the-Green and Offenham before an excellent tea in Evesham. This was followed by three more towers—Badsey, Pebworth and Broadway. No really good ringing, but a very good time was enjoyed by all, including the non-ringing friends who like to see these fine old churches.

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MISCELLANEOUS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—There will be no ringing at St. Michael's, Cornhill, during August.—A. B. Peck. 637

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MEETINGS

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting at Wilburton (6) on Saturday, August 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. E. R. Knights, Dis. Sec. 604

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Saturday, Aug. 3rd, Emmanuel (Clifton) (8), 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting follows. Please come.—A. Bennett. 636

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting, Ottershaw (6), Saturday, August 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. at The Otter. 602

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Meeting at Abbots Langley (6), Saturday, August 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5.15. Tea 5.45 p.m.—K. R. Dunstan, Dis. Sec. 618

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—The meeting arranged for Lydd on Saturday, Aug. 3rd, has had to be cancelled.—C. T. Hillis. 653

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Meeting at Marden (8) on Saturday, August 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5. Service 6 p.m. 507

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GUILDFORD GUILD (Leatherhead District) and SURREY ASSOCIATION (Northern District).—Annual joint meeting, Leatherhead, August Bank Holiday. Bells from 2.30 p.m. service 4.30. Tea in St. Nicholas' Hall 5 p.m. Numbers for tea to reach by August 1st, please, G. Marriner, 7, Poplar Avenue, Leatherhead. Ringing until 8.30 p.m. 646

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—August Bank Holiday meeting at Chesterfield, 3 p.m. on Monday, 5th. All welcome.—J. Seager, Sec. 620

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Southampton District.—Combined practice meeting on August Bank Holiday. Towers available: Mottisfont, 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.; Lockerly, 2 to 4; Tytherly 5 p.m. Please make your own catering arrangements.—M. J. Butler. 622

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Combined practice at Ashtead, Thursday, Aug. 8th, 7.45 p.m. All welcome.—W. Parrott, Hon. Sec. 641

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Silsoe on Saturday, August 10th. Bells (6) 2.45 p.m. Tea at 4.45. Service 6 p.m. A good attendance is hoped for.—L. H. Bywaters, Dis. Sec. 630

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT RINGING SOCIETY and SELBY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting at Bridlington on Saturday, August 10th. Bells (8) available 2 to 9 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Cups of tea provided; bring own food. Names to Mr. J. A. Parker, Higher Waterworks, Mill Lane, Bridlington. 652

DEVON GUILD.—North-West Branch.—Summer meeting at Holsworthy on Saturday, Aug. 10th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea to follow.—J. W. Sangwin, Hon. Sec. 639

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak and Chesterfield Districts.—Joint meeting at Ashover on Saturday, Aug. 10th, at 3 p.m. Cups of tea only. Come and enjoy a ring on this grand old mellow octave.—H. E. Taylor, A. B. Cooper, Dis. Secs 616

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Fairwarp (8), Saturday, Aug. 10th. Tea at Foresters Arms, Names by 8th. Method for practice, Single Oxford Bob Major. Only two seats left for outing Sept. 14th.—C. A Bassett, 3, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst, Sussex. 631

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Ickleton, Saturday, Aug. 10th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.—E. W. Bullman, Dis. Sec. 629

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—Meeting at Arlingham (6) on Saturday, Aug. 10th. Names for tea not later than Aug. 5th to Green, 30, Malvern Road, Gloucester. 621

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Swindon Branch. — Cricklade (5), Saturday, Aug. 10th. Tea, advise Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Swindon. Tel. 3936. Castle Eaton (6) after tea. 645

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HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—On Saturday, Aug. 10th, meeting, Great Munden. Please bring own tea.—T. J. Southam, Dis. Sec. 643

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Meeting at Burton-in-Kendal, Saturday, Aug. 10th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to G. E. Brathwaite, 7, Drovers Way, Burton-in-Kendal, Westmorland.—Eccles, Sec. 649

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—Meeting at Brindle, Saturday, Aug. 10th. Bring own food Preston-Blackburn Old Road, alight Brindle Bar: Preston-Chorley Road, alight Clayton Green.—L. Walmsley. 619

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at St. Paul's, Cross Stone, Todmorden, Saturday, Aug 10th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea, Bay Horse (4s. 6d.). Names by last post, 9th, to P. Schollfield, 3, Joshua Street, Todmorden. No tea without names.—F. Pritchard. 642

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at St. Mary, Hornsey (one minute from Hornsey B.R. Station), on Saturday, Aug. 10th. Ringing from 5 p.m. onwards.—T. J. Lock. 632

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Preston Capes, on Saturday, Aug. 10th. Important: Names for tea by Tuesday previous to Mr. R. Fennell, Charwelton, Rugby.—F. W. Hancock. 635

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting at Hazelbech, Saturday, Aug. 10th. Names by Tuesday previous to Mr. E. Orland, 2, Brington Road, Long Buckby, Rugby.—W. J. Kinchin, Hon. Sec. 634

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Notts District.—Meeting at Blyth (6) on Saturday, Aug. 10th. Names for tea by August 6th to Mrs. A. Tomlinson, White House Café, Blyth, Worksop.—H. Denman. 654

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Southern District) and BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Joint meeting, Rawmarsh, Saturday, Aug. 10th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Bring your own food: cups of tea provided. Buses from Rotherham every few minutes. All welcome. 647

LINCOLN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Meeting, Edenham (8), Saturday, Aug. 17th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, 12th, to Mr. A. Holmes, The Retreat, Edenham, near Bourne, Lincs.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 648

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Quarterly meeting, Pulborough, on Saturday, Aug. 10th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Tea at Red Lion. Names for tea, please, by previous Tuesday, to W. L. Weller, Sunnyside, Itchingfield, Horsham. 651

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eightieth anniversary celebration at Durham on Saturday Aug. 31st. Evensong in Cathedral 3.45 p.m. Bells (8) available after service until 6 p.m. Meeting in Song School 6.10 p.m. Reception 6.30 for dinner at 7 p.m. in Great Hall of Durham Castle. Admission by ticket only (price 15s.) obtainable until Aug. 21st by sending remittance to D. A. Bayles, 12, Crichton Avenue, Chester-le-Street. 623

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION DINNER.—The Ely Association will hold a dinner at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 28th, at the Brunswick School Hall, Cambridge. Ringing during the afternoon: times to be announced later. Tickets by remitting 12s. 6d. to H. S. Peacock, 8, Roscrea Terrace, St. John's Street, Huntingdon. 644

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GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

The Mid-Devon Branch held a quarterly meeting at Brixham on July 20th, when there was a good attendance. Ringing took place throughout the afternoon and evening, methods rung being Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Little Bob and St. Clement's Bob Major, the two latter being the first ever rung at a meeting of the Branch.

The service was held in church, conducted by the Rev. H. T. Yeomans (Vicar), and was followed by an excellent tea in the School Room. Mr. J. E. Lilley (Branch chairman) presided over the subsequent business meeting, when one new member from Townstal and one from Paignton were elected. It was resolved to send a letter of good wishes to Mr. G. H. Myers, of Plymouth, on his recovery from a serious illness, and a letter of congratulation to Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Harvey, of Lifton, former members of the Branch, on the birth of a daughter.

Subject to permission, the next quarterly meeting is to be held at Buckfast Abbey on October 12th. The usual votes of thanks, proposed from the chair, concluded the business.

A. L. B.

Lavenham Ringers Visit Lincs

Lavenham ringers spent July 20th ringing at five towers in Lincolnshire. The first stop was at Long Sutton (8); then on to Holbeach, another fine ring of eight. Boston, the object of the day, came next. Here ample justice was done to a good lunch, after which some good ringing was enjoyed on the fine ten at the 'Stump.' Some short touches on the eight at Sutterton preceded tea. The last tower was Surfleet, and home was reached at 11.30 p.m.

The ringers thank our Lincolnshire friends, who helped to make this a very enjoyable outing.

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POINTS FROM RECENT PEALS

FIRST, let me correct a mistake in my last article on this subject. Terrington should have read Tarrington. It was my mistake and not a printer's error. The Terringtons (St. John and St. Clement) have had many peals rung at them, of course. I am grateful to Mr. J. Wilson, of Terrington St. Clement, for pointing the mistake out.

One of the most interesting happenings of the past few months is the changing of the 'lead' as far as most peals in any church is concerned. Erith, St. John Baptist, has once again become the church where most peals have been rung, displacing Crayford. It may be of interest to compare the towers throughout their history. Crayford appeared first in the peal lists (of church bells) in 1877, and 8 peals had been rung there by the time we have the first at Erith (in 1882). Erith first passed Crayford in 1892 with its 48th peal, and then quickly forged ahead, passing its first century in 1896, Crayford's score being then 67. The 200 peals came in 1906, before Crayford had reached 100, being then 85. Thus it can be seen how much more prolific the former was at that time. It was at the end of 1909 that Erith was the farthest ahead it has ever been, its score being 218 when Crayford's was 92—126 peals more.

Crayford reached its first 100 in July, 1911, and then up to the first world war, it very slightly narrowed the gap to 122 peals, thus Erith was 241 at the end of 1914 and Crayford 119. After the war it was fairly even 'pegging' in the 1920's. Thus Erith reached the 300 mark in 1928, having had 59 peals since the end of the war. In this time Crayford had had 73 peals and was still 108 behind. It was then that Crayford really got cracking. Its 200th came in March, 1929, when its rival was at 304 peals. Crayford's next 100 only took five years, and so 300 was reached in August, 1934, and the deficit had been reduced to 70 (Erith was still doing about 10 a year!). Twenty-five peals were rung at Crayford that year and there were 24 in both the years 1937 and 1938! Thus when Erith passed the 400 mark in July, 1938, Crayford was then 374 and only 26 behind. Then came the Munich crisis and fewer peals all over the country, and only three more were rung at Erith before the war came, making its pre-war total 403. Crayford had not been quite so severely 'hit' and was only four behind when ringing ceased—its last pre-ban peal being its 399th!

After the ban was lifted, it was Crayford which got away to the better start, and in 1945 it took the lead again after being behind for over 50 years. As most readers will know, it was the first church tower to have 500 peals, and this was in 1952 (these last 100 peals came in 10 years). Erith was then 472—28 behind, and this is, I think, the most it has had to make up. The latter's 500 came early in 1955, its rival then having 512 peals. There have not been many peals at Crayford this last year or two, and so Erith has once again managed to go into the lead in May last, when the former's total of 519 was passed. So congratulations to Erith on again leading the way. I wonder which tower will reach 600 first!

Whilst talking of large numbers of peals, I confirm the 350th at Willesden. At the present rate, this tower might have to be watched as far as the 600th peal is concerned! Over 160 peals have been rung here in the last 10 years.

Then we come to landmarks. Hadlow, Kent, has just had its 50th peal, the first being as long ago as 1884 (unless there were some before ringing journals were in existence). Ringing has been fairly consistent here—20 peals up to 1914, 21 between the wars and 9 since 1949. Ashbocking also has reached 50 peals on June 4th, 29 of them coming since 1949. The next peal at the following towers will be the 50th they have had: Upchurch, Colchester (St. Peter), Great Bentley. Two towers will reach the century with their next peal. Thus the peal at Whitwick on May 24th was the 99th, as was that at Milton-next-Gravesend on June 1st. Forty-eight peals at the latter tower were rung when it had six bells from 1891 to 1930.

Now for rare visitors to the peal lists. The claim for the first peal on the bells at Eastchurch (Kent) I fear cannot be substantiated (unless they have been recast). Five peals were rung there from 1911 to 1914, but there haven't been any since, so here we have the tower with the longest silence in the period under review. Bradford-on-Tone has not appeared for 37 years. The two previous peals (both Grandsire Doubles) were in 1913 and 1920. There was a slight exaggeration about the claim at Leaton—first peal for 50 years! The only previous peal (Doubles in four methods) was on July 1st, 1922. South Cerney's last appearance was also in 1922—on September 6th. There have been four peals in all here. The only previous peal (also of Bob Minor) at Millom (Cumberland) was on November 28th, 1925.

The three 'in Gordanos'—Clapton, Easton and Weston—remind us that these do not often appear in these columns. It is 30 years since Clapton was there, although there have been 12 peals in all (seven from 1904 to 1912). The other two have each appeared once since the last war—Easton in 1953 and Weston in 1951. Otherwise the former last had a peal in 1928 and the latter in 1910. All three towers have had most of their peals from 1904 to 1913—there have been 12 at Clapton, 16 at Easton and 5 at Weston. Shaftesbury Holy Trinity's only previous peal (of Grandsire Doubles) was in 1928, whilst the four previous ones at Blo-Norton were in 1911, 1912, 1923 and 1930. Aston (Herts) has not been heard in a peal for 25 years. The recent one was the fourth, the others being in 1907, 1920 and 1932. Whepstead's only other peal was in 1933, and two towers have had a peal silence since 1934—St. Nicholas-at-Wade (only other peal in that year) and Embleton (three in all now—1892, 1934 and 1957). Woolhope and Shepton Mallet had their last peals in 1936 (seven in all at the former and 11 at the latter). I can confirm that the peal at Broomfield was the first since 1938.

For an 8-bell tower, peals have been few at Cheddar. The recent one was only the third; the other two (all three have been Grandsire Triples, by the way) were in 1914 and 1954. Although there have been 15 peals at Morpeth (the first in 1892), the one rung on June 5th was the first of Grandsire there. That is most unusual. Other points noticed: Wrexham has had its first since 1946—London Royal, too! It was the 50th peal on the bells (since 1883). Twenty-five peals were rung up to 1913, then 23 from 1920 to 1938 and two in 1946. The only previous Surprise peal was of Cambridge Royal in 1927. The last peal of Treble Ten at Derby Cathedral was in 1885. The peal at Cuddington, Bucks, was the first on the bells as well as the first in the method (Edinburgh Delight). The peals at Newland and Pinhoe were the first of Minor on the bells.

Finally, two 5-bell towers worthy of mention again. Marston now has 24 peals and is third on the list of 5-bell towers for number of peals, only Warkton and Barton Segrave beating it. Then Kirby Bellars is now numbered amongst the select few 5-bell towers which have reached double figures.

TEN BELL PEALS

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., July 24, 1957, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5120 LITTLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

*ERNEST MORRIS	*Treble*	JOSEPH W. COTTON	6
†BRIAN G. WARWICK	2	†BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	7
†CECILIA COWLEY	3	*HAROLD MARCON	8
††MALCOLM F. COWLEY	4	†ERNEST J. JELLEY	9
†PHYLLIS POOLE	5	*G. RONALD EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by G. RONALD EDWARDS. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal of Royal in the method. † First peal in the method. ‡ First peal on ten bells.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 27, 1957, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR,
A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

ELISABETH A. G. GRIME	*Treble*	JOAN GRAY	6
MARY H. HALL	2	FRANK D. MACK	7
ALBERT M. TYLER	3	DAVID HEIGHTON	8
MICHAEL T. SPRACKLING	4	PERCIVAL W. CAVE	9
TUDOR P. EDWARDS	5	F. CECIL MOGFORD	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHT. Conducted by PERCIVAL W. CAVE.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 27, 1957, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

ALAN A. POTTS	*Treble*	JOHN WORTH	6
FRED DUNKERLEY	2	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER	7
BASIL JONES	3	PETER LAFLIN	8
JAMES FERNLEY	4	BRIAN HARRIS	9
C. KENNETH LEWIS	5	EDWARD JENKINS	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 27, 1957, in 3 Hours and 34 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 37 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb.

CHARLES MCGUINESS	*Treble*	CHARLES N. LEA	6
KENNETH ARTHUR	2	KENNETH LAWSON	7
W. NORMAN PARK	3	ROLAND PARK	8
WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON	4	DENIS A. BAYLES	9
GEORGE S. DEAS	5	J. ALAN AINSWORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON.
In memoriam Joseph E. R. Keen, sometime Ringing Master at this Cathedral, died July 17th, 1957

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 27, 1957, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 24 cwt.

LESTER L. GRAY	*Treble*	*E. MARTIN FIELDEN	6
RONALD KENRICK	2	*CYRIL LOW	7
*JOHN NELSON	3	JOHN F. GROVE	8
JACK ASHCROFT	4	EDWIN C. BIRKETT	9
HENRY J. FIELDEN	5	JOSEPH RIDYARD	*Tenor*

Composed by C. K. LEWIS. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.
* First peal of Surprise Royal.
E. Martin Fielden was proposed a member of the Association before the peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

KIRTLINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., July 17, 1957, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's transposition. Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb.

FREDK. A. H. WILKINS	*Treble*	MICHAEL J. HALLETT	5
DAPHNE R. CASTELL	2	FRANK A. BARRETT	6
J. RICHARD CHAUNDY	3	WALTER F. JUDGE	7
EDGAR J. SMITH	4	FRANCIS A. WHITE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., July 17, 1957, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in F.

JOAN K. BROWN	*Treble*	SHIRLEY BURTON	5
*ROGER K. STRETTON	2	JOSEPH W. COTTON	6
BRIAN G. WARWICK	3	ERNEST J. JELLEY	7
PHYLLIS POOLE	4	BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal of Cambridge 'inside.'

HEYDOUR, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 20, 1957, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.

FREDERICK W. PINCHBECK	*Treble*	WALTER WESTON	5
RONALD RUSSELL	2	H. LESLIE SQUIRES	6
BERNARD H. DALTON	3	H. REGINALD WOODS	7
PERCY D. BALDOCK	4	JAMES H. MUSSON	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., July 20, 1957, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5136 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. in D flat.

WILLIAM J. BUTTON	*Treble*	GILBERT R. GOODSHIP	5
ROBERT E. LESTER	2	RONALD A. BUGG	6
IVAN COOPER	3	KENNETH G. BROWN	7
HARRY D. LISTER	4	EDWARD E. DAVEY	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.

WOODSTOCK, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., July 22, 1957, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5008 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

CHARLES COLES	*Treble*	EDGAR J. SMITH	5
CHRISTINE M. WOODWARD	2	CYRIL H. KINCH	6
DAPHNE R. CASTELL	3	FRANK A. BARRETT	7
*REV. A. S. ROBERTS	4	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES TOPP. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* 200th peal.
Rung on the Feast of St. Mary Magdalene.

CHILVERS COTON, NUNEATON.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., July 23, 1957, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13½ cwt.

JOHN E. S. MORETON	*Treble*	MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	5
*JOHN E. LLOYD	2	GEORGE A. BELL	6
ARTHUR H. BEAMISH	3	JAMES F. CLARKE	7
DOROTHY E. BEAMISH	4	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ARTHUR H. BEAMISH.
* First peal in the method on an 'inside' bell.
Rung to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the granting of a charter to the Borough of Nuneaton.

LECKHAMPTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Wed., July 24, 1957, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation). Tenor 8¼ cwt. in A.

Albert J. Newman	*Treble*	Cyril A. Wratten	5
E. Trevor Newbury	2	Stanley C. Milton	6
Shirley M. Parsons	3	Leslie Barry	7
G. Leonard Hewitt	4	Harry Newman	*Tenor*

Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.
Arranged and rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Boreham on the eve of their silver wedding.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., July 25, 1957, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt.

*Jane Langton	*Treble*	Edgar Rapley	5
June M. Clements	2	Leonard Stilwell	6
Mervyn Fromm	3	†Denis R. Mitchell	7
*Peter H. Langton	4	George Francis	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Denis R. Mitchell.
* First peal in the method. † First peal. Mr. Leonard Stilwell has now 'completed the circle.'

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 27, 1957, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*Bernard E. Matthews	*Treble*	Donald Smith	5
Mervyn Fromm	2	Richard Wilson	6
Henry C. Weaver	3	Raymond P. Wood	7
Leonard Stilwell	4	*Raymond A. Brown	*Tenor*

Conducted by Raymond P. Wood.
* First peal.
Rung to welcome the Rev. R. Evan Hopkins to the living. Also a compliment to the Rev. and Mrs. Peter Blackman on the birth of their daughter.

CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 27, 1957, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Anta and All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Hubbard's Five-part. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*Anthony G. J. Edwards	*Treble*	V. Mary Matthews	5
†P. Ruth Hosken	2	Margery A. Birch	6
Alan Carveth	3	Rev. A. S. Roberts	7
Arthur F. Burley	4	David N. Penrose	*Tenor*

Conducted by Alan Carveth.
* First peal. † First peal of Plain Bob 'inside.' The 25th peal on the bells.

DEDDINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 27, 1957, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
A PEAL OF 5072 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 10 lb. in E.

Charles Coles	*Treble*	*Christopher C. Clarke	5
Mrs. G. F. Burton	2	*Robert A. Reeves	6
*Janice Grimsley	3	George F. Burton	7
Edmund E. Pearson	4	Alan R. Pink	*Tenor*

Composed by Albert M. Tyler. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
* First peal of Major.

GILLINGHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 27, 1957, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Shipway's Five-part. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

Ruth Highley	*Treble*	John W. Meade	5
Cyril S. Jarrett	2	Terence Barton	6
Thomas Beaumont	3	George Kenward	7
Albert J. Dunk	4	William A. J. Knight	*Tenor*

Conducted by William A. J. Knight.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the second ringer's mother.

HITCHIN, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 27, 1957, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in D.

Mary Andrews	*Treble*	Kenneth R. Dunstan	5
Joan M. Wilcockson	2	Jack S. Dear	6
*Patricia Doorn	3	C. Edward Jeffries	7
William Wenban	4	Philip Mehew	*Tenor*

Composed by Craven (arr.). Conducted by Philip Mehew.
* First peal of Surprise. First of Yorkshire as conductor.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Roy Mehew and Margaret Hilton, married at St. Mary's earlier in the day.
Composition believed rung for the first time, a variation on Craven's by Stephen Ivin.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., July 27, 1957, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
At the Cathedral Church of St. Thomas-of-Canterbury,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 25½ cwt. in E flat.

*Marion Parker	*Treble*	Harold A. Nobes	5
E. Keith Jordan	2	Fredk. W. Burnett	6
Alec Page	3	John H. Hunt	7
Russell Parker	4	Arthur Hoodless	*Tenor*

Conducted by John H. Hunt.
* 25th peal.
A farewell peal to J. H. Hunt, who is leaving for the Persian Gulf. Also the last peal on the bells prior to rehanging and augmentation.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 27, 1957, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Thomas.
A PEAL OF 5056 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in F.

*Brian G. Warwick	*Treble*	†G. Harry Bray	5
†Mrs. F. E. Wilson	2	†Russell S. Morris	6
*Brian S. Chapman	3	*Ernest J. Jelley	7
Joseph W. Cotton	4	G. Ronald Edwards	*Tenor*

Composed by F. Nolan Golden. Conducted by Brian G. Warwick.
* First peal of Major in the method. † First peal in the method.

HUNTINGDON.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., July 29, 1957, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 21 lb. in F sharp.

John R. Ketteringham	*Treble*	Harold S. Peacock	5
Hugh Neill	2	Geoffrey A. Lucas	6
Michael W. Crowder	3	Giles C. Galley	7
Peter J. Coles	4	William J. Ridgman	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Giles C. Galley.
First peal as conductor.

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FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

OSMASTON-BY-ASHBOURNE DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 29, 1957, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

PAMELA J. PEARSON	*Treble*	P. G. BELLAMY-KNIGHTS	4
ARTHUR R. WRIGHT	2	BRIAN R. MANNING	5
*W. ARNOLD MORLEY	3	DAVID K. WALKLATE	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID K. WALKLATE.
* First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells.

CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 13, 1957, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-A-BECKET.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being two 2,160's and one 720. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

*WILLIAM H. DOWSE	*Treble*	†BERNARD GROVES	4
†ROBERT SMITH	2	†ALAN MCFALL	5
*FRANK OSBALDISTON	3	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	*Tenor*

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES.
Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.
* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Surprise Minor.

DERSINGHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 13, 1957, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 8 lb.

FRIEDA A. FROST	*Treble*	NORMAN V. HARDING	4
SAMUEL H. WATERFIELD	2	TONY OWEN	5
MICHAEL GATHERCOLE	3	CECIL V. EBBERSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by CECIL V. EBBERSON.
Rung for St. Swithin's Day.

RADSTOCK, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., July 24, 1957, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in G.

RONALD G. BECK	*Treble*	DAVID HOARE	4
*PETER J. WYCHERLEY	2	GWILYM SALMON	5
EUNICE D. OVEREND	3	*†ROGER H. ABBOTT	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROGER H. ABBOTT (aged 15).
* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Minor.
The bells were raised, the peal rung, and the bells lowered again without a break.

NEWTON HALL, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., July 25, 1957, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Consisting of an extent each of Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Kent T.B. and Plain Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt.

J. ALAN AINSWORTH	*Treble*	*GEORGE S. DEAS	4
ERIC N. HARRISON	2	KENNETH W. CHEESEMAN	5
CHRISTOPHER T. LAMB	3	KENNETH ARTHUR	*Tenor*

Conducted by KENNETH ARTHUR.
* First peal in seven methods 'inside.' First peal on these bells for 23 years.
Rung for the Feast of St. James.

WIGGENHALL, NORFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., July 25, 1957, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and St. Clement's, and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

MICHAEL GATHERCOLE	*Treble*	R. W. SPENCER	4
*ERNEST H. MASTIN	2	M. R. REED	5
GRAHAM J. MANN	3	NORMAN V. HARDING	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST H. MASTIN.
* First peal in four Minor methods.

TILNEY, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., July 26, 1957, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 16 cwt.

*FREDA P. GREAVES	*Treble*	LESLIE W. HOUGHTON	4
EDWARD GREENACRE	2	WILLIAM ROSE	5
MICHAEL GATHERCOLE	3	NORMAN V. HARDING	*Tenor*

Conducted by NORMAN V. HARDING.
* First peal and first attempt.

ALDEBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., July 27, 1957, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Tenor 12½ cwt. in F.

C. JACK GIBSON	*Treble*	*EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	4
JACK PILGRIM	2	JOHN W. BLYTHE	5
RAY PECK	3	PETER S. BEDFORD	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER S. BEDFORD.
* First peal of Surprise. First peal as conductor.

SCOTTOW, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 27, 1957, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being three extents of St. Clement's and four extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

HERBERT G. SMITHSON	*Treble*	DERICK W. PARDON	4
HANBURY F. CARTER	2	WALTER C. MEDLER	5
MRS. HANBURY F. CARTER	3	WILLIAM R. CATCHPOLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM R. CATCHPOLE.
Rung half-muffled for Mr. Arthur S. Currall, churchwarden at this church for 14 years, whose funeral took place during the week.

SKILLINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 27, 1957, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Being 42 extents, each bell taking its turn in the hunt (20 callings).
Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

DENIS A. FRITH	*Treble*	BRIAN HUNT	3
*PETER A. HILL	2	*BRIAN BUTTERY	4
W. RUSSELL READ	*Tenor*		

Conducted by DENIS A. FRITH.
* First peal of Doubles. First peal in this variation by all.

WOLVERCOTE, OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 27, 1957, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being ten extents of Grandsire seven of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, four each of Plain Bob, St. Simon's and Southrepps, three each of Reverse St. Bartholomew, April Day and Clifford Pleasure and two extents each of Stedman and Northrepps. Tenor 8 cwt. in B flat.

WILFRED C. GODWIN	*Treble*	DERMOT J. ROAF	4
NORMAN CHAMBERLAIN	2	MICHAEL J. HALLETT	5
HARRY P. FLOYD	3	ALBERT COSTAR	*Tenor*

Conducted by MICHAEL J. HALLETT.
The first peal on the recast bells.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. N. Chamberlain on the occasion of their silver wedding.

YATESBURY, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., July 29, 1957, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 21 extents Grandsire (ten callings and Morris' and Pitman's 240) and 21 extents Plain Bob (four callings).
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in G.

*MICHAEL J. AUSTIN	*Treble*	†RAYMOND G. SMITH	3
*DAVID C. MANGER	2	JOE E. G. ROAST	4
JAMES C. TAYLOR	*Tenor*		

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.
* First peal. † First peal of Doubles.
Rung by an R.A.F. band from Yatesbury, Cherhill and Compton Bassett.

BLYTHBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Wed., July 31, 1957, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

SYDNEY J. MERRY	*Treble*	FRANCIS R. LOWE	4
PETER KINDRED	2	WALTER RUFFLES	5
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	3	JOHN W. BLYTHE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.
A birthday compliment to the ringer of the fifth.

HANDBELL PEALS

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., July 12, 1957, in 2 Hours,
AT 37, GRETTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

ALEX. RICHARDSON	1—2	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	3—4
WILLIAM A. SMITH	5—6		

Conducted by WILLIAM A. SMITH.
First peal of Minor on handbells by all. First peal on handbells as conductor.

WHITWORTH PARK, MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., July 22, 1957, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT WESTON HOUSE,
A PEAL OF 5152 BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

DEREK OGDEN	1—2	ROBIN G. TURNER	5—6
WILFRED L. ROBINSON	3—4	FREDK. WM. GROCOTT	7—8

Composed by J. COX. Conducted by ROBIN G. TURNER.
First in the method 'in hand' for the Lancashire Association.

QUARTER PEALS

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On July 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: H. W. Brown 1, I. C. Forrest 2, Gwyneth R. Brown (first 'inside') 3, R. D. Brown 4, S. W. Brown (cond.) 5, Valerie Mepham 6. Rung as a welcome to Lynne Mary, born the day before, at Leeds, daughter of Mary and Bryan Turnbull (former ringers in this tower).

ASH, SOMERSET.—On July 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. E. Turner (first of Minor) 1, Miss J. E. Gladman 2, F. A. Strickland 3, R. P. Selway 4, W. E. Turner 5, J. W. C. Sinfield (cond.) 6.

BEXLEY, KENT.—On July 28th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Miss S. P. Nicholson 1, Miss B. A. Thompson 2, Miss J. R. Cox 3, Miss M. R. Andrews 4, J. L. Morris 5, S. J. Woodcock (cond.) 6. Rung for Evensong.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.—On July 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Whitby (first of Grandsire) 1, H. M. White 2, R. Hayden 3, H. Bird 4, R. H. Young 5, H. Groom 6, F. Bird (cond.) 7, W. Wheeler (first of Grandsire) 8. Rung as a farewell to the curate, the Rev. P. Minall.

BOLNEY, SUSSEX.—On July 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Shirley Radmore 1, J. Gasson 2, T. Gasson 3, Mrs. F. Cruttenden 4, E. Packham 5, F. Cruttenden 6, F. Godsmark (cond.) 7, G. Gasson 8.

BOURNEMOUTH.—At St. John's Church, on July 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. R. Boyce 1, G. M. Rouse 2, Mrs. F. J. Marshall-say (cond.) 3, Mrs. C. N. Boyce 4, A. H. Cross 5, S. Walmesley 6, E. Booth 7, H. A. Mitchell 8.

CHESTER-LE-STREET, CO. DURHAM.—On July 26th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. Haigh 1, Miss M. A. P. Bertie 2, Mrs. D. A. Bayles 3, J. W. Robson 4, W. Nicholson 5, S. C. Walker 6, C. Mordue 7, D. A. Bayles (cond.) 8. Rung for the silver wedding on the previous day of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Robson.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKS.—On June 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. A. L. Thompson 1, Miss D. J. Clarke 2, J. E. S. Moreton 3, Mrs. D. E. Beamish 4, A. H. Beamish 5, J. F. Clarke 6, J. Draycott (cond.) 7, G. A. Bell 8. Rung for morning service on the occasion of the Sunday School anniversary.

CLUTTON, SOMERSET.—On July 25th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. M. Stallard 1, F. C. Mogford 2, Mrs. D. G. Mayell 3, A. A. Hilliar 4, D. G. Mayell (cond.) 5, J. Owen 6. A birthday compliment to Mrs. D. G. Mayell.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—On July 21st, at the Parish Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Keyte (Charlbury) 1, F. J. Lewis, sen. (cond.) 2, P. J. Lewis (first 'inside') 3, B. Wakefield (first of Triples) 4, A. Painter 5, P. Morgans (first quarter) 6, W. H. Hayward 7, F. J. Lewis, jun., 8. For evening service and also to celebrate the christening of Julie Carol, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. Morgans.

DUBLIN, EIRE.—At St. Patrick's Cathedral, on July 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. H. Brown 1, E. G. Buchanan 2, W. H. Wilson 3, C. J. Reede 4, T. McMorran (cond.) 5, A. R. Polkington 6, J. A. Atkinson 7, J. Click 8. Rung to celebrate the 43rd anniversary of the wedding of the ringer of the third bell.

EAST DRAYTON, NOTTS.—On July 27th, 1,260 Minor (720 Single Oxford and 540 Plain Bob): Pat Grady 1, D. McNeil (first in two methods) 2, Margaret Ross 3, Terence Randall 4, A. Wilson 5, R. Hobbs (cond.) 6.

EATON, LEICESTERSHIRE.—On July 27th, 1,260 Minor (540 Plain Bob, 720 Single Oxford): Miss J. Owen 1, J. Morris 2, J. E. Cook 3, J. H. Cook 4, F. J. Williams 5, R. H. Cook (first of Minor as conductor) 6. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Morris for the birth of their daughter; also for the first birthday of John, son of the Vicar (Rev. G. S. D. Turner).

GOATHURST, SOMERSET.—On July 19th, 1,440 Double Court Minor: H. Pople 1, D. Miller 2, J. Walton 3, K. Prime 4, C. Clarke 5, R. Short (cond) 6. First in the method by all and on the bells.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—On July 21st, 1,260 Minor (720 Oxford Bob, 540 Plain Bob): Jean Croft 1, L. Runnacles 2, S. H. Ashton 3, A. C. Harris 4, K. C. Timbury 5, P. W. Croft (cond.) 6. Rung for Evensong.

HAILSHAM, SUSSEX.—On July 25th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Kathleen M. Yeo 1, Mrs. Betty Percy 2, Joan M. Downing 3, J. Downing 4, R. W. Pankhurst 5, C. Verdon (first in method) 6, F. Dallaway (cond.) 7, L. Baldock 8. First quarter of Stedman for 1 and 2.

HATCH BEAUCHAMP, SOMERSET.—On July 29th, 1,260 Doubles (240 April Day, 360 Bob Doubles, 360 Stedman, 300 Grandsire): A. H. Reed 1, D. F. Sheldon 2, W. H Tarr 3, J. E. Brewer 4, W. G. Gigg (cond.) 5. Rung as a compliment to Mr. W. Mills, captain of the local ringers, who has just completed 60 years as a chorister at this church.

LEEDS, YORKS.—At St. Chad's, Headingley, on July 25th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss S. Pettingell 1, Mrs. D. Skelton 2, Martin Davies 3, Miss Sheila Schofield 4, Miss Rosemary Hick 5, R. Bettley Cooke 6, A. I. Johnson 7, L. Drake 8. Rung to welcome the birth of Lyn Mary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Turnbull, members of the above tower.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.—At the Church of St. James, Benwell, on St. James' Day (July 25th), 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Wilkinson 1, F. Ross (first quarter 'inside') 2, A. Wallace 3, C. Carse 4, R. S. Mallaburn 5, R. Barrow 6.

SOUTHGATE, LONDON.—On July 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mary Piper 1, Ann Aldridge 2, S. G. Peck 3, J. Wallman (cond.) 4, M. Stanyon (first of Minor) 5, C. Aldridge 6. Rung for the Parish Communion and a 77th birthday compliment to A. Glasscock, a member of the Southgate band for 60 years.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On July 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: V. Norman (first away from tenor) 1, Joan K. Brown 2, E. J. Jelley 3, R. K. Stretton (first 'inside') 4, R. Jelley 5, A. E. Bodycote 6, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 7, P. Norman 8. For Evensong.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.—On July 14th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Margaret A. Ladd 1, R. E. Wood 2, E. J. Brunger 3, A. F. Wellington 4, S. G. Ponting 5, E. J. Jenner 6, S. Jenner (cond.) 7, B. V. Collison 8. First in the method for all except ringers of 1 and 8. For Evensong.

WESTON FAVELL, NORTHANTS.—On July 29th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob and 660 Grandsire): E. Rudkin 1, L. Earl 2, Miss G. Ashby 3, A. Jones 4, P. Amos (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled for the repose of the soul of Mrs. Cecily Hills, a respected member of this church.

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PEAL RINGING AT WAKEFIELD 1801-1815

By David Cubitt

The following notes are in the form of newspaper extracts, with some parenthetical comments, and are not claimed to be a complete list of peals rung in these 15 years at Wakefield (or by Wakefield ringers elsewhere). During this period the newspapers quoted were published weekly, the Wakefield ones on Fridays, 'The Leeds Mercury' on Saturdays.

There were two rings of eight in Wakefield at the time: All Saints' bells (tenor 24 cwt.) were by Pack and Chapman and had been opened in July, 1779; St. John's were cast by Thomas Mears in 1794 and had a 23 cwt. tenor.

The first three extracts are from 'The Leeds Mercury.'

April 11th, 1801: On Friday the 3rd inst. was rung at the Church of St. John's, Wakefield, by the Society of Ringers, an abstract of 5040 changes, of Bob Major, in three hours and twenty-three minutes, being the first peal, eight in, rung upon those bells, which was executed with the greatest exactness, and to the pleasure of all who heard them.

July 11th, 1801: On Sunday evening last, the inhabitants of Wakefield were agreeably entertained by eight of the company from St. Peter's Church, in this town, ringing a true and compleat peal, consisting of 5280 changes, on the bells of St. John's, being the first five thousand of treble bob ever rung in that town, and which was performed in three hours and forty-one minutes, by

W. Ellbeck	treble
J. Sawer	2
J. Whitaker	3
T. Bedford	4
B. Skirrow	5
W. Preston	6
J. Tebbs	7 and conducted the peal
T. Normington	tenor

June 4th, 1803: On the morning of Sunday last, was rung at St. John's Church, Wakefield, by the society of ringers at that church, an abstract of Bob Major, consisting of 5040 changes, in three hours and 25 minutes, in a very masterly stile.

The next seven extracts are from 'The Wakefield Star.'

September 25th, 1805: On Saturday was rung at our Parish Church, a new peal of tripples, consisting of 2575 changes, on the occasion of Dr. Munkhouse being inducted into the vicarage by the Rev. Mr. Herron, of Pontefract; and on Sunday morning, in honour of his Majesty's Coronation, a complete peal, called The Coronation, in 3 hours and 16 minutes, with the greatest exactitude and distinctness, by 1st, Richard Wilkinson; 2nd Jos. Penny; 3rd, James Robshaw; 4th, Geo. Priestley; 5th, Rich. Collet; 6th, Wm. Day; 7th, Wm. Hewitt; and 8th, Thos. Herrinton.—Conducted by W. H.

(The Rev. Richard Munkhouse, D.D., was the first minister of St. John's, Wakefield, before his promotion.)

November 8th, 1805: Last Sunday morning was rung at St. John's Church, in this town, by the society of ringers at that place, a complete peal of 5040 changes, in three hours and one minute, called St. John's Pleasure, or Bob Major Tripples, being the first time it was ever rung in Wakefield, by the following persons, J. Scott, W. Carter, J. Gill, R. Daff, J. Woodhead, J. Gill, W. Woodhead and B. Gill.—W. Woodhead conductor.

December 6th, 1805: Yesterday . . . After divine service a mourning (or dumb) peal was rung at both churches in commemoration of our fallen Hero.

January 10th, 1806: Yesterday being the funeral of the ever-to-be-lamented hero of Trafalgar, a solemn peal, with muffled bells, was rung at both churches in this town, as a mournful tribute to the memory of the departed Earl.

(These last two may well not have been full 5,000's.)

June 13th, 1806: On Wednesday, was rung at St. John's Church, in this town, by the Society of St. John's Youths, in three hours and thirty minutes, a peal of old Tripple Bobs, consisting of 5088 changes, in a complete stile, being the first peal ever rung in that method in Wakefield.

November 14th, 1806: On Tuesday last was rung at the Old Church in this town, by the Society of Wakefield youths, a complete peal of grandsire tripples, consisting of 5040 changes, in three hours and sixteen minutes; with great exactness, performed by Benjamin Gill, Richard Wilkinson, James Gill, Robert Daff, Thomas Rinnington, Joseph Gill, John Woodhead and Wm. Woodhead.

January 30th, 1807: On Sunday evening was rung at St. John's Church, by a select company of St. John's ringers and St. Peter's, of Leeds, a true and compleat peal, consisting of 5280 changes of Union Treble Bobs, eight in, which was performed in 3 hours and 35 minutes with the greatest exactness, by Robert Daff, Jas. Gill, Joseph Gill, Wm. Woodhead and Benjamin Gill, of Wakefield; and William Preston, Joseph Tebbs and John Hudson, of Leeds, conducted by W. Woodhead.

('The Leeds Mercury,' of January 31st, 1807, reporting the peal, places the ringers: Daff, treble; Hudson, 2nd; James Gill, 3rd; Tebbs, 4th; Preston, 5th; Joseph Gill, 6th; Woodhead, 7th; Benjamin Gill, tenor.)

'The Leeds Mercury,' April 4th, 1807: Monday last was opened at Keighley, a Peal of Bells, augmented from six to eight, by Mr. Mears, of London, universally allowed to be as fine toned as any in Yorkshire. The bells were opened by six ringers from Leeds and two of Keighley, who completed 5088 changes of New Treble Bob, in 3 hours and 7 minutes, conducted by Mr. Jos. Tebbs. The Youths from St. John's, Wakefield, next took the ropes, and rung a peal of Oxford Treble Bob, consisting of 5280 changes, in 3 hours and 19 minutes, conducted by Mr. W. Woodhead. The company from Halifax concluded the day by ringing 5120 changes of New Treble Bob, in 3 hours and 21 minutes, conducted by Mr. James Hudson. Tuesday the company of ringers from Sowerby performed one of Mr. Holt's peals, Grandsire Trebles, consisting of 5040 changes, in 2 hours and 53 minutes, conducted by Mr. Nicholas Wild. The Bradford company concluded the performance, with a peal of Grandsire Trebles, and rung well upwards of 4000 changes, but by a mistake of one of the performers the peal was lost.

(On May 3rd following the Keighley Society rang their first peal on this eight.)

The six following passages come from 'The Wakefield Star.'

September 11th, 1807: On Wednesday was rung at Pontefract, by a select company of St. John's Youths, Wakefield, a complete peal of New Treble Bob, consisting of 5088 changes, in three hours and six minutes, with the greatest exactness, being the first peal ever rung in that method at Pontefract.

October 2nd, 1807: On Sunday last was rung at St. John's Church, in this town, by the desire of a great many of the Society's friends, a complete peal of new Treble Bob, consisting of 5088 changes, in 3 hours and 23 minutes, by T. Rafton, J. Scott, J. Woodhead, R. Daff, Jas. and Jos. Gill, W. Woodhead and B. Gill; conducted by W. Woodhead.

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LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY VISIT CHAPEL ALLERTON

The Society were fortunate in having the July meeting planned in such pleasant surroundings as Chapel Allerton. Although one can see the tower from a great distance, the actual approach to the church is a different matter, as building has taken place on all sides. The bells, a memorial placed in the church some three years ago, are light, and with the construction of the tower do not cause any disturbance outside.

The business meeting was held in the Parish Rooms; the president (Mr. I. Slack) was chairman. Members were present from Armley, Bramley, Calverley, Headingley, St. Chad and St. Michael, Leeds Parish Church, Rothwell, Sherburn and Thorner. Visitors touring Yorkshire helped to swell the numbers, somewhat depleted owing to the bus strike. (We in Leeds have been very fortunate in not being affected by the strike.) Apologies were received from Mr. T. W. Strangeway and Mr. J. Hodson.

Three new members were elected — Messrs. Frank Waterfield, of Bramley, Robert Appleby and John Rhodes, of Calverley.

The vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens and local company was ably proposed by Mr. Thorley, who specially thanked the ladies for the splendid tea and the small charge made. Mr. L. Drake seconded.

The next meeting is due to be held at Collingham on August 31st. Members are asked to watch the columns of 'The Ringing World.'

Ringing was continued until 8.30 p.m.

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By ERNEST W. TIPLER

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First rung at the Bell Foundry, Loughborough, on July 3rd, 1957, conducted by Brian G. Warwick.

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February 26th, 1808: On Monday last was rung at our Parish Church, a true and complete peal of Grandsire Tripples, consisting of 5040 changes, in a style that did credit to the performers in three hours and twenty minutes, by T. Rafton, J. Scott, J. Woodhead, R. Daff, W. Woodhead, B. Gill, T. Herrington and B. Whitehead; conducted by W. Woodhead.

May 6th, 1808: On Sunday morning last, was rung at St. John's Church, in this town, by five of St. John's Company and three Independent Ringers from Leeds, a new peal called New Treble Bob Major, consisting of 5144 changes. The peal was composed and conducted by Mr. Joseph Tebbs, of Leeds; and was performed and completely brought round in three hours and twenty-one minutes, being the first peal in that method, ever rung in England.

(A curious claim; perhaps the first time the composition was rung.)

(To be continued)

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

By-Meeting at Norton Subcourse

After an interval of four years, the Eastern Branch held a by-meeting at Norton Subcourse on July 6th, where the ring of six bells was kept busy by ringers of all tastes and talents.

The Association's order of service was conducted by the Rector (Rev. F. Tattersall), the lesson being read by the Association Ringing Master (Mr. H. W. Barrett).

Such an excellent and huge tea had been prepared by the willing ladies, recruited by Mr. G. G. Walpole, the local Ringing Master, that a second sitting was arranged after further ringing had worked up another appetite.

Votes of thanks were accorded the Rector, the organist, Mr. Walpole and the ladies, for their help in making this interim meeting such a success.

The next full meeting is at Carlton Colville on September 28th, with Pakefield bells available in the evening.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The usual standard methods were rung until 5 p.m. at St. Mary Magdalene, Holloway, when the Northern Branch held their July quarterly meeting.

Tea and a short business meeting followed, with the Master (Mr. C. A. Hughes) in the chair. Mr. Peter J. Shipton, of Bedford, was elected a member, and a vote of thanks accorded to the Vicar (the Rev. R. E. Simpson) and Miss Doreen A. Deverell for the use of the bells. Ringing followed until 8 p.m., and included a touch of London Surprise Major.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

The quarterly meeting of the West Dorset Branch was held on July 20th at Loders. Members present from Beaminster, Broadwindsor, Charmouth, Loders, Lyme Regis, Powerstock, Netherbury and Evershot were joined by visitors from Stalbridge, Yetminster and Swindon.

The service was conducted by Rev. O. L. Willmott (Vicar of Loders) and Canon C. G. Cox read the lesson. The collection amounted to 17s. 6d. Tea was served in the Vicarage, 30 members partaking.

At the business meeting the next quarterly meeting was fixed for September 21st at South Perrott.

Canon Cox drew the attention of the meeting to the fact that September 14th was the 75th anniversary of the foundation of the Salisbury Guild, and he hoped all towers would have some special ringing on that day.

It was agreed that Mr. Barrett be paid the £1 2s. 6d. deficit on the festival 'bus trip to Salisbury in May, and appreciation was expressed for his arrangements for the day.

In conclusion, Canon Cox expressed a warm vote of thanks to the Vicar and his wife and family for their warm hospitality and for the 'sumptuous repast which was on the house.'

He thanked the Rev. Mr. Willmott for taking the service and for his helpful address, and hoped the meeting would take to heart much of what was said. Mr. Elsworth was also thanked for playing the organ.

Handbells were rung in the Vicarage before members returned to the tower for further ringing. Methods during the afternoon and evening included Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Cambridge and London Surprise Minor, and most other standard methods. E. G. P.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

St. Albans District

North Mymms, set in its beautiful surroundings, was chosen for the July meeting of the St. Albans District on July 20th. Ringing commenced soon after 3 p.m. and continued to a large number of methods until 8 p.m.

Seventeen members sat down to an excellent tea, which was held in the school, arrangements for which had been made by Mrs. T. J. Lock. At the business meeting which followed, the chair was taken by Mr. S. Hoare, of Watford. A collection for the Voluntary Bell Fund amounted to 11s. 6d. Votes of thanks to those who had made possible such a pleasant meeting were duly proposed, and it was hoped that arrangements could be made to hold the August meeting at Kimpton. M. A. C.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

The sound of the bells from Christ Church, Esher, heralded the start of the Northern District quarterly meeting on July 13th, held under the guidance of the Ringing Master (Mr. G. Peters). A short service at St. Nicholas', Thames Ditton, was conducted by a lay reader, Mr. Young.

In the Church Hall the ladies provided the tea, which members and visitors enjoyed; after which the business meeting commenced. Silence was observed for the death of two members—Mr. John Crawford and Mr. Reg Lathbury. The collection during the meeting amounted to 21s. for the Bell Fund. The next District meeting will be held in Guildford on September 28th.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

In the memorial peal to Mr. J. E. R. Keen at Newcastle Cathedral on July 27th, the band wish to associate the names of Mr. Edmund P. Crowdy, who was away on Naval Reserve duties, and Mr. John Anderson, who is unable to ring peals for health reasons.

Mr. John H. Hunt is leaving for the Persian Gulf. A farewell peal was rung at Portsmouth Cathedral on July 27th.

Because of the bus strike, Ringwood ringers had their outing cancelled. In lieu a peal was arranged at 17 hours' notice, which is reported in our peal columns.

A peal of Spliced Surprise a day was achieved during Mr. Tom Cullingworth's tour centred on Redhill. Nine peals were scored and four attempts failed during the week, one of which was due to a broken rope.

Theberton, Suffolk, bells will be rededicated on December 14th by Canon J. R. Chapman, who started the restoration fund when he was rector, and is now rector of Great and Little Whelnetham. An invitation is extended to all ringers to be present.

Was the peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor at Chapel-en-le-Frith the first 'barefooted peal'? All the ringers in it cycled there in pouring rain, with the result that all footwear was removed. At one point the conductor thought he 'smelt' the ringers of 4 and 5 cross over!

As a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. T. Boreham, a peal was rung at Leckhampton. The band would like to express their gratitude to Mr. Albert Newman, of Leckhampton, who very kindly made up the band at five minutes' notice when it met short. Mr. Boreham is a member of the band of St. Mary's, Cheltenham.

Mr. Percival W. Cave is back in this country after extensive overseas travel. He was in India and Pakistan in February, Italy in May and Russia in July. Last week he called a peal at St. Stephen's, Bristol, and writes: 'It seems difficult to believe that less than three weeks ago I was standing inside the Kremlin, gazing at the King of Bells—Tsar Kolokol—all 197 tons of him, with the broken piece still lying at the foot of the pedestal on which the bell stands.'

Mr. J. Michael Stephens expresses regret that in the report submitted of the peal of Plain Bob Minor at Husborne Crawley on July 22nd an inaccuracy occurred. It was Robert Churchill who rang his first peal and not Arthur Kershaw as published.

Among West Country young conductors is Roger H. Abbott, aged 15, of Frome. He called his first peal of Surprise at Radstock in what some might regard as the ideal method. The bells were raised, the peal rung and the bells lowered again without a break.

As a result of a visit to Morpeth belfry on February 1st a number of boys of Greystoke Preparatory School evinced an interest in ringing. At the School's open day, senior boys played handbells creditably. Perhaps we shall hear of their progress on tower-bells.

The American W.A.F. have a band of handbell ringers who have performed in 28 states, from Alaska to Puerto Rico. They have four chromatic octaves of bells and their repertoire includes hymns, Christmas carols, folk tunes and instrumental numbers, writes Capt. Mary Belle J. Nissly (director of the U.S.W.A.F. Handbell Ringers) in 'Overtones.'

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THOSE I REMEMBER

By ERNEST MORRIS

AT the request of many readers—as far removed as Australia, South Africa, America, as well as here in England, I am asked to give some account of the various ringers I met and rang with over 50 years ago. Many of these 'old-timers' were picturesque characters, and their memory lingers on; but as *tempus fugit*, they will be forgotten and lost 'in the sands of time.' Thus it is with grateful happiness I record some of these bygone ringers who, in their day, did so much to foster the art and carry on the traditions of their forbears.

As already I have told, I was introduced into the belfry by my late beloved father, Josiah Morris (whose obituary may be found on page 301), in the early part of 1900. This was at St. Mark's, Leicester, where my father was for eight years steeple-keeper. I was taught at first to chime, and used to go regularly to do so for both Sunday services. After chiming I was given lessons on how to ring in full-swing on the tenor or 'sermon' bell. Father taught me in the true 'Cathedral' style, hands together, well up at both strokes, and a clean, regular pull. No sloppy or dilatory handling did for him!

Then followed my initiation into the art of change-ringing. This was at St. George's, Leicester, which then possessed a ring of six and where learners had a better chance than in the 8- and 10-bell towers. About this time, Father asked me to bring along my school friend, Fred Staniforth (now leader at Kibworth), and we went regularly to St. Mark's every Friday evening. We were allowed to assist in pulling the bells up, then sent downstairs to open and close the doors, seeing that only ringers came in, as at that time there dwelt around St. Mark's many undesirable characters—so much so that they had their own police station nearby! If we were lucky we were allowed to ring in a few rounds and call-changes.

CAUGHT UP BY A ROPE

On one occasion I went up to help in a 'rise' and all went well till the bells were about three-parts up, and I was congratulating myself on a splendid ring when, by some mischance, my rope got under my foot, and on ascending at back-stroke (I still holding the tail end) it naturally became taut between my legs, and taking me up some five or six feet, turned me completely over and dropped me 'bump' on my back on the floor, right across the belfry! For some moments pandemonium reigned, some pulling their bells up, others down! My father rushed across to me, and finding I was not seriously hurt, although shaken badly, said: 'Now you will make a ringer!'.

I remember in St. George's ringing my first 120 on tower-bells, and there was present that venerable figure of a man, with long-flowing white beard—Stephen Cooper, at that time president of the Leicester ringers, and at one time on the Central Council. My father proudly introduced me to him, and he, gravely stroking his beard (a habit he had when conversing), said: 'May he make a better man than his father!'. Dad did not quite know how to take this ambiguous remark, but took it in the right spirit.

Mr. Stephen Cooper was a publican, and for a time kept the Craven Arms nearby St. Margaret's, but later the King and Crown in Town Hall Lane (now Guildhall Lane) by the Cathedral. Needless to say these 'pubs' were the headquarters of the Leicester ringers, and in the clubroom there many handbell peals were rung, including the notable *silent* peals of Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques. Mr. Cooper held every office in the Ancient Order of Foresters up to that of High Chief Ranger for many years. He rang in a number of peals and died on February 18th, 1905.

TAKEN FOR THE VICAR!

He had a brother, William Porter Cooper, who also was a tall, upright-standing man of the old school, with 'whiskers round the rim' and face deeply marked with smallpox scars. He was the verger of St. Leonard's Church for many years, and used to wear the parson's left-off clothes—flat, round hat and all! and often was taken for the vicar! He was an inveterate snuff-taker and a grand ringer who took part in many peals, his first being in 1868 and his last (the first on Anstey bells) in 1906. He nearly always took the treble at St. Margaret's when falling the bells, and it was not a rushed affair either! often taking ten minutes or more, but done most beautifully. Woe betide anyone who mis-struck his bell in the most perfect rounds. In his later years he became an inmate of Wyggeston Hospital, and often organised concerts for the aged inmates, in which handbells were always a prominent feature. I often helped in this. 'Wm. P,' as he was called, died on May 30th, 1924, aged 86.

Not Fumigated!

The quarter peal at Chester-le-Street, rung on July 26th for the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Robson, was the second part of the normal practice night. As the bells were about to be pulled up a message was received that it would be dangerous to remain in the ringing chamber for long because of fumes from treatment of the timber against woodworm.

'However,' writes our correspondent, 'two learners had sat up there before the message was received, and survived, and as silver weddings of ringers did not occur every week, we decided to chance it, opening the windows and ringing with a minor gale blowing through the place.

'All survived to report for ringing on Sunday.'

Another of the 'old-timers' was James Jarvis—my uncle 'Bob Jarvis's' father. He was only a slightly-built man and usually found at the light end in both practice and peals. He had a store of anecdotes on ringing and never tired of telling how once at St. Martin's he was calling a 'date' touch, and he took his son—my uncle—then a boy, with him. This date touch took a long time, and Bob fell asleep. After a time he was roused by his father calling 'Bob,' and jumping up said, 'Here I am, Dad!' which so upset the ringing that the touch was lost in confusion. He used to tell also of a peal rung by Leicester ringers at Coventry (now the Cathedral). One of the ringers—not one of the strongest physically—insisted on ringing the tenor (32 cwt.) to the peal. Grandsire Caters. He stuck to it for 3 hours when he exclaimed: 'I've had enough,' and set his bell. The others carried on without him and finished the peal!

NESTING BOXES FOR PIGEONS IN BELL FRAME

Another 'character' of the old type was Joseph Sarson Needham, who at one time was attached to St. Martin's Society, but in his later years became steeple-keeper of St. Saviour's. He had an ambition to call Holt's 10-part, and tried scores of times, always failing! I was in many of these attempts; then he got together a team of experts, each of whom had called peals, and succeeded in his effort. 'Old Joe' collected coins and had a valuable collection. At St. Saviour's he used to like to see the pigeons flying around, and even made nesting boxes round the bell frame, and up there among the bells it was a dreadful mess—it was a wonder the bells went round at all!

I remember, too, old Tom Holmes. In the 'eighties' and early 'nineties' few names were more familiar to readers of 'The Bell News' than that of this well-known ringer. He was a 'woolly back' (native of Leicestershire) who mixed with the company of that time at St. Margaret's, under the leadership of Edward Biggs and Stephen Cooper; but chiefly was he connected with the famous band at Burton-on-Trent, where between 1882 and 1896 he rang 150 peals, no fewer than 60 being Surprise Major: 20 Double Norwich and about 40 Stedman. He had a ready wit and an apt quotation for every occasion. He died on September 3rd, 1905, at Loughborough.

Perhaps the most 'picturesque' of all the old Leicester characters was John Buttery (of whom I have before written, but it will be worth repeating). He was a well-educated man, and in his early career was a tea-taster. Alas! after a domestic tragedy he was driven to tasting other beverages! He married a cousin, 'Fanny,' who after the loss of her first-born became mentally unbalanced, and 'Jack' had an awful time. In spite of all this he always kept his gentlemanly appearance up, and always 'wore' his walking stick. He was a fine ringer and conductor, both on tower- and handbells. Among his exploits he conducted the first peal of Stedman Triples and Caters, also Grandsire Caters for the Midland Counties Association, and turned in St. Margaret's tenor to the first T.B. Royal in Leicester. He was one of the famous company who rang in the *silent* handbell peals of Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques—still an unbeaten record.

When I rang in my first touch of Caters I asked him how many changes it was. He said he did not know, just made it up as he went along. Next week he brought the figures pencilled on the back of an old voting paper. He then called another touch, and the following week brought it pencilled on an old sugar bag! Once, after a practice, the ringers coming out of the belfry door (which at that time came outside into Church Gate) held 'Jack' back—the police were taking 'Fanny' to jail, blind drunk on a hand-cart! Another time, after 'celebration ringing,' the band had adjourned to the Queen Victoria Inn opposite, where it was found that Jack was missing. An intensive search was made and eventually he was found fast asleep in the well of the spiral staircase. He had missed the outer door exit and gone down to the bottom, but the church exit door was locked so he just slumped down to sleep it off!

PEAL TABLET COLLECTION

John Buttery was a real lovable character, nevertheless, and had an ingratiating way with him and could wheedle money out of anybody. When he had called the first peal of Stedman Caters in Leicester he went round all the factories, offices and shops—not only in the parish but all over the city—collecting for a tablet to record this 'unique performance.' The ringers of other churches found out, and threatened to expose him unless he disclosed what amount he had got. Eventually he not only had the most elaborate peal board we have in St. Margaret's erected, but he treated all the Leicester ringers to a tripe-and-onion supper!

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THOSE I REMEMBER—Cont.

On the occasion of the King's Coronation, ringing was going on all day (by rota) at each church. We at St. Margaret's started off at 8 a.m. for an hour, then others in turn. Our next spasm was from 1 to 2 p.m., but old Jack, instead of going home, spent the time in the nearby 'Queen'; then St. Martin's rang a full peal, and Jack went to the 'King and Crown' to listen to it! We finished the day at St. Margaret's, and I shall never forget seeing him (from the belfry window) coming down Church Gate rolling all over the pavement with his walking stick held straight out before him as though it was pointing the way! How they got him up the belfry stairs I do not know, but on entering he dropped down in the window-seat, and while we rang Stedman Caters he went to sleep. He was aroused and made to ring in the last touch of the day. It was amusing to see him trying to find the rope-end, which he failed to do. It was put in his hand, and then he evidently could see several sallies, for he could not get the right one. When he did (on the 2nd) we set off, and he rang a perfect touch, never missing a dodge or making a mis-blow—it was simply amazing! With all this, notwithstanding, he was a grand man, and one could not help admiring his wonderful gifts. Under better circumstances in home life there is no doubt whatsoever he would have been an outstanding character. He died on December 19th, 1913, aged 62.

An amusing episode that stands out in my mind is that, when ringing at Aylestone on the old six, which at that time went very heavy and had a long draught of rope, Mr. Bell, of Knighton, came there, and he, being used to a short pull on five bells, was soon in difficulties. He was an awkward handler at best, but here—well it can be imagined. I rang next on 2nd and called a six-score and was scared stiff at his flying rope. He wore one of the old-fashioned starched collars with front attached (called a dicky), and there he was with his 'dicky' sticking out straight in front and flaying his rope in an alarming manner. He got 'ragged' over this more than once!

SONGS AT SOCIALS

In those days (early 1900) we had two 'Ted Smiths' at St. Margaret's—one we called 'Big Ted,' on account of his great stature, the other 'Belgrave Ted' because he lived here. The latter was a big, hefty man also and entirely bald—as my late father used to say, 'bald as a bladder of lard!'. He was a plasterer by trade. Big Ted (Edward Elijah Smith) was an engineer and brass fitter; yet despite his size used to always sing 'Baby, close your pretty blue eyes' at all ringers' socials.

All the old boys had their own particular songs. For instance, my father's was 'Johnnie used to grind the coffee mill, and mix the sugar with the sand.' Alfred Martin, many years tower keeper of St. Martin's, with his deep bass voice always obliged with 'The Holy Friar.' My uncle's father, James Jarvis, had 'Keep up your pecker, boys—never be downhearted.' Alfred B. Moss (who later migrated to Notts) sang 'In the smoke,' while William Willson recited a racing ballad, 'Kissing Cup.' They had great fun did those old boys!

(To be continued)

COMPOSITION QUALITIES

By Nolan Golden

From the earliest days of change-ringing, when Stedman claimed in his 'Tintinnalogia' (1668) that 'Grandsire and Tendring Sixscore on eight Bells makes good Musick. 748 lying behind every change,' it has been traditional for composers to point out the properties of their figures. The celebrated authors of 'A Key to the Art of Ringing' (1788) make a number of observations, such as 'In the above peal the sixth is at home twelve times right and is the greatest number of changes that can be so obtained in fourteen courses' and 'the following is the first part of 8448 (being the full extent of changes that can be obtained in this method with the tenors together),' claims which were sometimes neither clear nor accurate. Ninety years later Jasper Snowdon was classifying all the peals of Treble Bob he could find, with particular reference to their musical qualities, declaring in the introduction to Part Two of his 'Treatise' that he was 'always desirous, should I have anything to do with the selection of a peal, that it should present some distinctly musical feature. . . .'

In my experience there are few ringers who are as selective as Jasper Snowdon in their choice of composition or in the appreciation of its qualities, the deciding factor often being the ease of committing the necessary courses to memory rather than the music they produce.

The difficulty arises as to what constitutes bell-music, and a wide divergence of opinion exists. Some will tremble at the presence of 82's in a composition of Major, while others will tolerate them, provided the sixth is coursing the seventh. Some demand, where possible, 'all combinations of 4-5-6 in 5-6,' while others would rather listen to the '6th the extent in 5-6'; some find pleasure in the introduction of 7468's and 7568's, others consider this an impertinence; a present day composer of great practical skill and experience—and a number of excellent composers could claim neither—introduces 6578's with reluctance, whereas I would not, unless their inclusion was an impossibility, begin a peal without them. Then there are those who subscribe to the opinion of the late Rev. C. D. P. Davies, who roundly declared that 'real "music" is conspicuous by its absence in even bell ringing.'

Some methods, particularly the Surprise group and Stedman's principle, present problems associated with their construction. Once the heavy bells are split up in Royal or Maximus ringing, it requires a good deal of imagination and a tremendous amount of sentiment to suggest, however excellent the striking may be, that methods such as Cambridge are musical. The plain Royal and Maximus methods are usually not difficult enough, and so music must be sacrificed for intricacy. With regard to Stedman ringing, controversy has always raged as to the placing of the sixth and the treble in Caters, but everyone is agreed with the 'Clavis' that the harmonious tittums 'most likely ever will remain.' In Stedman and Grandsire Triples composers have made claims about the number of 74's and 67's at backstroke. In Minor compositions the 65's at backstroke is the only feature to which one's attention is drawn, while on five bells points of distinction concern questions of construction only.

Most plain Major methods give excellent music, but the qualities of Treble Bob methods, especially of the Surprise group, are less apparent. This is due to the fact that the internal places dictated by the term often destroys the regular coursing order of the bells. Consequently the familiar claim 'the 6th the extent in 5-6,' by which is meant all the course-ends ending in 678 and 6×78 are included, can be applied to comparatively few Surprise Major methods unless the phrase 'within the limits of the method' is added. This refers to the prevalence in many methods of false courses which reduces the possibility of obtaining compositions with the qualities looked for in Plain Major methods. The present vogue of producing peals of the Cambridge group (15738264 lead-end) with multi-bobs 'before' sacrifices a great deal of internal music, notably at the 'middle' and 'wrong' positions. A composition with, say, 'the 6th the extent home in natural courses,' would be one in which the 12 possible courses ending in 678 would be complete. This is a feature not always considered by composers. The phrase 'all combinations of 4-5-6 in 5-6'—in which the course-ends ending in 56-, 65-, 46-, 64-, 45- and 5478 are present—is a familiar one. When a composition, in addition, claims to include the '6th the extent in 5-6,' the music content is beyond doubt. As this means 60 course-ends in Plain Major, it is inevitable that 'short courses,' i.e., courses which by bobbing cuts out certain leads of the plain course, must be introduced. But such qualities are a commonplace in compositions of 'lengthening lead' methods (i.e., methods with 14263857 as the lead-end and a 4ths place bob), and this undoubtedly contributed to the past popularity of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and the growing interest in Bristol Surprise. The freedom of the latter method from falseness with the tenors together has prompted the use of 6ths place bobs, which enables the composer to produce peals with the 6th the extent in 6ths in natural courses, an impossibility with the 4ths place bob. A quality occasionally met with in Treble Bob, and by no means an easy one to produce, is 'the 6th the extent in all positions,' a phrase which means that all the 867's, 7×86's and 678's are present.

Peals of Major are occasionally noted as containing the Queens (13572468), Whittingtons (12753468) and Tittums (15263748). Standing alone this is a dubious quality, for the evolutions necessary in composition in some methods result in a 'filling in' of poor music.

ST. PETER'S DOUBLES

1 2 3 4 5	
2 1 4 3 5	
2 4 1 5 3	
4 2 5 1 3	
4 2 5 3 1	
2 4 3 5 1	
2 4 3 1 5	
4 2 1 3 5	
4 1 2 5 3	Bob
1 4 5 2 3	1 4 5 2 3
1 4 2 5 3	1 4 5 3 2

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

BOURTON-ON-THE-WATER, GLOS

Dear Sir,—Whilst looking through an old notebook of mine recently I came across the following record of a 'peal' which I copied from a board on the belfry wall of Bourton-on-the-Water Church, Gloucestershire. The board is really only noteworthy from the point of view of the spelling of certain words contained thereon:—

'Grandsier Bob was rang in Bourton Tower February 10th, 1849, by:

J. Berry	1st	T. Mosen	4th
D. Day	2nd	D. Hall	5th
J. Palmer	3rd	G. Hall	6th

The peal consist of 16 Bobs, 42 Doges, and 2 Singels.

The Peal was conducted by T. Mosen.'

Also in the same notebook I came across some 'ringing rules' which I must have obviously copied down on my one and only visit to Bourton-on-the-Water; I cannot think where else I could have possibly copied them from:

'Whosoever will practice to play on these [strings,
Must these orders observe amongst other things;
He that rings with his hat, boots, spurs or likewise,
To the Sexton shall pay two pence excise;
For smoking tobacco and drinking of drink
To the Sexton shall pay sixpence in chink;
He that is heard to curse or to swear,
Shall twelve pence among the company share;
He also that does a bell overthrow,
A groat to 'the Sexton' shall pay ere he go;
And he that will not to these orders attain,
Let him never come hither to practice again.
1793.'

Yours sincerely,
PETER J. CAME.

Danbury, Essex.

ANTI-CLOCKWISE

Dear Sir,—On page 465, July 19th issue of 'The Ringing World,' there appears an interesting report of the new bells of St. Lawrence Jewry. The old bells, we learn, were hung in an anti-clockwise direction. There are many other rings of bells hung in an anti-clockwise direction, e.g., Lavenham, Southwell Cathedral, Richmond (Surrey), Chepstow, Langley (Bucks), Stone (Staffs) and in my home town, St. Nicholas'.

Sir, is there some scientific or technical explanation to account for these anti-clockwise hangings? Or were the bells so hung to gratify a whim of an incumbent, the eccentricity of an 18th century bellhanger, or possibly the 'anti-everything' of a left-handed pre-Victorian tower captain?

If anti-clockwise hanging is better for ringers and ringing, why hang bells the right way round? Conversely, if clockwise hanging is . . . ?—Yours truly,

F. MORRIS.

Burghill, Hereford.

GUILD NOT RECOGNISING PEAL

Dear Sir,—The peal of 5,040 Cambridge Surprise Minor rung at Swanmore, Hampshire, on Saturday, June 22nd, 1957, and reported on page 443 of 'The Ringing World,' cannot, I'm afraid, be recognised as having been rung for this Guild.

One member of the team had allowed his membership to lapse, and his belfry election was an infringement of the rules.—Yours faithfully,

J. A. C. KING, General Secretary,
Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.

LICHFIELD CATHEDRAL APPEAL

Dear Sir,—As many of your readers must know, the Dean and Chapter of Lichfield Cathedral recently inaugurated an appeal for £200,000. Of this sum £150,000 is required for very urgent work to the fabric of the Cathedral during the next few years; the remaining £50,000 would be set aside as a capital sum for future maintenance. The ravages of the death-watch beetle were so serious that work was commenced at the time the appeal was launched. The roof of the north transept has been completed and work is continuing over the choir and lady chapel. The Appeal Fund stands at the moment at about £86,000.

On Saturday, September 14th, a 'Cathedral Autumn Fair' is being held in the Close; this is the first big effort that the various Cathedral bodies have arranged. In connection with this fair I have been asked to run a 'Men's Stall' as the Cathedral ringers' part in the effort. I should therefore be grateful for any gifts to help. There must be many ringers in all parts of the country who have rung on our bells who might like to contribute. Would they please send their contribution to me, when each gift will be acknowledged: F. A. Sedgwick, 10, Dam Street, Lichfield, Staffs.

'LISTENING OUTSIDE'

Dear Sir,—No doubt your front page always appeals to some of our fraternity as a real inspiration and the reason for my note is that this article does appeal to me and my sort very much. A good number of our fraternity may think us (yes, I will use the word) 'cocky,' but I do appeal to those who do think so to forget it.

It may be because I was lucky enough to be born near a tower, and joined as a lad a tower company who used to pride itself on being heard outside. I trust that those whom I have taught, and any of our fraternity to whom our striking has appealed, will try to accept it, for the simple reason that you have stated.

I have mentioned previously in your paper and have asked those who do ring 1, 2 and 3 to Minor, Major, Royal, etc., to hold a little more over what I may term tenors 10, 11, 12, 6, 7, 8 or 5 and 6, and keep them distinct from each other. Your own tenor ringers would greatly appreciate this. I mention this not as a 'cart-wheeler' but for everyone's sake, which includes the

'OUTSIDE LISTENER.'

Greenfield, Lancs.

RINGERS' EMBLEM

Dear Sir,—May I suggest a handbell as the obvious choice for ringers to carry as their emblem in procession, in answer to Mr. A. W. Holden's inquiry? A proper ringers' handbell, however—not 'bells, school and A.R.P., for the use of,' as was once inflicted on me at a retreat house.—Yours faithfully,

PHILIP I. ADDISON.

Newcastle upon Tyne.

P.S.—I shall look forward to reading other suggestions. A personal opinion is that a Guild of ringers should have its own banner. This should be quite small—many banners in use today are far too large.—P. I. A.

QUOTATION WANTED

Dear Sir,—Can any reader of 'R.W.' complete these lines given me by a visitor a few years ago:—

'With arms upstretched to clutch
The rattling ropes, that race
Into the darkness above,
And the mad romping din.'

Yours sincerely,
V. SHEPPARD.

Cape Town.

MANCROFT RINGERS' OUTING, JULY 27th

From under 'Mancroft' mighty tower,
We left as 8 struck; 'twas the hour,
Work and cares were all forgotten
As on our way we went to Cotton.

Through Norfolk's fields, by pastures green,
Thatch cottages with eaves that lean,
To Suffolk; Cotton's tower of eight,
The tenor just ten hundredweight.

Bristol, Cambridge, Stedman, rounds,
For young and old the art abounds.
'All hold,' the treble starts again,
The ringers here can feel the rain.

No room enclosed where they can stand,
Is there another in the land?
The church inside we viewed as well
Then left to ring Stowmarket bells.

With spire above and bells below
St. Mary and St. Peter.
A lovely ring of eight struck well,
Can anything sound sweeter?

Through Needham Market, Monks Eleigh,
In sunshine to Long Melford.
To where the church of 'Trinity,'
For centuries has stood.

High in the tower the bells are eight,
Their history is long and great.
We stayed, rang out the bells of old,
Stoke-by-Nayland next we're told.

A landmark here, a church of fame,
The tower of warm red bricks;
Now houses a new steel frame
And eight bells; where once were six.

From Nayland's bells so clear and loud,
Through Higham, Stratford, and Capel.
To where 12 bells, a tower proud
Stands; where once there stood a steeple.

The only 12 in Suffolk found—
St. Mary-le-Tower.
Where ringing histories abound,
We spent a happy hour.

Then on to Ufford, our last call,
Eight bells, a village small;
With history and treasures rare
Amongst the others she can share.

Before we finish, day is done.
Our grateful thanks to everyone.
Then back to Mancroft's tower grey—
We all had shared a happy day. D. M.

LINCOLNSHIRE BELLS

Dear Sir, — At Mumby, Lincolnshire, is another four-bell tower. In 'Dove' this is given as a five, but the fifth bell is, in fact, a small 'Priest's' bell. Details are as follows:—Treble, Harrison, 1820; 2 and 3, undated; tenor, Hedderley, 1737 (approx. 17 cwt.).

For the information of anyone who may be thinking of organising tours in this area, the following bells are unringable:—Fives: South Ormsby and Saltfleetby All Saints'. The five at Saltfleetby St. Clement's are just ringable! Sixes: Coningsby, Addlethorpe, Hogsthorpe, Heddlethorpe All Saints'.

At Croft the treble is cracked but the back five are ringable.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM.

Lincoln.

A SELECTION OF RINGERS' OUTINGS

BECCLES, SUFFOLK

The Beccles company, together with ringers from Norton Subcourse, Pakefield and Lowestoft, had their annual outing on July 20th. Leaving Beccles at 8 a.m., the first call was at Ufford (8, 13 cwt.), where we were met by Mr. C. E. Fisher, a friend of some of the party. Ringing here included Grandsire Triples, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major. The pretty coastal visit of Hollesley, with a fine ring of eight (tenor 17½ cwt.), was next visited, and touches in various methods brought round.

(8, 25 cwt.). The high tower here swayed slightly, but this proved no disadvantage to the 'go' of the bells, which constitute a really excellent ring in every way. Lunch was taken in Woodbridge, after which came the novelty of the day, Grundisburgh (10, 8 cwt.) Contrary to expectations, the light bells here proved easy to handle, and Kent Treble Bob Royal was accomplished without difficulty. Mrs. C. Pipe met us and rang in a touch of Cambridge Minor on the musical front six. One member was so delighted with the bells that he expressed a desire to remain there for the rest of the afternoon.

We drove through the rain to Ipswich, St. Margaret's (8, 15 cwt.), where we were met by several Ipswich ringers, including Mr. G. E. Symonds. These bells are in poor condition now, and have to be rung fast to be appreciated. They are shortly to be rehung. After tea at Ipswich the party assembled at the Church of St. Mary-le-Tower (12, 32½ cwt.), where some had their first ring on 12, a course of Plain Bob Maximus being brought round. Other methods rung here were Grandsire Caters, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Royal. The ringing chamber was literally walled with peal boards recording feats of the past, when Ipswich possessed the country's leading 12-bell band. After parched throats had been moistened, the coach left for home, which was reached at about 11.15 p.m.

The thanks of the party are due to Mr. E. R. Goate for arranging such an enjoyable day, and to the clergy for the use of the bells.

T. N. J. B.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX

The county regimental march commends 'Sussex by the Sea,' and the writer has memories of parading to these strains along the front at Brighton from H.M.S. King Alfred during a wartime savings drive; but Sussex has more than its coastline to offer—and more than Brighton. There's some wonderful scenery away from the coast, and some fine bells.

St. Andrew's, Hornchurch, sampled some of these delights on July 6th, and indeed some grand Sussex hospitality. East Grinstead, Balcombe, Cuckfield, Bolney, Slaugham and Crawley were all visited in turn and on time. Incidentally, if other bands would care to note, an excellent lunch is obtainable at Cuckfield. Of course, we preferred some bells to others, but where the striking was not quite up to standard one is tempted to ask how much was due to faulty handling.

Outings usually follow a set pattern, but this was different in the fact that the Master, owing to domestic reasons, was unable to be present, thereby upsetting our intended tea-time presentation. However, time was found before the party set off to lure him into the coach and present a 'Parker 51' to mark the tenth post-war outing.

Thank you, Sussex, for a good day: we'll be out your way again one of these days.

L. V. G.

GAMSTON, NOTTS

Just over 40 ringers and friends from Gamston (Notts) and district toured the churches of N. Lincolnshire on July 20th.

Owing to the 'bus strike, our coach had to do a tour of the surrounding villages to pick up ringers and their friends, and after a slightly delayed start we were on our way and arrived at Messingham almost on time. Here we had a good ring until the oldest member of the party accidentally broke the stay of the second bell—his first in 62 years of ringing!

Our next tower was that at St. John-the-Evangelist, Scunthorpe, and here the ladies in the party were delighted to see the arrival of two brides for their double wedding just after we had finished ringing. Then to Burton-on-Stather—a very nice eight—and to Winterton, where those ringers who prefer six bells were in their element.

The two churches at Barton-on-Humber were next on our list. We rang at St. Peter's first, and although the two iron ladders up to the ringing room prevented some of our members from ringing there, we still had enough for an hour's good mixed ringing.

A dash through torrential rain was necessary to St. Mary's, and these bells were voted the best eight of the day by some of our ringers, although others preferred those of Barrow-on-Humber, which we visited after tea. Here we were able to have a ladies' band for rounds and queens, and the menfolk were forced to admit that they were the best of the day!

The local ringers then joined us for some Stedman Triples and we all finished up at the home of one of them for a cup of tea, which was very much appreciated by all. Our last call was at Goxhill, where we rang until 8 o'clock.

We should like to express our thanks to all the local ringers who were there to greet us at each of the eight towers we visited, and to say that this was one of the best outings we have had for some time.

M. R.

GRIMSBY

Meeting at 1 o'clock, we proceeded by coach to Caistor to pick up a local ringer. By now we were ten minutes behind schedule, but due to some miraculous feat by the driver we arrived at Horncastle 30 minutes early! After looking at the interior of this old and beautiful church we had some 45 minutes' good ringing. This, we were told, was the first time for quite a while that all the six bells had been rung together, ringers there being very scarce.

It was a hot afternoon, and after purchasing ice-creams and ice lollies we carried on to Sleaford, stopping on the way for the pleasure of climbing the 264 steps to the top of Yattersall Castle! A violent rainstorm occurred on the outskirts of Sleaford, but luckily we soon found the hotel for tea, and when we had satisfied our hunger the sun actually began to shine! The fine eight at St. Denys' Church were all ready for our use. We rang here for about an hour and then quenched our thirst before returning to the bus.

At Harmston we had just accustomed ourselves to the fact that here the bells do not need the hefty pull that ours do when the rope on the sixth broke. This put an end to our ringing, so we went to see if we could spot any Vulcans at Waddington Aerodrome; we were, however, unlucky. Nearby Bracebridge village possesses a good fried fish and chip shop, to which we did justice. Finally we headed for home, narrowly missing running over several rabbits.

Our thanks go to Mr. Frank Kennington, who made such good work of the organisation, and to those at the towers we visited for meeting us.

M. H.

BICESTER AND DISTRICT

The Bicester and District Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild held their annual outing on July 13th. In spite of the date, we had a fine day touring the beautiful Gloucestershire countryside. Leaving Brill at 12.15 p.m., the coach picked up members and friends en route, and after passing through Witney and Burford we pulled up in the 'gem' of Gloucestershire, the village of Bibury.

Owing to the number of visitors who visit Bibury our time was limited, but good use was made of the bells although some of the ringers found the long draught and light bells tricky. The church and churchyard were much admired, the latter being an example of how a churchyard should be kept. In view of the time limit, some members regretted that they were not able to 'tickle' a trout or two.

We arrived late at Hatherop due to a signpost arm at a cross-road, which is so placed that it can be seen only from one direction. Mr. Shephard met us and we enjoyed good ringing. Time passed quickly, and we had to move on to the White Hart at Fairford, where an excellent tea was served in the 'Olde Barn.' Our thanks are due for a 'ringers' tea.

The younger members of the tour enjoyed the delights of a fair being held at Fairford, whilst the more serious members were shown the beautiful stained-glass windows of the parish church and given a most interesting lecture on these by Professor O. L. Richmond, to whom we are most grateful. The windows were made in about 1490, and have survived the Civil War and the 1939–45 war. Some were damaged during the great storm of 1703. They are arranged to illustrate the main events of the Christian Faith, from Adam and Eve to the Last Judgment.

From Fairford we retraced our steps to Meysey Hampton, where we found the key under the tower door. On this good-going six we had an hour's ringing with good striking. The last tower of the day proved to be a good six but left much to be desired in the 'go.' It took the 'experts' all they knew to strike these bells in any sort of rhythm. We left Lechlade at 9 p.m., with a request that a stop be made for 'solid' refreshment somewhere on the way home. The request was duly honoured.

Our thanks are due to the tower captains and incumbents for the use of the bells, to Professor Richmond and to the organiser.

C. H. K.

REDENHALL AND DISS

Redenhall and Diss ringers had a very full day for their outing on July 20th, when towers in Huntingdonshire and Bedfordshire were visited.

Leaving Diss at 7 a.m., Eaton Socon was reached at 10 a.m., and after ringing for one hour the party moved on to Bromham and then to Bedford for lunch. During the afternoon Woburn, Maulden and Dunstable were visited, and various methods were rung. Tea was served on arriving at Luton at 6.15 p.m., and this was followed by a visit to the parish church, and touches were rung on the fine ring of ten bells (tenor 25¼ cwt.). The seventh and last church for the day, Barton-le-Clay, was reached at 8.30 p.m. Here the bells, with a tenor of 10 cwt., were rung until 9.15 p.m., when the party set off for 'home,' reaching Diss at 12.45 a.m.

To the incumbents, who so readily granted permission to ring, and to the ringers who met us, we would say 'Thank you' for your warm welcome. Also our grateful thanks to the South Norfolk Ringing Master (Mr. Wm. Flatt), who again made all the arrangements for such a successful outing.

A. G. H.

'PER ARDUA' — THE ADVENTURES OF EGBERT

Egbert was doing his National Service, and had been posted to a large R.A.F. station situate somewhere in the south-east Midlands. Being a keen 'tower-grabber' he utilised such leisure as came his way by adding to his 'bag' where possible, and thus, one Saturday afternoon, he might have been seen steadily pedalling a borrowed cycle of somewhat antiquated design along a rather monotonous series of lanes such as this part of the country seems to abound in. Towers, however, were his objective, and so far as he was concerned the scenery just happened. He appreciated good scenery where he saw it and put up with its lack where he did not.

His objective on this particular Saturday afternoon was Little Taterfield where, his 'Ringing World' informed him, a branch meeting of the area Association was to be held; also that the tower contained five bells, and that tea would be provided for those who advised the secretary of their intention to be present, all being welcome. It did not, however, seem really necessary for Egbert to advise the secretary of his intended visit. After all, one more or less would not make any difference to that gentleman's plans for the meeting, and anyway, thought Egbert, he might not get there on this old 'bone-shaker.'

Egbert was reasonably proud of his prowess although he was not necessarily a 'big-head.' He had not learned his ringing via recently well-publicised methods, and although he had browsed through them he did not think they could teach him very much. His tuition had been given him by a well-known 'old timer' in his native north of England; he knew he was a safe method ringer (he had already added several Surprise peals to a fairly respectable total) and it was generally conceded, where he was known, that he handled a pretty rope.

While he thus mused, Egbert came within the sound of the bells he was after, faint as yet but steadily increasing, until at length he was able to form some opinion of their quality. It left him cold. He could only hope they went better than they sounded. Thank goodness they were being well struck or, he thought, the effect would have been dreadful.

After listening a little longer, he decided that they were a minor five with a very slightly flat treble and a very slightly sharp tenor, and of really wretched quality; but at least one could tell that they were meant to be a five. After all, had he not heard the contents of a certain 12-bell tower, reputed to consist of six trebles, some of them flat and some of them sharp, and six tenors with somewhat similar shortcomings?

However, he was now nearing the tower and he put these thoughts away. In any case, he would not stick his neck out by voicing any opinion of the bells, if only for the fact that somewhere in this part of the country there dwelt an Oracle who would most certainly — but here he was at the church, the bells had just run into rounds, and any thought of what the Oracle might have said, written to 'The Ringing World,' or done, blew away with the last 'rounds' before the bells stopped, and he dismounted.

He set his ancient steed against the churchyard wall. One or two small groups of people stood around chatting (obviously ringers, thought Egbert, for who else would come to this dump?) but did not appear to notice Egbert's arrival. Egbert looked around as he went up the three steps to the churchyard gate, but could see no sign of a village. On the right was an enormous barrack of a house, obviously the burden of the unfortunate incumbent, and over to the left was a small farmhouse with its outbuildings. Two rather ugly red brick cottages a little way along the lane completed the signs of human habitation in the vicinity of the church, while in the distance, apparently in the middle of the sandy, hedgeless fields, a few more stood out stark and bare. The terrain looked strangely treeless and uninviting. So this, thought Egbert, is Little Taterfield.

B. C. A.

(To be continued)

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

Saxmundham District

The meeting of the Saxmundham District, held at Leiston on July 20th, was well attended, with ringers coming from many parts of Suffolk, including Halesworth, Framsden, Bury St. Edmunds and Stratford St. Mary.

Ringing was from 3.30 until 8.30 p.m., with a break for tea at 5 p.m. Many methods were rung, including Plain Bob, Kent T.B., Double Norwich, Cambridge and Superlative.

Tea was taken at a local café, where a juke box was playing hot music most of the time, much to the displeasure of most of the ringers, who took a 'live and let live' attitude.

At the business meeting in the ringing chamber (to get away from the juke box) Mr. T. G. Page was made a full ringing member, and Mr. R. T. Tovell a non-resident life member. Alan R. Bridges announced that as the result of a gift day in aid of the Theberton bell fund, £1,174 had been received; this included a cheque for £1,000. He explained that the work to the tower of taking down and replacing the battlements, putting on a new concrete roof and other minor repairs, had been completed, and the bells were due back from the foundry by December. A collection, taken in aid of the Guild bell restoration fund, raised 12s. 6d. After a vote of thanks for the use of the bells, Tunstall and Blaxhall were chosen for the next meeting on September 28th. A. R. B.

WHY REPORTS ARE CUT

Certain readers have taken exception to their reports, especially of outings, having been cut and a greater freedom of space allowed to similar activities in recent weeks.

The answer is that from Easter, when the majority of Guild annual meetings are held, to be followed at Whitsun by the Central Council meeting, the pressure on our space is very heavy. In consequence tower activities regarding outings have to be curtailed during this period. The situation in August and September is easier.

Twineham, Sussex, Ringers' Outing

Accompanied by friends, the ringers of St. Peter's, Twineham, had a very enjoyable outing on June 29th. Some very good ringing took place at Hascombe, a very light 5-bell tower: rounds, to get used to the light bells; Grandsire, Plain Bob and Stedman. At Grayshott (8) there was only time for Grandsire Triples.

At Farnham (8), a rather heavy ring of bells to what we are used to, several Triples methods were rung before departing for St. Mary's, Guildford, a very good ring of six bells. Here Grandsire, Stedman, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Bob were rung. Thanks are due to incumbents for permission to ring, and local ringers for their welcome. G. W. M.

THE NORWICH ASSOCIATION IN ESSEX

Almost 12 years ago somebody in the Norwich Association suggested that an annual outing might be arranged open to any member, and it was decided to give the idea a trial. It was feared that, with characteristic East Anglian courage, the round-ringers from the 5- and 6-bell towers would catch hold in their octaves for demonstrations of Double Norwich and Bristol, and proceed to ban the party from the area for ever, so its members were divided up into groups with the ominous prefix A, B, C, D and E (rounds)! In spite of this regimentation, the outing became a popular one—as many as 15 towers on occasion having been represented.

The 1957 outing of the series, in spite of taking place on what appeared to be the hottest day of the century, was voted as successful as any of them. The coach left Norwich on time and arrived early at the first stop, where David Heighton was already waiting, having left Bristol in the small hours of the morning for the rendezvous at Harlow Common. This delightful ring was soon pleasing the party, after the cricketing enthusiast of the local band had performed the usual ritual. Rounds to Bristol Surprise were enjoyed by all, and this procedure took place at all towers except Waltham Abbey, where the 12 bells were heard only in rounds. We could have rung the top six and the back six to Plain Bob Minor, but this outrage was not contemplated.

Pride in punctuality was severely shaken by the late arrival of the party at Brentwood, an unusual occurrence for us, but a bore for Mr. Frank Gant, who had gallantly offered to meet us and later acted as pilot to Hornchurch, to tea and then to Barking, saving us considerable time en route, so that the schedule became normal again.

The last tower to be visited was Loughton. Here the noise of the bells in the ringing chamber is greater than normal, but the tone is fine, and together with the warm welcome of Mr. and Mrs. Eric Smith, no persuasion was needed to stay longer than was originally intended. In addition, the members of the Youth Club in the hall opposite kept down the temperature of the ringers by brewing large quantities of tea. Here David and Helen left the party to return to their respective domiciles. The coach reached Norwich at 12.45 a.m., and the unofficial taxi, belonging to the well-known Loddon proprietor, helped in dispersing those who had ventured from the more remote parts of the Commonwealth.

Tower captains, steeple-keepers, incumbents and others have been thanked either personally or by letter; but we should like to say once again 'Thank you so much for the warmth of your welcome. You gave us a most enjoyable day.' N. G.

WALTON-ON-THAMES, SURREY

The 'Sussex Fields' was the title of the Walton-on-Thames bellringers' Whit Monday outing. After an early start by coach, we made our way to the first field in Sussex, which was Holy Trinity, Cuckfield, where an hour's ringing was enjoyed, then on to All Saints', Lindfield, for further ringing, and to our last tower before lunch—Holy Cross, Uckfield.

An enjoyable time was spent after lunch at All Saints', Heathfield. St. Dunstan's, Mayfield, was also visited before tea. The last tower of the day was at Rotherfield (8), where a young lady, hearing the bells, came along and joined us for a ring. On the way home we had a short break at Forest Row, arriving back at 10.30 p.m after an enjoyable day.

Many thanks are due to Mr. Peter Alderton for making the arrangements, also to those who met us at the various towers, and to the incumbents. A. J. W.

OBITUARY

MR. JOSEPH E. R. KEEN

The Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association has lost an outstanding personality by the death on July 17th of Mr. Joseph E. R. Keen. His funeral service was held, prior to cremation, in Newcastle Cathedral on the Saturday following.

The service was conducted by the Archdeacon of Northumberland (the Ven. I. R. White-Thomson), and the family mourners were joined by a good company of officers and members of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association, led by Mr. K. Arthur (president) and Mr. D. A. Bayles (secretary).

Joseph Ernest Reid Keen was trained as a ringer at North Shields, and after a sojourn in Pontefract in early manhood, he returned to Newcastle, where he commenced his business as a master plumber. His business he carried on until a few weeks ago, and he had a very high reputation for the quality of his work.

He then joined the St. John's company, that brilliant group which ran such a rivalry with the famous Gofton family. So intense indeed was the fight for the first peal of London in the north, that both bands rang their first peal in the method on the same day.

His skill in ringing, his immaculate handling of a bell, particularly at the heavy end, and his ability as an outstanding conductor, soon stamped him as a man of note in the D. and N. Association, and his warm companionship won him a niche in the hearts of all.

He always was willing to forgo conductorship to his old friend, that genius of ringing, the late W. H. Barber, but his competence can be gathered from his performance of Carter's Odd-bob One-part Stedman Triples, and in the next few days, of calling Holt's Original to the first single, when a rope broke.

He took part in the first peals of Little Bob Maximus, Kent Treble Bob Granta Maximus, Spliced Caters (Stedman and Erin), Real Double Superlative Surprise Major, Erin Caters, Erin Triples, and all short-course Stedman Cinques. He had rung over 300 peals.

He became a member of the Durham and Newcastle Association in 1892, and was an original member of the Newcastle Cathedral company, formed in 1912. For many years he was deputy Ringing Master at the Cathedral, and he became Master on the death of C. L. Routledge.

Mr. and Mrs. Keen celebrated their golden wedding in 1950, but Mrs. Keen died some months after that. Joe was never the same after her death. He leaves a son, who though not a ringer, is well known to many ringers as an organist and accompanist at ringing functions.

His favourite method, Stedman, was rung for the service, and as the cortège left the church for the last time, through the great west door, the ringers bade him a farewell on the handbells, while the 'Major' tolled its mournful strokes. It is hard to realise that no more will he be seen placing his bell with calm and masterly accuracy, nor no more hear his stern injunction, 'Listen to them.'

To those who knew him he gave a happy friendship; a great ringer, a great conductor, and a man we all loved well.

A peal of Stedman Caters was rung to his memory on the bells of Newcastle Cathedral on the Saturday following the funeral.

ALLESLEY, COVENTRY.—On July 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Harris (first quarter) 1, J. W. T. Taylor 2, D. A. Carpenter (cond.) 3, G. Gardner 4, P. Stone 5, J. L. Garner-Hayward 6. For Evensong.

MR. FRED HAYES

The Oxford Guild has lost one of its stalwarts in the death on July 24th of Mr. Fred Hayes, of High Wycombe. Mr. Hayes was not only a specialist on the conducting of Stedman, but had various compositions, mainly Stedman and Grandsire, to his credit.

The day following his funeral ten members of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch, representing a number of towers, rang at Slough a beautifully-struck quarter peal of Stedman Caters, arranged by Mr. Hayes from his peal of 5,019. It was conducted by the Guild's general treasurer (Mr. A. D. Barker), and in the band were Mr. W. F. Butler (Branch secretary) and Mr. J. C. Birt (Branch Ringing Master). Details appear in our quarter peal columns.

MR. WILFRED OVERTON

The death occurred on July 23rd of Mr. Wilfred Overton, of Bridgnorth, after a brief illness. Aged 76, he had been a ringer at St. Leonard's for 60 years, and for the past 18 years he followed in his late father's footsteps as foreman of the tower.

Well known as a conductor (especially of Stedman Triples), he conducted his first peal of Stedman at the age of 18. This was also the first peal of Stedman by the whole band. Always an enthusiast for good striking, ringing by his Sunday service band was always a pleasure to listen to.

For a number of years he was Ringing Master of the Bridgnorth District of the Hereford Diocesan Guild, and was made a Freeman of the Guild on last Whit Monday. A very keen church worker, he raised a considerable sum of money for the restoration of St. Leonard's tower by conducting visitors to the town to the top of the tower to see the view.

He was laid to rest on July 25th, and in the evening a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung with the bells half-muffled by the following band: T. Broome 1, B. H. Head 2, A. Jones 3, J. Newsome 4, W. D. Fowkes 5, W. G. Head 6, H. G. Thomas (cond.) 7, R. Winwood 8.

St. Mary's, Portsea, Ringers' Outing

On July 13th, the ringers of St. Mary's, Portsea, with friends from Portsmouth Cathedral, Chichester, Shedfield and Wickham, left headquarters at 7 a.m. A pleasant run through the Meon Valley and Ascot brought us to Windsor where, after difficulty in parking the coach reasonably near the church, the bells of St. John-the-Baptist were going well for rounds, Grandsire, Stedman, Yorkshire and Cambridge.

From Windsor on to Luton, where we had an excellent lunch, after which we proceeded to Totternhoe. This light ring of eight proved difficult for some, but some good rounds, Bob Major, London, Grandsire and Stedman were rung.

Now misfortune befell us. We lost our way between here and Marlow, where we were due at 4.30 for ringing at All Saints' before tea. However, due to the kindness of the local ringer who met us, we were able to ring after tea instead. We would like to place on record our sincere thanks for this act of kindness. Methods rung here were Stedman, Grandsire, Superlative and some rounds. Naturally our arrival at St. Mary's, Reading, was also delayed; but the bells were soon raised, ringing for rounds, Bristol, Double Norwich, Grandsire and Stedman. Here we were met by Mrs. Diserens, owing to the incapacity of Mr. Diserens. After a stop for refreshment, we arrived home later than anticipated, but having had an enjoyable day.

Our sincere thanks go out to all incumbents for allowing us the use of their bells, and the ringers who met us. L. D. D.

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CHESTER GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—A meeting will be held at Lymm on Saturday, Aug. 10th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—C. Raddon. 657

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Southern District.—Meeting at Long Compton **postponed** until September. Details later. — H. M. W. 675

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Fairwarp (8), Saturday, Aug. 10th. Tea at Foresters Arms, Method for practice, Single Oxford Bob Major. Only two seats left for outing Sept. 14th.—C. A. Bassett, 3, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst, Sussex. 631

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Ickleton, Saturday, Aug. 10th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.—E. W. Bullman, Dis. Sec. 629

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Stinchcombe (6), Saturday, Aug. 10th, 3 p.m Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—Mary Drew. 661

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Worplesdon (8) on Saturday, Aug. 10th, from 6 to 9 p.m.—C. J. Beadle, Hon. Dis. Sec. 625

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—On Saturday, Aug. 10th, meeting, Great Munden. Please bring own tea.—T. J. Southam, Dis. Sec. 643

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at St. Mary, Hornsey (one minute from Hornsey B.R. Station), on Saturday, Aug. 10th. Ringing from 5 p.m. onwards.—T. J. Lock. 632

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Practice at Tilehurst on Saturday, Aug. 10th, 6 p.m.—R. G. Burton. 663

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Southern District) and BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Joint meeting, Rawmarsh, Saturday, Aug. 10th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Bring your own food: cups of tea provided. Buses from Rotherham every few minutes. All welcome. 647

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Chew Deanery.—Meeting, St. Andrew's, Clevedon, Saturday, Aug. 17th, 5 o'clock.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 671

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Meeting on Saturday, Aug. 17th, at Husborne Crawley. Bells (8) 3 p.m. (no service). Tea 5 p.m. Names, please, to Mr. Churchill, 5, Woburn Road, Husborne Crawley, Beds.—K. G. Spavins, Dis. Sec. 669

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch.—Marbury, Saturday, Aug. 17th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Names for tea must be received by August 14th.—W. Kerr, 102, Moreton Road, Crewe. 680

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Thirsk (3 to 4.30 p.m.) and Kirby Wiske (5.30 p.m. onwards) on Saturday, Aug. 17th. Tea at Kirby Wiske at 5 p.m. only for those notifying me *before* Thursday, Aug. 15th.—P. W. B. Semmens, Hon. Sec., 52, Belle Vue Grove, Middlesbrough. 576

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District.—Meeting, Shilton, Saturday, Aug. 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Everybody welcome. Names for tea would be helpful.—D. A. Carpenter, Dis. Sec., 78, Earlsdon Avenue, Coventry. 656

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern and Western meeting at Wylam on Saturday, Aug. 17th. Bells from 3 p.m. It is essential that names for tea are sent by Wednesday, Aug. 14th, to G. S. Deas, 65, Elsdon Road, Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne. 667

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Holywell (6) on Saturday, Aug. 17th. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 672

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Wiggenhall, St. Mary Magdalen, Saturday, Aug. 17th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 679

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Benenden (8), 2.30 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 17th. Look up Erin Triples.—G. Billenness, Hon. Sec., 3, Grasmere, Hawkhurst, Kent. 662

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, Kimpton (6), Saturday, Aug. 17th, at 3 p.m. Service. Tea. Names for tea to J. G. Cull, 5, The Green, Kimpton, Hitchin, Herts. Phone: Kimpton 350.—S. Huckle, Dis. Sec. 677

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—Meeting at Radcliffe on Saturday, Aug. 17th. Tower open for ringing 3 p.m. Cups of tea at 5 p.m.—J. Porter, Branch Sec. 660

LANCS ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District.—Practice meeting, Cartmel, Saturday, Aug. 17th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Names to H. Dixon, Mere Beck, Cartmel.—N. M. Newby. 681

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Meeting, Saturday, Aug. 17th, Quorn (8). Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Wednesday previous to Mr. S. Brenim, 8, Farnham Street, Quorn. 655

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LINCOLN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Meeting, Edenham (8), Saturday, Aug. 17th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, 12th, to Mr. A. Holmes, The Retreat, Edenham, near Bourne, Lincs.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 648

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice at Arborfield on Saturday, Aug. 17th, at 6 p.m.—B. C. Castle. 670

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WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District.—Quarterly meeting, Alton, Saturday, Aug. 17th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers by 13th.—C. E. Bassett, Warsash, Southampton. 674

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Christchurch District.—Practice meeting, Fordingbridge, Saturday, Aug. 17th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, Church Hall, 5.15 p.m. Notify by Aug. 14th R. Marlow, Bickton, Fordingbridge.—A. Davis. 673

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting, Ropley, Saturday, Aug. 17th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in The Coffee Room. Names by previous Wednesday to P. Nash, 10, Portal Road, Winchester. 668

ESSEX ASSOCIATION (N.E. District) and SUFFOLK GUILD.—Joint meeting, Bures, Saturday, Aug. 24th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Numbers for tea by Wednesday, Aug. 21st, to L. D. Mills, Lyford, Bures, Suffolk. 683

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DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eightieth anniversary celebration at Durham on Saturday Aug. 31st. Evensong in Cathedral 3.45 p.m. Bells (8) available after service until 6 p.m. Meeting in Song School 6.10 p.m. Reception 6.30 for dinner at 7 p.m. in Great Hall of Durham Castle. Admission by ticket only (price 15s.) obtainable until Aug. 21st by sending remittance to D. A. Bayles, 12, Crichton Avenue, Chester-le-Street. 623

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Half-yearly ringing meeting, Rochdale, at 2.30 p.m., and committee meeting in the Parish Hall at 3.30 p.m., on Saturday, Sept. 7th Bells available: Rochdale Parish Church (8) from 2.30 to 9 p.m., and St. Bartholomew's, Whitworth (8), 2.30 to 4.30 and 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in the Parish Hall, at 3s. per head. Names for tea by Sept. 4th to Mr. A. Smith, sen., 11, Greenbank Road, Rochdale. 633

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Summer festival.—The summer festival will be held (D.V.) on Saturday, Sept. 7th, at Green's Norton. Service 3.30 p.m., followed by tea in the British Legion Clubroom. Tea for those whose names reach, not later than Aug. 27th, Mr. A. Mansfield, 3, Duncote, Green's Norton, Towcester. Towers open for ringing, 1 to 3 p.m.: Gayton, Pattishall, Cold Higham, Towcester, Blakesley, Braddon, Lichborough, and after tea with Paulerspury, Potterspury, Cosgrove, Passenham, Alderton, Grafton Regis, Stoke Bruerne and Wicken.—G. W. Jeffs. 659

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PRIVILEGE

THAT accomplished musician, the late Dr. Richard Wassell, was fond of reminding his choristers of one unique privilege they each severally enjoyed. He would frequently remark that every singer in a choir should constantly reflect what a wonderful thing it was that twenty, or thirty, or more fellow men were willing to come and sing with him, and that such reflection could hardly fail to awake in the individual a strong sense of his own duty in the communal effort. Moreover, this appreciation of his good fortune should lead him both to the presentation of his very best in his work and to an understanding and humble enjoyment of the many pleasures and experiences incidental to his service.

What is true of singers is true, in the main, of ringers. Both enjoy the privilege of joining in communal effort, where team work is of the greatest importance, and where the skill or lack of skill, the care or absence of care, of any one participant, may make or mar the performance. In work of this kind there can be no room for high-mindedness; the call is rather for modesty, toleration, and an earnest seeking after that perfect co-operation that arises from thought for others and a desire to subordinate one's own wishes to the common aim and the common good. Both the choir and the belfry offer unrivalled opportunities for this kind of self-training; and here a thought or two come to mind of the opportunities and experiences presented to ringers perhaps even more than to choristers.

We ringers go about a great deal, visit many towers, and in those towers we indulge in divers diversions; and it is probably true to say that rarely do we pause and give ourselves time to reflect with gratefulness upon the high privilege that has been ours in being permitted to ascend that tower, to ring on those famous bells, to join with notable ringers in touch or peal; to go, in many cases, where the general public can have no right of admission, and to be present at ceremonies where an intimate view is reserved for very few spectators. To ascend to the bell room of St. Paul's; to join in sounding forth the twelve at the noble cathedral of Southwark; to gaze from the platform of Liverpool's mighty tower, high above the Mersey; to stand on Worcester's pile, swaying to the swinging of the great twelve, and watch the line of the Malvern Hills, rising from Ledbury in graceful undulations, like the surges of Elgar's strings, to the climax of the Worcester Beacon: these are experiences that stir the pulse, thrill the heart, and entirely refute the common belief that the world is growing grey and old.

And not only in these vast and lofty realms lie pleasures that are real and experiences that touch hidden chords. In the village belfry of the West, where the rounds are so perfect as to make us ring with trepidation, where through the little square window there appears a shin-headland above blue sea and a white sail; in the lonely Warwickshire church, where a circle of country lads and men around the font swing up their six bells with a perfection unknown in the cities, while the Sunday School children near the altar forget their mentor and gaze slily over their shoulders to watch the flying ropes; far away, in the mountains of Wales, where the humble Grandsire Doubles stream out from the tall tower, drifting in fitful waves of sound up through the narrowing pass to Moel Hebog and Snowdon, and all the mighty bulwark of peaks seems to stand silent to listen to that tiny voice; in these things are emotions too subtle for words to be expressed perhaps only in the music of Mozart, with accompanying thoughts that lie (as Wordsworth knew and well said) too deep for tears.

The privileges are truly ours, but, as Dr. Wassell reminded us, at a price and with responsibilities. We must ring our Stedman Cinques at Southwark in accordance with the standard required at that place; in the village church we must move circumspectly and with humbleness lest our ringing up in peal be not a credit to our vaunted experience. For from us, to whom much is given, much is required.

E. C. S.

WEST COUNTRYMEN'S TOUR OF HEREFORD AND WALES

LEDBURY, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 27, 1957, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

S. ARTHUR READ	*Treble*	*DAVID HOARE	5
COLIN J. B. TAYLOR	2	LESLIE EVANS	6
RICHARD J. CRAGO	3	*GEORGE W. MASSEY	7
ANTHONY J. SANGER	4	RONALD N. MARLOW	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by DAVID HOARE.
* 25th peal together. 50th peal as conductor.

PRESTEIGNE, RADNORSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., July 29, 1957, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

*BARWELL B. DIBBEN	*Treble*	GEORGE W. MASSEY	5
ROGER KEELEY	2	*GEORGE FRANCIS	6
LAURENCE E. HITCHINS	3	ERIC NAYLOR	7
REV. E. G. BENSON	4	HENRY J. SANGER	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by GEORGE W. MASSEY.
* 25th peal together.

KNIGHTON, RADNORSHIRE.
THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., July 29, 1957, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD.
A PEAL OF 5120 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt.

JEAN HUTTON	*Treble*	S. ARTHUR READ	5
ANTHONY J. SANGER	2	COLIN J. B. TAYLOR	6
DAVID HOARE	3	LESLIE EVANS	7
RICHARD J. CRAGO	4	RONALD N. MARLOW	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by DAVID HOARE.

CLIFFORD, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., July 30, 1957, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 WYE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

GEORGE FRANCIS	*Treble*	RONALD N. MARLOW	5
ROGER KEELEY	2	BARWELL B. DIBBEN	6
HENRY J. SANGER	3	ERIC NAYLOR	7
LAURENCE E. HITCHINS	4	DAVID HOARE	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by ERIC NAYLOR.
First peal in the method by all the band except the treble ringer.

EARDISLAND, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., July 31, 1957, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

*COLIN J. B. TAYLOR	*Treble*	DAVID HOARE	5
ROGER KEELEY	2	*BARWELL B. DIBBEN	6
LAURENCE E. HITCHINS	3	GEORGE W. MASSEY	7
*GEORGE FRANCIS	4	ERIC NAYLOR	*Tenor*

Composed by G. FREEBREY. Conducted by DAVID HOARE.
* First peal in the method. The first peal in the method on the bells.

ABERGAVENNY, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Aug. 1, 1957, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in D.

BARWELL B. DIBBEN	*Treble*	ERIC NAYLOR	6
ROGER KEELEY	2	RONALD N. MARLOW	7
*LAURENCE E. HITCHINS	3	HENRY J. SANGER	8
GEORGE W. MASSEY	4	RALPH G. EDWARDS	9
GEORGE FRANCIS	5	DAVID HOARE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. A. BURFORD. Conducted by DAVID HOARE.
* First peal of Cambridge Royal 'inside.'

LLANFEIGAN, BRECON.
THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Aug. 2, 1957, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MEUGAN,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Cave's variation of Washbrook's. Tenor 12 cwt. 19 lb.

*GEORGE FRANCIS	*Treble*	HENRY J. SANGER	5
ROGER KEELEY	2	BARWELL B. DIBBEN	6
LESLIE EVANS	3	ERIC NAYLOR	7
†GEORGE W. MASSEY	4	LAURENCE E. HITCHINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERIC NAYLOR.
* 100th peal. † 100th tower-bell peal.

BRECON.
THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Aug. 2, 1957, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt.

J. ARTHUR HOARE	*Treble*	FRANK L. HARRIS	5
*S. ARTHUR READ	2	ANTHONY J. SANGER	6
DAVID HOARE	3	RONALD N. MARLOW	7
RICHARD J. CRAGO	4	RALPH G. EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by DAVID HOARE.
* First peal of Cambridge Major 'inside.'

TWELVE BELL PEALS

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 27, 1957, in 3 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE BELL TOWER,
A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 35 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in C sharp.

*JOHN A ACRES	*Treble*	WILLIAM A. LACY	7
†GERALD C. HEMMING	2	J. FREDERICK MILNER	8
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON	3	*S. ANTHONY JESSON	9
GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	4	HERRICK B. BOWLEY	10
ERNEST W. RAWSON	5	PETER J. STANIFORTH	11
SHIRLEY BURTON	6	‡WILLIAM J. ROOT	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.
* 100th peal together. † First peal of Surprise Maximus, and has now 'circled the tower.' ‡ 200th peal.
A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. Alan Jacques on the birth of a daughter, and rung on the 101st birthday of Mrs. Susan Davis, of Evesham.

SOUTHWARK.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 27, 1957, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes.
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,
A PEAL OF 5081 GRANDSIRE CINQUES
Tenor 48 cwt. 9 lb. in B.

FREDERICK R. SCOTT	*Treble*	*JOHN ARMSTRONG	7
ALFRED J. HOUSE	2	†W. NORMAN GENNA	8
*TONY PRICE	3	*MICHAEL P. MORETON	9
*CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	4	*FRANK C. PRICE	10
†PETER A. LAWRENCE	5	*JOHN R. MAYNE	11
WILLIAM T. COOK	6	THOMAS J. LOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
* First peal of Grandsire Cinques. † First peal on 12 bells. First peal in the method as conductor.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 5, 1957, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 26 cwt. 23 lb. in D.

JAMES FERNLEY	*Treble*	JOHN WORTH	7
FRED DUNKERLEY	2	NEIL D. LOMAS	8
BASIL JONES	3	PETER LAFLIN	9
JOHN E. BIBBY	4	BRIAN HARRIS	10
C. KENNETH LEWIS	5	PETER BORDER	11
EDWARD JENKINS	6	FREDK. E. COLLINS	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

TEN BELL PEALS

BECCLES, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 5, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF 5075 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 25¼ cwt.

*Marian H. Mills ..	*Treble*	Brian J. Howard	6
†Rosemary Seabrook ..	2	Frank B. Lufkin	7
Robert E. Lester	3	Alan R. Syder	8
†Kenneth G. Brown ..	4	Terry Earle	9
*Trevor N. J. Bailey ..	5	†Urban W. Wildney ..	*Tenor*

Composed by Richard F. Deal. Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.
* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Caters.

BEDFORD.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Aug. 5, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Paul,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in D.

Robin G. Leale	*Treble*	John Armstrong	6
Ronald F. Diserens ..	2	C. Edward Jeffries ..	7
William A. Theobald ..	3	Richard E. Price	8
Alan F. Thirst..	4	Frank E. Darby	9
William T. Cook	5	Wilfred Williams ..	*Tenor*

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Wilfred Williams.

HULL, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Aug. 5, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 24 *Minutes,*
At the Church of The Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in D.

Milton C. Fowler ..	*Treble*	W. Eric Critchley ..	6
Howard Scott	2	J. Martin Thorley ..	7
*M. Vivien Copping ..	3	†Vernon Bottomley ..	8
Leslie W. G. Morris ..	4	Michael P. Moreton ..	9
J. Frederick Milner ..	5	Wilfrid F. Moreton ..	*Tenor*

Composed by Frank Bennett. Conducted by Leslie W. G. Morris.
* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal and first attempt. † 100th peal for the Yorkshire Association. First peal of Surprise Royal on the bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

RAWMARSH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield and District Society.)
On Sat., July 20, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in G.

Cyril Rusby	*Treble*	John N. D. Chaddock ..	5
Susan Chaddock	2	Ian Holland	6
Elizabeth A. Wardill ..	3	Norman Chaddock	7
Herbert O. Chaddock ..	4	George Hiner	*Tenor*

Conducted by Norman Chaddock.
Rung to mark the 21st wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Chaddock.

THORNE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield and District Society.)
On Mon., July 29, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas.
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

*John N. D. Chaddock ..	*Treble*	J. Frederick Milner ..	5
*Susan Chaddock (14) ..	2	W. Eric Critchley	6
*Cyril Rusby	3	Herbert O. Chaddock ..	7
Milton Fowler	4	Norman Chaddock	*Tenor*

Composed by George Lewis. Conducted by Norman Chaddock.
* First peal of Surprise.

SALFORD PRIORS, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., July 30, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Matthew,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 14 lb.

Colin B. Longmore.. ..	*Treble*	Eric T. Lee	5
Shirley M. Parsons ..	2	Cyril A. Wratten	6
Geoffrey J. Hemming ..	3	Jack L. Millhouse ..	7
E. Trevor Newbury ..	4	Gerald C. Hemming ..	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Geoffrey J. Hemming.
First peal in the method as conductor, and rung on his birthday.

DRIGHLINGTON, YORKSHIRE.
THE UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., July 31, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Paul,
A PEAL OF 5184 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 16 lb. in E.

Shelagh R. Collins ..	*Treble*	*Donald R. Marshall ..	5
Shirley V. Rymer ..	2	*R. Roger Savory	6
*John G. Underwood ..	3	Wilfred L. Robinson ..	7
*†Margaret E. L. Beamish	4	Richard F. B. Speed ..	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Richard F. B. Speed.
* First peal in the method. † 200th peal.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Aug. 1, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, being 3,776 Bristol, 640 London, and 320 each of Cambridge and Superlative, with 59 changes of method.
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

C. Edward Lankester ..	*Treble*	William A. Theobald ..	5
Mrs. T. J. Lock	2	Alick Cutler	6
Brian Bladon	3	Dennis Knox	7
Alfred J. House	4	John R. Mayne	*Tenor*

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by John R. Mayne.

DORE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield and District Society.)
On Fri., Aug. 2, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
At Christ Church,
A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11¼ cwt. in G.

Susan Chaddock	*Treble*	J. Frederick Milner ..	5
Milton Fowler	2	*John N. D. Chaddock ..	6
John J. L. Gilbert	3	Herbert O. Chaddock ..	7
Cyril Rusby	4	Norman Chaddock ..	*Tenor*

Composed by J. Parker. Conducted by Norman Chaddock.
* First peal of Surprise.

DONCASTER, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 3, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. George,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In eight methods, being 1,600 London, 1,440 Rutland, 480 Bristol and 320 each of Cambridge, Superlative, Yorkshire, Lincolnshire and Pudsey, with 129 changes of method. Tenor 30¼ cwt.

Rev. M. C. C. Melville	*Treble*	W. Eric Critchley ..	5
Marie R. Cross	2	*Wilfred L. Robinson ..	6
†Margaret E. L. Beamish	3	†Michael P. Moreton ..	7
Howard Scott	4	Wilfrid F. Moreton ..	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major. † First peal in eight Spliced Surprise.
A birthday compliment to Miss Marie R. Cross.

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HEYDOUR, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 3, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN FREEMAN	*Treble*	STANLEY E. BENNETT.. ..	5
MRS. R. PEARCE	2	CHARLES E. BROWN	6
*FREDERICK W. PINCHBECK	3	WALTER TOMLINSON	7
DENIS A. FRITH	4	J. MICHAEL SIMPSON ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

* First peal of Triples.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Aug. 5, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 lb.

BERNARD V. COLLISON ..	*Treble*	STANLEY G. PONTING ..	5
GEORGE FRY	2	STANLEY JENNER	6
*MARGARET A. LADD.. ..	3	ERNEST J. LADD	7
†ERIC J. BRUNGER	4	FRANK H. HICKS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.

* First peal in the method on an 'inside' bell. † First peal of Major.
Rung as birthday compliments to the seventh and tenor ringers.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

FISHTOFT, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 20, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GUTHLAC,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise and two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

LESLIE H. TAYLOR	*Treble*	JOHN P. MORRIS	4
WILLIAM WILKINSON ..	2	THOMAS CUMMINS	5
JOSEPH BAILEY	3	WILLIAM E. CLARKE ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM E. CLARKE.

Rung for the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. T. Cummins. Also a birthday compliment to Mr. J. P. Morris.

RINGWOOD, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., July 20, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Cambridge Surprise and Kent T.B., and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 18¼ cwt.

*REGINALD H. HOARE ..	*Treble*	†LEWIS F. COBB	4
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	2	RONALD N. MARLOW ..	5
MICHAEL J. E. BEST.. ..	3	WILLIAM E. CHEATER ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM E. CHEATER.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor.
Rung as a compliment to William E. Cheater on completing 40 years as a ringer at this church.

RANWORTH, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., July 25, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court, St. Clement's, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and three extents of Plain. Tenor 12 cwt.

CYRIL POOLEY	*Treble*	*DERRICK W. PARDON ..	4
JOHN R. SMITH	2	HORACE V. LUBBOCK ..	5
A. FREDERICK BOYCE ..	3	WILLIAM R. CATCHPOLE..	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. SMITH.

* First peal in five methods.
A 70th birthday compliment to the mother of the tenor ringer.

KILLAMARSH, DERBYSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield and District Society.)
On Fri., July 26, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 Oxford T.B., two of Kent T.B. and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. in F sharp.

ALFRED PARR	*Treble*	IAN HOLLAND	4
ELIZABETH A. WARDILL ..	2	HERBERT O. CHADDOCK ..	5
JOHN N. D. CHADDOCK ..	3	NORMAN CHADDOCK	*Tenor*

Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.

Rung to mark the 80th birthday of Fred Parr, father of the treble ringer and former ringer at this church.

BRAFIELD-ON-THE-GREEN, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Northampton Branch.)
On Sat., July 27, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 7 lb.

ROLAND A. ELDRIDGE ..	*Treble*	†JIM C. RAINBOW	4
*JACQUELINE A. DOWNING	2	ALLAN R. JONES	5
*DELIA M. MILLER	3	GEORGE F. ROOME	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE F. ROOME.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal.

LANGLEYBURY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., July 31, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 WELLS SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout.
Tenor 8 cwt. 13 lb. in A.

CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	*Treble*	WILLIAM WENBAN	4
PHYLLIS M. MAYNE	2	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN ..	5
JOAN W. WILCOCKSON ..	3	JOHN R. MAYNE..	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

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

SAPCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Hinckley District.)
On Wed., July 31, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in A flat.

JENNIFER STRATFORD ..	*Treble*	*GRAHAM T. BALL	4
*MICHAEL VERNON	2	†LEONARD TREVOR	5
RITA M. STRATFORD ..	3	MICHAEL E. BROWN.. ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by MICHAEL E. BROWN.

* First peal of London. † First peal of Minor in the method.
To mark the welcome gift of a second son to Mr. and Mrs. Allan Chapman (Graham).

FULMER, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 3, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents with 5-6 the right way throughout. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

PHYLLIS M. MAYNE ..	*Treble*	*JOAN M. WILCOCKSON ..	4
*ELSIE K. HART	2	*WILLIAM WENBAN	5
*H. GEORGE HART	3	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

* First peal of London Surprise Minor. 100th peal of Surprise as conductor.

HELMDON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 3, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten callings). Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in G.

*MRS. G. SHELLARD	*Treble*	†CLIVE HAYNES	4
MONTAGUE SAUNDERS ..	2	WILLIAM A. YATES	5
WILLIAM J. CHESTER ..	3	GEORGE SHELLARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. YATES.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'
Rung for the christening of Andrew Robert Hinton; also as a 21st birthday compliment to Jean Cleaver.

HOAR CROSS, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Aug. 3, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Kent T.B. and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 28¼ cwt.

ALBERT D. COLLINS	*Treble*	BARNABAS G. KEY	4
ERNEST STITCH	2	HOWARD HOWELL	5
ARTHUR R. WRIGHT	3	HARRY BOSWELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

A birthday compliment to Messrs. E. Stitch (73) and T. E. Smith (70), of St. Peter's, Wolverhampton.

RIPPINGALE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 3, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven 720's: (1) Chester, Munden; (2) Lightfoot, Wearmouth, Stamford, Rossendale; (3) Beverley, Surfleet; (4) York, Durham; (5) Norfolk, Primrose; (6) Berwick, Hexham; (7) Cambridge, Ipswich. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb.

MRS. J. W. HAW	*Treble*	LEONARD C. BLANCHARD	4
HORACE M. DAY	2	JAMES W. HAW	5
ALBERT E. SCOTT	3	CECIL WADE	*Tenor*

Conducted by HORACE M. DAY.

A birthday compliment to the conductor, who will be 76 on September 4th.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 3, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Single Court and Single Oxford and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

*EDGAR A. COLE	*Treble*	J. GEOFFREY GEARY	4
HENRY P. COLLIN	2	RONALD RUSSELL	5
WALTER WESTON	3	JAMES H. MUSSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

* First peal, first attempt.

TAXAL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 3, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

*MARGARET C. MACKAY	*Treble*	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	4
*DOROTHY M. STAFFORD	2	ALAN MCFALL	5
BERNARD GROVES	3	ROBERT SMITH	*Tenor*

Rung non-conducted.

* First peal of Minor. First non-conducted peal by all the band.

GREAT BENTLEY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Aug. 5, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, comprising one extent of Oxford Treble Bob and two each of Kent T.B., Single Court and Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*MARGARET A. BRUCE	*Treble*	GEORGE N. ORMAN	4
ALAN R. ANDREWS	2	†ERIC E. SPARLING	5
ROY DUESBURY	3	FRANK H. PYKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROY DUESBURY.

* First peal. † First peal in four methods.

KNUTSFORD, CHESHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Aug. 6, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and one extent of Plain Bob. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

DAVID CUBITT	*Treble*	HAROLD B. SCHOFIELD	4
SHEILA M. SCHOFIELD	2	C. KENNETH LEWIS	5
MARTIN CUBITT	3	ROY BETTLEY-COOKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(The Sheffield and District Society.)
On Tues., Aug. 6, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In five methods, viz.: One extent each of Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

FRED FISHER	*Treble*	HERBERT O. CHADDOCK	4
*SUSAN CHADDOCK	2	*JOHN N. D. CHADDOCK	5
ELIZABETH A. WARDILL	3	NORMAN CHADDOCK	*Tenor*

Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.

* First peal in five methods.

Rung on the front six after meeting short for Major.

BIRKENHEAD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Aug. 7, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS, WOODCHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 11 extents each of Grandsire and Plain Bob, and ten extents each of St. Simon's and St. Martin's. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in F sharp.

*ROLAND A. DUTTON	*Treble*	ALEXANDER J. MARTIN	4
†D. JOHN POOLE	2	‡ERNEST T. CARVELL	5
PERCY D. BALDOCK	3	*M. ROBERT GLEDHILL	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALEXANDER J. MARTIN.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal away from the treble. ‡ First peal of Doubles.

In memoriam Pamela Hill, of St. Saviour's, Oxton, drowned at Barmouth on Tuesday, July 16th.

SNODLAND, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Aug. 7, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10½ cwt.

RUTH A. HIGHLEY	*Treble*	†‡RONALD C. BURNS	4
*JENNIFER M. HIGHLEY	2	†CYRIL S. JARRETT	5
CHRISTOPHER T. LAMB	3	PETER F. BORER	*Tenor*

Conducted by CYRIL S. JARRETT.

* First peal of Minor. † 25th peal together. ‡ 25th peal.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. T. C. Lamb, father of the ringer of the third.

QUENIBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Aug. 8, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 16 extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob, and ten extents of Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in G sharp.

*FRANK CARTER	*Treble*	ERNEST MORRIS	3
B. STEDMAN PAYNE	2	†DAVID LOWE	4
ROYSTON WILMORE	*Tenor*		

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal.

HANDBELL PEALS

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 27, 1957, *in* 1 *Hour and* 57 *Minutes.*
AT 7, WATERSIDE.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (four callings) Tenor size 15 in C.

BERNARD GROVES	1—2	ALAN MCFALL	3—4
		ROBERT SMITH	5—6

Conducted by ROBERT SMITH.

First peal 'in hand' by all.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Tues., July 30, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT CAMPANA, 54, ROLLESTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation).

ALAN G. FOSTER	1—2	BARNABAS G. KEY	5—6
ARTHUR R. WRIGHT	3—4	E. MARION KEY	7—8

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

QUARTER PEALS

BARKING, SUFFOLK.—On July 21st, 1,320 Minor (720 Kent, 600 Plain): W. S. Girling 1, Miss A. E. J. Lester 2, Miss M. I. Goodship 3, G. R. Goodship 4, J. J. Prentice 5, R. E. Lester (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.—On Aug. 4th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: H. Sear 1, F. Stonton 2, P. R. Andrews (first 'inside') 3, A. E. Daniells 4, W. Daniels 5, D. J. Meager 6, H. V. Sear 7, R. Cadamy (cond.) 8. Rung to mark the marriage of Mr. J. Mossop, member of the local band, at Egremont, Cumberland, the previous day.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On July 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Corderoy 1, H. W. Dunsden 2, A. R. Greenough 3, H. L. Bishop 4, G. Bishop 5, C. Corderoy (cond.) 6, P. Davies 7, W. Gilks 8. Rung for the wedding of Miss Diana Smith to Mr. Michael J. W. Elliott.

CHELSFIELD, KENT.—On July 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Outhwaite 1, Miss J. George 2, R. E. Clarke (first 'inside') 3, J. Parker 4, J. Martin (cond.) 5, A. Smith 6. Rung for the retirement of the Rev. C. J. Ellingham (hon. curate).

CLAVERLEY, SALOP.—On July 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Francis (jun.) 1, J. Marsh 2, E. Drew (cond.) 3, G. Goodson 4, C. Jones 5, F. Bennett 6, F. Hinton 7, J. Courtman 8. Rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the memory of Mr. W. Overton, of Bridgnorth.

COMBE MARTIN, DEVON.—On July 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: N. Mallet (cond.) 1, C. Rooke 2, M. Mallet 3, L. Walters 4, K. Walters 5, D. Jewell 6, F. Sangwin 7, A. Smallridge 8. A farewell to Kenvyn Walters, who is leaving the area and going to Slough.

CONISBOROUGH, YORKS.—On Aug. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Susan Chaddock 1, W. E. Critchley (cond.) 2, Kathleen Mallender (first quarter) 3, J. N. D. Chaddock 4, H. Wagstaff 5, N. Chaddock 6.

COSSINGTON, SOMERSET.—On July 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Kent 1, D. Kent 2, H. Best 3, E. Dibble 4, J. Walton (cond.) 5, T. Mogg 6. Rung after evening service.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.—On Aug. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (10 callings)): A. Miles 1, Margaret Jennings (first 'inside') 2, R. Elliott (cond.) 3, G. Jennings 4, A. Stoner 5, S. Arnold 6. First of Doubles for 1, 2 and 6. For Evensong.

DUBLIN, EIRE.—At St. Patrick's Cathedral, on July 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Click 1, W. H. Wilson 2, E. J. Buchanan 3, T. McMorran (cond.) 4, H. W. Jones 5, C. J. Reede 6, J. A. Atkinson 7, F. H. Brown 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd on his 68th birthday.

DUNKERTON, SOMERSET.—On July 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Mrs. D. M. Bennett 1, Mrs. R. Cook 2, Mrs. M. J. de Jorv 3, Miss B. Johnstone 4, Mrs. H. L. Parfrey (cond.) 5, Miss J. B. Parsons 6. First of Stedman Doubles for 1, 2, 4 and 6. Rung by members of the Western District of the Ladies' Guild.

FRAMPTON, LINCS.—On July 28th, 1,295 Cambridge Surprise Minor: A. Young 1, E. Flintham 2, B. Hunt 3, J. R. Young (cond.) 4, J. R. Kemp 5, R. Bamber 6. First quarter by 2, 3 and 6.

GOLDINGTON, BEDS.—On July 31st, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. H. L. Blick 1, E. L. Duffield 2, E. White 3, Miss A. Fundrey 4, A. J. Williams 5, J. H. Edwards (cond.) 6. First quarter in method for 1, 2 and 5. A farewell quarter peal for the ringer of the 5th, who is leaving the district.

HAILSHAM, SUSSEX.—On Aug. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss W. Booley (first quarter) 1, G. Beeney 2, Miss E. Burley (first 'inside') 3, E. E. Breed (cond.) 4, H. Goldsmith (first 'inside') 5, A. Goldsmith 6. On the 60th birthday of the conductor.

HAMPTON, MIDDLX.—On Aug. 4th, 1,296 Minor (720 Bourne Surprise and 576 Fulbeck Bob): Margaret Essen 1, W. S. Deason 2, R. G. Leale (cond.) 3, D. A. S. Hawkins 4, R. Woodcock 5, P. A. Lawrence 6. For Matins.

HYTHE, KENT.—On July 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Parks 1, Mrs. R. Wratten 2, Miss M. Vantom (cond.) 3, Miss Godridge 4, M. Swift 5, J. Martin 6, T. Anderson 7, H. Porter 8. Rung as a compliment to W. J. Prebble on his 90th birthday.

ISLIP, NORTHANTS.—On July 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: V. Headlands (first quarter) 1, Jennifer Giles 2, Joan Baker 3, R. Edwards 4, P. G. R. Davies 5, D. W. James (cond.) 6.

KEMPSTON, BEDS.—On July 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. Gilbert 1, Mrs. M. Stephens (first quarter) 2, Miss P. Gray 3, H. Gilbert 4, P. Inskip (cond.) 5, M. Stephens 6, L. Turner 7. Rung by the local band before morning service. Pearl Inskip, leader of the band, has now completed 50 years' membership of the Bedfordshire Association.

LEIGH, SURREY.—On Aug. 3rd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: W. S. Deason 1, D. W. Spittle 2, R. G. Leale (cond.) 3, D. A. S. Hawkins 4, P. A. Lawrence 5, F. W. Scott 6.

PENWORTHAM, LANCS.—On Aug. 6th, 1,260 Minor (540 Plain Bob and 720 Kent Treble Bob): P. Gardner (first quarter) 1, L. Walmsley 2, R. Price 3, J. Bailey 4, F. Stead 5, P. Dunderdale (first as cond.) 6. A 79th birthday compliment to Mr. W. E. Loxham, father-in-law of the ringer of the 3rd.

PYLLE, SOMERSET.—On July 29th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Stedman, 540 Grandsire and 240 Plain Bob): G. Salmon 1, V. Roberts 2, M. Rose (cond.) 3, J. Badman 4, D. Lee 5, T. Harris 6.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Aug. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Ely 1, L. Mills 2, Mrs. L. Mills 3, F. May 4, E. Blower 5, M. Hatch 6, A. House (cond.) 7, W. Ward 8. For Evensong.

SEAL CHART, KENT.—On July 28th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: G. Hodges 1, G. Godfrey 2, H. Woolley 3, A. Wenban (cond.) 4, S. King 5, G. Acott 6. Rung as a compliment to the conductor, who has completed over 50 years as a ringer in this tower.

SHARDLOW, DERBYS.—On July 25th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, 780 Bob): J. T. Foster 1, M. M. Grimes 2, J. E. Collins 3, J. S. Knighton 4, A. Whiting (cond.) 5, B. Millington (first quarter) 6. For the patronal festival.

SHERBORNE, DORSET.—At the Abbey of St. Mary-the-Virgin, on Aug. 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. H. Poole 1, J. S. Carter 2, R. Selway 3, C. P. Walker 4, G. Gaylard 5, H. J. Gaylard (cond.) 6, G. S. Morris 7, T. J. Setter 8. Rung as a golden wedding compliment to Mr. J. E. Churchill, a ringer at this tower for many years, and Mrs. Churchill.

SHOREDITCH, E.—At St. Leonard's Church, on July 28th, 1,311 Stedman Cinques: H. Belcher 1, B. K. Lunn 2, Mrs. R. F. Deal 3, A. F. Thirst 4, W. T. Cook 5, A. B. Peck 6, W. Theobald 7, R. F. Deal 8, J. Crampion 9, B. Baker 10, John Phillips (cond.) 11, D. R. Randell 12.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On Aug. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss P. Jervis (first of Plain Bob Minor) 1, Miss L. Kew (aged 12 years, first 'inside') 2, Miss J. Adamson 3, A. D. Rivers 4, W. Birmingham (cond.) 5, J. C. Birt 6. Rung for progress and the birthday of H.M. the Queen Mother.

STORRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On July 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss G. M. Smith 1, Miss J. Horton 2, R. Blackman 3, J. Young 4, W. Curtis (cond.) 5, G. Mercer (first quarter) 6. Rung as a compliment to Helen Louise, daughter of Jean and Peter Blackman and grand-daughter of the ringers of 3 and 5, born July 18th, 1957.

WEST PENNARD, SOMERSET.—On July 27th, 1,440 Bob Minor: T. Harris 1, H. Smith 2, G. Salmon (cond.) 3, S. Atwell 4, M. Rose 5, V. Roberts 6.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Aug. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Jacobs 1, Anne Garnett 2, J. Tomsett 3, Susan Jacobs 4, M. Sinden 5, A. Bishop 6, P. Devenish 7, F. Corfield (cond.) 8.

WINTERTON, LINCS.—On Aug. 3rd, 1,272 Plain Bob Minor: R. Hall 1, Mrs. R. Chafer 2, Mrs. H. Hall 3, R. Chafer 4, J. Hall 5, H. Hall (cond.) 6. Rung for the marriage of Miss Nita Firth and Mr. R. S. Drinkall, on the 25th anniversary of the wedding of the ringers of 3 and 6, parents of the ringers of 1 and 5.

WISBECH ST. MARY, CAMBS.—On July 31st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. Fox (cond.) 1, L. Harvey 2, T. Bush 3, J. Bird 4, H. Follen 5, L. Bush 6. First of Minor for 2 and 4. Rung in honour of the wedding of Miss J. Sharpe and Mr. M. Parker, both ringers at this church.

OUTINGS

LYME REGIS

Lyme Regis ringers and some friends toured into North Somerset on July 27th. After a a short break at Wells, the first ringing of the day was enjoyed on the lovely eight at Chewton Mendip. A pleasant run along the Chew valley, skirting the lake reservoir, brought the party to Chew Magna, where the heavy eight were handled on the whole quite respectably. Mr. Herbert Knight joined up here for the rest of the afternoon, and his piloting over the cross-country route was most helpful.

Time was allowed there for a picnic lunch; then, moving on to the picturesque church of Wraxall, some good ringing resulted on its splendid eight. A brief visit to Clevedon followed but, as St. Andrew's bells were not available, a little shopping was sought, involving a battle against the stiff, invigorating sea breezes. Yatton came next, where the local ringers have every reason to be proud of their rehung bells, and these were well struck in a variety of touches.

Before ringing at Wrington, a welcome tea was taken at a café in Burrington Combe, fortifying all for tackling the weighty ten which, however, seemed to offer no real difficulty. Here some ringers from Birkenhead on their way to Kingsbridge joined in a touch of Caters. From Wrington the homeward route was not a little fascinating over the Mendips through Burrington Combe, passing the rock under which A. Toplady in the 18th century wrote the hymn 'Rock of Ages' while sheltering from a storm; then down the Cheddar Gorge to Wells again and Glastonbury, reaching Lyme Regis at length via Yeovil and Beaminster.

It was a big but very satisfying day in showery weather and all who took part are grateful to the organisers; also for the permission to ring, and not least to Mr. H. Knight for the kindly arrangements his local knowledge enabled him to make. It was nice, too, to be met at Chewton Mendip, Wraxall and Yatton by their respective incumbents. Methods rung during the day were Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Caters, Cambridge, Superlative, Yorkshire, London and Bristol Major, Plain Bob Major and Royal. C. L. C.

SEND, SURREY

The Send ringers, accompanied by representatives from surrounding towers and non-ringing friends, held their annual outing on July 20th, when the programme listed two 8-bell towers before tea and two 6-bell towers in the evening. Chiddingfold was reached in rainy weather and the ringing was much enjoyed. At Grayshott (Hants), where full use was made of the light octave, the ringing ranged from rounds to Triples and Major. A meat tea proved a very popular feature to all and full justice was done to the good fare provided. At 6 p.m. the party proceeded to Frensham, and the non-ringers were able to watch their ringing friends perform on the ground floor. Proceeding through Farnham and along the Hog's Back, the village of Seale was reached, where the last spell of ringing took place. Prior to leaving Seale, a combined vote of thanks was expressed to all who helped towards the success of the outing, which included the clergy, the local ringers, and Messrs. S. Strudwick and W. A. Goldstone, who made the arrangements. W. S.

GRANTHAM, LINCS.—On July 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. M. Simpson 1-2, D. A. Frith (cond.) 3-4, W. R. Read 5-6. First quarter on handbells by all.

BATH ABBEY BELLS RESTORED

Bath Abbey, one of the finest churches in England, is now in process of restoration, and work is proceeding apace. An appeal in 1949 on a national scale for £80,000 has resulted in £83,000 being subscribed, but rising costs and the discovery of further ravages have made it necessary to increase the amount appealed for by another £20,000. The decayed stonework is being replaced, and the Abbey is gradually recovering its former glory. The great east window has been restored, and the Abbey shows everywhere the signs of loving care and devotion by the Friends of Bath Abbey.

The bells have for nearly half a century been very difficult to ring, and sadly needed attention. It is gratifying that the present Archdeacon (Ven. Edwin Cook) saw the necessity of including the bells in the general restoration scheme, and thanks to his hard work and interest, the bells have been taken down, cleaned and retuned, and rehung in the old frame with completely new headstocks and fittings. The cannons on the back eight have been removed, and Bath Abbey now possesses once again a ring of ten which goes perfectly.

On August 3rd the Friends of Bath Abbey, the Mayor, Abbey ringers and a few friends, met in the ringing chamber, and the tower Master (Mr. W. J. Prescott) handing the tenor rope to the Archdeacon, requested him to rededicate the bells. Prayers were said by the Archdeacon for a blessing on the bells, those who ring them and those who hear them.

Mr. Prescott then asked the Archdeacon to accept on behalf of the ringers the gift of a set of handbells, eight of which had been presented by Mr. A. Reed and five by Mr. Paul Taylor.

The bells were then rung to a course of Grandsire Caters by the Abbey ringers, to the great delight of the assembled company. Afterwards many visitors took part in ringing in various methods from rounds to Cambridge Royal.

The work of restoration has been carried out by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, in their usual efficient manner, and Bath now has a serviceable and ringable ring of ten which will, no doubt, considerably stimulate progress in ringing in Somerset.

JAYFUS.

VISITORS TO MIRFIELD

Mirfield Parish Church, Yorks, which has not been visited by touring parties for several years, has had the pleasure of welcoming visitors this year.

On July 29th, the Society of Rambling Ringers, touring Yorkshire and Lancashire, rang here from 1.30 to 2.30 p.m.

The Universities Association, whose headquarters for their 1957 tour are Bingley College, near Bradford, rang from 8.30 to 9.30 p.m. on July 31st.

The Archdeaconry of Halifax Guild have arranged to hold their September meeting at this tower.

Miss M. Sheard, 84, Wellhouse Lane, Mirfield, secretary of Mirfield Parish Church Bellringers, will be very pleased to hear from other ringers who wish to visit the tower.

ROCHDALE YOUNG RINGERS

On July 20th a half-day ringing tour was held as a farewell gesture to Mr. Geoffrey Cheetham on his call-up into H.M. Forces, and a very pleasant time was had by one and all. We started ringing at Gisburn, the rendezvous, on the rather heavy-going six, but without much success from the point of view of striking. The next tower was Downham (5), where we enjoyed the view as much as the ringing. What a lovely village this is, with bells to match. Then on to Mitton, where permission to ring had to be sought as we had not received a reply by letter. This forthcoming, we proceeded to ring two courses of Bob Minor to accommodate all the party on this lovely-toned but rough-going six with the home-made ropes.

Tea was eaten en route to Hoghton, the first eight of the day, where our capabilities to ring Triples and Major were explored. Hoddlesdon was the next stopping point where, after a rapid touch of Kent T.B., we found the ropes still in the habit of leaving the wheels at the most inopportune times. The last tower proved to be the best of the day, both for bells and ringing. This was Adlington, where we had Mr. Blackburn to help us out with T.B. Major.

We would like to thank Miss Mildred Jones for the lovely supper provided, and Mr. Peter Scholfield for all the other arrangements, and, of course, the various incumbents for the use of their bells.

Methods rung.—Doubles: Grandsire, Stedman and St. Simon's; Minor: Plain Bob, Kent T.B. and Little Bob; Triples: Grandsire and Stedman; Major: Plain Bob, Kent T.B. and Oxford T.B.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. Horace M. Day, the well-known Market Deeping ringer, claims to be the oldest conductor to call a peal of Spliced Surprise in as many as 16 methods. This peal he called at Rippingale on August 3rd in very fine style. Although he will not be 76 until September 4th, the peal was intended as a birthday compliment as some of the band will be busy with the harvest at the time of his birthday.

Heard during a touch of Stedman in an East Anglian belfry: 'You're not dodging with me, Tom; I'm dodging with you!'.

The peal of Belgrave Surprise Major rung at Manchester on July 22nd (see page 509) was the first time this peal was rung 'in hand,' according to the records of the Central Council.

Mr. James H. Musson sends a congratulatory note regarding Edgar A. Cole who rang his bell faultlessly to his first peal, at Silk Willoughby on August 3rd.

The peal at Drighlington on July 31st is believed to be the first peal for the Universities' Association with eight different universities represented.

Mr. C. Kenneth Lewis informs us that in accordance with the Council's decision at Chelmsford, the handbell peal at Surbiton (page 492) should read: 'Double Plain Bob Minor.'

During the Universities' Association tour of Yorkshire a peal of Pudsey was scored at Drighlington, but peals were lost at Pontefract through a broken rope and at Sowerby through a shift course.

In the quarter peal of Oxford Bob Triples rung at Crawley, Sussex, on June 30th, the ringer of the fifth was Robin Elliott and not S. Arnold as stated. Apologies to both, writes Mr. A. Miles.

Bells will be heard prior to the broadcast of R.C. Vespers from Prinknash Abbey, near Gloucester, on Wednesday, August 21st, at 4 p.m. in the Home Service. The service will be introduced by the Prior, Dom Dyfrig Rushton, O.S.B.

John and Susan Chaddock, of Rotherham, have rung their first peal of Surprise.

Mr. Alfred Parr rang his second peal after a gap of nearly 30 years at Killamarsh, Derbyshire, to mark the 80th birthday of his father, Mr. Fred Parr.

Because of being on special duty, Mr. Alan Jacques was unable to accompany Leicester Guild ringers to ring a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Maximus in the bell tower at Evesham in honour of the birth of his daughter.

The Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association recently revived an old custom of a cricket match between Tanfield and Newcastle ringers. The last recorded match between these two teams was in 1896. For full story see next week's 'R.W.'

Mr. David Hoare is anxious that no offence is created by crediting the peal at Knighton, Radnorshire, to the Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Guild. The church is in the diocese of Swansea and Brecon, and upon the representation of the Guild secretary he decided to take the action he did.

Bellringing fathers with eligible daughters should cut out the toast of 'The bride and bridegroom,' a composition of Mr. Edward C. Crewe, Ringing Master at Hoole, Chester, found elsewhere in this issue. It is given to the Exercise in the hope that it will provide an inspiration on a difficult but important occasion. We hope that none of our readers will claim it as a 'variation.'

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WEST COUNTRYMEN'S RINGING TOUR

IN HEREFORDSHIRE AND WALES

IN four cars, the main party left Radstock promptly at 9.30 a.m. on Saturday, July 27th, with the City Arms Hotel, Hereford, as the ultimate destination. It was regretted that Mr. J. T. Dyke could not join us, through illness, and the best wishes of the tourists were conveyed to him for a speedy recovery. An apology was received, second-hand, from Les Weller, who could not come because of other 'engagements,' not least his duty to the R.A.F.

A stop was made at Painswick and the bells raised in peal, followed by a course of Stedman Cinques. At Ledbury in the afternoon a peal of Yorkshire was scored. A shortage of ringers prevented an attempt for Cambridge at Lugwardine, but some useful practice was put in.

REMOVED STAY TO RING

Sunday morning found us ringing at All Saints', Hereford, for High Mass. In the afternoon great exertion was called for at Holme Lacey, where the bells proved manageable only after the removal of the stay and slider of the fifth! For Evensong we rang at the Cathedral, by the kind invitation of Mr. A. Davis.

A good beginning was made on Monday when the party invaded Radnorshire. At Presteigne a well-struck peal of Cambridge was accomplished, and at Knighton, Plain Bob Major. At the former tower the Rev. E. G. Benson made us most welcome, and we were glad to have him take part. A word of thanks is due also to Miss Jean Hutton, who stood in at the eleventh hour to ring the treble at Knighton. Two towers in Shropshire were scheduled for the afternoon—Clun and Ludlow. Ringing here was much enjoyed. One member commenting on the bells at Ludlow was heard to say: 'They 'ud fit purty well down in Zummerzet'—a very high compliment indeed. After much-needed refreshment, the return journey to Hereford was begun, despite the reluctance of one person who had found local beauty spots more than attractive.

Wye Surprise at Clifford on Tuesday was the fourth success of the tour and another morning peal. Meanwhile, the non-starters set off on a 6-bell grab to Bredwardine and Eardisley. Forces united in the afternoon for ringing at three more 6-bell towers; Peterchurch and Clodock were only found after a careful search, and lastly Grosmont (Mon), where we were told the bells were only rung on rare occasions —and small wonder! Their 'go' is not easy, and with the treble rope falling between the fifth and sixth, confusion is great. The bells, however, are very musical, and a course of London on them was no mean achievement.

SMART ORGANISATION

Wednesday gave much scope for our organiser's ability if nothing else. Arriving at Leominster at 9.30 a.m., we found the bells were not available until the afternoon. Yet within 15 minutes of leaving a peal of Rutland was in progress at Eardisland. Thanks for this are due chiefly to Leslie Evans, who with Austin Wingate assisted so much in arranging the first half of the tour. Kimbolton and Kingsland were visited by the afternoon peal band. Unfortunately an attempt for Grandsire Caters only lasted an hour at Leominster, so both bands joined to ring on the noisy five at Pembridge, where we met our friends Mr. and Mrs. J. Thomas, and the six at Staunton-on-Arrow. Our stay in Hereford ended happily with an hour's ringing at the Cathedral, followed by a social evening. The most remarkable feature of this was that Ron managed, this year, not to break a glass.

A peal attempt at Ross necessitated an early departure from Hereford on Thursday morning. A bid for Cambridge, alas, broke down after two hours' good ringing, though we wish to thank Mr. J. J. Webb for his arrangements. Ruardean was available for the non-pealers. Here the village folk some 20 years ago used to rise early on Easter Sunday to climb their church tower and sing festival hymns at 6 a.m.; something which the present Vicar intends to revive, we hear! The grand ring of ten at Abergavenny awaited us in the afternoon and a good peal of Cambridge Royal was successfully brought round. Both Ralph Edwards and Frank Harris joined us here for the second half of the tour.

BRECON CHEERED

Good peals of Stedman and Cambridge were rung on Friday morning at Llanfeigan and Brecon. The former peal enabled L. E. H. to achieve his annual ambition of ringing the tenor to a peal. One member became so enamoured with these bells that a notion formed in his mind of going there for Double Norwich at 6 a.m. on Sunday. Fortunately it remained only a notion. The peal at Brecon was not without incident. As the bells stood a cheer arose from the street, quite audible in the belfry. We record our thanks to Arthur Hoare and the Dean of Brecon for their assistance, and to the G.P.O. for their tolerance.

The hospitality of the Welsh was even more evident later. At Llanfaes the Rev. D. Wilkinson entertained us to a delicious tea. After stopping at Bronllys for a ring, we made for Talgarth and were met by Mr. D. H. Bennett, who had kindly arranged most of Friday's ringing. Supper was provided by the local ringers, and the evening closed with some touches and tunes on the handbells.

Misfortune attended both of the peal attempts on Saturday. New Cambridge in the morning at Blaenavon was lost when only three courses from home. At Ebbw Vale, Mr. Alsopp and Miss Evans had kindly made everything ready, but a broken rope ended an attempt for Double Norwich rather abruptly after two hours' first-class ringing. During this, Mr. Alsopp took the rest of the party on a tour of the steelworks.

PRESENTATIONS

In the evening Mr. H. J. Sanger presented David Hoare with a trio of presents, subscribed to by the band, for his efforts in arranging the tour. The first was a leather writing case with which to make later arrangements; then a tape to record the next tour's ringing, and finally a 'flannel bound with blue ribbon,' whose significance will only be known to his close circle of friends.

On Sunday morning ringing took place at Abergavenny before goodbye was said to our friends there. Later we were granted the privilege of ringing on the restored ten at Bath Abbey before the final dispersal.

So ended a most enjoyable tour. Thanks are extended to the various incumbents for the generous use of their bells, and to the local ringers at the towers visited for making us feel so welcome.

R. K.

Ringers' Rhymes—No. 1

Light bell ringers must beware
Lest bent arms their style impair.
'Hands *right up*' and 'Hands *right down*,'
'Pull it STRAIGHT,' then folk won't frown.
Then you'll have no cause for terror
When you're offered Bampton tenor!

THE DORSET TRAGEDY

INSTRUCT ALL CLERGY

Dear Sir,—Ringers will deplore the recent tragedy in Dorset. Many clergy seem woefully ignorant about all matters pertaining to ringing, and I think the Central Council might use its influence to do something about this by advocating a course of instruction during their training period. I do not suggest that all ordinands should be taught to ring, but only that a few short talks by competent people should be included in their course of training. Quite apart from considerations of safety, very great good might result.—Yours, etc.,

C. W. WOOLLEY.

Bushey Heath, Herts.

RINGERS NOT TO BLAME

Dear Sir,—It is to be hoped that no one will try to hold the ringers of Okeford Fitzpaine in any way responsible for their rector's death. The plain and simple fact is that the rector should have known better than to go crawling amongst the bells when they were up, especially when it meant exposing children to the dangers involved. A clergyman who does not know better can have little interest in his bells and ringers.

Why did not Ronald K. Russ write before to point out the dangers of leaving bells up between services on Sunday? The practice has been almost universal for many years. He is the sort of person that should be attached to some 12-bell tower where he could raise a 40 cwt. tenor twice every Sunday.—Yours faithfully,

C. A. BARRON.

King's Heath, Birmingham.

LEAVE THE BELLS DOWN

Dear Sir,—To describe the practice of leaving the bells up as slovenly and lazy, as stated by Mr. Russ, is surely very inaccurate and casts a reflection upon ringers generally. In most cases, I believe, the bells which are raised for the first service are then left up so that ringing can start right into rounds for the next service. For special occasions it is very often the practice to raise the bells some time before the actual time for ringing for the same reason.

That the situation is dangerous is recognised by the warning notices that are displayed, but to describe the same as due to the laziness of ringers is, I venture to say, very wrong indeed, and should be corrected in all directions that may be under such an impression.—Yours truly,

FRANK HUCKLE.

Barham, Kent.

HEAVY BELLS

Dear Sir,—Since the unfortunate occurrence at Okeford Fitzpaine there have been quite a few letters published in 'The Ringing World' declaring that in no case should church bells be left up between services, and those who indulge in such a practice are guilty of laziness.

Have these correspondents ever tried to raise very heavy bells, ring a touch of a decent length and drop them in half an hour? Heavy bells cannot be raised in peal, and it is very hard and sometimes impossible to raise a large bell so that it goes up 'right,' and time has to be spent in turning them.

I know that Okeford's are not heavy and that they need not be left up: I am not concerned with that, but am writing in defence of the ringers who leave bells up because it would take ¼-hour to raise them and ¼-hour to lower them. I would, however, like to say that in such a tower every precaution should be taken to stop accidents like that to Mr. Mortimer.—Yours sincerely,

NEMO.

Liverpool.

'PER ARDUA'—THE ADVENTURES OF EGBERT

(Continued from page 517)

Egbert entered the church. There were several people inside but he did not appear to notice them, making his way over to the tower door and up into the belfry, where he found another two-dozen or more, from among whom the gentleman in charge of the proceedings (for convenience let us refer to him as the R.M., for after all, someone has to be in charge) was endeavouring to coax a band for Spliced Doubles. He glanced at Egbert and nodded pleasantly, inviting him to take a rope, which Egbert proceeded to do, during which time two or three others had been persuaded to get up and take ropes also. The band being made up, they started off. Egbert had not had much experience of this sort of thing, but he went along well enough, his belfrymanship standing him in very good stead, when he 'fluffed' his start upon St. Simon's being called. He was a fifth's place bell, yet for some unknown reason attempted to go down but, in the resulting mix-up, was very adroitly able to switch the responsibility to his neighbour, his confident assurance carrying the day for him against the other man's slight uncertainty.

The R.M. gave Egbert a keen glance, but at that moment the door opened and the Vicar came smiling into the belfry, which put the finishing touch to the spliced attempt. He expressed his pleasure at having the ringers at Little Taterfield, it being the first time he had ever had an Association meeting at his church. By this time the service was due to start and when all were assembled at the rear of the church the Vicar gave them a few words of welcome, after which the service began. In his address the Vicar told the gathering all about bells, after which he went on to talk about ringers in general, and those in particular who, having rung for service did not stay to church. He was sure that did not apply to the Association members gathered there that day.

The service at last being over, the ringers slowly filed out of the church and made a move down the lane in the wake of an elderly man who, Egbert later found, was the tower-keeper. The progress of the party was very slow and Egbert wondered why it was that ringers always dawdled so on the way to tea. He observed how the line straggled away down the lane and the thought then came to him that it was quite a good muster and that as he had not advised the secretary of his intention to be present it might be as well if he got up near the front, which he gently proceeded to do.

The tea was in the school hall, some little distance from the church, and upon arrival there Egbert found that they were at the beginning of the village proper, it being hidden from the church by reason of the fact that it lay in a slight hollow. The school hall was at the beginning of the village street, after which came a row of cottages, a hostelry known as the 'Ring of Beef,' with more cottages beyond, and a post office and general store opposite. These, with some more cottages and a chapel appeared to be all there was, but Egbert paid little attention to the layout of the place, being more concerned in making sure of his tea.

As the party filed into the hall it became obvious that more had turned up than the secretary had expected, despite the fact, as Egbert later discovered, that he had allowed for about 20 per cent. in excess of his notifications; but it was a reasonably fine day. Had it been wet he would probably have been regretting his optimism by now. None of this, however, concerned Egbert, who was congratulating himself upon his foresight in arriving at the hall with the vanguard. Meanwhile, the secretary was having an anxious discussion of ways and means with the local tower-keeper and one of the ladies, who appeared to be in charge of the catering arrangements. It was decided that the food available could be made to go round (there was no chance of obtaining any more) but that those who could not get in would have to wait for a second sitting.

(To be continued)

HYTHE RINGER'S 90th BIRTHDAY

On Tuesday, July 30th, at St. Leonard's Church, Hythe, Kent, a party of ringers met to do honour to an old member of the local band, Mr. W. J. Prebble, who had reached the ripe old age of 90 years.

Learning to ring at the age of 14, Mr. Prebble has been a ringer ever since, and has set an example to younger ringers for regularity.

A representative band were invited to attend and ring a quarter peal. This was rung in very good style, the striking was good, and the time 48 minutes.

Miss Vantom, from Lydd, conducted, the other ringers coming from Burmarsh, Folkestone, Newington, Chalfont St. Giles (Bucks) and the local band. After the quarter peal several touches were rung, the venerable gentleman himself standing in for 168 of Grandsire Triples.

After the ringing, all the ringers, with wives and friends, numbering around 30, adjourned to the Vicarage. Here, with the co-operation of the Vicar and his family, and other willing helpers, light refreshments were laid on in the way of birthday celebrations. A few touches on handbells were rung during the proceedings, and Mr. Prebble had a really happy birthday.

ROTHERHAM GIRLS RING FOR ANNUAL SERVICE

On July 23rd girls from Rotherham High School, for the third successive year, rang for their annual service. Altogether, eight girls took part in the ringing on the front six at Rotherham Parish Church.

Although this year it was not possible to do any method ringing, some good rounds and call-changes were rung, and several compliments were received from listeners.

All the girls except one (Betty Marchant, of Thrybergh) have been trained to ring at Rotherham Parish Church by Mr. N. Chaddock. Those taking part were: Elizabeth A. Wandill, Susan Chaddock, Christine Rodgers, Mary Atkinson, Dianne Saul, Patricia Walker, Jenny Squires and Betty Marchant. N. C.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Lewisham District

Despite the very unkind weather, the 35 members who attended the quarterly meeting at Shoreham on July 27th found themselves richly rewarded.

Ringing preceded the service, which was taken by the Vicar (Rev. V. S. Edwards). The old, familiar lesson, taken from Romans xii., gained new significance, finely read as it was by the Vicar from a modern translation. His address, a really absorbing account of the raison d'être of some of the outstanding features of the fine old church, and of the ancient village it adorns, earned the rapt attention of his audience. Altogether a service of simple sincerity which will be long remembered by its privileged participants.

After tea, the business meeting was held in the church, Mr. E. A. Barnett (vice-president of the Association) presiding. Three ringers of St. Mary's, Woolwich, were elected members of the Association. The elections of three non-resident life members were ratified.

Apologies were expressed to members (including any who read this who were prevented from attending by its occurrence) for the change of both date and meeting place, by the District secretary, who also explained why the changes were unavoidable.

Dartford was chosen as the place of the annual District meeting, to be held on October 26th. Members were reminded of the forthcoming meeting with the Surrey Association (Northern District) at Banstead on October 12th, and urged to do everything they could to ensure a successful gathering.

Mr. E. Barnett referred to the passing of the late Mr. G. Large, remembering the good service he had rendered to the District whilst he was resident here for a few years. Tribute to Mr. Large was paid in the traditional manner.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar and the local ringers brought the closure of the business meeting.

Further ringing followed, directed by Miss M. R. Andrews, Ringing Master.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

South Oxon Branch

A meeting of the South Oxon Branch was held at Little Milton, near Oxford, on July 27th. Owing to the prevailing 'bus strike, holidays, and showery weather, attendance was below the average, but eight towers of the Branch were represented.

The Vicar of Little Milton conducted the service and also gave an interesting address; the Vicar of Warborough, chairman of the Branch, read the lesson.

Four new members were elected at the meeting, which was presided over by the chairman, supported by the secretary (Mr. H. Badger) and the Ringing Master (Mr. F. Absalom). Altogether 22 new members have been elected this year.

During the evening ringing took place at the towers of Little Milton and Great Milton, and the numbers were increased by visitors from places as far apart as Croydon, Hitchin, Luton, St. Albans, Shiplake, Swindon and Wimbledon.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CENTRAL COUNCIL MOTIONS

Dear Sir,—In the comments reported by E. H. E. on the Central Council meeting, under the heading 'North Staffordshire Association' in your issue of August 2nd, appears the following statement:—

> 'It was considered a sad reflection on the executives of the Council that such a motion should have been permitted to appear on the agenda.'

The initials E. H. E. are, I presume, those of the secretary of the Association. If so, since the matter is my responsibility, I should be grateful if he would refer to the copy of the Council's Handbook sent to him earlier this year, and inform me under what rule of the Council a motion, properly submitted in accordance with Rule 13, can be excluded from the agenda.

If the executive committee of the North Staffordshire Association wished to criticise the motion in question, may I suggest that they would have been more fruitfully occupied firstly in addressing their remarks to the Society on whose behalf it was submitted, and secondly, in doing so before, rather than after, the meeting at which it was discussed. They had ample time to do both of these, since the terms of the motion were reported in the account of the annual meeting of that Society which was published in 'The Ringing World' of February 8th.—Yours faithfully,

E. A. BARNETT, Hon. Secretary,
Central Council of Church Bell Ringers.

ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES' RESPONSIBILITIES

Dear Sir,—Your correspondent, Ernest L. Humphriss, on p. 499 of 'The Ringing World' states that the treatment of the Central Council by the College of Campanology was referred to as 'contumacy' by one speaker.

I was the speaker concerned, but the word I used was 'contumely,' which is something quite different.

For your correspondent's information, the people I represented had, at their own meetings, debated the question of the College,and the consensus of opinion was in no way condemnatory. What came in for criticism was the method they adopted in putting it across and getting valuable space in 'The Ringing World' free of charge. It was pointed out that the finances of the paper, according to the information available, were still a cause of some concern, and further, that others who felt they had something of value to introduce to the Exercise had done so at their own expense.

I was questioned as to whether the matter had been brought up at Leicester last year, and naturally had to inform my questioners that it had not. I was then asked how it got into 'The Ringing World' without the authority of the Council, a question I was unable to answer at that time, and what I said at Chelmsford was the direct outcome of this discussion.

I hope this will clear your correspondent's mind of any wrong ideas and I would further add (although some may think I am incorrect) that in my opinion an elected representative goes to a Central Council meeting to represent the people who send him there, and to speak for them when occasion arises.

The remaining column-and-a-quarter of your correspondent's effort does not concern me. He is entitled to his opinions and it is up to any persons who feel they are involved to reply to him on their own account.—Yours faithfully,

BERNARD C. ASHFORD.

Stourbridge, Worcs.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL AND IRELAND

Dear Sir,—The letter from Mr. Smallwood was quite unexpected.

Two invitations were before the Council at Chelmsford, and in consequence it would have been surprising if the voting had not been keen. That more voted for Dublin than Oxford I regard as good support. True, some members of the Council (including myself) did not vote, not, however, because they lacked sympathy (for they could have simply voted for Oxford) but because they felt that they would be unable to make the journey themselves.

No, the Council decided, by a majority vote, that it will meet next year in Ireland, and it would be discourteous to say the least were an attempt now made to revoke that decision.

Certainly the 1958 Dublin meeting is likely to be smaller than in recent years, but that is no reason why its deliberations should lack either quality or authority. It would be wise, though, if each affiliated association or guild gave special consideration to how best to help its representatives attend, and also if special motions, where possible, be withheld until 1959. As for the 'bread and butter' work of the Council, by its various committees, this can go forward in the ordinary manner.

With great regularity, even under difficulty during a recent railway strike, the Irish representatives have come to England to take active part in the deliberations of the Council. By such loyalty to the Council, and especially by its great efforts for ringing, the Irish Association merits the privilege of entertaining the Council 'at home.' To exercise such privilege is regarded as a great honour by every affiliated guild, and it is one of the joys of Council membership to feel the warmth of welcome wherever the Council goes.

In Dublin it will be a grand welcome, and the whole Exercise will most certainly benefit. —Yours sincerely,

JOHN HATCHER.

Maidstone.

THE GREAT BELL AT MOSCOW

Dear Sir,—Apropos the Belfry Gossip note re the King of Bells, Tsar Kolokol, weighing 197 tons, there is an account of the disaster which befell this bell given in a Russian guide book to Moscow published in 1955.

It states that 'This bell had a "father" and a "grandfather," both of which were destroyed during fires. The new bell weighed 197 tons; its walls were two feet thick and it was 19 feet high.

'It was placed on wooden scaffolding in a large construction pit in the ground. There was a great fire in Moscow in 1737 and the scaffolding surrounding the bell caught fire.

'When it burned through the bell fell into the pit which by then was full of water, poured into it by the people of Moscow in their attempts to save the bell. It couldn't withstand the sharp change in temperature and one of its sides cracked and broke off. The bell lay in the hole until 1836 when it was finally raised and put on a stone pedestal.'

This was not the only bell I saw—there are a considerable number, large and small, to be seen in the nearby bell tower. The guide book says there are 22 large bells and over 30 small ones in this tower.

Well, I could write reams about my visit—it was most interesting from start to finish, and the fortnight went like lightning.

I think we were all tremendously impressed by what we saw, both in Moscow and Leningrad, and the hospitality of our Russian hosts was something to marvel at.—Yours sincerely,

P. W. CAVE.

Beckingham, Kent.

AN 80th BIRTHDAY

Dear Sir,—Ringers in the dioceses of Durham and Newcastle have derived much pleasure from the visits that have been made to our area with the Central Council meeting in 1954 and the Ladies' Guild annual meeting this year, both in Newcastle. On August 31st we shall be holding a celebration of our own in our other cathedral city, viz., Durham. We extend a hearty invitation to ringers outside our area to visit us on the occasion of our '80th birthday,' as advertised.

This occasion will provide one of the few opportunities of ringing at Durham Cathedral that are likely to occur under the limitations imposed by the architects. In addition to that ringing, I shall be happy to arrange for ringing in the morning at towers which were not visited by the Central Council (probably in Sunderland and district), or for peal attempts, if anyone so desires and lets me know.

I may point out that Durham is a suitable point at which to break a journey to or from Scotland for anyone living in the south of England, and I can assure any visitors of a very warm welcome, despite our proximity to the North Pole.—Yours, etc.,

DENIS A. BAYLES.

Chester-le-Street, Co. Durham.

MID-WEEK RINGING IN LONDON

Dear Sir,—With reference to the letter which appeared in 'The Ringing World' of August 2nd from Mr. G. Waldren, I should like to express my interest in mid-week ringing in the City. I have thought of this before, mainly with regard to ringing for the lunch-hour services. Unfortunately I travel around a good deal in my job, but for the most part I am in easy reach of the City.

If we could discover whether there is a band available, the attitude of the clergy might then be ascertained. Perhaps I could be presumptuous enough to ask anyone interested to write to me?

I would like to make a suggestion on entirely another matter. It is that the height of 'sallies' could be standardised. I often encounter considerable discomfort through the efforts of our well-meaning but shorter brethren. A minimum height for the top of the sally of 8 ft. would, I think, be about right.—Yours faithfully,

H. OGLESBY.

Marloo, 25, Taplow Road,
Taplow, Bucks.

A FILM LESSON

Dear Sir,—Might I suggest that those budding enthusiasts who are keen to make a name for themselves should spend an hour and a half in their local cinema viewing 'How to Murder a Rich Uncle.' This is an education in rope-handling and a 'don't miss' lesson for instructors. It surely ought to find a place of honour in the 'Manual.'—Yours sincerely,

RICHARD F. PRIME.

Halesworth, Suffolk.

'BE CHARITABLE'

Dear Sir,—May I say how shocked I was on reading this week's 'Ringing World' to read the letter from Mr. Peter Bond.

I don't agree with the formation of the College of Campanology myself—I don't think there is any need for me to go into all that as we are all getting rather tired of the subject, but surely there is no need to use the columns of 'The Ringing World' to vent our spite?

We are often told that 'sarcasm is the lowest form of wit.' Surely as church workers and Christians it is up to us to be charitable, even if we do not always agree on some matters?

You used to be an easy-going, good-tempered sort of chap, Peter. Don't turn vicious in your old age, please!—Yours faithfully,

STELLA M. KNIGHT.

Burgess Hill.

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting and prize contest took place at New Mill, near Huddersfield, on August 3rd.

Up to the time of the draw the secretary had only received entrance fees for two teams, but four teams entered, and enough spare members were present to make up a mixed band.

Owing to the secretary being unable to purchase prizes for the competition, a committee meeting before the draw took place decided to buy books about campanology with the prize money, and the residue of the money to go to the Association funds.

The draw and result (judged by Mr. H. Tinker, of New Mill) was as follows: Friezland, 40; Meltham, 82; Shelley, 109; Cawthorne, 39; mixed band, 167. Cawthorne were therefore declared the winners.

During the course of the annual meeting, held after the competition, the officers were re-elected en bloc. The balance sheet, which showed a loss for the year of 3s. 7½d., was approved.

A resolution by Mr. J. Burgess, seconded by the president (Mr. E. Earnshaw), that the secretary write Mr. Harry Roberts a letter of good wishes and hopes for his speedy recovery from a serious operation, was fully approved.

Mr. L. Dawson, the secretary of the Friezland team, gave notice that this was the last contest he would be attending, as he had successfully applied for a post in the London area. Mr. G. Crompton, of Cawthorne, wished him every success on behalf of the Association. The finding of a tower for the October contest and quarterly meeting was left in the hands of the secretary. A. F.

SYSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE

The annual outing took place on July 6th, and this year we travelled into Derbyshire. Leaving Syston late, as usual, we arrived at Creswell too early as we had to wait for a wedding service. However, we were soon ringing the bride out of the church on this delightful eight.

Our next call was the light six at Clowne, where several touches came to grief, but generally speaking we left a good impression.

At Bolsover lunch awaited us in the Church Hall, having been arranged by Mr. A. B. Cooper, secretary of the Derbyshire Association. Mr. Cooper, in fact, helped considerably in the organisation of the outing, and his arrangements—like the lunch—were most excellent. After this repast, across the road to the church, where we were met by a number of the local band and where we had some of the best ringing of the day.

So to Chesterfield, and after the fixing of an odd slider and waiting for a choir festival rehearsal down below we had our only 10-bell ringing of the day, whilst Mr. Scattergood tried to discover at precisely which café in the town we had booked tea. Perhaps it was the anxiety about food which made Grandsire Caters rather a struggle! And perhaps the 25 cwt. tenor turned in to Royal made one member too strong-wristed when it came to the salad cream! The lettuce looked charming floating in the middle of it!

The last call of the day was at Mansfield, where we enjoyed an hour's good ringing on this very pleasant eight.

A slight delay, as Jack was waiting with the bus a few streets away from where the ringers were, and we were away to ride home via Nottingham through the grandfather of all thunderstorms! One visitor was certain he had seen his sweet peas floating downstream!

Home at last after a day which will be a very pleasant memory — largely due to the local ringers who took so much trouble over our visits. Thank you, Derbyshire—may we have the pleasure of returning the compliment. P.

ALL SAINTS', HAMER

On July 13th, All Saints', Rochdale, ringers and friends held their annual outing. It was perhaps rather unfortunate that we picked the start of the monsoon season, but we were lucky in that most of the rain fell while we were in the coach.

During the day four 6-bell towers were visited, the first, Gisburn (tenor 9 cwt.), being reached at the arranged time of 9.15 a.m. These are a pleasant ring but rather difficult to handle owing to the long draught of the ropes. The fifth bell caused most concern, and a member of the party, after smiling somewhat at the efforts of another ringer to keep it up, was asked (?) to ring it to a touch of Oxford Treble Bob. He proved that it could be rung successfully, but was afterwards heard to remark that next time he would rise in time to have some breakfast!

From Gisburn we travelled north-westwards, through Settle and Kirkby Lonsdale, around Morecambe Bay, and arrived in Grange-over-Sands for a 12.15 p.m. lunch. This was partaken of at the Hazlemere Café and was an excellent meal.

In the afternoon we visited two nearby churches. The first was the Priory Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, Cartmel. These are a very nice six (tenor 15 cwt.) and well worth a visit. The other tower was Flookburgh, another lovely six (17 cwt.). Here the bells are usually rung muffled, owing to the presence of houses immediately next to the church, but we had the pleasure of ringing them in their full glory as the muffles were removed in readiness for the Sunday.

Tea was had at the same café as lunch, and three members of the party delighted the staff of the café with a course of Grandsire Doubles on handbells. After tea an hour was spent exploring Grange, and fortunately the rain kept off.

The journey home was started at 7 p.m., and the last tower of the day, Milnthorpe (11 cwt.), was visited on the way. Here we finished the day's ringing with a perfect touch of Kent Treble Bob.

Our thanks go to Mr. James Taylor and any others who helped in the organisation, to the incumbents and to local ringers who made us welcome. J. P. P.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION

The North Forest Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association enjoyed a very pleasant annual outing on July 13th. The party was composed of 40 ringers and friends. Towers of the Branch represented were: Redmarley, Staunton, Bromesberrow and Dymock, and visitors from Ledbury, Ross, Much Marcle, Much Dewchurch, Woolaston, Kingstone and Hasfield.

After collecting en route the coach left Gloucester at 8.30 a.m. and proceeded to Chedworth, a very nice ring of six; then on to Coln St. Aldwyn, where the party enjoyed a light eight. Fairford was next visited, and here everyone admired the beautiful windows and the church.

Members here made their own arrangements for lunch. Feeling refreshed, they moved on to Mersey Hampton and Kemble, both good sixes, and then went back to Cirencester for tea.

On the way home North Cerney was visited, with its very beautiful little church with six easy-going bells.

During the tour short touches of the following methods were rung: Grandsire, Stedman Triples, Grandsire Doubles, Bob Doubles, Plain Bob Minor, Little Bob, Oxford, Kent and Reverse St. Bartholomew.

Grateful thanks are due to all incumbents and tower captains for their willing co-operation.

A CHESTER WEDDING

Mr. R. Gordon Corby—Miss M. Roselyn Crewe

An unusual number of churches and ringers were closely linked with the wedding on August 5th at All Saints' Church, Hoole, Chester, of Mr. R. Gordon Corby and Miss M. Roselyn Crewe.

The bridegroom, at present a member of the Bedfordshire Association, will be remembered by the Gloucester and the Chester Diocesan Guilds for his enthusiasm and support. The bride also joined the ranks via the Chester Branch and continued her activities during her three years at Westfield College, London, where she made many new friends and was a regular member of the Hampstead band. The service was conducted by the Rev. J. H. Backhous (Vicar of Marbury), who will be remembered for his ministry at Capenhurst by the members of the Wirral (Cheshire) Branch.

Ringing for the ceremony was provided by the local band, all trainees of the bride's father, who is the local captain and also hon. secretary of the Chester Branch. They were considerably strengthened in the early stages by the addition of Miss Janet Watts and Mr. Austin Wixey, who made the long journey from Gloucester to number among the guests. Unfortunately, owing to an unforeseen and last-minute hitch in travel arrangements, at least three other Gloucester ringers were prevented from attending. Other ringers playing a prominent part were the chief bridesmaid, Miss J. Heath, of Edinburgh, and Master Stephen W. R. Crewe, chief usher and member of the local band.

The reception was held at the Blossoms Hotel, Chester, and, with such a background, it was probably quite natural that the proposal of the traditional toast of 'The bride and bridegroom' should be made in ringing jargon. This was a completely unrehearsed effort on the part of the bride's father, but it was received with such enthusiasm that he was finally persuaded to commit it to writing and, with the substitution of titles for individual names, a copy is appended herewith:—

Toast: 'THE BRIDE AND BRIDEGROOM'
Composed and conducted by E. C. Crewe on August 5th, 1957

'In rising to give you the toast of "The bride and bridegroom," I must warn you that my method may not be quite plain to you all. It will, however, come as no surprise to the newly-spliced couple, nor to our two Gloucester friends, to whom I ap-peal to act as my interpreters. Many of us here remember the bride as a very tiny girl, so small that she may truly be described as "Minimus." Now she has deserted the state of single bliss and joined in double harness, so she can no longer be treated as a minor. In undertaking the triple task of home, work, and home-work, the newly-weds are facing a major problem, which will, no doubt, be difficult to cater for. If they are to avoid any right royal rows, the bridegroom must put a turn in at the (cinque) sink and will, I am quite sure, soon learn a new meaning to "ringer." We trust, however, that the joy-bells will continue to ring for the max-imum of happiness in the years which lie ahead and the new life before them. Lest you think it has been missed, before I bob down I would like you all to dodge up, and I call upon you all to stand and drink the health of the bride and bridegroom.'

P.S.—The composer regrets the omission of the preliminary rounds in the original, but no doubt the bride will soon teach the bridegroom that he has finished the plain course and been called out of the hunt.

To complete the circle, the honeymoon was spent in 'Erin's Isle.'

CHOOSING COMPOSITIONS—WHAT EVERY YOUNG CONDUCTOR SHOULD KNOW

By BRIAN BUSWELL

When selecting compositions to ring for a peal, care should be taken to ensure that the best musical qualities are included. Peals containing the best music are usually, though not always, more difficult to call, but they are well worth the extra effort involved.

In Plain Major methods, about 45 courses are required to produce a peal, and there are 36 courses available with 4, 5 and 6 in 5-6 at the course ends. These are the most musical bells to have there, and to obtain the remaining nine courses it is best to have the 3rd in 5ths (not 6ths). Such a peal is the following one of 5,024 Plain Bob Major, by George Lewis.

23456	W	B	H	
35264	—	—	2	A
63254	—		3	
23564	2		—	
23645				A
32456				A, last call S.
53264	—	—	—	B
36254	2		3	
32564	—		2	
32645				B
43256	—	—	—	
54236	—		3	
35246	—		3	
24356	—		—	
23456			S	

Full combination of 4, 5 and 6 in 5-6. 3rd never in 6ths. 2nd never in 5-6.

A well-known peal of Plain Bob Major with the full combination of 4, 5 and 6 in 5-6 is the 5,056 by J. R. Pritchard, but this has the slight disadvantage of having the 2nd in 5ths for four courses. Similar qualities should be sought in all Plain Major methods, and the following 5,024 is an excellent peal of Double Norwich by Sir A. P. Heywood.

23456	1	5	6	
34256			—	
54236	S			
43256	—		3	A
23546	—		2	
52634		—		B
65234			2	
23654	A			
46235	B			
23465	A			

Repeated.

3rd never in 6ths. 2nd never in 5-6.

In Royal methods 28 courses are necessary for a peal. The most musical ones are those which have the 6th on the front for the first four courses and at Home for the extent (24 courses) to complete the peal as in the following composition of Plain Bob Royal by A. Knights.

23456	W	M	H	
43652		—		
63254		—	3	
42356		—	—	A
35246	S		—	
24536	S		—	
53426	S		—	
42536	—		—	
53246	S		—	
24356	S		—	
35426	S		—	
52436	A, omitting bob M			
23456	A, omitting bob M			

In Treble Bob Major methods it is not always possible to obtain qualities similar to Plain methods because of its liability to internal falseness, and because of this the best music is produced in different ways. In Kent, for instance, it is possible to call bobs at consecutive leads with the tenors in the same position, and the best music is produced when all the course-ends are brought up with double bobs (or 'no teeth missing' as the old-timers used to say). A good example is this 5,024 Kent T.B. Major, by E. C. Gobey:

23456	M	B	W	H
32654		—	1	2
24653	2	—	1	2
32546		—	2	2
23645	2			2
26435	1	—	2	2
24365	1	—	2	2
63425	1	—		2
45236	1		1	2
36524	1		2	2
35264			1	2
62534	1	—		2
54326	2	—	2	2
65243	2		1	2
23456	1		1	2

All peals of Kent Major with the tenors together are true to Bristol but the converse does not necessarily apply.

Similar qualities are desirable in Treble Bob Royal. A good example is the following 5,000 by C. H. Hattersley.

23456	M	W	H
54326		2	2
26435	1	2	2
52364	2	1	2
24365	1		2
52643	2	1	2
45236	2	2	2
36524	1	2	2
23645	2	2	2
23456	2	2	1

With Grandsire Triples there is no choice as all the rows are required for peals, but compositions such as Parker's 12-part and Holt's Original and 10-part are infinitely preferable to the 6-part peals produced on the three lead course plan which are easy to memorise but very monotonous to ring.

In Grandsire Caters there is very much more choice and by putting the big bells into the best positions we can produce the finest music church bells have to offer. There are various musical positions, but the two favourites are the tittums and the handstroke home. These positions sound their best when the 6th is in 5ths at the course ends and the extent is 24 courses each. As short courses are more musical than long ones, another eight courses are required to make up the peal and this 'padding' is best put at the beginning of the peal as in this excellent 5,057 by C. Glenn:

23456789	1	2	3	4	5	
32457968	—				—	
4325	—	—	—			
34256978	—	—		—		
23456	—	—	—			
35426		—	—	—		
43526	—	—	—			
32546		—	—	—		
64235		—	—			
43265		—	—	—		
54362	—	—	S			
35462		—	—			
43562		—	—			
24365		—	S			
52463		—	S			
45263		—	—			A
34562		—	S			
53462		—	—			
25364		—	S			
42563		—	S			
34265		—	S			
234658 79	1, 3, 4S					
32465	A					
234659 78	1, 3, 4					
32465	A					
432658 79	1, 3, 4S					
(34265)	A					

In Stedman Caters the big bells are best in the same positions as Grandsire Caters, but it may be found better to have the 6th in 2nds in the tittums and in 5ths in the handstroke home. A good example is this composition by C. Charge:

5,055 STEDMAN CATERS

231456789	5	16	
* 463152978			
362154	—	3	A
264153	—	3	
461253	—	2	
163254	—	3	
163452	S	—	
462153	A omitting last course		
† 214563			
514362	A		
514263	S	—	
214365	A		

* 2, 3, 6, 10, 13, 16.

† 2, 4, 8, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK

The Stowmarket company of ringers, together with others, and non-ringing friends from the district, visited Cambridgeshire and Huntingdonshire on the occasion of their annual outing on July 13th. Towers visited were Bourn, Godmanchester, Huntingdon (St. Mary), Swavesey, Over, Cambridge (St. Mary, St. Andrew, St. Bene't and the Catholic Church).

Various methods were attempted with varying success and the not-so-advanced were well catered for, with rounds and Plain Bob. An excellent lunch was served in Godmanchester, while tea was taken at the Dorothy Cafe, Cambridge. Worthy of note was the fact that two ringing churchwardens were in the party.

To the incumbents and all who met us and assisted in any way, we tender our sincere thanks; and finally to our organiser, Mr. O. G. Barnard, for his painstaking efforts on our behalf, a very sincere 'Thank you' for a most enjoyable day. R. E. L.

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HUNTINGDON.—At All Saints' Church, on July 14th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. R. G. Spicer 1, Miss B. Spicer 2, Miss D. Robinson 3, J. Goodall 4, H. S. Peacock 5, S. Gilbert (cond.) 6. For morning service.

OBITUARY

MR. FRED HAYES

Wednesday, July 24th, marked the passing of Fred Hayes, of High Wycombe, after a short illness.

Fred, who was 81 years of age, came to High Wycombe from Henley some 60 years ago. He then knew little, if anything, of change-ringing. This handicap was speedily attended to, and a peal tablet at All Saints', High Wycombe, records that he composed and conducted a peal of Grandsire Triples in 1903.

The peal book at All Saints' shows that he took part in well over 100 peals for the Guild or the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths. Stedman and Grandsire Caters and Cinques figure prominently among his peals, most of which he composed and conducted. Although he took part in a peal or two of Maximus, Fred had little time for 'Major' methods, which he considered unmusical.

At High Wycombe Fred will be remembered mainly for his deep interest in composition and proof. He willingly gave his services to anyone needing sound assurance that his (or her) compositions were to ring true.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild was well represented at the funeral service on Monday, July 29th, and half-muffled Grandsire and Stedman Caters were rung during the evening.

S. M. B.

AN APPRECIATION

The passing of an old friend in Fred Hayes must have reminded a good many old ringers of a visit to High Wycome during the last 50 years, where one was always welcomed by him and Ralph Coles. Now both are gone and their places will be difficult to fill.

Fred was in his element when calling Stedman and seldom did he lose either of his own compositions of 5,019 Caters or 5,007 Cinques, and many ringers owe their first peal on ten and 12 bells to him.

I remember he was particularly pleased when, in 1932, he called his 5,007 Stedman Cinques at Oxford, Reading and High Wycombe on the three 12-bell rings in the diocese. Also, in 1933, when he called the same peal at Wycombe with the service band, all being resident in the borough. Fred composed one or two peals of Grandsire Triples which he called a few times, but apart from an odd peal or two of Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Cambridge, his great love was Stedman. His last peal which he conducted was Stedman Caters on July 17th, 1954.

No finer tribute could be given him than that by the Vicar of High Wycombe at his funeral. He said he would be greatly missed as ringer, sincere churchman and regular worshipper and sidesman: he always had dignity, a dignity in his gait and in his character. This was the impression that everyone formed of him and for which he will always be remembered. He has gone from us, unquestionably into the presence of the saints, but has left us a wonderful example of faithful service and dignified bearing which we might well emulate. L. S.

MR. J. S. TOONE

Mr. John Stacey Toone, of Birstall, Leicester, passed away at the age of 37 after a short but painful illness.

He had been a member of the Birstall Parish Church belfry for many years until business prevented him from attending regularly. After the formation of the Leicester Guild, John was chairman of the Syston District for several years.

The sympathy of all Leicester Guild ringers is extended to his wife and three young children.

T. C. B.

MR. WILLIAM LANCASTER

Members of the Derbyshire Association will hear with deep regret of the passing of their friend, Mr. William Lancaster, of 83, Albert Road, Chaddesden, Derby. He died near the place of his youth, at Clayton-le-Woods, near Chorley, Lancashire, on August 3rd, aged 63.

The funeral took place at Whittle on August 7th, and in addition to family mourners, ringers were present from Chorley, Leyland and Preston, and the local band. Touches of Bob Major and Grandsire were rung half-muffled before and after the service, which was choral. The Rev. C. R. Povey, M.A., formerly Rector of Brindle, officiated.

APPRECIATIONS

In my appreciation, I cannot give full details as over 30 years is a long time. Bill Lancaster was a ringer of the best type, absolutely dependable in everything he did. He was chief ringer at St. Peter's, Derby, and was Branch secretary before the M.C.A. was broken up. He rang a considerable number of peals in this area, and if he was coming on a visit a peal had to be arranged. A quiet, unassuming man, it seems fitting that he should be laid to rest near the tower where he learned to ring and the bells he loved so well.

May he rest in peace. E. R. M.

Mr. Lancaster learned his ringing at St. John's, Whittle-le-Woods, and came to Derby in 1926 as a competent ringer. He joined the band at St. Peter's, Derby, and was later the Derby District secretary of the Midland Counties Association. Since coming to Derby he had been a very regular service ringer at St. Peter's until his illness just over a year ago. Although he was greatly opposed to the dissolution of the Midland Counties Association, he worked hard to form the Derbyshire Association in 1946. He was general secretary until 1951, when he was elected vice-president, an office he held until his death.

His total of peals was in the region of 180, of which 61 were rung for the Derbyshire Association. His early peals were rung for the Lancashire Association, with a few for the M.C.A., the East Derbyshire and Notts, and the Midland Counties Guild. He was delighted to have been one of the band who rang the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Major for the Derbyshire Association. This had proved elusive and was a milestone in the area.

Our sympathy is extended to Mrs. Lancaster and his daughter in their sad bereavement.

W. S.

MISS PAMELA HILL

It is with very real regret that we record the tragic death at the age of 15 years of Pamela Hill, of St. Saviour's, Oxton, Birkenhead, who was drowned on July 16th whilst holiday-making at Barmouth.

Just after Easter last year Pam, hearing the bells ringing one Saturday afternoon, came to investigate, decided she wished to learn, and proved a very apt pupil. She became a regular communicant, worshipper and bellringer at St. Saviour's.

During the time she was there she endeared herself to all, being punctual, reliable and most helpful. Nothing was too much trouble for Pam, be it cleaning the belfry or cycling to Woodchurch in all weathers to help restart ringing there. For one so young she had realised early the great happiness to be gained from serving others faithfully.

The cremation service at Landican Cemetery was held in private and a memorial service followed at St. Saviour's on July 20th. The service was choral and the bells were rung

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half-muffled before and after by mixed bands of Wirral ringers. It was attended by her parents, Sqn. Ldr. and Mrs. C. Hill, and other members of her family; the headmistress, staff and members of her school; the Commandant and members of the R.A.F. Station at West Kirby, and a representative gathering of Wirral ringers. The Vicar (Rev. C. R. Whereat) officiated, and Padre Mann, of the R.A.F., gave an address. The service concluded with a moving rendering of the Dead March in 'Saul.'

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ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Holywell (6) on Saturday, Aug. 17th. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 672

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Wiggenhall, St. Mary Magdalen, Saturday, Aug. 17th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 679

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Benenden (8), 2.30 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 17th. Look up Erin Triples.—G. Billenness, Hon. Sec., 3, Grasmere, Hawkhurst, Kent. 662

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, Kimpton (6), Saturday, Aug. 17th, at 3 p.m. Service. Tea. Names for tea to J. G. Cull, 5, The Green, Kimpton, Hitchin, Herts. Phone: Kimpton 350.—S. Huckle, Dis. Sec. 677

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Evening meeting at Harlington on Saturday, August 17th, from 6 p.m. onwards.—F. A. Finch. 695

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch.—Monthly practice, Saturday, August 17th, Duns Tew (5), 6 p.m.; Sandford St. Martin (6), 7.30 p.m. All welcome.—H. L. Roper, Adderbury. 700

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WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—Quarterly meeting, Freshwater, August 17th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea to follow.—A. M. Guy, Hon. Sec. 717

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Combined practice at Cranleigh on Wednesday, Aug. 21st, from 7 to 9 p.m.—M. E. Collins, A. M. Cox, joint Hon. Secs. 711

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Saturday Aug. 24th: St. Dunstan's, Stepney, 3.30 p.m. Ship, Talbot Court, 6 p.m.—A. B. Peck. 686

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION and MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Joint meeting, Repton, Saturday, Aug. 24th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea in Court Room, 5 p.m. All welcome.—V. M. Horton and J. W. Cotton, Hon. Secs. 707

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Annual meeting, Hurworth, Saturday, Aug. 24th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Names for tea by Aug. 22nd to Mr. D. A. Hodgson, Dunelm House, Hurworth, Darlington. 714

ESSEX ASSOCIATION (N.E. District) and SUFFOLK GUILD.—Joint meeting, Bures, Saturday, Aug. 24th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Numbers for tea by Wednesday, Aug. 21st, to L. D. Mills, Lyford, Bures, Suffolk. 683

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Meeting, Swindon Village, Saturday, Aug. 24th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by August 20th to Wendy Bird, 39, Meadoway, Bishop's Cleeve. 699

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—Quarterly meeting, Pontesbury, Saturday, Aug. 24th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m.—G. Randle. 688

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Newchurch on Saturday, Aug. 24th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Business 6 p.m. Free tea *only* for those who send names by previous Wednesday to Rev. E. A. Lee, Newchurch Rectory, Warrington. I desire a good attendance at this meeting.—Thornley, Sec. 685

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Peckleton, Saturday, Aug. 24th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please by Aug. 21st, to Mr. E. A. Hall, Main Street, Peckleton, Leics.—M. Vernon, Dis. Sec. 709

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Meeting at Wigston Magna (8) on Saturday, Aug. 24th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea following. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to Mr. T. E. Harrold, 20, Manor Road, Wigston Magna.—W. A. Lacey, Hon. Dis. Sec. 666

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Meeting, Sileby, Saturday, Aug. 24th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Pochin Hall 5 p.m. Names must be sent in before previous Wednesday to Mr. W. Draper, 3, Highgate Road, Sileby. 708

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Meeting at Nocton, Saturday, Aug. 24th. Tea for those who notify me by Tuesday previous.—C. Brown, 3, Altham Terrace, Lincoln. 678

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Wooburn, Saturday, Aug. 24th, 3.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify me by 20th.—W. Butler, 17, Forest Road, Windsor. 706

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch. — Meeting, Saturday, Aug. 24th, Everleigh. Names to T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Marlborough, Wilts. 705

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Aug. 24th, at Heathfield. Tea 1d. cheaper to those who notify me by previous Wednesday.—H. Reynolds, Sec., 10, Eastern Avenue, Polegate. 691

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Hanbury, Saturday, Aug. 24th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Tuesday, Aug. 20th, to E. F. Cubberley, Park Cottages, Kempsey, near Worcester. 696

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Corporate Communion at Chew Magna on Sunday, Aug. 25th, at 8 a.m. Bells 7 a.m. Breakfast reserved for those notifying by August 23rd Mr. H. Babb, 9, Moorledge Road, Chew Magna. 701

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eightieth anniversary celebration at Durham on Saturday Aug. 31st. Evensong in Cathedral 3.45 p.m. Bells (8) available after service until 6 p.m. Meeting in Song School 6.10 p.m. Reception 6.30 for dinner at 7 p.m. in Great Hall of Durham Castle. Admission by ticket only (price 15s.) obtainable until Aug. 21st by sending remittance to D. A. Bayles, 12, Crichton Avenue, Chester-le-Street. 623

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Kelvedon (6), Saturday, Aug. 31st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea, please, to J. Elliott, 28, Easterford Road, Kelvedon, Colchester.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—A meeting will be held at Northchurch on Saturday, Aug, 31st, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Aug 28th, to Mr. R. Ashby, 38, High Street, Northchurch. No names, no tea.—J. Good, Dis. Sec. 684

LADIES' GUILD.—Sussex District.—Meeting on Saturday, Aug. 31st, at Southover, Lewes (10). Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, Aug. 28th, to Mr. R. C. Hide, 1, Priory Place, Southover, Lewes. Kathleen M. Yeo, Hon. Sec. 689

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Dersingham on Saturday, Aug. 31st. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by the business meeting. Names for tea by Thursday, Aug. 29th, to Mrs. A. Nurse, 7, Centre Vale, Dersingham, King's Lynn. Look up Double and Single Oxford and Double Bob.—C. Tovell, Branch Sec. 712

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Meeting at Harlestone, Saturday, Aug. 31st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m Names are essential for tea and should reach me by Tuesday previous, please.—G. F. Roome, 116, Derby Road, Northampton. 690

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Summer meeting at Elford, near Lichfield, Saturday, Aug. 31st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea not later than August 28th. — Fred Bennett, Pool House Road, Wombourn. 694

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Gorseinon (8 bells), Saturday, Aug. 31st. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea, please. — Hoare, 6, Gendros Crescent, Swansea. 687

DONCASTER AND SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Joint meeting at Conisborough (8 bells) on Saturday, Sept. 7th. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. Milton Fowler, 70, Highfield Road, Conisborough.—G. Watson, Dis. Sec. 715

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Summer festival.—The summer festival will be held (D.V.) on Saturday, Sept. 7th, at Green's Norton. Service 3.30 p.m., followed by tea in the British Legion Clubroom. Tea for those whose names reach, not later than Aug. 27th, Mr. A. Mansfield, 3, Duncote, Green's Norton, Towcester. Towers open for ringing, 1 to 3 p.m.: Gayton, Pattishall, Cold Higham, Towcester, Blakesley, Braddon, Lichborough, and after tea with Paulerspury, Potterspury, Cosgrove, Passenham, Alderton, Grafton Regis, Stoke Bruerne and Wicken.—G. W. Jeffs. 659

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. — Preliminary notice. — Annual dinner at the Guildhall, Worcester, on Saturday, Oct. 5th, at 5.45 p.m. Tickets (8s. 6d. each) available shortly and obtainable from dinner committee, Branch secretaries, or J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Sedgeberrow, Evesham. 698

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By DENNIS KNOX

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CRICKET AT TANFIELD

'There's a breathless hush in the Close tonight,
Ten to make and the match to win,
A bumping pitch and a blinding light,
An hour to play and the last man in.
. . . . . .
Play up, play up and play the game.'

'Vitai Lampada'—SIR HENRY NEWBOLT.

SUCH were the thoughts which sprang to mind on July 20th, when members of the Durham and Newcastle Association met at Tanfield, Co. Durham, to revive an old custom of a cricket match-cum-ringing meeting. The last recorded occasion was in 1896, when the 'Bell News' gave a full report of the proceedings and showed the Newcastle side to be the winners over the Tanfield ringers by 57 runs to 41.

Now, after an interval of 61 years, with a new generation of Tanfield ringers seeking to avenge the earlier defeat, a challenge match was arranged between two teams, selected by the Vicar of Tanfield, the Rev. R. Race, and the president of the Association, Mr. K. Arthur. Arrangements for the day were in the capable hands of Mr. K. W. Cheeseman, the local impresario, who provided us with a wicket on the same field as used by the ringers of last century, so we felt we would be playing on hallowed ground. With the march of time, a special feature of today's game was the inclusion in each team of three lady ringers, who added extra spice and colour to the contest.

At the match of 1896 transport from Newcastle was by horse-drawn wagonette, but in these enlightened days of 1957 such means appeared to be a luxury, for of all days July 20th was the start of the national bus strike, and it was only through the generosity of a few car owners that the two teams could be brought together. However, in spite of the strike and other setbacks, which delayed the start, it was agreed to take an early tea, and the umpires (Messrs. W. N. Park and J. Armstrong) went out to the wicket at 4.30 p.m. in ideal weather. The scorers (Miss M. Wilson and Mr. J. A. Brown) took up their stand, while spectators began to gather from far and near, including one from Canada, a gentleman from Saskatchewan visiting his native village after 51 years' absence—we dare hope that it was the match which enticed him home! A party of nomad ringers also arrived and pitched their tent in the members' enclosure.

Winning the toss and batting first, the president's team did not achieve much success against the Tanfield pace attack or the 'spinners' of the local fair sex, and the side was all out for 29 runs in just over half-an-hour. Under these circumstances, the Tanfield ringers seemed certain to retrieve the honour and could be excused for feeling confident, but they did not bargain for a keen visiting attacking field, and their bats fared disastrously with the whole side being out for 14 runs. Thus the visitors were the victors again and retained their 61-year-old record. At the close of play the scoreboard read as follows:

President's XI.—S. Hewitt (N. Shields) 0, E. N. Harrison (Fenham) 0, G. Cairns (Fenham) 9, K. Arthur (Fenham) 7, G. S. Deas (N/C Cath.) 0, D. A. Bayles (Chester-le-St.) 1, Mrs. K. Arthur (Fenham) 1, D. Robson (N/C St. George) 6, Miss E. Scott (N. Shields) 1, Miss M. Softley (S. Shields) 0, F. W. Cokke (Darlington) 4. Total 29.

Vicar of Tanfield's XI.—K. W. Cheeseman (Tanfield) 1, Miss A. Holmes (Tanfield) 0, Rev. R. Race (Tanfield) 0, Miss E. Brabban (Tanfield) 0, J. Race (Tanfield) 0, C. T. Lamb (Benfieldside) 3, Miss R. Brabban (Tanfield) 5, E. Oliver (Consett) 0, R. Oliver (Consett) 0, N. Errington (Consett) 3, J. Robinson (Tanfield) 2. Total 14.

After congratulations all round, warm thanks were accorded the Vicar, Mr. Cheeseman and all the helpers who had contributed to the success of the venture. The umpires and the scorers proved worthy officials, and we were grateful to the supporter from the 'members' enclosure' who distributed sliced oranges to the teams on the field during the intervals.

The remainder of the evening was taken up with ringing on the eight bells of the Parish Church of St. Margaret, and in a convivial get-together at the Peacock Inn, where the ghosts of the ringing cricketers of yester-year are wont to walk.

A challenge for a return match next year has already been made to the victors, so all aspiring exponents of rope and willow are advised to get in some intensive training in readiness, and follow the epic command: Play up, play up and play the game. K. A.

A WEEK-END IN THREE COUNTIES

BAMPTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 3, 1957, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

Stephen Ivin	*Treble*	Ralph Bird	5
*Peter J. Shipton	2	Philip Mehew	6
Anthony R. Peake	3	George E. Fearn	7
Brian Bladon	4	A. Patrick Cannon	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.
* First peal of Surprise Major 'inside.' The conductor's 50th different tenor 'turned in' to a ring weighing 25 cwt. or more.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Ann M. Cox, of Guildford.

FARINGDON, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 3, 1957, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in E.

Peter J. Shipton	*Treble*	Brian Bladon	5
Philip Mehew	2	George E. Fearn	6
Ralph Bird	3	Derek P. Jones	7
A. Patrick Cannon	4	Stephen Ivin	*Tenor*

Composed by Edwin Hims. Conducted by Stephen Ivin.

ALDBOURNE, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 5, 1957, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. in E flat.

A. Patrick Cannon	*Treble*	Ralph Bird	5
Philip Mehew	2	George E. Fearn	6
Derek P. Jones	3	Stephen Ivin	7
Ralph G. Edwards	4	Brian Bladon	*Tenor*

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Ralph Bird.
First peal of London Major as conductor. First peal of London Surprise on the bells.

HUNGERFORD, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 5, 1957, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Laurence,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in F.

A. Patrick Cannon	*Treble*	Derek P. Jones	5
Ralph G. Edwards	2	George E. Fearn	6
Brian Bladon	3	Stephen Ivin	7
Ralph Bird	4	Philip Mehew	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Stephen Ivin.
First peal of Bristol as conductor. Mr. A. P. Cannon's 475th tower for a peal. First peal of Bristol on the bells.

TEN BELL PEALS

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 3, 1957, in 3 Hours and 43 Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Divine,
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

Brian G. Warwick	*Treble*	George H. Hebborn	6
David Simpson	2	Brian S. Chapman	7
Joan K. Brown	3	John M. Jelley	8
*Vernon Pratt	4	Ernest J. Jelley	9
Ernest Morris	5	Albert J. Cooke	*Tenor*

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Brian G. Warwick.
* First peal.

STRADBROKE, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Tues., Aug. 6, 1957, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 21 cwt.

Stanley W. Copling	*Treble*	George Sayer	6
H. William Barrett	2	Lionel S. Woods	7
Nolan Golden	3	Arthur G. Bason	8
Arthur G. Mason	4	Bert Gogle	9
*Richard F. Prime	5	L Edward Etheridge	*Tenor*

Composed by Sir Arthur P. Heywood. Conducted by Nolan Golden.
* First peal of Stedman Caters.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Aug. 7, 1957, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
At the Bell Foundry Campanile,
A PEAL OF 5025 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

Brian G. Warwick	*Treble*	John A. Acres	6
Brian S. Chapman	2	Shirley Burton	7
Ernest Morris	3	Harry Poyner	8
Phyllis Poole	4	Ernest J. Jelley	9
Joseph W. Cotton	5	*Roger K. Stretton	*Tenor*

Composed by Shirley Burton. Conducted by Brian G. Warwick.
* First peal on ten bells.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Aug. 10, 1957, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Paul,
A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 28½ cwt.

Howard Howell	*Treble*	Arthur R. Wright	6
Harry Boswell	2	†Ian M. Holland	7
*Paul J. Rigby	3	Barnabas G. Key	8
John A. Anderson	4	Ralph G. Edwards	9
Ernest Stitch	5	‡Eric Edginton	*Tenor*

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Howard Howell.
* First peal of Caters. † First peal of Stedman Caters. ‡ First peal on ten bells.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 10, 1957, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 16½ cwt.

*H. Michael Williamson	*Treble*	†Anthony E. Cox	6
Wilfrid G. Wilson	2	Frank W. Lewis	7
†Mrs. A. E. Cox	3	Ronald F. Diserens	8
Mrs. O. L. Rogers	4	Walter Lee	9
*David Cornwall	5	Harold W. Rogers	*Tenor*

Composed by F. E. Darby Conducted by Wilfrid G. Wilson.
* First peal on ten. † First of Surprise Royal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., July 30, 1957, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Six-part. Tenor 25¼ cwt. in D flat.

Leonard Stilwell	*Treble*	Charles E. J. Norris	5
Edgar R. Rapley	2	James H. Lilley	6
Albert W. Bond	3	W. Arthur Riddington	7
Frederick Page	4	Arthur J. Hart	*Tenor*

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HINGHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., July 31, 1957, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5152 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16¼ cwt. in F.

JOHN S. BARNES	*Treble*	NOLAN GOLDEN	5
ARTHUR G. BASON	2	GEORGE SAYER	6
ARTHUR G. MASON	3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	7
GEORGE P. ADAMS	4	BERT GOGLE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., July 31, 1957, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

PHYLLIS POOLE	*Treble*	G. RONALD EDWARDS	5
ERNEST J. JELLEY	2	JOHN A. ACRES	6
ERNEST MORRIS	3	BRIAN G. WARWICK	7
SHIRLEY BURTON	4	BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

SHIRLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Wed., July 31, 1957, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6¼ cwt.

HARRY BOSWELL	*Treble*	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	5
*PAUL J. RIGBY	2	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	6
ERIC E. SPEAKE	3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	7
JOHN PINFOLD	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal of Rutland.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Aug. 2, 1957, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

G. RONALD EDWARDS	*Treble*	JOHN A. ACRES	5
ERNEST W. RAWSON	2	MICHAEL W. CROWDER	6
PHYLLIS POOLE	3	JOSEPH W. COTTON	7
JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM	4	PETER J. STANIFORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.

HALESWORTH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 3, 1957, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5184 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 26 lb. in E.

STANLEY W. COPLING	*Treble*	PETER S. BEDFORD	5
L EDWARD ETHERIDGE	2	WALTER RUFFLES	6
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	3	JOHN W. BLYTHE	7
C. JACK GIBSON	4	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	*Tenor*

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

WHITWORTH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Rochdale Branch.)
On Sat., Aug. 3, 1957, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. BARTHOLOMEW AND GEORGE.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb.

*DEREK BUTTERWORTH	*Treble*	STEPHEN LL. PARRY	5
†KEITH ABBOTT	2	GEOFFREY S. MILLS	6
ALLAN SMITH	3	HAROLD HAMER	7
JOHN T. WALMSLEY	4	SELWYN H. DEARDEN	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by HAROLD HAMER.
* First peal and first attempt. † First peal on eight bells.
Arranged and rung to celebrate the birth of a son (Ian Geoffrey) to Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Mills.

THURCASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Aug. 6, 1957, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE LATIMER CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Bruerton's Twelve-part. Tenor 10 cwt. 7 lb. in G.

*JACK HANDFORD	*Treble*	‡ROGER A. BREWIN	5
ERNEST MORRIS	2	B. STEDMAN PAYNE	6
ROYSTON WILMORE	3	F. KEVIN THOMPSON	7
†HUGH MATTHEWMAN	4	CHARLES LOWE	*Tenor*

Transposed and Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Grandsire Triples 'inside.' ‡ First peal of Grandsire Triples.

PAKEFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Wed., Aug. 7, 1957, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS AND ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in G.

*JILL MARTIN	*Treble*	SYDNEY J. MERRY	5
GEORGE W. HOWLETT	2	FRANCIS R. LOWE	6
JOHN W. G. KINDRED	3	EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	7
MICHAEL SOLLEY	4	PETER KINDRED	*Tenor*

Composed by F. G. MAY. Conducted by PETER KINDRED.
* First peal of Major.
A compliment to Mr. J. F. White, one of the most regular Sunday service ringers and donor of the third bell, whose 83rd birthday was on August 6th.

EARDISLAND, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Aug. 8, 1957, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in G.

*ROGER L. NUTT	*Treble*	VIVIENNE M. HORTON	5
LESLIE EVANS	2	‡JOHN A. ANDERSON	6
STELLA HUGHES	3	‡IAN M. HOLLAND	7
†JOHN R. JOYNER	4	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
* First peal with a treble bob hunt. † First peal of Lincolnshire 'inside.' ‡ First peal in the method.

CONISBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield and District Society.)
On Fri., Aug. 9, 1957, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 13¾ cwt.

SUSAN CHADDOCK	*Treble*	†JOHN N. D. CHADDOCK	5
*ELIZABETH A. WARDILL	2	J. FREDERICK MILNER	6
MILTON FOWLER	3	HERBERT O. CHADDOCK	7
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	4	NORMAN CHADDOCK	*Tenor*

Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.
* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Cambridge Surprise.

BOURNEMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 10, 1957, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21¼ cwt. in E.

HERBERT A. MITCHELL	*Treble*	*ADRIAN J. TUMBER	5
*JESSIE M. KIPPIN	2	HERRICK B. BOWLEY	6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	3	MAURICE J. BUTLER	7
JOHN HARTLESS	4	R. ROGER SAVORY	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by R. ROGER SAVORY.
* First peal in the method. First peal of Superlative as conductor.
Rung as a compliment to Mary E. Davis and Derek J. Perry on the occasion of their wedding at St. Peter's earlier in the day. Also as a 21st birthday compliment to the twin daughters of the treble ringer.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 10, 1957, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

REGINALD WOODYATT	*Treble*	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	5
R. GEORGE MORRIS	2	SIDNEY T. HOLT	6
SUSAN JACKSON	3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN	7
*FRED JUKES	4	THOMAS W. LEWIS	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by R. GEORGE MORRIS.
* First peal of Yorkshire. First peal of Surprise as conductor.

CHATHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 10, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 25 cwt.

EMILY B. P. WALKER	*Treble*	*CHRISTOPHER T. LAMB	5
HARRY SPRINGATE	2	RONALD E. NORRIS	6
JENNIFER M. HIGHLEY	3	WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT	7
FRANCIS J. CHEAL	4	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.

* First peal of Triples 'inside.' The conductor's 100th peal for Kent County Association.

Rung as a compliment to Derek Norris and Brenda Sheepwash on their engagement; they are both ringers at Chatham.

HANDSWORTH, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Aug. 10, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

J. NEVILLE PARKIN	*Treble*	JOHN PINFOLD	5
FRANK E. HAYNES	2	TERRY R. HAMPTON	6
*DIANA J. PERRINS	3	HENRY H. FEARN	7
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

* First peal of London.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 10, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

TREVOR N. J. BAILEY	*Treble*	*RICHARD F. PRIME	5
*LIONEL S. WOODS	2	NOLAN GOLDEN	6
ARTHUR G. MASON	3	JOHN S. BARNES	7
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON	4	GEORGE SAYER	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal in the method.

OAKHAM, RUTLAND.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 10, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt.

JAMES W. HAW	*Treble*	GEORGE BUSH	5
*MRS. J. W. HAW	2	ALBERT SCOTT	6
CECIL WADE	3	JAMES H. MUSSON	7
RONALD HILL	4	JOHN H. BLUFF	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by JOHN H. BLUFF.

* First peal of Major 'inside.'

This composition is rung for the first time.

PERSHORE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 10, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 21 *Minutes,*
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND EDBURGA.
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 26 cwt. in D.

FRANK L. HARRIS	*Treble*	*GEORGE E. EVENDEN	5
*JAMES E. DANIELS	2	*DAVID BEACHAM	6
GEORGE W. MASSEY	3	DAVID HOARE	7
MICHAEL J. BEST	4	RONALD N. MARLOW	*Tenor*

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.

* First peal in the method. The first peal of London on the bells.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Aug 10, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,
A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 28 lb. in D.

*PETER M. ADCOCK	*Treble*	RONALD A. BUGG	5
ROBERT E. LESTER	2	GILBERT R. GOODSHIP	6
WILLIAM B. DUNCAN	3	EDWARD E. DAVEY	7
†IVAN COOPER	4	†LESLIE N. MELTON	*Tenor*

Composed by J. REEVE. Conducted by LESLIE N. MELTON.

* First peal of Major (aged 15). † First peal in the method. First peal of Major as conductor (aged 15).

Rung as a birthday compliment to Peter Lester, of Needham Market.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 10, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND THOMAS OF CANTERBURY.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 25¼ cwt. in D.

GEORGE W. HOWLETT	*Treble*	EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	5
EDWIN R. GOATE	2	PETER G. W. NEWSTEAD	6
DORIS E. LIDBETTER	3	A. ERNEST LONG	7
STANLEY W. COPLING	4	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	*Tenor*

Composed by GEO. H. CROSS. Conducted by EDWIN R. GOATE.

Rung by members of the East Norfolk Branch, by invitation of the Church Authorities, to commemorate the 850th anniversary of the founding of the Abbey.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., Aug. 12, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

J. NEVILLE PARKIN	*Treble*	JOHN PINFOLD	5
DIANA J. PERRINS	2	H. DAVID HOLLAND	6
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN	7
ERIC E. SPEAKE	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by F. H. DEXTER. Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Mon., Aug. 12, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 26¼ cwt. in D.

*SAMELA R. P. THOMAS	*Treble*	JAMES S. EASTWOOD	5
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	2	JOHN ANDERSON	6
STELLA HUGHES	3	P. GEORGE GOLDER	7
ERNEST STITCH	4	HOWARD HOWELL	*Tenor*

Composed by J. NICHOLLS. Conducted by JAMES S. EASTWOOD.

* First peal of Major in the method.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Aug. 13, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Haley's variation of Thurstans'. Tenor 15 cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT	*Treble*	HAROLD W. CLARK	5
ARTHUR G. MASON	2	†HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	6
*EDWIN A. BARNETT	3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM	7
ALFRED G. HILL	4	‡PHILIP A. CORBY	*Tenor*

Conducted by HERBERT E. AUDSLEY.

* 600th peal. † 200th peal on the bells. ‡ 50th peal on the bells.

Rung on the 25th anniversary of the death of Edwin Barnett, sen., father and grandfather respectively of the ringers of the treble and third, for 43 years leader of the ringers at St. Paulinus', Crayford, who between 1899 and 1929 called the first peal by all the above band except the tenor ringer.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

BOBBING, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 20, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 9½ cwt.

RALPH BIRD	*Treble*	HARRY SPRINGATE	4
*RUTH HIGHLEY	2	TERENCE BARTON	5
JOSEPH E. GRENSTED	3	BRIAN BLADON	*Tenor*

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

* First peal 'inside.'

GAMSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 5, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being 720 each of Court Bob, Oxford Bob and St. Clement's and two 720's each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

GRACE BURCHNALL	*Treble*	†RICHARD HOBBS	4
KATHERINE BURCHNALL	2	GEORGE CHALLANS	5
*TERANCE RANDALL	3	HAROLD DENMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD DENMAN.

* First peal. † First peal in five methods.

A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. Challans, whose anniversary was on July 23rd.

DENTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Aug. 8, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Anne, Haughton,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise and Oxford Treble Bob, two extents of Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 15 cwt.

Derek Ogden	*Treble*	Derek F. Yates	4
Trevor Taylor	2	Geoffrey D. Fearnehough	5
Neil Bennett	3	Derek Taylor	*Tenor*

Conducted by Derek Ogden.
Rung for the 75th anniversary of the dedication of the church.

HATHEROP, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Aug. 8, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 12 extents of Plain Bob (four callings) and 30 of Grandsire (ten callings).
Tenor 7 cwt.

John Lawrence	*Treble*	William A. Godwin	4
*Peter W. Bartlett	2	Patrick A. Bartlett	5
Mrs. W. A. Godwin	3	Joyce Morse	*Tenor*

Conducted by William A. Godwin.
* First peal ' inside.'
A 21st birthday compliment to the ringers of 1 and 2.

WENHASTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Thurs., Aug. 8, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt. 6 lb.

C. Jack Gibson	*Treble*	Richard F. Prime	4
Peter S. Bedford	2	John W. Blythe	5
Edwin T. Chapman	3	Redvers F. Elkington	*Tenor*

Conducted by John W. Blythe.

DAVENHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 10, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Wilfrid,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Consisting of seven different extents.
Tenor 15 cwt.

*Cynthia Moore	*Treble*	Mrs. D. Lowe	4
Eric Hornby	2	†Douglas Lowe	5
John Scott	3	Harry W. Howard	*Tenor*

Conducted by Harry W. Howard.
* First peal of Minor. † First peal. 100th peal as conductor. 50th peal on the bells.

HAWARDEN, FLINTSHIRE.
THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 10, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Deiniol,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of St. Clement's, Double Oxford and Single Oxford Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and two extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb.

George F. Sperring	*Treble*	Dennis H. B. Millward	4
John W. Griffiths	2	John T. Tilston	5
John Dean	3	Percy Swindley	*Tenor*

Conducted by John W. Griffiths.

TWYFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 10, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents Single Oxford and four of Plain Bob, each called differently.
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr.

*Rowena Tyler	*Treble*	*Charles E. Cooper	4
J. Harry Cook	2	*Geoffrey A. Bowcutt	5
Harold T. Bonshor	3	Roland H. Cook	*Tenor*

Conducted by Roland H. Cook.
* First peal of Minor in two methods. First peal as conductor.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Thomas Thompson, a ringer from Great Dalby, who was married the same day at Lyddington, near Swindon, to Miss Mary Preedy.

MARCH, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 10, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Wendreda,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
C.C.C. Nos. 20, 21, 74, 75, 76, 77 and 82.
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in E.

*Donald E. R. Knights	*Treble*	Harold S. Peacock	4
Donald F. Murfet	2	Trevor A. Bevis	5
Fredk. S. Parsons	3	Geoffrey A. Lucas	*Tenor*

Conducted by Trevor A. Bevis.
* 50th peal.
A birthday compliment to Miss June Peel, who is a bellringer at this church.

BARROW, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 12, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 240 St. Peter's, ten extents each of St. Simon's, St. Martin's and Plain Bob (four callings) and ten extents of Grandsire (ten callings).
Tenor 14 cwt.

*Hubert Mitson	*Treble*	†Terence G. Page	3
Kenneth G. Brown	2	Trevor N. J. Bailey	4
		‡Leslie N. Melton	*Tenor*

Conducted by Kenneth G. Brown.
* First peal of Doubles. † First peal. ‡ First peal in five methods. 50th peal as conductor.

DERBY.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Aug. 12, 1947, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent T.B. and three extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

Benjamin Barker	*Treble*	Francis R. Lowe	4
David K. Walklate	2	*Ernest H. Johnson	5
Jack Bailey	3	Alfred Mould	*Tenor*

Conducted by Jack Bailey.
* First peal in three methods.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam William Lancaster general secretary at the foundation of the Derbyshire Association, and a devoted ringer at this church for many years.

HANDBELL PEALS

WIGSTON MAGNA, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Aug. 4, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
At 24, Manor Street.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 18 in G.

*Brian G. Warwick	1—2	*John A. Acres	5—6
Ernest Morris	3—4	John M. Jelley	7—8
		Brian S. Chapman	9—10

Composed by Ernest Morris. Conducted by Brian G. Warwick.
* 150th peal together.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Aug. 8, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
In the Belfry of the Church of St. Margaret,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 17 in A.

Ernest Morris	1—2	Harry Poyner	5—6
John A. Acres	3—4	John R. Smith	7—8

Composed and Conducted by Harry Poyner.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Aug. 9, 1957, *in* 1 *Hour and* 55 *Minutes,*
In the Belfry of the Cathedral Church of St. Martin,
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

Harry Poyner	1—2	John Acres	5—6
Peter J. Staniforth	3—4	*John R. Smith	7—8

Composed by Frederick H. Dexter. Conducted by John R. Smith.
* First peal of Major on handbells as conductor.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Aug. 9, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
At 12, Dorothy Avenue, Glen Hills.
A PEAL OF 5376 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

Brian G. Warwick	1—2	John R. Smith	5—6
Ernest Morris	3—4	Mrs. J. R. Smith	7—8

Composed by Ernest Morris. Conducted by Brian G. Warwick.

QUARTER PEALS

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On April 21st, 1,260 Doubles (600 Grandsire and 660 Plain Bob): A. Craven (first on a working bell) 1, Diana M. Gough (first in two methods) 2, Pamela R. Gough (first in two methods) 3, D. H. Paine (first in two methods) 4, H. W. Brown (cond.) 5, R. D. Brown 6. For the Easter festival.—Also on Aug. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. H. Craven 1, Joan E. Baker (first of Doubles 'inside') 2, Pamela R. Gough 3, R. D. Brown (cond.) 4, H. W. Brown 5, Valerie Mepham 6. Rung as a 20th birthday compliment to the ringer of the tenor.

ASH PRIORS, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 10th, 1,260 Doubles (240 each of Stedman, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, April Day, Plain Bob and 60 of Grandsire): S. N. Bristow 1, Miss J. Taylor 2, C. W. J. Tarr 3, R. G. Smith 4, J. Taylor (cond.) 5, H. Taylor 6.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCS.—At the Parish Church, on July 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Shallcross (11) 1, Joan Carter (cond.) 2, W. Harrison 3, D. F. Malloch (first 'inside') 4, A. D. J. Goodwin (14) 5, M. R. Gibson (14) 6. Rung prior to evening service and in commemoration of the baptism the previous day by the Rector (Canon Colin Lamont) of his grand-daughter, Catherine Mary Whittam.

BACKWELL, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Monica Fray 1, J. Brain 2, T. Phillips 3, Kathleen Weller 4, M. Horseman 5, C. Kortright 6, M. Chilcott (cond.) 7, H. Hardwidge 8.

BADBY, NORTHANTS.—On Aug. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Pat Tyson (first quarter) 1, E. Bull (first 'inside') 2, R. Roberts (first 'inside') 3, R. Chater 4, T. Haines (first 'inside' and as cond.) 5, P. Box 6.

BENSON, OXON.—On July 24th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: R. B. Bond (cond.) 1, J. Berry 2, J. Godman 3, R. Baker 4, F. Godden 5, A. Greenough 6, W. Fulger 7, F. Absolom 8. First of Major 4 and 6. Last quarter on the bells before rehanging.

BEXLEY, KENT.—On Aug. 11th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Miss B. A. Thompson 1, Miss M. R. Andrews 2, Miss J. R. Cox 3, Miss D. M. Ward 4, E. A. Barnett 5, H. Hoverd 6, H. E. Audsley 7, J. L. Morris (cond.) 8. First of Cambridge Major for 2 and 3. Rung for Evensong and as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss M. R. Andrews.

BIDDISHAM, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 8th, 1,272 Minimus (14 extents of Erin and 13 each of Reverse Plain Bob, Double Bob and Plain Bob): J. Brain 1, Monica Fray 2, M. Horseman (cond.) 3, L. Derrick 4. First four-bell quarter by all and presumably on the bells. Fifteen changes of method.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.—On June 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. W. G. Elliott 1, B. E. Matthews 2, P. H. Langton (cond.) 3, T. Newman 4, R. A. Brown (first 'inside') 5, G. R. Crisp (first quarter) 6. Rung for St. Richard's-tide. Ringers of 1, 2, 5 and 6 are members of the local St. Richard's Guild. Ringer of 3 a former member.

BODENHAM, HEREFORD.—On Aug. 4th, 1,259 Grandsire Doubles: Miss D. Rushton 1, Mrs. T. Rushton 2, Mrs. J. Minton 3, R. Billings 4, A. E. Rushton (cond.) 5, T. Rushton 6. For morning service.

BRENCHLEY, KENT.—On July 4th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss O. Couchman 1, T. E. Sone 2, Miss L. Grenham (first of Major) 3, E. Bromley 4, R. E. Lambert 5, A. Bromley 6, R. T. Lambert 7, C. A. Tester (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At St. Peter's Church, on Aug. 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Betty Stephenson 1, G. North 2, A. W. Gravett 3, P. G. B.-Knights 4, E. K. Jordan 5, A. W. Bond 6, F. W. Burnett (cond.) 7, F. Lewis 8. First of Stedman for 1, 2, 4 and 8.

BURTON LATIMER, NORTHANTS.—On Aug. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Morley 1, R. Stretton 2, Miss J. Giles 3, B. S. Cope 4, P. G. K. Davies (first of Triples 'inside') 5, D. W. James 6, G. E. Watson (cond.) 7, V. Headland 8. First of Triples for 1, 3 and 8.

CHARMINSTER, DORSET.—On Aug. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss W. Harewood (first quarter) 1, Miss T. Barnett 2, J. Vardy 3, H. C. Pearce 4, E. H. Amey (cond.) 5, J. Damen 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Admiral Sir Lumley Lyster, a member of the P.C.C., who was interred this day.

CLEWER, BERKS.—On Aug. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss M. Shuttle 1, Miss J. Shuttle 2, K. Buckingham 3, W. Butler (cond.) 4, A. Bird 5, C. Dent 6. First quarter for 1, 2 and 6. For the birthday of H.R.H. Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother.

COMBE FLOREY, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 10th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Miss J. Taylor 1, S. N. Bristow 2, C. W. J. Tarr 3, R. G. Smith 4, J. Taylor (cond.) 5, H. Taylor 6. Rung as a wedding compliment for Michael J. Commins and Ann Rutt, married this day at St. George's, Bicknoller, Somerset.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Aug. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. K. Snelling 1, G. Apps 2, R. Johnson 3, K. Snelling 4, J. Jeffery 5, R. Overy 6, F. Godsmark (cond.) 7, T. Brett 8. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. B. J. Wilson and Miss E. J. Smart, eldest daughter of the Vicar (the Rev. J. O. Smart) and Mrs. Smart.

DANBURY, ESSEX.—On July 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. Y. West 1, T. R. Roast 2, E. G. Roast 3, P. J. Came 4, J. West 5, I. J. M. Saunders (cond.) 6. Rung in memoriam Brig. A. Francis Hawkins, churchwarden of this church, who passed away on June 27th. Also on July 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. Skennerton (first quarter) 1, Miss M. Dowsett 2, P. J. Came 3, M. Edwards 4, I. J. M. Saunders (cond.) 5, P. W. Saltmarsh 6.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.—On Aug. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. G. F. Roome 1, Miss D. M. Miller 2, Miss J. A. Downing 3, I. J. Dickin 4, B. Jeffries 5, A. R. Jones 6, G. F. Roome (cond.) 7, K. D. Perkins 8. Rung by members of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild after a peal attempt.

FORNHAM ALL SAINTS, SUFFOLK.—On Aug. 8th, 2,040 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Hart 1, J. Pettitt (first 'inside') 2, A. W. Rolfe 3, K. G. Brown (cond.) 4, L. Melton 5.

GREAT DALBY, LEICS.—On Aug. 11th, 1,260 Doubles (being 480 each of St. Simon's and Plain Bob and 300 Grandsire): D. Cooper (first quarter) 1, H. T. Bonshor 2, Miss R. Tyler 3, C. E. Cooper (cond.) 4, G. A. Bowcutt 5. Rung for evening service.

GUISELEY, YORKS.—On Aug. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Cooper 1, W. Dixon 2, G. Dixon 3, F. Rayment 4, W. Barton 5, A. C. Walsh 6, P. Whitaker (cond.) 7, E. H. Simpson 8. Rung for the festival of St. Oswald.

HAMPTON, MIDDLX.—On Aug. 11th, 1,260 Minor (720 Hereward Bob, 540 Horsmonden Bob): Margaret Essen 1, P. Feddern 2, W. S. Deason 3, D. A. S. Hawkins 4, P. A. Lawrence (cond.) 5, R. A. Woodcock 6.

HASTINGS, SUSSEX.—At the Church of All Saints, on Aug. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. H. Avey 1, E. F. P. Bryant (first as cond.) 2, Miss M. Gibson (first of Triples) 3, S. F. Buckland 4, Mrs. C. A. Levett 5, R. G. Roberts 6, C. A. Levett 7, W. Levett 8.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Aug. 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss A. Lowings (first in method) 1, S. Penfold 2, M. Bland 3, T. East 4, R. Brown 5, A. J. Salisbury (cond.) 6, F. V. Gant 7, A. Gargrave 8.

HORSMONDEN, KENT.—On July 31st, 1,760 Kent Treble Bob Major: G. Waghorne 1, F. J. Lambert 2, T. E. Sone (cond.) 3, E. Bromley 4, S. G. Ponting 5, R. E. Lambert 6, R. T. Lambert 7, C. A. Tester 8.

KINGSBURY, MIDDLX.—On Aug. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Reed 1, Miss J. Smith 2, Mrs. M. L. Thirst 3, M. King 4, A. F. Thirst (cond.) 5, J. Voss 6. First quarter for 1 and 2.

LITTLE BADDOW, ESSEX.—On May 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Dowsett 1, I. J. M. Saunders 2, P. W. Saltmarsh (cond.) 3, P. J. Came 4, J. E. G. Roast 5. Rung in memoriam Fred Nunn, for many years verger at this church.

LONG BUCKBY, NORTHANTS.—On Aug. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: E. G. Orland 1, E. Gautry (first 'inside') 2, E. M. Thresher 3, J. H. Williams 4, M. F. Amos (cond.) 5. Rung for the feast of St. Lawrence.

MOULTON, NORTHANTS.—On Aug. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. F. Roome (cond.) 1, Mrs. G. F. Roome 2, R. Chater 3, Miss D. M. Miller 4, Miss J. A. Downing 5, J. M. Rainbow 6, M. R. Bennett 7, R. V. Baker 8. First quarter on eight bells for 3 and 6.

MADRON, CORNWALL.—On Aug. 3rd, 2,520 Grandsire Triples: Rita M. Webb (Warmley) 1, Rev. A. S. Roberts (cond.) 2, H. Tayson 3, A. Carveth 4, D. N. Penrose 5, E. F. Payne (Syston) 6, G. Werrell 7, G. W. Taysom 8. Longest length on eight by 1 and 7.

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.—On July 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Margaret MacKay 1, F. Osbaldiston 2, Dorothy Stafford 3, W. Dowse 4, A. Osbaldiston 5, A. McFall (cond.) 6.—Also on Aug. 4th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Dorothy Stafford 1, F. Osbaldiston 2, A. Osbaldiston 3, B. Groves 4, A. McFall (cond.) 5, R. Smith 6. For Evensong.

NEW ROMNEY, KENT.—On Aug. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (with 7, 8 covering): S. J. Boulden 1, Maisie Vantom 2, Mrs. E. G. Swift 3, M. G. Swift 4, H. S. Humphrey 5, E. G. Swift (cond.) 6, A. L. Terry 7, R. Allen 8. For morning service.

NUTFIELD, SURREY.—On Aug. 4th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob and 660 Grandsire): A. R. C. Clarke 1, Nancy Kempsell (first as cond. in two methods) 2, G. Olliver 3, Freda Hankey 4, A. Streeter 5, W. Clarke 6.

ROSTHERNE, CHESHIRE.—On July 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Snape 1, J. Wheadon 2, S. Sage J. T. Jenkins 4, R. Hough 5, S. Hough, jun. (cond.) 6. Rung fully muffled in memoriam George Bason, local ringer.

SEDLESCOMBE, SUSSEX.—On Aug. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. P. Bryant (first away from cover) 1, Celia Whitfield 2, Daphne Lester (first as cond.) 3, Margaret Wilson 4, E. Fellows 5, Katherine Stisted 6. An 18th birthday compliment to Miss Margaret Wilson.

SHREWSBURY, SALOP.—At St. Chad's Church, on Aug. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (rung on the back eight): Mrs. E. F. Willcox 1, F. A. H. Cattell 2, J. E. Wilson 3, A. E. G. Owen 4, P. J. Evans 5, F. G. Beddow 6, E. F. Willcox (cond.) 7, F. R. Mason 8. The fourth wedding anniversary of the ringer on the 2nd bell.

STREATHAM, S.W.—At Immanuel Church, on Aug. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Crowe (first quarter) 1, J. Chapman 2, J. Cook 3, G. Parsons 4, J. Euston (cond.) 5, M. Williamson 6, C. Nichols 7, E. Talbot 8.

TEWKESBURY, GLOS.—At the Abbey Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, on July 13th, 1,320 Little Bob Maximus: F. G. Leaker 1, T. Edwards 2, P. Gray 3, I. H. Trueman 4, R. G. Hooper 5, R. J. Bowden 6, D. Heighton 7, F. Hansford 8, J. Gilbert 9, F. Mack 10, N. H. Coombs 11, E. F. Hancock (cond.) 12. First of Little Bob Maximus by all the band.

THRUMPTON, NOTTS.—On Aug. 9th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Bob and 780 Grandsire): G. Fisher (first quarter) 1, J. Butler 2, F. Priestley 3, C. W. Towers (cond.) 4, S. Adams 5.

WEST DIDSBURY, MANCHESTER.—On Aug. 4th, 1,260 Doubles (240 each of St. Simon's, St. Martin's and Plain Bob and 540 Grandsire): G. Buchan 1, Barbara Kay 2, G. Beevers 3, D. F. Manning 4, V. Griffin (cond.) 5, M. J. M. Ratliff (first in four methods) 6. First quarter for 1 and 3. For Evensong.

WESTHOUGHTON, LANCS.—On Aug. 10th, 1,344 Spliced Plain Bob and Cambridge Surprise Major (being 960 Plain Bob, 384 Cambridge, with 24 changes of method): Miss B. Ayris 1, P. J. H. Hudson 2, Mrs. P. J. H. Hudson 3, A. E. Hartley 4, A. Greenhalgh 5, J. L. Wright 6, P. Crook, sen. (cond.) 7, J. Thornley 8.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Aug. 8th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: A. Bagworth 1, J. Tomsett 2, M. P. Moreton 3, A. Bishop 4, M. Sinden 5, F. Corfield (cond.) 6. First of Treble Bob Minor for 1, 4, 5 and 6. Rung for the 76th birthday of Mr. H. Cox.

WINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.—On Aug. 11th, 1,320 Kent Treble Bob Minor: C. Brown 1, G. Filby 2, A. Lawes 3, E. Etheridge 4, R. Plummer 5, G. Filby, jun. (cond.) 6.

AN AUSTRALIAN WEEK-END

THE affectionate term for England, used by Australians and English alike, is 'the old country,' and this was used many times during our adventure to Sydney over the weekend, July 12th to 15th.

Most of us in Melbourne remember the annual general meetings we attended in either native or neighbouring counties. These memories are now brought back to us by 'The Ringing World,' which we eagerly await each week. Now Australia can boast of an 'occasion'—a journey and a meeting of considerable dimension! Indeed, an experience that will never be forgotten.

Fourteen ringers from Victoria, one each from Ballaarat and Bendigo, and the remainder from St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, spent an eventful weekend in Australia's largest city. Representing the three ringable towers in the State, we made the 1,100-mile train trip in acceptance of an invitation by the N.S.W. Association to attend their annual dinner and competition. The party was Jack and Gwen Roper, Brenda Sheppard, Kenneth Minchinton, Warne Wilson (Bendigo), Graeme Hayes (Ballaarat), Alan and Tom Bennett, Arthur Fisher, Clyde Simpson, Ernest Hughes, Diana and George Pipe.

'The Spirit of Progress,' a luxurious diesel express, left Melbourne on the stroke of 6.30 on the Friday evening. We were given a hearty send-off and soon settled down to a comfortable beat. Having told the ticket-collector that we were a church party, that man was unable to hide his consternation when one of the ringers produced two bottles of sherry, a somewhat generous 'aperitif' to the later dinner, as a rejoinder to 'Tickets, please!'. Many were convinced that sleep would come easily during the 15-hour ride—we have since realised the enormity of the joke.

However, with much good fun, feasting and talking, we eventually crossed the New South Wales border and arrived in Sydney at 9.30 a.m. As the late John S. Goldsmith related in 'Great Adventure,' it isn't until one has slept and travelled in the same small compartment as another man that one learns his real character. Thus it was that with flavourings of the Cheshire and Oxon accent, dressed with the Aussie drawl, that we were able to have a laugh at ourselves and our companions.

Our hosts, the Sydney ringers, had obviously spared nothing to ensure a memorable weekend. Booking in at the Great Southern Hotel, which the English visitors will remember is in George Street, we were able to wash and brush up, although under pressure! The cars were waiting, and making our way to the first tower (Christ Church, St. Lawrence, 6) we were introduced to everybody. In some cases it was a matter of meeting old friends again, but for many the privilege of seeing many of those who have done so much for the N.S.W. Association.

Other towers during the day were St. Benedict's (6) and St. Mark's, Darling Point (8). At the latter the annual competition was held, and by a kind donation by Mr. Ralph Joyner of an inter-state cup, Victoria were able to sense the atmosphere, so electric at times. The local shields were well contested, and everyone benefited from these tests. The press and television men were at times all too prominent, but as one wag pointed out, at least it was a start to stardom. After the service an excellent dinner was served with well over 100 in attendance. Even this wasn't the final item for Saturday, for leisurely entertainment was provided until 10.30 p.m., and we did enjoy the ale, too!

Sunday as usual with ringers' outings, when everybody vows he or she will have a 'lay-in,' knowing full well it just isn't done, saw us up at 7 a.m. The four towers for the day were all much enjoyed. The two delightful sixes of Turramurra and Parramatta soon rang out over the glorious Sydney Harbour, and in the afternoon the very fine eight at St. Mary's R.C. Cathedral really won our affection. Three of the party considered these a very close parallel to the renowned eight at Lymm, Cheshire.

Thus Sunday was drawing to a close with still a novelty in store—the eight steel bells of St. Jude's, Randwick. Unfortunately these bells are in poor condition; nevertheless for many of us it was an opportunity to hear such a ring.

So with much regret we waved them 'goodbye' on Sydney station on Sunday evening, for the long journey back home. The way we were received and the generous hospitality offered by the N.S.W. ringers will never be forgotten. This *must* be an annual event; thank you very much, Sydney.

ERNEST H. HUGHES,
GEORGE W. PIPE.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On July 30th, 1,347 Stedman Caters (composed by Fred Hayes): Miss J. Adamson (Slough) 1, F. W. Goodfellow (Hillingdon) 2, A. D. Barker (Stoke Poges) (cond.) 3, Mrs. A. D. Barker (Stoke Poges) 4, F. R. Scott (Langley) 5, W. F. Butler (Clewer) 6, K. Buckingham (Windsor) 7, J. C. Birt (Slough) 8, W. Birmingham (Slough) 9, A. D. Rivers (Slough) 10. Rung as a tribute to the life of service to his church and the belfry of Fred Hayes, of High Wycombe (died July 24th), by members of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Guild. R.I.P.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Returning from a holiday at Eastbourne recently, Major and Mrs. Hawkins, of Windsor, had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Geo. Baker at Brighton. Despite the fact that he will be 90 next October, Mr. Baker was busy in his office, and to the delight of the visitors had papers and cuttings in his pocket, some of which related to the late Mr. W. W. Wolstencroft.

After ringing only about six plain courses of Grandsire Caters over a period of two months, Vernon Pratt (aged 14) has rung his first peal (the fourth to Grandsire Caters) at St. John-the-Divine, Leicester, on August 3rd. He commenced ringing 15 months ago. Mr. S. Harrison, Ringing Master of St. John's, would like to thank the South Wigston ringers, under the leadership of Mr. B. G. Warwick, for their valued help, and particularly Mr. Ernest and Mr. John Jelley, who have been attending St. John's practices regularly over the last five years.

Amongst many visitors who watched the ringing of a peal of Treble Bob at St. Anthony-in-Meneage, Cornwall, on August 10th, was the retired Bishop of Reading, who stayed to the finish and congratulated the band on the splendid striking. He showed great interest, and said it was the ringing that brought him to the church, being on holiday in the area. The waters of the Gillan Creek on the Helford river almost reach the church gates, and some who had come with the peal band had the excitement of seeing a small sailing craft turned over by the gale, and its three occupants thrown into the water. Fortunately, they were able to swim ashore to the sound of ringing bells. Maybe yet another Cornish legend will grow up, that St. Anthony's bells drew to shore these unfortunate shipwrecked holidaymakers!

The peal on August 13th in memory of the late Edwin Barnett, sen., could not be attempted at Crayford, with which he was associated for most of his ringing career, owing to war damage repairs. The band are grateful to the Vicar of Erith for permitting them to ring it there on a night when services are held. The composition, Haley's variation of Thurstans', is rarely rung nowadays, but it was one which Mr. Barnett frequently called. It is thought that Mr. H. E. Audsley, whose 200th on the bells it was, is the first ringer to accomplish this total on two different rings of bells, having done so at Crayford some years previously.

The bells of Lancaster Priory will be heard before the service to be broadcast from there on Sunday, August 25th, at 9.30 a.m. in the North Home Service only. We understand that these bells are not hung for ringing. The organist has composed a chime for the occasion.

Members of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild who visited Edenbridge, Kent, on August 10th, wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. Jeffries and Brian for the kind reception given to them after a peal attempt for Bob Major, which came to grief after 1 hour and 20 minutes. However, a quarter peal was successful, and the opportunity of ringing at Limpsfield Chart, Surrey, was much appreciated.

Northampton and District ringers enjoyed a good ringing programme on August Bank Holiday, when the towers of Litchborough, Chacombe, Banbury, Adderbury, Deddington, Bloxham and Tadmarton were visited. As Swalcliffe bells were not available, due to illness, a very enjoyable visit to Home Farm, Balscote, was substituted. Many thanks, Mr. Jarvis, and to all who made this a successful day.

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U.A. TOUR OF THE WEST RIDING

WE had been told that the West Riding was industrial; that all we should see would be factory chimneys and smoke; and that if that was where we really *wanted* to spend our holidays, well . . . !

What they had not told us was that there is a great deal of lovely country also, and that Yorkshire people know how to make guests welcome: we discovered the first of these facts on our arrival at our headquarters, at Bingley Training College, and the second became steadily more evident throughout the week.

For the writer the week began somewhat inauspiciously: he ran out of petrol three miles from Bingley at 11.45 p.m. on Friday and had to be fetched—not a very popular procedure. For those who arrived in better time there was ringing at Bingley during the evening.

However, on Saturday morning everyone's spirits were high, and we set off on what proved the most 'industrial' day of the tour, to Birstall, Cleckheaton, Ossett, Batley and Wakefield. It was decided on leaving Ossett that we would eat our lunch in the Sunday School at Batley; however, such a spirit was unlikely to be maintained, and sure enough we had it in the 'local' as usual. At Wakefield we sampled the new amplifier system, still under trial: one member complained he could hear two distinct rings of 12 and was not at all clear which one to strike in!

Sunday ringing was enjoyed in three more-or-less nearby towers — Bradford Cathedral, Bingley and Haworth—both morning and evening, together with a splinter group of late arrivals who visited Ossett in the evening.

At lunch we entertained a few visitors—the Vicar of Bingley, Miss Maxwell (the college principal) and Vernon Bottomley, representing the Yorkshire Association. Leslie Morris was unfortunately prevented from joining us at the last minute for business reasons.

CAR REPAIRS

A casual visitor to the college during the day might well have wondered what sort of a tour this was: there were pieces of car engine strewn all over the drive, two or three men actively working away, and the usual crowd of onlookers offering 'helpful' advice. The process wasn't speeded up by the expert who, having taken the engine to pieces in the morning, vanished after lunch, leaving the not-so-experts to put it together again.

That evening it was discovered that another member proposed to arrive in the small hours, having left the south of England at 5 p.m. to drive to Bingley; and the writer 'volunteered' to sit up for him. Fortunately, he wasn't very late.

After the weekend we lost those of our party who thought work more important than ringing; however, several more joined us at Ripon after our visit to Beckwithshaw, the first Monday tower. It proved somewhat difficult, not to say impossible, to get everyone to the same place at the same time for lunch; but judging by the ringing at Sharow afterwards, all appeared to have had the same sort of meal. We enjoyed a pleasant run over the moors to Otley, ringing there and at Birstwith on the way, before arriving back at the College.

EIGHT NEW MEMBERS

The business meeting on Monday evening produced the part-audited-and-found-more-or-less-correct accounts for 1955–56 (!), and the suggestion that the borders of Sussex and Kent be visited next summer, provided that the usual bogey of accommodation could be overcome. Eight new members were elected.

Tuesday produced some lovely scenery, some excellent bells and probably the best ringing of the week. We visited Silsden, Kildwick and Skipton before lunch, then spent an hour or so sightseeing round Bolton Abbey, in Wharfedale, before going on to Ilkley and Guiseley. After supper, the local practice at Pudsey and its very hospitable ringers were visited—an outing which one member was heard to say was his sole reason for coming on the tour.

After Corporate Communion at the parish church, conducted by the Vicar, we had another more-or-less industrial day on Wednesday, visiting Almondbury and Marsden before lunch at a small pub high on the moors. A band of experts left us to ring a peal of Pudsey at Drighlington, while the remainder continued to Brighouse and Elland. The latter tower was noteworthy for the sight of six of the ringers sucking 1¼-in. diam. gobstoppers, thoughtfully purchased at a local grocer's—but the smell of aniseed proved too strong for the more tender plants! We were reunited at Bradford Cathedral, where some of the local band joined us. Later that evening an expedition to Mirfield was undertaken, a most interesting ten—but quite a good eight.

A DAY OF BROKEN ROPES

The longest day took us to the extreme east of the Riding, at Selby Abbey on Thursday, by way of Far Headingley and Tadcaster. A band who (after a quick ring at Far Headingley) had gone to attempt a peal of Plain Bob at Pontefract All Saints' rejoined us at Selby with news of a broken rope. We were rushed through our afternoon's ringing at Kippax in order to arrive at Leeds Parish Church in time to ring before Evensong—only to find no Evensong because no curate to say it. This gave us almost too long on these fine bells for the temperature, but half a course of Cambridge Maximus was achieved and even an enthusiastic tenor-grabber's three leads of Bristol. After supper, one of our leading bellfounders distinguished himself at Denholme by breaking his rope in the middle of the sally while calling Stedman. The bell set, the rope-end was reversed and knotted on, and he continued to ring it with half a sally and a pseudo-Yorkshire tail.

The last day, Friday, saw the loss of another peal attempt, for Eastcote at Sowerby, through a shift course. The non-pealers spent the morning at Haworth (also quickly visited by the peal band), Oxenhope and Heptonstall, where the whole party reassembled. One carload had a somewhat hair-raising journey through their navigator's theories about straight lines and short distances. The afternoon was spent in and around Halifax: at the parish church, where we were told that our ringing prevented the making-up of wages in an adjacent factory; at Haley Hill and at Northowram.

THE SOCIAL

As usual, a most successful social evening was organised by York, in which almost everyone was persuaded to make fools of themselves in one way or another, aided and abetted by the secretary's lurid taste in clothing (we never did decide whether those socks really *were* luminous) and by Leslie Morris's genial efforts as a judge of handbell ringing.

And so another enjoyable week ended: Wilf Moreton's organisation was first-class and the weather was kind; though our pleasure was somewhat tempered by our sympathy for Mr. Lewis, who had come all the way from Scotland to join us and was then prevented from ringing by doctor's orders. Our very grateful thanks are due to the incumbents and tower captains for so cheerfully putting up with us—we hope it was worth it for them! B. D. T.

THE BELLS OF HOLSWORTHY

'There is no music like that of the bells,' said the Rector of Holsworthy (Rev. A. Warne) to an assembly of some 50 ringers and friends on August 14th; and be it said, the harmony in the meeting was no less harmonious than the now-famous octave.

In the area—the N.W. Branch of the Devon Guild and the N.E. pocket of Cornwall—mainly due to the efforts of the Sangwin brothers, John, Charles and Fred, over the years there is a spirit of enthusiasm for change-ringing. Not only were members from most of the towers in the Branch present, but also visitors from Combe Martin, Kelvedon (Essex), Launceston, Lifton, Leicester, Plymouth (Emmanuel), Stafford, Stratton, Teignmouth and Wiveliscombe. The meeting could be described as a holiday-makers' practice, and good use was made of the bells from 2.30 p.m. to late in the evening. The striking was good and all the standard methods were rung.

After tea, in Sanders's Café, six certificates were presented to young ringers, making some 14 within the year, by the Rev. Preb. E. V. Cox (president of the Guild). He expressed his pleasure at meeting so many friends and congratulated the young recipients.

Members of the Branch were asked by their chairman to consider proposals concerning the annual general meeting of the Guild, its venue and general arrangements. The members were asked to think over the proposals and to come to a decision at the annual meeting of the Branch at Hatherleigh in November.

The thanks of the meeting were accorded the Rector, who acted as organist, for his excellent address and the use of the bells; to Mr. Baker (reader), who read the Guild prayers; and all who helped in what may be described as a splendid meeting. F. C. S.

ST. PETER'S DOUBLES

Dear Sir,—I wonder if any ringers could enlighten me with regard to the method published in the 'R.W.' of August 9th under the title 'St. Peter's Doubles.' This method is, of course, St. Martin's with a different bob and more extents available.

If this is considered a new method there is no reason why we shouldn't ring St. Simon's and St. Osmond's with St. Peter's bobs, and call them for argument's sake 'Danbury' and 'Purleigh' Doubles.' I have reason to believe that the Central Council came to some decision on methods with the same course and different bobs, April Day being the most common one rung. Could someone 'in the know' please clarify this?—Yours sincerely,

J. E. G. ROAST.

Danbury, Essex.

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THOSE I REMEMBER

By ERNEST MORRIS

(Continued from page 514)

One who helped me a lot in my early career was Charles H. Fowler. He was a grand ringer long before he came to Leicester (as a printer), having rung many notable peals in and around Oxford with the famous James W. Washbrook, Charles Hounslow, Rev. F. E. Robinson and company. He took part in the record long peal of London Surprise, and later was one of the band in the Rev. F. E. Robinson's 1,000th peal. Of slight build, he could—and did—turn a heavy bell in to a peal with grace and skill. He conducted almost all our early peals of Double Norwich and Superlative. He died in December, 1914, at the early age of 39, having rung 171 peals. He took part in the long peals of 10,176 Kent and 11,008 and 17,104 Double Norwich at South Wigston.

WILLIAM WILLSON

A close friend of Chas. H. Fowler was William Willson, who was for many years the leading light in Leicester ringing affairs, and was a conductor of great ability. He conducted the long peals just referred to as well as taking part in the record Stedman Caters at Loughborough Parish Church in 12¼ hours. He was steeple-keeper of St. George's, Leicester, until St. John-the-Divine's bells were installed, when he took command there, in later years adding two trebles to make one of the best rings of ten in England. Mr. Willson had a dominating way with him, and woe betide any who did not go his way or do what he was told at once! He had four daughters, two of whom made good ringers: Lilian (who took part in the first ladies' peal at Cubit Town, London) and Hilda, who married Wm. Jacques, of Mansfield, Notts, also a good ringer. Lilian was married to T. Henry Hardy (my pal, and for whom I acted as 'best man') and my own daughter was named after her! 'Harry' Hardy, besides being a ringer of ability, was also a chorister at St. Margaret's with a remarkable range of voice. He could sing an oratorio or a comic song with equal ease, and was the first (and only) man to gain 100 per cent. and a gold medal for singing at the local festival of music.

When St. Margaret's bells were augmented to 12 it was agreed that the first peal should be by our Sunday service ringers, and Harry rang the fifth bell to this, which I called. He was to have been in the first peal on the 12—Kent Maximus—but died suddenly just before it was fixed. Therefore his father-in-law, Wm. Willson, took his place, and the peal—which I conducted—was rung muffled. Strange to say, I took the fifth bell—the one Harry rang in his last peal, and shortly after the start the muffle came off and I rang it open! William Willson was a trenchant writer on bell topics, and will be well remembered by older ringers for his columns in 'The Bell News' under the nom-de-plume of *Jingle*. He was co-editor of the fine but short-lived journal 'The Bellringer.' He was one of the band who rang in the silent handbell peals of Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques, and after the first war organised the memorable pilgrimage to the Menin Gate, Ypres, in 1931, when in the presence of many reverent strangers a short and impressive service was conducted by the late Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, handbells rung and a wreath deposited. It was during this visit that the first peals (on handbells) were rung in Belgium and one in France. Mr. Willson died on November 6th, 1941, aged 73. He had rung about 350 peals. He had a nephew of the same name, also a fine ringer, who took part in a number of peals but who, unfortunately, died young.

Two other fine ringers I must mention were George Cleal and Samuel Cotton, who came from Tewkesbury and Worcester respectively. They were close friends and both exceptionally good both on tower- and handbells. I class Samuel Cotton as one of the finest men I ever knew, either in or out of a belfry. I never knew him to get hot and bothered, or to argue or disagree with anyone on any occasion. If a failure occurred either on handbells or tower-bells, he would let the others argue and fight it out, and would simply say: 'It's all over and done with; let's ring it again, and see where it went wrong.' When telling anyone who had gone adrift, he would not yell or shout as some did (say Willson or Dexter) but would quietly say 'over,' 'under,' 'lead now,' or whatever was right, and generally helped one much better than either flustering or frightening a youngster.

Mr. Cotton had a beard and was the living image of King George V. He was in the shoe trade, as was George Cleal, who had a 'nanny-boat' beard. Mr. Cleal was a little man, but had a dynamic character. He could call Grandsire and Stedman like very few ever could hope to attain. He called some of John O. Lancashire's Odd and Even Bob and Single peals.

FREDERICK H. DEXTER

Of my generation but a little earlier was Frederick H. Dexter, who was an apt pupil of the two last named. He was a very clever ringer and composer. In the latter sphere he excelled in Stedman Caters, producing many compositions of original character, well off the beaten track, calling them equally well, but preferring to allow others to do this. He turned out many compositions of Triples and Cinques, as well as Surprise methods. He was tall and of slender build, very near-sighted, but could turn in a heavy bell with ease and precision. He had a flow of language equal to none—never particular in his choice of words—yet, withal, a grand fellow and warm-hearted friend. In the tower he was a real martinet and well-earned the title of the 'Sergeant Major' for his brusque manner in 'chasing around' anyone who did the wrong thing, struck his bell badly, or wandered from the straight and narrow path. He would point to his ears and say: 'God gave you these—use the blanks!'

On the occasion of one of my early attempts for Stedman Triples at St. Mark's, Leicester, we got into the last block when out went the light—then it came on—to our consternation. Then it kept coming on and off and made it impossible for us to continue. F. H. D. set his bell and rushed pell-mell down the spiral stairway, and we said, 'Woe betide whoever he catches!', but when he got to the bottom he could not get out, the door being wedged. Eventually we found it was the curate who wanted to start a service! By that time, however, F. H. D. had cooled off somewhat. We were given permission to go again within a week or so and got the peal (my No. 80). F. H. D. suffered with asthma, and sometimes in peals made most weird noises and pulled hideous faces.

On the occasion they attempted the first peal of Bristol at St. Martin's I was the 'spare part' or stand-by. They had a full team and I heard some beautifully struck courses and quite expected to hear they had rung the full peal. Imagine my surprise when told they lost it in the last course. F. H. D. made one of his funny noises at the back of his throat and they made a 'bob' of it. This caused chaos as there was no bob and the peal was lost! I heard him once explaining ringing to a young curate at St. Martin's, and was 'all ears' expecting him to drop out one of his favourite expressions. However, after telling him the worst ringers were parsons! he said he had one once whom he chased up and down till the poor devil didn't know what he was doing, and was just ready to 'lay an egg!'. F. H. D. was in partnership in the hosiery trade with Len E. Allen, a cathedral ringer, and with whom I rang several peals. His son, Harold Dexter, is an accomplished organist with many degrees, and now organist of Southwark Cathedral.

(To be continued)

NORFOLK AND SUFFOLK GRAMMAR SCHOOLS

There are some very promising ringers in Norfolk and Suffolk Grammar Schools. The repertoire for their summer outing in Norfolk included the following methods: Plain Bob, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Osmund's and Stedman Doubles; Plain Bob, Kent, Cambridge, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Clement's, and Little Bob Minor; Bob Triples, Bob Major and Grandsire Triples (on handbells).

Meeting at Diss, the party came from the following towers: Mulbarton, Barking (Suffolk), Pakenham, Newmarket, Blo-Norton, East Marling and Beccles.

Towers visited were: Kenninghall, East Harling, Quidenham, New Buckingham, Banham, Winfarthing, Shelfanger and Diss (where Mr. Nolan Golden permitted the party to ring before his company started their attempt for a peal of Bristol). The thanks of the party are due to the clergy and organiser for a very enjoyable day.

BRENCHLEY AND HORSMONDEN

The annual outing of the Brenchley and Horsmonden ringers, with visitors and non-ringing friends, was a trip into Hertfordshire on July 20th.

Leaving at 7.30 a.m., the journey was via London to Broxbourne for an hour's ringing. St. Andrew's, Hertford, was visited before lunch. The afternoon tower was Braughing, and after tea at Bishop's Stortford, the towers of Sawbridgeworth and Harlow.

Our thanks are due to incumbents for the use of the bells, and to local ringers who kindly met us and made the day so enjoyable.

P. A. T.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE MAJOR PROBLEM

Dear Sir,—If the discussions at this year's Central Council meeting achieve nothing more than to provoke forthright comments like those of Mr. Humphriss and the North Staffordshire Association ('R.W.', August 2nd), they will have been worth while.

Both, in my view, were right in pointing out that the wording of the two motions concerned with the College of Campanology were such that any vote on them would be at best an expression of opinion rather than a decision. However, in fairness to Council members there, I think it should be said that most of them did realise this, if not before the discussion, they did an hour-and-a-half later when we decided to pass to the next business. Council, after all, has as much right to express an opinion as its critics!

Fascinating though these subjects are, I think we can safely leave matters of procedure in the Central Council to its Standing Committee, and the destiny of the College of Campanology in its own hands. At the back of these discussions there is a matter which should be of great concern to us all.

There are all over Britain hundreds of towers in which the bells are not rung at all on Sundays, and many, many more where they are rung most inadequately. I doubt whether much more than half can be rung adequately every Sunday. This concerns us all, for the Associations to which we all belong were formed, and still exist, to promote Sunday service ringing. They all say so in their constitutions in one way or another. Although things might be better, I am certain they would be very much worse if it were not for the tremendous amount of hard work put in by these Associations since the latter part of the 19th century.

We have, nevertheless, reached rather a static condition and must think about how we should organise our effort more effectively. The effort must be to train bands of ringers, rather than individuals, to be as much part of their own church as of the ringing Associations. The magnitude of the task needs no emphasis, but I am sure it is not beyond us.

As a start, I believe, with Mr. Humphriss, that the Central Council could help a great deal by asking a few of its members to put their heads together in committee to think about this problem and report back some practical advice for the Associations. I hope they would have the courage to be bold and, if necessary, revolutionary in their recommendations. Backed by the weight of the Council's discussion and approval, such ideas could be valuable all over the country

At present the Council are prepared to give advice about bell-hanging and preservation, method construction, peal boards and other things, but not on the most important problem of all—the silent and jangling towers. This is a pity.—Yours, etc.,

PHILIP GRAY.

Bristol.

THE TWO HARBYS

Dear Sir,—Replying to Major E. F. M. Samson's letter (p. 499, August 2nd), the 5-bell tower of Harby, Notts, is Harby near Lincoln. It lies about nine miles due west of Lincoln, but about half-a-mile over the Nottinghamshire border. Harby, Leicestershire, also a 5-bell tower, lies about the same distance from the Nottinghamshire border, some nine miles due north from Melton Mowbray.

Granby, Notts, has five bells, not four.—Yours, etc.,

R. H. DOVE.

CHRISTMAS EVE, 1918

Dear Sir,—In answer to your enquirer of lines of poem, here is the complete verse, written by Robert Bridges in 1918. To me it is very beautiful; he had, I think, been in early days a ringer himself. I have often wondered why it is not more widely known, especially amongst ringers.

CHRISTMAS EVE, 1918

A frosty Christmas Eve,
When the stars were shining,
Fared I forth alone
Where westward falls the hill
And from many a Village
In the watered valley
Distant music reached me—
Peals of bells aringing.
The constellated sounds
Rang sprinkling on earth's floor,
As the dark vault above
With stars was spangled o'er.
Now blessed be the Towers
That crown England so fair
That stand up strong in prayer
Unto God for our Souls.
Blessed be their founders
An' our Country folk,
Who are ringing for Christ
In the belfreys tonight,
With arms lifted to clutch
The rattling ropes that race
Into the dark above
And the mad romping din.

. . . .

But to me heard afar
It was starry music—
Angels' song comforting
As the comfort of Christ,
When He spake tenderly
To His sorrowing flock.

Note this was written just at the ending of the First World War.

Yours sincerely,

W. A. OSBORN.

Galhampton, Yeovil.

Note.—We thank Norman Pearson, Miss Jenny Armstrong and other ringers for their replies.—*Ed.*

ANTI-CLOCKWISE

Dear Sir,—Mr. Morris' letter is interesting. Why bells were hung anti-clockwise is a question which I do not think has ever been satisfactorily answered.

My first experience of an anti-clockwise ring was at Gravesend as a boy, and for the next 50 years I enquired the reason for left-handed rings from ringers in all walks of life, including bell-founders and ringing architects, without success.

It was Mr. John Wheadon (now of Wilmslow, Cheshire), prior to the war after either a peal or meeting at Northfleet (an anti-clockwise ring), who gave me the most convincing reply.

His theory was that in olden times bellfounders would cast the bells and hang them, but would not make the frames. This would be done by the local carpenter or wheelwright who, in the absence of any plans or designs, fixed them upside down.

There are not many ringers now who, like myself, have rung peals on anti-clockwise rings of eight, ten and 12. Now that Cambridge bells have been rehung it can never happen again.—Yours sincerely,

E. BARNETT.

Crayford.

A MUSICAL PEAL

Dear Sir,—Mr. Nolan Golden's remarks on his interesting article on compositions, on the musical qualities which can be obtained by the use of 6ths place bobs in Bristol Surprise Major prompts me to send the following peal, which I put together about eight years ago after a discussion with Mr. Maurice Hodgson. It will be seen that apart from one 'blot,' the peal consists entirely of the 12 courses with the 6th at Home almost complete) and the other 12 combinations of 4-5-6 in 5-6 (slightly less complete) in the minimum number of changes.—Yours faithfully,

E. A. BARNETT.

5,024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
(6ths place bobs)

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43265			2	
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53246			—	—
42356		—	—	
63542		—	—	—
25346			—	—
23456		2	—	

JACKDAWS IN THE BELFRY

Dear Sir,—I could not help thinking of all the previous articles titled 'Bats in the Belfry' when I read this extract from our local 'Evening News':—

'It is not bats in the belfry that workmen will have to contend with at Iping Church, but jackdaws.

'Before repairs can be started to the church countless jackdaws' nests from the belfry will have to be removed.

'It is estimated that there are two cartloads of sticks and other nesting materials to be cleared. The heap almost reaches the one old bell, dated 1616, now hanging.

'To prevent the nuisance in future (the birds' chattering also often interferes with services) the louvres in the tower will be covered with wire netting.

'Among other work to be done to the church is the replacing of broken tiles and repairs to the guttering and to the lead roof of the tower.'

Yours, etc.,

ALAN A. J. BUSWELL.

Havant.

A BELL MUSIC QUERY

Dear Sir,—The letter of P. M. Whitaker ('Ringing World,' July 26th, 1957) raises an interesting point.

It is, however, incorrect to say that the only disadvantage of his system over the conventional 13 bells would be the loss of a ring of six. In addition to this ring of six in the major key, the four rings in the minor key would also be lost (one of ten, one of eight and two of six).

I believe that at Buckfast Abbey the bells are rung in the minor key during Lent.

I agree that the ring of 12 he suggests would probably sound better with a sharpened second. Perhaps the Buckfast Abbey ringers with the 14 bells at their disposal would like to try it out by leaving out the third and eighth instead of the usual second and eighth.—Yours faithfully,

ROY W. STICKLING.

Cockington, Torquay.

LETTERS—Continued

FOUR-BELL TOWERS IN KENT

Dear Sir,—Replying to Mr. Head's letter in 'The Ringing World' of August 2nd, Boughton Aluph *had* a ring of five. To the eternal shame of the diocesan authorities these pre-Reformation bells were sold as scrap. This fact is mentioned in the current edition of Mr. Dove's 'Ringer's Guide.'

To Mr. Davis' letter, on the same subject, in the issue dated July 19th, I give the following information. According to Stahlschmidt's 'Church Bells of Kent' the Bicknor ring were, or are, *all* steel bells. Mr. Dove does not include them in his current list of steel rings but Mr. Davis mentions them as existing. The bells are given as having diameters of 15, 18½, 20 and 21 inches respectively, and were hung in 1862.

On the same authority (Stahlschmidt, 1887) Newnham had treble and second unmarked while the third is marked 'Pack and Chapman, 1772.' The tenor is given as having a diameter of 33½ in., probably about 8 cwt. in A sharp, and is attributed to Stephen Norton, 1363–1381.

In 1887 there were two other 4-bell towers—Staple and Wormshill. Neither of these is listed by Mr. Dove so cannot have been augmented but may have been partially scrapped. Staple's bells included a third, considered to have been cast by Richard Hille, circa 1420, and a 41 in. tenor by Joseph Hatch, 1623, probably 12/13 cwt. in F sharp. Treble and second were by John Hodson, 1680. This church has an early 13th century tower.

Wormshill is credited with a treble and a tenor of steel by Naylor Vickers and Co., 1863. The second and third were by R. Phelps, 1718. It is possible that Mr. Davis is confusing this ring with Bicknor which, he says, has treble and tenor of steel.

I am hoping someone will come forward and tell me that all these 'oil drums' have been scrapped. The church at Wormshill was heavily restored in 1879 and 1901, so that it may now have only two real bells. Any information will be appreciated.—Yours very truly,

G. H. DOWSETT.

Beckingham, Kent.

A VISIT TO NORTHERN IRELAND

Dear Sir,—I would like, through 'The Ringing World,' to thank members of the Irish Association of the towers of St. Thomas', Belfast; St. Comgall's, Bangor; St. Mark's, Dundela, and Holywood for the warm welcome I received in their belfries on Sundays and practice nights during my two weeks' holiday in N. Ireland.

The English visitor to Ireland, be he ringer or layman, always receives kind hospitality and friendship

The newly-formed band at Dundela are to be congratulated on the progress they are making in change-ringing under the leadership of Mr. Frank Fagg; this tower had a new ring of ten installed about 18 months ago.

Thank you, Ulster.—Yours, etc.,

Gravesend, Kent. T. E. G. TAYLOR.

LATE NEWS

We regret to hear that the Rev. D. P. Roberts, Vicar of Whiston, Lancs, is a patient in Whiston Hospital.

Of the 18 attempts, 11 peals were scored during Mr. Pat Cannon's peal tour, centred on Reading. Highlight was the first peal of Surprise Royal at High Wycombe.

Mr. Ernest Morris has written a short historical and descriptive account of the Prebendal Church of St. Margaret, Leicester. It is beautifully illustrated and written in an entertaining style. The price is 1s. 6d., and profits are devoted to the Church Funds.

A WEEK-END IN THREE COUNTIES

FOLLOWING the success of last year's 'Bladon's Bank Holiday weekend special,' when four Surprise peals were rung in three counties, he decided to arrange a similar venture for this year. The result was again very satisfactory, and another four Surprise peals were accomplished.

There were a few heartburns early on Saturday morning when Derek Jones, who was expected at Swindon on Friday evening, phoned up to say that he was still at Derby, having had battery trouble coming from Scotland; The time was 8.25 a.m., and something had to be done urgently as we were due at Bampton at 9.45! Brian rushed round to see his friend, Tony Peake, and persuaded him to come immediately! Many thanks, Tony, for helping us out. As the main means of transport was Derek's 'Rolls,' we had to run for the bus at 8.50!

The peal at Bampton gave particular pleasure to the writer, as it replaced a failure there during a tour in 1955, when he had to 'retire' in the last course, mainly due to lack of oil on the bells. This time he was determined to succeed, and as often happens when one is *expecting* a rough passage, a very comfortable peal was scored on these fine 'Old-style' bells, though Ralph Bird had plenty of work on the fifth!

Ralph Bird kindly 'ferried' us to Clanfield, where we had an excellent lunch at the Plough, and we hired a taxi to take us to Faringdon for the afternoon attempt. Mr. C. I. G. Pearce had everything ready for us, and the very apologetic Derek was mildly admonished! A good peal of Superlative was rung at a very brisk pace, and Stephen wrung out his vest after 'That's all.'

Before returning to Swindon we paid a visit to Uffington (5, 15 cwt.), and Mr. R. Iles, the churchwarden's son, and local captain, kindly gave permission for us to have a short ring on a 'country five,' hung in an octagonal tower. He complimented us on our ringing; and it is also worthy of mention that a lady at Faringdon came from a house by the church and said how much she had enjoyed our peal.

On return to Swindon, Ralph Edwards, the 'Taylor' specialist, was awaiting us at the Wheatsheaf, having come from Ebbw Vale, with the sad story of a broken rope! There is a fortune waiting for the firm who can design an unbreakable bell-rope!

We started off on Sunday with service ringing at Christ Church, Swindon, one of the finest 'Taylor' tens anywhere, and then drove the 20 miles to Malmesbury (8, 11 cwt.). Mr. Victor Hemus was delighted to see us, and renew acquaintance with George Fearn from Solihull days. After lunch at Swindon, we were ready for the afternoon attempt at Coln St. Aldwyn, Glos (8, 8½ cwt.).

HIS OLD FRIEND: ABRAHAM RUDHALL

The writer, ably supported by the remainder. 'kidded' Ralph Edwards that he would thoroughly enjoy these bells! Correctly guessing that Ralph had not bothered to read the 'R.W.', page 468, he was told that they were a modern ring from a well-known foundry! It was not until we raised them in peal that he realised they were by his old friend, Abraham Rudhall! The laughter that followed probably caused us to take the attempt for Rutland less seriously than usual, and after a slight trip in 20 minutes, the conductor called 'Stand.' The writer was testing the 'go' of the fifth, and the rope broke at the second pull, so we should have lost it anyway. An interesting question: 'Would R. G. E. have met his first "Waterloo" on the 6 cwt. seventh if we had continued?' Incidentally, the crown staple of the fifth was so loose that the clapper could strike anywhere! After a chat with Mr. W. A. Godwin, local District secretary, we obtained permission to ring at Hatherop (6, 7 cwt.), and found there a merry little ring.

Mr. W. J. Dixon gave us a warm welcome at Burford (8, 17 cwt.), and the musical 'Gillett and Johnston' bells were soon going to a touch of six-spliced, conducted by the Bedfordshire genius, Stephen Ivin. Mr. Dixon called us a touch of Stedman, his favourite method, and we finished with Grandsire.

After a snack at the Barn Café, we took the road to Kempsford (6, 16 cwt.), where the genial young vicar was delighted to see us, and pointed out the interesting features of his wonderful church and its associations with John of Gaunt. A course of London and Cambridge soon convinced those who had not rung there before that the peal of Caernarvon Delight rung last year, with four of our band, was a most creditable performance!

Our morning tower for Monday was Aldbourne (8, 19 cwt.). As the draught of rope is over 80 feet, it was with some trepidation that we started for London. However, a good peal was rung, and Ralph Bird had the pleasure of calling his first peal in the method. Brian made a good job of the tenor, although he is usually found on the light end and amongst a band of tenor ringers proved that he can handle a large bell equally as well as a small one. Mr. T. A. Palmer had very kindly arranged lunch for us in the village hall, and we enjoyed a good meal.

Our last tower was the handy eight at Hungerford (13½ cwt.), and we were welcomed by the Vicar and the local captain. Phil Mehew, who usually likes to ring the tenor to a 'slow and measured beat,' found that he really had to work to ring the peal of Bristol in 2 hours 36 minutes! Stephen Ivin called his first peal in the method, and showed us during the weekend what an exceptionally brilliant conductor he is, even at 19.

Before we parted, Brian Bladon was duly thanked for arranging such an enjoyable and successful weekend. We are looking forward to meeting again, with the same band, and having another happy weekend, perhaps in another area.

A. P. C.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

West Buckland Visited after 47 Years

Neither the inclement weather nor the national bus strike dampened the enthusiasm of the many ringers who attended the summer meeting of the Taunton Deanery, held at West Buckland on July 27th.

This was the Association's first meeting at West Buckland since 1909, and in his address the Vicar (Rev. J. Lloyd) expressed the hope that they would not wait a further 48 years before visiting the village again. The Vicar also reviewed the recent restorations carried out in the church, which had included the tuning and rehanging of the ring of six. Tea and the business meeting were held in the Village Hall, and the bells were put to good use until 9 p.m.

This meeting was notable for the great number of visitors present from towers as distant as Nailsea, Queen Camel and Woodbury (Devon); also for the great variety of methods rung, ranging through the standard methods to Spliced Treble Bob, Cambridge and Ipswich Surprise.

F. W. S.

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD'S SUMMER TOUR IN SOMERSET

(OR: 'THE UPS AND DOWNS OF THE RAVING RINGERS')

BY the evening of Sunday, July 14th, all of the Manchester contingent had arrived at Bristol Youth Hostel; two (the two 'F's') had even set out a week earlier to get better acquainted (with the West of England—they hastened to add) and six of us had a pre-tour tower grab, dodging showers, in the morning at St. Mary Redcliffe (12), St. Stephen's (10) and the University tower of St. Michael's (6). After the Ringing Master had succeeded in having us thrown out of one cafe, and the ex-R.M. had poured his coffee down himself in another, the weather cleared to let us explore Bristol and 'lose' the two F's in the Clifton Caves, before returning for Evensong at Redcliffe.

Monday's ringing began, over the hill, on the mellow-toned eight at Chew Magna (28 cwt.), but quickly stopped at Blagdon when it was discovered that a chiming hammer was interfering with the swing of the fourth bell. The rector was informed and a protracted picnic lunch was therefore taken—with the 'braves' dancing around the two 'squaws' quietly buttering bread amidst a horde of wasps. Unfortunately, we arrived late at the fine tower and ring of ten at Wrington (37 cwt.), where we rang our first course of Surprise: our next course of Cambridge on the heavily-going 35 cwt. eight at Congresbury ended suddenly when the fifth's rope broke, but Superlative and Bristol turned out well on the grand eight at Yatton (21 cwt.).

A nine-mile ride from the too-cleverly hidden Youth Hostel at Clevedon (where our lady secretary mistook the men's dormitory for the cycle shed) brought us on Tuesday to Weston-super-Mare, to be joined by our two Southampton University companions, and guided in the pouring rain through the town (spontaneously re-christened '-*sub*-Mare') to the home of Mr. and Mrs. White, where we had the pleasure of seeing our last year colleague Janet looking so well and ringing handbells, and where the table was literally groaning under the weight of so much food. Several courses later we left for Banwell (8, 23 cwt.), Winscombe (one of the few less-than-a-ton eights) and the ton six at Axbridge, where we rang London and Spliced Kent and Oxford.

'HOT WATER' HOSTEL

After supper at the 'hot water' hostel at Cheddar, the local ringers were overwhelmed to find their practice night 'commandeered,' but then they overwhelmed us with their 'Cheddar Surprise.' We returned on Wednesday morning to ring Superlative on this 23 cwt. eight, before going on to the 30 cwt. eight at Wedmore, where Yorkshire would not come round, although Cambridge did. Dampened we may have been physically, but certainly not spiritually at magnificent Wells Cathedral, whose 56 cwt. tenor inspired us to plain courses of Grandsire Caters, Bob Royal and a reasonably well struck three leads of Bristol. It was still pouring down when we went to the no-less-fine towers of Wells Parish Church, St. Cuthbert's (8, 27 cwt.)—where again Yorkshire would not come round—and Glastonbury (8, 26 cwt.), where we concentrated on Grandsire and Plain Bob.

After a rainy night at Street Y.H. (there was no lack of water for washing) and an unsuccessful 'grab' of the 16 cwt. five at Walton, we arrived, after cycling 14 miles, at the excellent 25 cwt. ring at Bridgwater, where Superlative and Yorkshire did come round, as did London and Oswald Delight on the sixes at Wembdon and Durleigh. It was just before dropping the bells at the latter tower that one of the ladies was heard to remark: 'I keep coming adrift in the middle.' A few miles, a few hills, a few showers and a few cups of tea later, crossing the Quantock Hills, this statement was brought home to her very forcibly when her cycle chain 'came adrift in the middle' and she had to walk several miles (in torrential rain, of course) to Crowcombe Hostel.

Friday found us heading in hot sunshine (!) to Old Cleeve (18 cwt.) for Oswald Delight Major, Cambridge and Grandsire; thence to the 14 cwt. six at Carhampton and the 21 cwt. eight at Dunster, where the ex-R.M. found that a puncture repair in the now familiar downpour (even next to an 'A.A.' box) is seldom permanent—a fact proved half-an-hour later when the operation had to be repeated, before proceeding to the hostel at Minehead, where we were to spend two consecutive nights. We were thus able to travel 'light' on Saturday, after ringing Bob Major, Royal and Double Norwich Caters on the grand ten here, to the beautifully-roofed church at Selworthy (6, 12 cwt.) and on westwards to Porlock's truncatedly-spired church—dedicated to St. Dubricius, who (traditionally) crowned King Arthur and married him to the 'fair lady Guinevere.'

UNUSUAL PHOTOGRAPHS

A picnic lunch in a nearby field was interrupted by our old companion rain, but not before some rather unusual photographs of various people in various postures had been taken. Our applied mathematician, who here realised the non-academic meaning of 'the moment of a couple in a field,' pleaded that she 'never feels safe when M—— has his camera handy.' Retracing our tracks, we then made inland to the light six at Wootton Courtney to ring again Spliced Minor and to have tea with *real* strawberry jam, before returning to the hostel, where a serious discussion about the relative merits of the two Societies of Youths was interrupted in order to find (1) Tincture of Myrrh and Borax for 'Schwanda's' aching tooth, and (2) a spanner so that the Ringing Master could retune (?) the common-room piano!

It was here on the morning of Sunday, July 21st, that Cxrxl offered to Gxxffrxy her cardigan with the comment: 'It should just fit you'—a statement capable (figuratively speaking) of several interpretations. We reclimbed the hill to St. Michael's Church (22 cwt.) to ring with the local ringers and attend morning service. After lunch, four members returned to attempt a handbell peal; but by the kindness of Mr. Pugsley and the local ringers we were able to ring a quarter of Bob Royal for Evensong. On returning to Minehead Hostel for our cycles for the 15 miles ride to Crowcombe Hostel—where the warden very kindly had hot soup waiting for us—our Ashton friend discovered another faulty inner-tube, which refused to be repaired and the cycle dealer was not in (not so surprising at 8 o'clock Sunday evening!) so that he stayed the night at Minehead and rejoined us next morning at Bishop's Lydeard, expecting to ring here and not at Taunton: but our organisers had succeeded in getting the scaffolding around the wrong tower, so that we left immediately for the stately tower of Taunton, whose 30 cwt. 12 were soon ringing rounds, Little Bob Maximus, Grandsire Cinques and Cambridge Royal.

Lunch was taken before ringing on the 22 cwt. eight at Ilminster, where Cxrxl had her cycle repaired (?)—with the result that she could only engage middle gear — and where Dxrxthy, apropos nothing in particular, said: 'I was most careful.' The 23 cwt. tenor in South Petherton's octagonal tower does not seem to be quite in key with the other seven bells; even so, an Austrian lady visitor did not appear to notice as she shuttled to and fro taking photographs of the ladies, who were trying to ring Plain Bob. There was no organised meal that evening, so we invaded the only café in Crewkerne open at that time. After enduring several 'renderings' on the juke box, there was a mass exodus to the tower to ring the standard methods and a not-too-well-struck course of Bristol at the local practice. A good fish and chips supper afterwards fortified us for the hill climb to Winyard's Gap Hostel—an old school, in which Gxxffrxy discovered how to turn the windows between the two dormitories from merely translucent to transparent; and the warden thought that, on a photograph, Mxchxxl looked angelic!

Back down the hill and Tuesday's 'heavy' ringing began with Caters, Royal and Bristol on the two-ton ten at Yeovil, to be followed by the heaviest six and eight in the kingdom: the 36¾ cwt. tenor at Queen Camel turned in well to Cambridge and Bob Minor, and a course of our favourite Bristol and a touch of Stedman were struck reasonably well at massive Sherborne Abbey (46 cwt.). (The heaviest six, eight and ten (Wells) all in one week!) Another dark ringing room and the rough 'go' of the 28 cwt. eight at Milborne Port were not conducive to good striking, and we left a little disappointed with our performance; if only we could have made as good a show there as we did of the delicious buns and cakes so kindly provided by the 'Ringers' Friends,' Mr. and Mrs. White, we might have also rung better Minor at Marnhull (19 cwt.).

It was well worth cycling the 17 miles on Wednesday to Ditcheat for this lovely 24 cwt. eight and the very fine 21 cwt. ten, three miles away at Evercreech. It was en route to the latter tower, whilst we were discussing how and where we should have lunch, that a sudden hissing sound indicated that someone's tyre was letting him down, and so we adjourned to a conveniently-sited café for large platefuls of sausage, ham and eggs. The fine-toned Rudhall eight of 25 cwt. in the pinnacled tower at Shepton Mallet were soon sounding out. At Croscombe, the local ringers were amused to see our secretary 'drumming' behind on the *treble*, for a touch which, as those who know her can well imagine, soon changed hysterically from Grandsire Doubles to a double grand fire!

Even after bidding farewell next morning to Michael and Paul, the course of Grandsire Triples could not be anything but good on the beautiful eight (24 cwt.) at Chewton Mendip. Here we reached *the* peak of a tour, and we are appreciative of being allowed to ring a good peal of Double Norwich—a token of thanks to *all* local ringers for an enjoyable 12 days. After the peak, the falling off: our Plain Bob and Stedman at Midsomer Norton and the Minor at Winford could have been better—or was it due to the secretary's stockinged feet? And so the prodigals returned to St. Mary Redcliffe again on practice night.

On Friday, July 26th, we bade 'auf Wiedersehen' to Bristol and each other to wend our various ways, each of us with a vast store of memories of a good tour and each wishing to thank all incumbents, tower captains and ringers for their ready hospitality; the Y.H.A. wardens for their tact and endurance; our retiring Master, Geoffrey D. Fearnehough, for (just) keeping us in control: and our secretary, Miss Carol Eustace, for doing her best.

Your chronicler: in or out of the belfry.—BAT.

HEYWOOD, LANCS.—On July 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (rung on the front six with 7, 8 covering): D. Butterworth 1, R. Maher 2, J. P. Partington 3, K. Abbott 4, J. Taylor 5, G. S. Mills (cond.) 6, T. Hurst 7, J. Mills 8. Rung on the anniversary of the Sunday School to celebrate the birth of a son (Ian Geoffrey) to the conductor and his wife, who is also a ringer at this church.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN

Guilsborough Branch

The Branch's annual visit to Hazelbech has always been noted for good ringing, a good attendance, a good tea and good weather. All these came up to expectations on August 10th, except the weather—heavy rain prevented visitors from seeing this lovely country church at its best.

The ringing varied from rounds and Grandsire Doubles to Cambridge and Yorkshire Surprise, a good standard of striking being maintained.

The total attendance was 58; apart from a good number of Branch members, visitors were present from Northampton, Kettering, Leicester, Coventry, Chilvers Coton, Stamford, Deddington and Great Glen.

Owing to the Vicar's absence on holiday, the usual service could not be held, but ringing was stopped at 5.15 p.m. for tea, served in the Milton Room by Miss Church and her helpers. At the short business meeting members were reminded of the evening practice meeting at Long Buckby on August 24th, and the next monthly meeting at West Haddon on September 14th.

Ringing continued during the evening until 9, when the bells were lowered in peal to end a most enjoyable meeting.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The quarterly meeting of the Tonbridge District was held on the first Saturday of August at St. Michael's Church, Marden. This rather scattered village has a very limited 'bus and train service. Despite this, quite a good number attended. Owing to a slider being out of order, the third bell had to be held by a series of volunteers.

The best striking was during a course of Bristol. The Ringing Master (Mr. Colin Tester) made sure the beginners had plenty of practice in rounds, call-changes and Grandsire. Ordinary ringers were catered for in Bob Major, Stedman and Double Norwich. A touch of Cambridge Major just did not go.

Some of the local ladies provided an excellent tea in the Parish Hall. The short service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. C. G. Eagling), with the one and only Peter Bond at the organ. A very brief business meeting was presided over by Mr. B. Collison. A. F. W.

Peals of Royal at Hull

In connection with the peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal rung at Hull on August 5th, it is interesting to note that only five peals of Royal had previously been rung on the bells—all Kent Treble Bob, and ranging over a period of some 48 years, viz.: March 14th, 1903 (conducted by the late Chas. Jackson); August 1st, 1904 (late G. Lindoff); May 12th, 1913 (late C. Glenn); May 24th, 1920 (late G. F. Williams); and May 19th, 1951 (G. E. Feirn). It was also in this tower that the late Charles Jackson called the first peal recorded by the Yorkshire Association on November 9th, 1875, which was J. Holt's Six-part peal of Grandsire Triples.

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OBITUARY

THE REV. H. E. BENNETT

Members of the S.W. Branch of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers heard with great regret that the Rev. H. E. Bennett, rector of Plympton St. Maurice, had died on August 12th, aged 65 years.

Mr. Bennett had just completed the blessing at Evensong on the Sunday when he was seen to stumble. A doctor was called, and he was taken to the Rectory where he died without regaining consciousness.

The Rector was very interested in ringers, and shortly after the war he learnt to ring and was a source of great encouragement to a young band of ringers. Although he did not take an active part in regular ringing, he frequently came into the belfry to join in the ringing. For three or four years he was chairman of the S.W. Branch of the Guild, and a great welcome was always extended to any meeting at his church.

The funeral took place at the church on August 16th, when the very large congregation was evidence of the great esteem with which the Rector had been held, many additional seats having to be brought in to seat the large gathering. About 20 clergy were present. The Requiem Mass was conducted by the Vicar of Plymstock, and the Bishop of Plymouth gave a short address.

The cortège was brought to the church on the previous evening, when touches were rung on the half-muffled bells by the ringers, under their captain, Mr. K. Farnham. Several of the ringers are also in the choir. Muffled touches were rung before and after the funeral service.

The S.W. Branch was represented by Mr. H. N. Thomas (Emmanuel, Plymouth), chairman, and Mr. T. G. Myles (St. Andrew's, Plymouth), hon. secretary and Ringing Master, and Messrs. G. Godard and W. Collier (Emmanuel). Some ten members of the local band were present.

H. H T.

RINGERS' OUTING

COTLEIGH, DEVON

The Cotleigh band of ringers, accompanied by some ringing friends from Honiton and Buckerell, set off at 9 a.m. on Thursday, August 1st, on a day's outing.

The first call was at Whimple, where after an hour's ringing some members found it necessary to buy ice-creams to keep cool. Another hour's ringing was enjoyed at Clyst St. George, where the bells have been tuned and rehung since the church was bombed early in the war.

Next on to Topsham, where after a quick lunch some more ringing was enjoyed. Then having just over an hour to spare it was decided to visit Powderham, where after visiting the Rector and the captain of the ringers it was found possible to ring, and this was very much appreciated.

Tea was then taken in Exeter, and after this the party moved on to Upton Pyne. Here we were joined by another Cotleigh ringer, and the enlarged party, after ringing at the church, moved on to Brampford-Speke to enjoy ringing on this light ring of bells.

The last tower visited was Pinhoe, where Grandsire, Stedman and Bob Doubles were rung. The party left very tired but happy after an enormously successful outing.

Mr. Sparks, captain of Cotleigh band and organiser of the trip, would like to thank the incumbents and the captains of the towers visited for their co-operation. C. W.

WESTERLEIGH, GLOS.—On Aug. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. E. Monk 1, A. Lawrence 2, P. Delaney 3, J. Ferris 4, H. T. Ferris (cond.) 5, S. Clark 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. A. J. S. M. Lowers, wife of the Vicar.

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DEATH

SODEN.—On August 13th, 1957, at 90, Wellingborough Road, Northampton, Anne Maud Barrett, the beloved wife of Bertie Owen. 743

PERSONAL

WORKING MAN, early 50's, plain method ringer, would like to meet lady ringer with a view to companion housekeeper; driving licence would help. Eastern coastal town. Box L.E.S., 'Ringing World,' Guildford, Surrey. 732

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Miss D. Colgate has now moved to 30, Buckhurst Avenue, Sevenoaks. Will Ladies' Guild secretaries please note new number. 738

On and from Monday, August 26th, the address of Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Corby will be 10, The Close, Montreal Park, Sevenoaks, Kent. 721

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MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Saturday Aug. 24th: St. Dunstan's, Stepney, 3.30 p.m. Ship, Talbot Court, 6 p.m. —A. B. Peck. 686

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Practice meeting, Brent Knoll, Saturday, Aug. 24th. Bells (6) 5 p.m.—E. C. Wickham. 728

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION and MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Joint meeting, Repton, Saturday, Aug. 24th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea in Court Room, 5 p.m. All welcome.—V. M. Horton and J. W. Cotton, Hon. Secs.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION (N.E. District) and SUFFOLK GUILD.—Joint meeting, Bures, Saturday, Aug. 24th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. 683

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—South Forest Branch.—Meeting at Parkend, Saturday, Aug. 24th. Handbell ringing during afternoon, Lydney (8) available from 6 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. D. Stafford, Staunton, Coleford, Glos. 734

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Wooburn, Saturday, Aug. 24th, 3.15 p.m.—W. Butler, 17, Forest Road, Windsor. 706

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Aug. 24th, at Heathfield.—H. Reynolds, Sec., 10, Eastern Avenue, Polegate. 691

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Hanbury, Saturday, Aug. 24th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. 696

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The Corporate Communion at Chew Magna arranged for Sunday, Aug. 25th, has been *cancelled*.—Percy G. Yeo. 725

STREET, SOMERSET. — Holy Trinity Church.—Service of thanksgiving at Evensong, Sunday, Aug. 25th, at 6.30 p.m., for restoration and rehanging of bells. Ringing before and after service. All welcome.—William Marsh.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Branch.—Ilchester and Crewkerne combined meeting at Ilminster on Saturday, Aug. 31st. Ringing 5 to 9 p.m.—J. T. Locke, Hon. Sec. 730

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Wingerworth, Saturday, Aug. 31st. Tea 5 p.m. Names to E. Blythe, 58, Church Street (South), Derby Road, Birdholme, Chesterfield.—B. A. Sollis, Hon. Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—An evening meeting will be held at Great Paxton (5) on Saturday, Aug. 31st. Bells available 6 p.m.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 736

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Kelvedon (6), Saturday, Aug. 31st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea, please, to J. Elliott, 28, Easterford Road, Kelvedon, Colchester. 697

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—A meeting will be held at Northchurch on Saturday, Aug. 31st, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Aug 28th, to Mr. R. Ashby, 38, High Street, Northchurch. No names, no tea.—J. Good, Dis. Sec. 684

LADIES' GUILD.—Sussex District.—Meeting on Saturday, Aug. 31st, at Southover, Lewes (10). Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, Aug. 28th, to Mr. R. C. Hide, 1, Priory Place, Southover, Lewes. Kathleen M. Yeo, Hon. Sec. 689

LADIES' GUILD.—North-Western District.—Meeting at St. Mary-within-the-Walls, Chester, Saturday, Aug. 31st. Bells 2 p.m. Business meeting 3.30. Service 4 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. Please do your best to come. Gentlemen cordially invited.—Stella P. Wain, Hon. Dis. Sec. 731

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Quarterly meeting at Immanuel Church, Streatham, on Saturday, August 31st. Tea will be available for those who notify by Wednesday, August 28th.—Mrs. F. E. Collins, 17, Hamilton Road, Thornton Heath, Surrey. Phone LIV. 7370. 746

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION — Fylde Branch. — Meeting at All Hallows', Bispham, Parish Church, on Saturday, August 31st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Business meeting after tea.—John F. Turner. 745

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Collingham, Saturday, Aug. 31st. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Names, please, to Margaret Barker, Westfield, Harewood Road. — J. F. Hodson, Hon. Sec. 718

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Dersingham on Saturday, Aug. 31st. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by the business meeting. Names for tea by Thursday, Aug. 29th, to Mrs. A. Nurse, 7, Centre Vale, Dersingham, King's Lynn. Look up Double and Single Oxford and Double Bob. —C. Tovell, Branch Sec. 712

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Stamford All Saints' (6) on Saturday, Aug. 31st. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Tuesday previous, please, to J. Bluff, 81, New Cross Road, Stamford. 729

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Monthly meeting at Loughborough on Saturday, Aug. 31st. Ringing arrangements: Bell Foundry 3 p.m., All Saints' from 6.30 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—K. Wagstaff, Sec. 740

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Summer meeting at Elford, near Lichfield, Saturday, Aug. 31st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea not later than August 28th. — Fred Bennett, Pool House Road, Wombourn. 694

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Gorseinon (8 bells), Saturday, Aug. 31st. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea, please. — Hoare, 6, Gendros Crescent, Swansea 687

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT and SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETIES.—Joint meeting at Conisborough, 3 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 7th. Names for tea must be sent to Mrs. Braithwaite, The Vicarage, Conisborough.—G. Watson and J. Seager, Secs. 719

DEVON GUILD. — Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Woodbury, Saturday, Sept. 7th. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Sept. 3rd to J. L. S. Glanvill, Higher Bagmore Farm, Woodbury. 722

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Crusader meeting, Downham, Saturday, Sept. 7th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. H. Oliver, Fremnell's Garage, Downham. 720

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Eastern Division.—Meeting, Saturday, Sept. 7th, Goldhanger (8). Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to A. H. Everett, Cornerway, Plantation Road, Boreham. 735

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Meeting at Cowden on Saturday, Sept. 7th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please bring your own tea. 737

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Saturday, Sept. 7th, half-yearly ringing meeting at Rochdale Parish Church (8), 2.30 to 9 p.m. Committee will meet at St. Chad's Fold, Water Street, at 3.30 p.m.; also the bells of Whitworth, St. Bartholomew (8), will be available from 2.30 to 4.30 p.m., and from 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in St. Chad's Fold at approximately 3s. per head. Names for tea by Sept. 4th to Mr. A. Smith, 11, Greenbank Road, Rochdale. 693

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Lillingstone Lovell, Saturday, Sept. 7th. Bells (5) 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Please notify for tea by Sept. 2nd.—R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bucks. 727

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Sept. 7th, at Croydon, Surrey. St. John's bells (12) available 3 p.m. and after tea. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting in Sylverdale Hall. All very welcome! Names for tea by Tuesday, Sept. 3rd, please, to N. Steere, 46, Milton Avenue, Sutton, Surrey.—P. N. Bond, Hon. Sec. 724

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Nottingham District.—Meeting on Saturday, Sept. 7th, at Trowell. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Business meeting in belfry 5.45 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—C. W. Towers. 713

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. — Preliminary notice. — Annual dinner at the Guildhall, Worcester, on Saturday, Oct. 5th, at 5.45 p.m. Tickets (8s. 6d. each) available shortly and obtainable from dinner committee, Branch secretaries, or J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Sedgeberrow, Evesham. 698

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare and Exeter Branches.—Provisional notice is given of a joint meeting to be held at Exeter Cathedral on Saturday, Oct. 26th. Members of other Branches will be very welcome. 723

HASLEMERE, SURREY

Beginning at St. John Baptist, New Alresford, ringers from Haslemere rang in five 8-bell towers during their outing on August Bank Holiday. At St. Martin's, Salisbury, we were made very welcome, and ringing was enlivened by the failure of the fifth to pull off for a course of Grandsire. Lunch, and a visit to the Cathedral, followed; then rowing on the river and (safer and less damp) handbell ringing on the bank. The route to Andover was then stretched to include Stonehenge, where we met Bank Holiday crowds for the first time.

St. Mary's, Andover, alarmed us by the ascent to the ringing chamber and the oscillation of its tower while the bells were rung; but in spite of this, and the girders supporting the clock mechanisms, we had a good ring, and were very ready for tea at the end of it. Our two last towers were St. Mary's, Overton, and St. Michael's, Basingstoke. In the former we found more clock mechanism, and in the latter mauve sallies and a beautiful peal book: in both, a very friendly welcome and some enjoyable ringing. We should like to thank everyone who helped to make the outing so successful.

M. P. G.

5,088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

23456	B	M	W	H	
35264	X				
63254			—		
45236		—	—	—	
62534		—		—	
36524			—	3	
23564			—		
36245	X				
43265			—		
42635			—	2	A
34625			—	3	
23645			—		
23456		A			

A variation on Craven's Three-part by S. IVIN. Rung at Hitchin on July 27th, 1957.

BURTON LATIMER, NORTHANTS.—On Aug. 2nd, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: V. Headlands (first on eight) 1, R. Stretton 2, J. Giles (first on eight) 3, John Baker (first of Major) 4, P. G. K. Davies (first of Major) 5, B. S. Cope 6, D. W. James 7, G. Wilson (cond.) 8.

CORRECTION TO 5,120 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Dear Sir,—It is with regret that I have to point out that the 5,120 Yorkshire Surprise Major published under my name ('R.W.', August 9th, p. 510) is incorrect. There are calls at Wrong and Home omitted from the middle of the composition.—Yours sincerely,

E. W. TIPLER.

Lutterworth.

Appended is the correct composition.

5,120 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

By E. W. TIPLER

23456	B	M	W	H
45236			—	—
25634		—		3
53246	X			
52436			—	2
63425		—	—	—
32654	X			
32546	X			—
54326			—	—
23645		—	—	
42635			—	3
42356	X			—
43526			—	2
53624		—		3
34625		—		2
23456	X			2

First rung at the Bell Foundry, Loughborough, on July 3rd, 1957. Conducted by Brian G. Warwick.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On July 21st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: A. T. Howes 1, C. J. Young 2, Miss D. Robinson 3, J. Goodall 4, D. E. R. Knights 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For morning service.

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NO NEW TIPS

IN the course of my visits to towers I am sometimes asked: 'Have you any new tips for instructors and pupils?' Candidly, I confess that the answer is 'No,' because all the tips are contained in various text books now available, or have from time to time appeared in this paper. Books are a great help, but it is only by constant practice that the beginner gets real bell control, which is of great importance. Bell control is not just catching the sally and keeping the bell up: it means being able to put it in its place this time, next time and all the time.

Care should be taken to develop an 'ear,' also accuracy in spacing, before being rushed into half-pull ringing; and a valuable help in addition to good rounds is a spell at call-changes, so that the pupil can correctly gauge the spacing to be allowed over big and small bells. Until the bell can be placed with precision in call-changes the learner can hardly be expected to do so at every half-pull, and by careful teaching much putting the bell 'somewhere' among the rest can be avoided. Another important factor is patience, especially when it comes to the stages between bell control and half-pull ringing, because listening to the striking of your own bell and striving to gauge correctly may make all the difference between becoming a good or bad striker.

Much more has been written on the teaching of beginners in the pages of this paper since 1911, and in this article I have confessed to 'no new tips': therefore I do not attempt to cover everything embodied in what some people call the 'drudgery' period, because practical experience, a good teaching, and the keen desire to be a worthy ringer will soon change the word drudgery to rudimentary.

There is a wide gulf between handling a bell in rounds or call-changes and the theory, coupled with ropesight, of half-pull ringing. Pencil and paper work can be started at any stage of the instruction period—the sooner the better, because of a further interest to pursue often away from the tower—but beware of cramming too much into the pupil for a start, or this may result in conveying the impression that the subject is too complicated and confusing.

Some time ago conflicting views were expressed regarding the best method to teach the pupil for starting his career in change-ringing—Grandsire or Plain Bob: some advocated the former, chiefly because the tenor covered behind to give other bells a leading point, while others for other reasons voted for Plain Bob. Being a question of opinion, it does not matter very much which is taught first so long as it is realised that both are essential if progress is to be made. Seeing the method on paper and then making a first attempt to ring it is often very confusing to the pupil; but if a quicker look out for the next bell is cultivated instead of dwelling too long on one bell a clearer insight can be obtained.

In 1701 many young change-ringers were first taught to distinguish the notes of a ring of bells, imitating them with the voice and, if necessary, getting the help of a singing master. Probably this was done to enable the pupil to ring by ear and eye, but I doubt if such a course would appeal to instructors in these days. Listen to your bell has been a leading maxim with us for centuries; and it is team work which helps to attain good striking, steady progress and sustained interest in an art where intelligence and skill enables us to perform work for the Church of a highly technical degree.

As time goes on, many changes take place in the ranks of those who manipulate the bells, and sometimes we pause and realise what difficulties must be faced. While we have the past to reflect upon for our guidance we must look to the future. All present efforts must more or less have a bearing on the future, so let us strive that those who follow on may have cause to rejoice and be thankful that we have left them a goodly heritage, and the example of good works and zealous striving for the retention of all that is good and true in our services for Church and country.

At some ringers' services surprise is expressed by the clergy at the number of young ringers attending the meetings, and this is a good sign. Transport is easier and more varied; meetings are held in order to give everyone a pull; and if the Ringing Master does not happen to call out something to suit your requirements just try and tell him about it, so that he may not overlook you.

Much of the ground covered by this article has appeared in various forms from time to time in this paper, and much more could be written on the subject, but I hope some portions may prove helpful even though I have no new tips.

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

TOUR OF SURREY AND SUSSEX

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 27, 1957, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in E.

MARK S. LANCEFIELD	*Treble*	†RONALD J. SHARP	6
EDGAR R. RAPLEY	2	JOHN R. COOPER	7
ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD	3	FREDERICK A. MUNDAY	8
*IAN H. ORAM	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	9
GEOFFREY PEARSON	5	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by THOMAS CULLINGWORTH.
* First peal of Royal. † 350th peal. First peal of Surprise Royal as conductor.

EWHURST, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., July 29, 1957, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5056 DORCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb.

*A. PATRICK CANNON	*Treble*	*IAN H. ORAM	5
GEOFFREY PEARSON	2	JOHN R. COOPER	6
THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	3	*JOHN L. MORRIS	7
*RONALD J. SHARP	4	*WILLIAM T. BEESON	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by JOHN L. MORRIS.
* First peal in the method.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., July 29, 1957, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, comprising 992 changes of London, 768 Bristol, 1,664 Superlative and 1,632 Cambridge, with 106 changes of method, and with all the work of the four methods for each bell.
Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

JOHN L. MORRIS	*Treble*	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD	5
*IAN H. ORAM	2	*FREDERICK A. MUNDAY	6
RONALD J. SHARP	3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD	7
GEOFFREY PEARSON	4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by HAROLD G. CASHMORE.
Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major. First peal of Spliced Surprise Major on the bells.

LOWER BEEDING, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., July 30, 1957, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In three methods, comprising 2,496 changes of Rutland, 1,056 New Cambridge and 1,536 Yorkshire, with 92 changes of method.
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in G.

ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD	*Treble*	*IAN H. ORAM	5
*EDGAR R. RAPLEY	2	JOHN R. COOPER	6
RONALD J. SHARP	3	JOHN L. MORRIS	7
GEOFFREY PEARSON	4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by JOHN L. MORRIS.
* First peal of Three Spliced Surprise Major.

TURNER'S HILL, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., July 31, 1957, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In five methods, comprising 1,088 changes of London, 1,024 Cambridge and 992 each of Bristol, Superlative and Pudsey, with 100 changes of method, and with all the work of the five methods for each bell. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb. in F.

JOHN R. COOPER	*Treble*	*RALPH BIRD	5
*JOHN L. MORRIS	2	*IAN H. ORAM	6
*EDGAR R. RAPLEY	3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD	7
RONALD J. SHARP	4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.
* First peal of Five Spliced Surprise Major.

EGHAM, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Aug. 1, 1957, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In six methods, comprising 960 changes of London, 928 Watford, 768 Bristol, and 832 each of Cambridge, Superlative and Pudsey, with 123 changes of method, and with all the work of the six methods for each bell. Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in F.

EDWARD G. L. COWARD	*Treble*	JOHN R. COOPER	5
RALPH BIRD	2	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD	6
RONALD J. SHARP	3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD	7
GEOFFREY PEARSON	4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Aug. 2, 1957, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In seven methods, comprising 960 changes of London, 928 Watford, 768 Bristol, 672 Cambridge, 608 Dorchester, 640 Superlative and 576 Pudsey, with 121 changes of method, and with all the work of the seven methods for each bell. Tenor 14 cwt. 8 lb. in F.

JOHN R. COOPER	*Treble*	*IAN H. ORAM	5
*EDGAR R. RAPLEY	2	*JOHN L. MORRIS	6
*RONALD J. SHARP	3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD	7
*GEOFFREY PEARSON	4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.
* First peal of Seven Spliced Surprise Major.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 3, 1957, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5120 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb. in F sharp.

WILLIAM C. MARSHALL	*Treble*	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD	5
JOHN L. MORRIS	2	*WILFRED W. RING	6
IAN H. ORAM	3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD	7
GEOFFREY PEARSON	4	*THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by MAURICE HODGSON. Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.
* 100th peal together.
A 25th birthday compliment to Mr. Mark W. Marshall.

GODSTONE, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 3, 1957, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In two methods, comprising 2,880 changes of Yorkshire and 2,176 Cambridge, with 134 changes of method. Tenor 12 cwt. 4 lb. in G.

WILLIAM C. MARSHALL	*Treble*	*IAN H. ORAM	5
RONALD J. SHARP	2	WILFRED W. RING	6
ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD	3	*JOHN L. MORRIS	7
JOHN R. COOPER	4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by REV. H LAW JAMES. Conducted by JOHN L. MORRIS.
* First peal of Two Spliced Surprise Major.

TEN BELL PEAL

LIVERPOOL.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 10, 1957, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 42 cwt. in C.

LESTER L. GRAY	*Treble*	EDWIN C. BIRKETT	6
GWENDOLINE I. HOWLETT	2	ALEXANDER J. MARTIN	7
JOHN NELSON	3	PAUL L. TAYLOR	8
REV. PETER R. ROBBINS	4	JACK N. BROWN	9
JOHN E. SPICE	5	JOSEPH RIDYARD	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by JOHN E. SPICE.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

CHEWTON MENDIP, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., July 25, 1957, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in D.

BRIAN A. TOMLINSON	*Treble*	KENNETH D. PERKINS	5
TREVOR TAYLOR	2	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	6
CAROL EUSTACE	3	DEREK TAYLOR	7
GEOFFREY HOPKINSON	4	GEOFFREY D. FEARNEHOUGH	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by TREVOR TAYLOR.
Rung on the final day of the Manchester University Guild tour.

ECCLESTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 3, 1957, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-BLESSED-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in D.

WILLIAM E. SMITH	*Treble*	IVOR JENKINS	5
TREVOR TAYLOR	2	GEOFFREY D. FEARNEHOUGH	6
BRIAN A. TOMLINSON	3	DEREK TAYLOR	7
SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN.	4	DENNIS MOTTERSHEAD	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by TREVOR TAYLOR.

ST. ANTHONY-IN-MENEAGE, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 10, 1957, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANTHONY.
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

ALAN CARVETH	*Treble*	V. MARY MATTHEWS	5
*GILLIAN A. NEAL SMITH	2	*D. J. NEAL SMITH	6
LEONARD TREVOR	3	REV. A. S. ROBERTS	7
RONALD D. SHORT	4	DAVID N. PENROSE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. DEBBS. Conducted by ALAN CARVETH.
* First peal of Major. The first peal in the method on the bells.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 17, 1957, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 14 cwt. 8 lb.

OLIVE D. COUCHMAN	*Treble*	COLIN A. TESTER	5
STANLEY G. PONTING	2	ERNEST J. LADD	6
EDWARD C. LEIGH	3	WILLIAM ROGERS	7
BERNARD V. COLLISON	4	EDWARD J. JENNER	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.
Rung after the wedding of Miss Maureen Hardy, a local ringer, and Mr. Laurence Stafford.
The tenor ringer has now 'completed the circle' in this tower.

KNEBWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 17, 1957, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY-THE-VIRGIN AND THOMAS-A-BECKET,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

*BERNARD L. MARKS	*Treble*	RICHARD J. CASTLEDINE	5
FRANCES M. WELCH	2	DAVID SUTCLIFFE	6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	3	COLIN HARWOOD	7
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	4	EDWIN G. BUCK	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.
* First peal of Major.
Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Miss Maureen Moore to Mr. Peter Wells, towerkeeper and ringer at this church.

LYE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 17, 1957, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 3¼ cwt.

GEORGE E. FEARN	*Treble*	BRYAN PATTISON	5
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	2	MURIEL REAY	6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	3	NORMAN G. GOODMAN	7
DIANA PERRINS	4	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by W. BARTON. Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.

OSSETT, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Leeds and District Society.)
On Sat., Aug. 17, 1957, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 27¼ cwt.

THOMAS W. STRANGEWAY	*Treble*	IRVIN SLACK	5
*H. RODNEY STEPHENSON	2	DAVID S. LOCKWOOD	6
FRED BENNETT	3	C. MICHAEL STEPHENSON	7
MALCOLM L. BENNETT	4	MARK L. LOCKWOOD	*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by THOMAS W. STRANGEWAY.
* First peal.

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 17, 1957, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5088 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14½ cwt.

*D. MARGARET HAWLEY	*Treble*	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	5
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	2	J. FREDERICK MILNER	6
MILTON C. FOWLER	3	EDWARD BRADLEY	7
HOWARD SCOTT	4	†J. MARTIN THORLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. S. WILDE. Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
* 100th peal for the Association, and first lady to accomplish this.
† 150th peal for the Association.

TENBY, PEMBROKESHIRE.
THE ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 17, 1957, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

*THOMAS A. OSBORNE	*Treble*	KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER	5
DOROTHY R. FLETCHER	2	IVOR JENKINS	6
*EDWARD WILLIAMS	3	L. HENRY JENKINS	7
*JOHN P. G. WEBB	4	IVOR R. NICHOLS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by IVOR R. NICHOLS.
* First peal. First peal in the method as conductor. First peal of Plain Bob Major on the bells.

WELLS-NEXT-THE-SEA, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Aug. 18, 1957, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 100 lb. in F sharp.

NOLAN GOLDEN	*Treble*	WALTER FORD	5
TONY OWEN	2	WILLIAM R. CATCHPOLE	6
CECIL V. EBBERSON	3	*ALBERT J. COOTE	7
WALTER C. MEDLER	4	BERT GOGLE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
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SIX BELL PEALS

MILES PLATTING, MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., July 3, 1957, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12¼ cwt. in G.

*P. ALLAN B. TOOMBS	*Treble*	BRIAN A. TOMLINSON	4
TREVOR TAYLOR	2	†NEIL BENNETT	5
HAROLD LONYON	3	DEREK TAYLOR	*Tenor*

Conducted by TREVOR TAYLOR.
* First peal. † First of Minor.

BREADSALL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 3, 1957, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Cambridge Surprise, one of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.
Tenor 14 cwt. in F sharp.

RICHARD J. BOWDEN	*Treble*	TUDOR P. EDWARDS	4
ELISABETH A. G. GRIME	2	ALAN F. LEE	5
JOHN S. HARRISON	3	ROGER O. FRY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.

AXBRIDGE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Aug. 5, 1957, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in E flat.

RONALD G. BECK	*Treble*	*DAVID T. ROBERTSON	4
ROBERT E. BECK	2	ERNEST E. BRAY	5
W. J. PHIPPEN	3	GWILYM SALMON	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST E. BRAY.
* First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor as conductor.

ASH, SURREY
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Aug. 9, 1957, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of three extents Plain Bob and four Kent Treble Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

BRENDA DAVIDGE	*Treble*	EDWARD J. BRAGG	4
STANLEY RUSSELL	2	CHARLES W. DENYER	5
AUDREY GOODCHILD	3	PETER SHERWOOD	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER SHERWOOD.
Rung on the eve of the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Sherwood, parents of the conductor.

SAXTHORPE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Aug. 16, 1957, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being extents of Double Oxford, Double Court, Double Plain Bob, St. Clement's, Single Court, Reverse Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 2 cwt. 94 lb. in E.

SYDNEY FLINT	*Treble*	STANLEY W. COPLING	4
NOLAN GOLDEN	2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	5
ARTHUR G. BASON	3	GEORGE SAYER	*Tenor*

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
Mr. Flint is from Maghull, Lancs.

ALBURY, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug 17, 1957, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of London and Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.
Tenor 16 cwt. 10 lb. in F.

MARGARET LEWIS	*Treble*	G. WILLIAM MORRIS	4
ANN COX	2	TONY PRICE	5
DAVID ROBINSON	3	RICHARD E. PRICE	*Tenor*

Conducted by RICHARD E. PRICE.
A birthday compliment to the conductor.

ASFORDBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 17, 1957, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Single Oxford, and one Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.

*CHARLES E. COOPER	*Treble*	J. HARRY COOK	4
MRS. A. SIMPSON	2	ERNEST MORRIS	5
ROLAND H. COOK	3	ALLAN SIMPSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.
* First peal of Minor in four methods. The conductor's 1,700th peal.

LAXFIELD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 17, 1957, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in F.

ERNEST WHITING	*Treble*	†CYRIL BARBER	4
E. AUSTIN HEAD	2	ROBERT PLUMMER	5
*CHARLES BROWN	3	L. EDWARD ETHERIDGE	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.
* First peal 'inside' in three methods. † First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells for 23 years.
A birthday compliment to the second ringer.

STEEPLE CLAYDON, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 17, 1957, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.
A PEAL OF 5040 QUANTOCK TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout.
Tenor 15¼ cwt. in F sharp.

PHYLLIS M. MAYNE	*Treble*	JOHN W. V. SINFIELD	4
ELSIE K. HART	2	GEORGE W. HOLLAND	5
H. GEORGE HART	3	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
The first peal in the method.

WALTHAM ST. LAWRENCE, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 17, 1957, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Tenor 12 cwt.

J. W. BOLTER	*Treble*	T. TILLEY	4
*MISS G. MURRAY	2	W. HUNT	5
H. SMITH	3	*P. PRATT	*Tenor*

Conducted jointly by H. SMITH and W. HUNT.
* First peal. First peal of Grandsire Doubles on the bells, and by the band.
Rung as a compliment to Miss B. Vass, a ringer at this tower, on the occasion of her wedding.

WEST HALLAM, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 17, 1957, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID.
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

*BERNICE A. MANNING	*Treble*	†JOHN F. MURFIN	4
DAVID K. WALKLATE	2	†PETER BELLAMY-KNIGHTS	5
*JOHN E. COLLINS	3	BRIAN R. MANNING	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID K. WALKLATE.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † 25th peal. First peal of Kent Minor by all the band.
Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. Taylor, of Derby.

WARSOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Aug. 18, 1957, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being four 720's of Cambridge and three 720's of Norwich.
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in F.

*MARGARET JOHNSON	*Treble*	GEORGE CHALLANS	4
*FREDA ROBINSON	2	DOUGLAS H. ROOKE	5
MRS. JOAN CROSBY	3	HERBERT T. ROOKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.
* First peal of Surprise.

ALVASTON, DERBYS.—On Aug. 18th, 1,260 Doubles (six extents Reverse Canterbury and 4½ Plain Bob): Miss L. P. Hydes (first quarter) 1, Miss B. A. Manning 2, Miss J. G. Draper 3, A. Whiting 4, D. K. Walklate (cond.) 5, D. Roberts (first quarter) 6. Rung for morning service in memory of William Lancaster, late vice-president of the Derbyshire Association.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.—On Aug. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mary Randall (first quarter) 1, F. Oakshott 2, J. T. Symonds 3, B. Piper 4, P. Jackson 5, W. Parrott 6, D. G. Astridge (cond.) 7, A. J. Wellsteed (first of Triples) 8. Rung following the wedding of Mr. David Sissmore and Miss M. J. Simpson Holt.

AXMINSTER, DEVON.—On Aug. 9th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: W. H. Poole 1, J. S. Carter 2, G. S. Morris (cond.) 3, H. G. Keeley 4, G. Gaylard (first in method) 5, H. J. Gaylard 6, R. Keeley 7, C. P. Walker 8.

BASSINGHAM, LINCS.—On Aug. 18th, 1,320 Minor (720 Plain Bob, 360 Cambridge, 240 Kent Treble Bob): P. Scholfield 1, A. J. Frost 2, B. Hendrie 3, J. R. Wordsall 4, J. E. Cook (cond.) 5, A. E. Hartley 6. For Evensong by members of the Society of Rambling Ringers on the completion of their three weeks' tour.

BRAMLEY, YORKS.—On July 11th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: D. Cox (first on eight bells) 1, F. Rayment 2, Mrs. H. B. Schofield 3, P. Dawson 4, D. Thorp 5, E. Simpson 6, H. B. Schofield 7, M. J. Thurmott (cond.) 8.

BRIDLINGTON, YORKS.—At the Priory Church, on Aug. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Ashby 1, Miss A. M. Huddleston 2, J. V. Davies 3, J. Porter 4, F. K. Burnett 5, J. A. Parker 6, H. Parker (cond.) 7, R. Stephenson (aged 16) 8. Rung in memoriam Mr. George Dowling, of Beverley, always a welcome visitors to the Priory.

BRINDLE, LANCS.—On Aug. 13th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: A. Hatch 1, L. Walmsley 2, T. Barker (cond.) 3, A. Rigby 4, J. Blackburn 5, F. Stead 6. Rung for the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. A. Hatch.

BRISTOL.—At St. Werburgh's Church, on Aug. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. Clash 1, S. G. Riches (cond.) 2, I. Freestone (first quarter) 3, H. W. Payne 4, L. H. French 5, A. True 6. Rung for the wedding of Miss Betty Glover to Mr. M. Clarke.

BURFORD, OXON.—On Aug. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Francis 1, F. Soden 2, J. Keyt 3, P. Coombes 4, W Dixon 5, T. Timms 6, R. Jarvis (cond.) 7, C. Tompkins 8.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFS.—At St. Paul's Church, on Aug. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Brunning 1, Valerie Smith 2, W. J. Leach 3, G. L. Roobottom 4, B. G. Key 5, A. G. Foster (cond.) 6, R. H. Dove 7, E. J. White 8. Rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to Mrs. C. B. Dove, mother of the ringer of the 7th, whose funeral took place earlier in the day.

CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.—On Aug. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Sullivan (12) 1, Jill Swanne 2, Evangeline Roberts (13) 3, Rev. A. S. Roberts (cond.) 4, R. Sullivan 5, Ethne Bridle (13) 6. First quarter by 1, 3, 5 and 6. Rung on the front six.

CHERITON, KENT.—On Aug. 15th, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent, 540 Plain Bob): Miss M. Vantom 1, Mrs. R. Wratten 2, M. J. Martin 3, J. Ledsham 4, C. A. Wratten (cond.) 5, W. C. Chandler 6. First in two Minor methods for 3 and 6. For the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. Vincent, of Newington. Also on Aug. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. J. Martin 1, R. French 2, C. A. Wratten (cond.) 3, A. Berry 4, R. A. Ward 5, A. Jackson 6. First quarter for 2 and 6. Also on Aug. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Berry (first of Minor) 1, C. A. Wratten (cond.) 2, W. C. Chandler 3, J. Ledsham 4, M. J. Martin 5, R. A. Ward 6. Conductor's 100th quarter peal. Rung for Matins.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.—On Aug. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Virginia Warner (first quarter) 1, D. A. Kirk 2, Angela Fuller (first quarter) 3, O. L. Warner 4, P. L. N. Fuller (cond.) 5, R. Cooper 6. First quarter as conductor.

DRAYTON, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: I. Best 1, H. Bungay 2, F. Welch 3, R. Welch 4, G. Monckton 5, G. Hartland 6, J. T. Locke (cond.) 7, S. Wills 8. First quarter for 5 and 8. A birthday compliment to treble ringer.

QUARTER PEALS

EASTHAM, CHESHIRE.—At St. Mary's Church, on Aug. 17th, 1,260 Doubles (being five extents of Grandsire and six of Plain Bob): K. C. Edwards 1, Miss H. Muirhead 2, G. McKay (cond.) 3, Miss C. F. Jones 4, J. Amer 5, F. R. Ferris 6. Rung for the marriage of Mr. A. R. Agg and Miss C. A. Muirhead.

FAREHAM, HANTS.—On Aug. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Jacobs 1, Renee Sturgess 2, J. Ball 3, H. Robes 4, B. Hargrove 5, G. Miles 6, A. Sturgess (cond.) 7, A. Dye 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam George L. Privett, parish clerk for 40 years, bellringer and chorister for 60 years, interred this day.

FRESHFORD, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 11th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: R. O. Fry 1, W. Wilkinson 2, D. G. Jackson 3, D. E. Cobb 4, R. A. Southwood 5. Each member conducted two six-scores.

GREAT HASELEY, OXON.—On Aug. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Spicer 1, F. Absolom 2, F. Godden 3, J. Godman (cond.) 4, T. Bowles 5, J. Allen 6. Also 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Fulker 1, H. Badger 2, F. Godden 3, J. Godman 4, Rev. E. Ellenger 5, F. Absolom (cond.) 6.

GREAT HORKESLEY, ESSEX.—On July 24th, 1,260 Doubles (420 Grandsire, 360 St. Simon's Bob, 480 Plain Bob): Kathleen Macbeth 1, A. E. Leggett 2, Evelyn R. M. Cansdale 3, A. W. Cansdale (cond.) 4, D. L. Mills 5, J. C. Macbeth 6.

HENLOW, BEDS.—On Aug. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Major 1, R. Earl 2, A. Gentle 3, L. H. Bywater (cond.) 4, R. Fuller 5, P. Thompson 6. First quarter for 1 and 2. For Evensong.

HITCHAM, BUCKS.—On Aug. 3rd, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob, 180 Plain Bob and 360 Reverse Canterbury): H. Oglesby 1, J. Cobb 2, Miss M. R. Jaycock 3, R. K. Russ 4, G. W. Limmer 5, G. Gilbert (cond.) 6.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Aug. 11th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Miss A. Lowings 1, S. Penfold 2, J. Carrott 3, T. East 4, Miss J. Peacock 5, A. Grainger (first away from treble) 6, A. Gargrave 7, A. J. Salisbury (cond.) 8.

LITTLEBOURNE, KENT.—On Aug. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Norah Dines 1, T. F. Young 2, C. Norris 3, S. Walter 4, P. Newing (cond.) 5. First quarter for 1 and 3.

LLANDAFF, GLAM.—At the Cathedral Church, on Aug. 10th, 2,520 Grandsire Triples: J. D. Woodman 1, A. M. Coombs 2, Rev. I. Richards 3, R. Lucas 4, T. Yeoman 5, A. R. Price 6, W. Dare (cond.) 7, N. A. James 8. Rung to mark the election of the Rt. Rev. Glyn Simon, D.D., sometime Dean of this Cathedral, to the 87th Bishop of this Diocese.

LOWER HEYFORD, NORTHANTS.—On Aug. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. L. Denny 1, M. R. C. Hensher (first quarter) 2, E. C. Garrett 3, Mrs. W. Collins 4, W. H. Collins (cond.) 5, J. Smith 6. For Evensong.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On Aug. 11th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: E. L. Taylor 1, J. S. Carter 2, Mrs. C. W. Powell 3, H. G. Keeley 4, R. Keeley 5, G. Olliffe 6, C. W. Powell 7, G. S. Morris (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

MELTHAM, YORKS.—On Aug. 11th, 1,320 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: F. Webster 1, L. Dawson (cond.) 2, D. Earnshaw 3, J. Greenwood 4, C. Byram 5, E. Earnshaw 6. Rung with the band's best wishes to L. Dawson, who is leaving the district.

MILVERTON, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 19th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles (rung on the back six): B. Jean Stevens 1, Joan Taylor 2, Pamela M. Stevens 3, C. Tarr 4, C. J. Stevens (cond.) 5, H. Taylor 6.

MOORLINCH, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 16th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: D. Miller (first as cond.) 1, C. Clarke 2, J. Walton 3, K. Prime (first of Stedman) 4, R. Short 5, G. Duckham (first quarter) 6. A Bridgwater branch quarter.

MINEHEAD, SOMERSET.—On July 21st, 1,400 Plain Bob Royal: T. Taylor (cond.) 1, P. Jones 2, M. V. White 3, Carol Eustace 4, B. A. Tomlinson 5, D. F. Yates 6, G. Hopkinson 7, B. J. Woodruffe 8, D. Taylor 9, G. D. Fearnehough 10. Rung before Evensong by members of the Manchester University Guild tour. Also on Aug. 15th, 1,257 Stedman Caters: S. G. Coles 1, F. Chedgey 2, D. F. Sheldon 3, R. W. Hayward 4, W. H. Tarr 5, R. Short 6, H. Churchill 7, J. Pugsley (first of Stedman Caters) 8, W. G. Gigg (cond.) 9, W. Middleton (first quarter) 10. Rung as a compliment to Mr. J. Pugsley for his 85th birthday, and the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Sheldon.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.—On July 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Bridget Forder (first quarter) 1, D. J. Forder (first of Triples) 2, A. Reed 3, C. Taylor 4, C. Murphy 5, N. Hayes 6, R. A. Reed (cond.) 7, L. Stead 8. Rung by the local band to mark the dedication of the W. T. Tucker Memorial Bookcase.

OVERBURY, WORCS.—On Aug. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Attwood 1, R. Perks 2, R. Hickmott 3, C. Brazier 4, F. Wood (cond.) 5, K. Hussell 6. Rung half-muffled as a mark of respect to the memory of the Rev. D. S. Mackenzie, late Vicar of Overbury.

READING, BERKS.—On Aug. 11th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: F. Lewis 1, A. Diserens 2, R. W. Rex 3, B. Bladen 4, R. Begrie (first of Bristol) 5, G. K. Dodd 6, R. F. Diserens 7, N. J. Diserens (cond.) 8.

ROCHDALE, LANCS.—At All Saints' Church, Hamer, on Aug. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Sylvia Lord 1, Mrs. S. Wood 2, Margaret Buckley 3, J. Taylor 4, I. W. Taylor 5, K. Abbott (first as cond.) 6. Rung to celebrate the engagement of Mr. Ian W. Taylor to Miss Margaret Buckley.

SOWTON, DEVON.—On Aug. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. White 1, W. Seldon 2, W. Panter 3, Miss S. Cope 4, A. Tapley 5, F. Willmington 6, W. Reeks (cond.) 7, E. Retter 8. Rung half-muffled after the interment of Charlie Scoble, an old ringer and sidesman.

STONEY STANTON, LEICS.—On Aug. 18th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: O. S. Underwood 1, J. A. Smith 2, A. M. Lindsey 3, R. Richardson 4, G. T. Ball 5, J. H. Bailess 6, J. Vernon 7, M. Vernon (cond.) 8. For morning service.

STREATHAM, S.W.—On Aug. 18th, at St. Leonard's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: T. W. Welbourne 1, Mrs. R. Sanders 2, J. W. Rea 3, J. W. Chapman 4, W. M. Williamson 5, R. Sanders 6, J. W. Euston (cond.) 7, G. Miles 8. A birthday compliment to ringers 1, 2 and 4.

STROUD, GLOS.—On Aug. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Garland 1, Margaret Keen 2, Mary Garland (first quarter) 3, M. Simpson 4, T. Witts (cond.) 5, N. Birch (first quarter) 6.

TENDRING, ESSEX.—On Aug. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Brazier 1, Anne Collier (first quarter) 2, I. Cooper 3, F. Harvey 4, R. Bugg 5, E. E. Davey (cond.) 6. Also 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Brazier 1, I. Cooper 2, Anne Pryke 3, F. Harvey 4, E. E. Davey (cond.) 5, R. Bugg 6.

WADENHOE, NORTHANTS.—On Aug. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Stretton 1, T. A. Stretton 2, R. Gardner 3, A. C. Wills 4, E. Briggs 5, L. Witten (cond.) 6. First quarter for 1, 2, 3 and 4. Rung as a compliment to the Rev. B. H. Dawson on his 25th anniversary as Vicar of Pilton and Wadenhoe.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—At the Church of St. Mary, on Aug. 17th, 1,440 Cambridge Royal: R. Smith 1, A. J. A. Boyack 2, B. Howard 3, L. Fox 4, J. Nash 5, C. Hughes 6, R. Chapman (first of Cambridge Royal) 7, J. Armstrong 8, C. Willmington 9, J. Crampion (cond.) 10. Also on Aug. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (with tenor covering): F. Sykes 1, H. Rumens 3, F. C. Maynard 4, B. Downes 5, A. J. N. Boyack 6, R. J. Chapman (cond.) 7, R. Lumsden 8. For Evensong.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Aug. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Cox 1, Anne Garnett 2, A. Bishop 3, J. Tomsett 4, M. P. Moreton 5, M. Sinden (cond.) 6, F. Corfield 7, A. Bagworth 8. A 76th birthday quarter for the treble ringer. Also on Aug. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Cox 1, Anne Garnett 2, N. Bagworth 3, M. P. Moreton 4, A. Bagworth 5, A. Bishop 6, F. Corfield (cond.) 7, M. Sinden 8. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to the memory of Mrs. J. Tomsett, wife of J. Tomsett, secretary of the band, who passed away on this day.

WITNEY, OXON.—On Aug. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Marilyn Bird 1, L. T. Olliffe 2, Margaret Welch 3, B. Costar 4, B. J. Coggins 5, Bernard Coggins 6. Rung in honour of the Bishop of Dorchester, who came to dedicate a new side chapel in the church.

OUTINGS

PORTISHEAD AND WRAXALL

We in Somerset consider ourselves fortunate in that the county abounds with lovely rings of bells; and where in the whole country could one find two grander rings of eight than in Ditcheat and Ilminster—the first and last towers visited by the Portishead and Wraxall ringers on their outing?

The first part of the route took us past the new Chew Valley Lake, over the Mendips and down to Ditcheat, where Mr. H. C. Lintern kindly met us. It did not take long to realise why Ditcheat is such a popular target for visiting ringers—for their weight the 'go' is exceptional and their 'voice' is grand.

We journeyed on into Dorset, but owing to traffic congestion and the coach driver having taken the wrong road, it was nigh dinner time when we arrived at Beaminster. If the ringing here was not quite up to standard we certainly couldn't blame 'Old Bilbie'; indeed the bells themselves leave little to be desired. We felt we didn't do them full justice—it may be that our stomachs were beginning to gnaw, or was it the green sallies that put us off our best?

We halted at Bridport for lunch, but the weather was not kind and by the time we reached Lyme Regis it was raining heavily, and any hopes of 'basking on the beach' were shattered. Several ringers were suddenly inspired with the idea, 'Would it be possible to get the Lyme Regis bells?' (without prior notice). We were fortunate in tracking down Mr. J. S. Morris, who very readily came to our aid and used his persuasive powers on the Vicar, with the result that we were soon in the belfry, accompanied by Mr. Morris and his friend from Leicester, and there followed some most enjoyable ringing; and we felt that if only we could join up with these two gentlemen more often our standard would soon soar. Thank you, Mr. Morris, for your great kindness.

Following a good tea at Axminster, we proceeded to Ilminster, where the Vicar kindly awaited us. Compared with Lyme Regis, these bells are on the heavy side, but we felt that the extra effort needed was fully rewarded by the magnificent 'booming' richness of tone—something to be remembered. This completed our ringing for the day, which had been confined to Grandsire and Stedman, and we were reasonably pleased with the standard of striking attained. It was a happy and satisfied party that made its way homeward. A. J. G.

NORTH STONEHAM

The annual outing of St. Nicholas', North Stoneham, ringers this year took the form of a day in Oxford, where six different towers were visited, the bells generally being rather difficult to manage; we did, nevertheless, get some quite creditable ringing, especially at St. Mary Magdalene and the Carfax tower. The highlight of the trip perhaps was a 'surprise extra' on the way home, when we rang at East Ilsley for about 20 minutes around 9 p.m., thanks to the kindness and hospitality of the rector and the tower captain. The experiences of the day were invaluable, but one thing is certain—we appreciated all the more our own lovely ten the next day! I am sorry, however, that there were not more of our own band who were able to make the trip, for all who went, including some non-ringers, had a very enjoyable day indeed. A. R.

LITTLEBOURNE, KENT.—On Aug. 21st, 1260 Plain Bob Minor: Norah Dines 1, C. Norris 2, T. Young 3, S. Walter 4, A. Butler 5, P. Newing (cond.) 6. First of Minor for 1 and 2.

WEDDING BELLS

RINGING MASTER MARRIED



Ringing Master of the Farnham District, Guildford Diocesan Guild, Mr. Rex John Corke, of Aldershot, with his bride, Miss Helen Mary Cain, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Cain, of Bentley, after their wedding at Bentley Parish Church recently.

Mr. Corke has been ringing at St. Michael's, Aldershot, for many years. The bride was a member of the newly-formed band at Binsted, who have been taught by Guildford Guild members. It was at their practices about 18 months ago that Mr. Corke met his wife.

The choral service was conducted by the Rector (Rev. Michael Allen), and afterwards the bells were rung by the local band. The honeymoon was spent in North Devon. Mr. and Mrs. Corke are to make their home at Newton Valence.

[Photo: 'Farnham Herald.'

At Wistaston, Cheshire

SMITH — SEATON

Two well-known Sunday service ringers of St. Mary's, Wistaston, Mr. J. Derek Smith, tower captain, and Miss Rosemary Seaton, were married on August 17th by the Rector (Rev. G. M. Morgan-Wynne), who made a very special effort, after his long illness, to officiate.

The best man was Mr. Kenneth Mackintosh who, before his appointment as organist of St. Giles', Oxford, was a ringer in this tower, as also was the groomsman, Mr. Michael Lindop. Mr. Alan Sharples (Swindon) was the organist.

The reception was held at Churche's Mansion, a lovely Cheshire black and white, and many telegrams and letters of congratulation and good wishes were received.

The ringing was directed by Mr. Anthony (Tony) Trickett, the tower secretary, St. Mary's, Wistaston, is the rendezvous of the 'B.Y.P.'s' and 'N.S.B.'s' of the Crewe Branch of the Chester Guild, and as 'Owd Bat-er' is interested, he would like to be included amongst the 'B.Y.P.'s.' There was some good ringing and good 'firing.'

Other ringers taking part were Brian Porter, Frank Moreton, Keith Collier, Tony Henshall, Edward Smith—oh, yes, and 'Owd Bat-er': and just one word to the 'B.Y.P.'s': two hands, please, for both strokes; you know the old saying—Familiarity CAUSES TROUBLE.

'OWD BAT-ER.'

At Eastham, Cheshire

AGG — MUIRHEAD

Two well-known ringers, Mr. A. Rex Agg and Miss C. Anne Muirhead, were married at St. Mary's Church, Eastham, Cheshire, on August 17th.

The bridegroom, a native of Wolverhampton, was a prominent member of the Cumberland and North Westmorland Association during the period when he worked at the Winscales factory, Sellafield. He is also a member of the University of London Society, and is now resident at Hitchin. The bride is a former secretary of the Manchester University Guild and a member of the Eastham band.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a white full-length dress of figured brocade with a headdress of orange blossom and a waist-length veil. She carried a spray of red roses.

The bridesmaids—Miss H. Muirhead, Miss C. F. Jones and Miss S. Muirhead—wore full-length dresses of powder blue broderie-anglaise and carried bouquets of pink roses. Mr. Graham McKay was best man. Ringing before and after the ceremony was provided by the local band. The reception was held at The Mount, Eastham, the premises of the Chester and North Wales Gliding Club. The honeymoon is being spent in Wales.

A peal attempt in the evening at Eastham was unsuccessful, but a quarter peal was rung, the band including two of the bridesmaids, the best man and one of the ushers.

At Nottingham

HARRISON — TOPLIS

The wedding took place on August 10th at St. Alban's Church, Nottingham, of Miss Barbara Toplis, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Toplis, of Nottingham, and Mr. W. Rodney Harrison, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Harrison, of Ockbrook, Derbyshire.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a gown of white figured brocade with train, an elbow-length circular veil and a headdress of white pearl orange blossom and stephanotis. She carried a white missal with a spray of salmon pink roses and lilies-of-the-valley.

The best man was the bridegroom's brother, Mr. J. S. Harrison. The bride was attended by Miss June Soar. A reception was held at the Elite Restaurant, Nottingham, at which a short demonstration of handbell ringing was given by the bridegroom, best man and Mr. M. Bailey. The bridegroom, who recently graduated from Leeds University, is a member of the Derby District of the Derbyshire Association, for whom he has participated in numerous peals. The honeymoon is being spent in Scotland.

Police As Hosts

Bolton Borough Police Athletic Club have invited ringers, their wives and friends to their athletic ground for bowls and other games and a social in the evening. The function will be held in the spring of next year.

This is a revival of an annual fixture arranged by the Bolton Police Athletic Club before the war. The invitation was accepted with gratitude by the Bolton Branch ringers at their meeting on August 24th.

GREAT BARRINGTON GLOS.—On Aug. 20th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: A. Leach 1, I. Harris 2, B. Hall 3, W. Lewis 4 T. Timms 5, P. Coombes (first as cond.) 6.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION

Meeting at Wylam

The Western and Northern Districts held their joint meeting in most pleasant surroundings at Wylam on July 17th. The bells were kept going from 3 o'clock until 8 p.m., except for a break, when tea was taken in the hall, followed by the usual business meeting.

The president of the Association was present and Mr. Stephen Thompson, who would have occupied the chair, asked Mr. Ken Arthur to do so. As this was the last District meeting of the year, officers had to be nominated for the annual Association meeting in September. Mr. Thompson, who has held the vice-president's position in the Western District for 11 years, wished to be relieved of the post, and proposed Mr. Kenneth Cheeseman, of Tanfield, to fill the vacancy. Kit Lamb was renominated secretary.

For the Northern District both Messrs. A. Ainsworth and G. Deas were renominated vice-president and secretary respectively. The chairman referred to the death of Mr. J. E. R. Keen and asked those present to stand for a moment in memory of this grand example of a ringer.

Mr. Arthur then presented a gift to Mr. Steve Thompson on behalf of the members, to show their appreciation of his work. This was in the form of a book, 'Towers and Bells of Great Britain,' and a pipe. Steve was taken by surprise (and showed it). Thanking all for the gift, he said he only did what any other ringer would have done.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

St. Albans District

The August meeting of the St. Albans District, held at Kimpton on August 17th, was well attended, bearing in mind that Kimpton is more off the beaten track than most churches in this district.

A service was taken by the Vicar (Rev. C. J. Hancock), after which about 25 members sat down to an excellent tea in the Vicarage, arrangements for which had been made by the local band.

A short business meeting followed, with the Vicar in the chair. New members elected included some from the new band being formed at St. Stephen's, St. Albans, which was reported to be making good progress. It was stated that it was hoped to arrange for the September meeting to be held at Harpenden. The meeting closed with votes of thanks to the Vicar, the organist and to those responsible for tea. Ringing continued in a variety of methods for the rest of the evening. Ringers came from most of the towers in the district and from as far afield as Clifton in Bedfordshire.

M. A. C.

Eastern District

A meeting of the Eastern District was held on August 11th at Great Munden. The 'go' of the bells was reasonable, considering that they had not been rung previously for two years.

Ringing took place until 4.30, when a short service was held. The more pleasant six at Little Munden were open after tea, and some good ringing by both learners and others was enjoyed. It is hoped to hold the next District meeting at Widford in September. C. E. H.

A DAY IN MID-KENT

On August 17th a selected (if perhaps not select!) party of ringers from Newington, Hythe, Folkestone, Houghton Conquest (Beds) and Cheltenham spent a day among the 6-bell towers near Maidstone. We arrived at Hollingbourne (6, 16 cwt.), the first tower, 40 minutes early—an event unique in the writers' experience. An enjoyable time was had on this pleasant ring, and the newcomers to Martins Maniacs, Inc., had their bewildered introduction to the organiser's methodical system of cataloguing every detail of the ringing.

Mr. Gosling was waiting to meet us at Boxley (6, 12¼ cwt.), and after our driver had rescued an errant member from a nearby 'telephone kiosk,' the day's first course of Kent was rung, amongst other touches, A picnic lunch, then on to Bearsted, with its fast-moving 11 cwt. six, where Mr. George Cantrill joined us in a touch.

After the easy-going ring here, the six (15 cwt.) at Boughton Monchelsea, which are rung from the chancel, proved something of a handful, and we finally came away with a healthy respect for the band that recently rang a peal here. The 16 cwt. six at Chart Sutton are another ground floor ring, and an hour's ringing was enjoyed here before tea.

Another ground floor ring at East Sutton (6, 10 cwt.) was judged by one or two to be the nicest of the day—from *inside* the belfry! To make up for three ground floor rings in a row, our step-counter from Beds informed us that the 37 steps at the last tower, Ulcombe (6, 16 cwt.), were the most we'd met to date—a fact all too apparent to the writer! The ringing here was not up to our best, but our 'bell-grabber' succeeded in ringing his 42nd bell of the day, in spite of the growing lethargy ('Oh, there are enough without me!'). C. A. W.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Minehead's 'grand old man,' Mr. J. Pugsley, rang his first quarter of Stedman Caters for his 85th birthday, in a faultless style. He has rung at this tower since 1888 and has been captain for many years. This length of service must be nearly a record. The ringers much appreciated his kindness after the quarter.

Miss D. Margaret Hawley, of Sherburn-in-Elmet, is the first lady to ring 100 peals for the Yorkshire Association.

Mr. J. Allen, now 80, rang the tenor to the quarter peal at Great Haseley, Oxon, on August 16th—his first quarter for 'nigh on 40 years.'

By ringing the tenor to the peal of Plain Bob Major at Knebworth Parish Church on August 17th, Mr. E. G. Buck, president of the Hertford County Association, has now 'circled the tower.'

The preacher at the summer festival of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild to be held at Green's Norton on September 7th will be the Lord Bishop of Peterborough. It has now been ascertained that repairs to the spire at Green's Norton are sufficiently advanced to permit ringing on the bells (in addition to those advertised in 'The Ringing World' on August 9th and 16th), which will be available from 2 p.m.

Ringers and friends of St. Mary's, Eastbourne, enjoying an excellent outing to Isle of Wight towers on August 17th, were appreciative of the amount of organising work by the secretary, Mr. R. W. Pankhurst, and Mrs. Pankhurst. The task was doubled by the fact that the original plans were upset at the eleventh hour by the transport strike, and much midnight oil was burned and many frantic telegrams despatched to ensure the eventual success of the day.

According to 'The Times,' Mr. Alan Hartley, secretary of the Society of Rambling Ringers, has during his ten years of bellringing rung in more than 200 churches and cathedrals. Having already achieved his ambition of ringing all the 'tens' and 'twelves' in the country, he is working through the 'fives' and 'sixes.'

We have received a copy of the Manual (Part I) of the College of Campanology. About half of the first edition is already sold.

The back three bells of St. Martin's, Epsom, have recently been rehung on ball-bearings. There will be a combined practice in this tower next Monday.

In connection with the Tonbridge District meeting at Cowden on September 7th, Col. Scragg has arranged transport for tea. Will those attending please note the amended notice.

Walberton, Sussex, are losing two of their lady ringers — Sylvia Streater and Jean Egerton — who are entering the nursing profession. A farewell peal was rung at Walberton on August 11th. Good luck to you both.

Mrs. D. M. Brown has given a fine oak book- and handbell-case to St. Nicholas', North Stoneham, belfry in memory of her father, the late Mr. William T. Tucker, who served St. Nicholas' for over 50 years as ringer, sidesman and member of the P.C.C. The book-case was dedicated on July 21st.

For the peal arranged for Mr. and Mrs. Sherwood's silver wedding at Ash, Surrey, it was originally intended that an 'outsider' should conduct. When the band met, however, five of them insisted that Peter Sherwood should 'have a go' at conducting, and eventually he agreed to do so—successfully.

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MR. ERNEST MORRIS HAS NOW 1,700 PEALS

With the peal at Asfordby, Leics, Ernest Morris completed his total of 1,700 peals and his 657th as conductor. These are made up as follows: Doubles 132, Minor 278, Triples 314, Major 603, Caters 161, Royal 99, Cinques 73, Maximus 40.

Included in the above are the long lengths of Stedman Cinques, 12,663 (record); Stedman Caters, 9,999 (on handbells); Cambridge Surprise Major, 7,008 and 12,896 (record); Bristol Surprise, 9,344 and 10,976; Bob Major, 13,440 (conducted); 7,488 (c.); 9,600 (c.); 7,008 twice (c.); Little Bob, 6,720 (record, c.); Little Canterbury, 6,720 (record, c.); Ilkeston T.B., 9,120 (record, c.); Worcester T.B., 9,600 (record); Minor, 10,080 (c.); Doubles, 6,600 (c.).

MR. E. A. BARNETT'S 600 PEALS

Mr. E. A. Barnett's 600 peals have taken about 28 years to compile, but the last 50 peals have occupied nearly ten of these: 179 of the tower-bell peals have been at St. Paulinus', Crayford, and 57 at St. John's, Erith. The list is as follows:—

TOWER BELLS

Doubles.—1 (conducted 1).

Minor.—2.

Triples.—Grandsire 23 (4), Stedman 49 (2), Union 3 (1), Plain Bob 2 (1), Canterbury 1 (1), Erin 1.

Major.—Plain Bob 35 (5), Double Bob 2 (1), Reverse Bob 1 (1), Canterbury 2 (1), Double Norwich 35 (6), Double Oxford 3 (2), Hereward 1 (1), Cheltenham Bob 1, Gonville Bob 1 (1), Pulford Bob 1 (1), St. Clement's 2 (1), Crayford College 1 (1), Ashbourne College 1, Painswick College 1 (1), Little Bob 3 (1), Dartford Little Bob 1 (1), Erith Little Bob 1 (1), Northfleet Little Bob 1, Gainsborough Little Bob 1 (1), Wellington Little Court 1 (1), Little Albion Treble Bob 1 (1), Kent 17 (5), Kent (Cam variation) 1 (1), Kent (Granta variation) 1 (1), Oxford 5 (3), Spliced Kent and Oxford 1 (1).

Surprise Major.—Cambridge 73 (6), New Cambridge 9 (3), Superlative 26 (4), London 24 (1), Bristol 16 (1), 4 Spliced 11 (1), 6 Spliced 1 (1), Ashtead 3 (1), Belgrave 2 (1), Ipswich 3 (1), Lincolnshire 4 (2), Norfolk 1 (1), Painswick 2 (1), Pudsey 3 (1), Rutland 2 (1), Yorkshire 22 (4), one each Belvedere, Camdon, Crayford, Cranbourne, Eardley, Erith, Kent, Lessness, Lutterworth and Staffordshire.

Caters.—Grandsire 1 (1), Stedman 5 (1).

Royal.—Plain Bob 2 (1), Double Norwich 1 (1), Little Bob 1 (1), Erith Little Bob 1 (1), Kent Treble Bob 2 (1), Kent (Cam) 1 (1), Oxford 1 (1), Cambridge Surprise 5 (1).

Cinques.—Stedman 2.

Maximus.—Plain Bob 1.

Total 438 (89).

HANDBELLS

Minor.—5.

Triples.—Grandsire 9, Stedman 1.

Major.—Plain Bob 35 (9), Double Bob 1, Reverse Bob 1, Double Norwich 32 (5), Highbury Bob 1, Richmond Bob 1, St. Clement's 2 (1), Crayford College 1 (1), Avalon Court 1, Cambridge Court 1, Lavenham Court 1, 3 Spliced Plain and Little 1, 22 Spliced Plain and Little 1, Little Bob 11 (2), Gainsborough Little Bob 1, Wellington Little Court 1, Kent Treble Bob 19 (6), Oxford 8 (1), Spliced Kent and Oxford 2, Cambridge Surprise 1.

Caters.—Grandsire 5.

Royal.—Plain Bob 10 (2), 2 Spliced Plain and Little 1, 3 Spliced Plain and Little 2, Little Bob 1, Kent Treble Bob 3 (2), Kent (Granta) 1.

Maximus.—Plain Bob 2.

Total 162 (29).

HONOUR FOR RAMBLING RINGERS

The Society of Rambling Ringers had the honour of a mention in 'The Times' of their visit to York Minster on Aug. 15th as follows:

'The Society's secretary, Alan Hartley, aged 21, of Leeds, a handicrafts student at Shoreditch College, led the ringers into York Minster last night, where they had an hour of sheer joy on the Minster bells. In succession they rang Cambridge Surprise Royal, Grandsire Caters, Double Norwich Major on the back eight and the Grand Cinques on 12. [Presumably Grandsire Cinques, though many would say "Grand Cinques" must surely be Stedman.—Ed.]

'Mr. Harold Walker, president of the York Society of Change Ringers, who said "We only allow the Minster bells to be rung by people who know what they are doing," thought that the Rambling Ringers had done very well.'

LAUGH WITH P.W.B.



Legacies For Ringers

Mr. G. F. Woodhouse, of Sedbergh, who left £5,490 gross, £5,408 net, bequeathed £100 to the Sedbergh Church Council for any purpose connected with St. Andrew's Church as they think fit 'in grateful remembrance of the many happy hours spent with the bellringers of St. Andrew's Church.'

There was also a legacy of £10 each to seven of the ringers 'in remembrance of my happy association with them as bellringers of St. Andrew's Church, Sedbergh.'

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LEAVING BELLS UP

Dear Sir,—I was not surprised that the rather strong adjectives in my letter about leaving bells down ('R.W.', page 497) evoked criticism from some 12-bell ringers.

Mr. Barron and 'Nemo,' of Liverpool, point out some practical difficulties in dealing with heavy rings. I admit that there must be a good many places where it is impractical to leave the bells down; I no more want to pull up a 40 cwt. tenor twice on a Sunday than either Mr. Barron or 'Nemo' does.

But may I ask them to think for a moment of the vast majority of country towers with lesser numbers of bells, and tenors between 5 and 15 cwt.? Surely it is here that there is less excuse for leaving the bells up. The heavy rings in cathedral churches are often tucked away high in lofty towers where it would take an army half-an-hour to reach them; so this only adds to the case for the bells being left up.

Drawing a comparison between the accessibility of the bells in these two types of towers, however, surely it is true that anyone wishing to climb up to the bells would have far less trouble in doing so in a small country tower. The danger then is more apparent here than in such towers as Mr. Barron's.

We ringers like to be in the public eye, but not in the sense that the Okeford Fitzpaine tragedy has put us. Also on page 497 a non-ringer inquires whether or not the practice of leaving bells up, when they could quite easily be down, is lazy. How many more are there thinking along the same lines? Mr. Huckle will not have us called slovenly and lazy, but we will be if any more accidents like this occur. Perhaps the ringer is not entirely at fault, however, and I should like to see some attention paid to Mr. Woolley's suggestion.

In extending my heartfelt sympathy to the Okeford Fitzpaine ringers, I can only hope that this correspondence helps to make some ringers more aware of the dangers and loopholes which exist in their own particular towers, and that the Exercise will do all in its power to reduce the chances of a similar accident occurring in the future.—Yours sincerely,

RONALD K. RUSS.

Sonning Common, Reading.

Dear Sir,—Surely the thing to do is to secure bells left up so that they cannot be accidentally overthrown, as is done in my own tower. A hook is hinged on the slider board and engages with a ring fixed at the end of the stay. Engagement and disengagement are by hand and take only a few moments. Our bells are exceptionally accessible and there is no exposure to risk of danger when operating, but operation by a line from the ringing room could easily be arranged, provided care is taken that accidental engagement cannot take place while ringing.—Yours faithfully,

A. W. DAVIS.

Hereford Cathedral.

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A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE EACH DAY OF TOUR

DURING the last week in July a party of only eight ringers toured Surrey and Sussex in glorious weather, with the prime object in view of ringing some good peals, resulting in a total of nine peals out of 11 attempts, with a peal of Spliced Surprise Major every day. Let it be stated here that this would not have been possible without considerable help from at least nine Surrey, Sussex and Kent ringers, who reinforced the party in the peal attempts. Visits were paid to only 17 towers, which must be an all-time low for a week's ringing holiday; but after all, tower-grabbing is not everybody's idea of a holiday.

Two cars left Kent on the first Saturday to travel to Guildford, where it had been arranged to ring a peal on the ten bells of St. Nicolas' Church: and although 3½ hours had been allowed for the journey, owing to a minor accident and to extremely heavy traffic, time was running short on reaching the outskirts of Guildford. The traffic here was so heavy that the cars were left at the top of the town and the remaining half-mile covered on foot. At the church the remaining members of the party were waiting with several reserves, but unfortunately there was no time to have any lunch and the peal had to be commenced straight away, Cambridge Surprise Royal being brought round just in time for the evening service.

The headquarters for the week were at Redhill, but the most that was seen of the town was at nights and first thing in the mornings. On Sunday no peals had been arranged and therefore could be classed as the tower-grabbing day of the week. The first tower of the day was at Dorking, and the party were honoured to be asked to ring the service touch. The welcome was most warm, and the only regret was that it was not possible to obtain these bells for a peal. The party were then entertained to elevenses by Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Cannon, and this visit resulted in more ringing during the afternoon for some members of the party, four being asked to ring for the Vicar's induction service at Ranmore.

'THE BEST SIX IN SURREY'

It was here that it was first tried to obtain a recording of the bells, but Ranmore, unfortunately, was a bad place to start on, as was borne out later in the week on the second visit to this tower when, even in the light of considerable practice, it was still found difficult to obtain a suitable recording. To crown this poor attempt at tape recording—or so it was thought—the ignition keys to one of the cars were found to have been left on the chancel steps. After this delay the 'best' six in Surrey at Albury were visited, and it was agreed by everyone that they indeed are a first-class ring of bells.

For evening service the party joined the local ringers at Cranleigh, and the welcome was again very warm. Here a very successful recording of a touch of Spliced Surprise Major was made with the tape recorder in the ringing room, even though in the previous ringing the conductor of a touch of Grandsire Triples had tried to sabotage the valves with his stentorian 'Bobs' and 'Singles.' With eight members in the party and the additional reserves, anybody standing out of a peal was allotted the task of obtaining a good recording of the bells. During the week this was successful in almost every case, and it is intended to edit the tapes and have a record made with ringing included from as many towers as possible.

On Monday morning the peal ringing proper was started with a peal of Dorchester Surprise Major, in which the treble ringer succeeded in completing the peal without a mistake, and more important, on severe instructions from the rest of the band, without saying a word. The peal attempt in the evening at Guildford, Holy Trinity, was approached with determination by everyone, as several warnings had been given and indeed prophecies had been made as to the outcome of the attempt. However, 4 Spliced Surprise Major was brought round in 3 hours and 21 minutes. Mr. A. H. Pulling heard the start of this peal, and Mr. W. J. Robinson, who heard the peal from start to finish—to his satisfaction, it is hoped—stated that this was the first peal of Spliced on the bells.

Irish Tour Scored 11 Peals

A successful peal-ringing tour in Ireland has just concluded, writes Mr. Donald G. Clift.

Eleven peals were scored out of 12 *attempts. Among the peals were the first peal of Pudsey Surprise Royal in Ireland; the first peal on the bells of the R.C. Cathedral of The Immaculate Conception, Wexford; a College Youth peal at Waterford; Cambridge Surprise Maximus at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin.*

The peal attempts on Tuesday and Wednesday were in Sussex, and at Lower Beeding on Tuesday morning a peal of 3 Spliced Surprise Major was rung without a hitch and the recording of these bells (tenor 10¼ cwt.) is concluded with the two spoken words, 'Lower Beeding,' in a very deep bass voice. At Horsham in the afternoon, Bristol was lost after an hour and three-quarters, and in this peal attempt Miss June Clements kindly took part, though it was certainly through no fault of hers that the peal was lost. During the evening the band were entertained by Ted Coward, of Dorking, and he was extremely interested in listening to the recordings.

Again on Wednesday the morning peal was successful and the afternoon one abortive, 5 Spliced Surprise Major being rung in fine style at Turner's Hill and 2 Spliced Surprise Major being lost after 2 hours at Rusper. This might have been due to one of the ringers taking part having walked four miles in 50 minutes immediately prior to the attempt.

Ranmore was revisited on Thursday morning although this time for a peal of Cambridge. Some good ringing was enjoyed and it was unfortunate that the treble rope broke after an hour and 20 minutes. Good use was made of the resulting spare time, however, by sitting in the shade on Ranmore Common. Apart from listening to the ringing on the tape recorder, two people suddenly developed artistic talent and recordings were made of monologues regarding a certain Mr. and Mrs. Ramsbottom's son, and of a poem concerning the exploits of a well-known 'stay-bender.' These were played back, to everyone's amusement, though it is doubtful whether they will be included in the final record of the week's ringing.

A SECOND ATTEMPT

In the afternoon at Egham we were unfortunate to lose a peal of 6 Spliced Surprise Major after only 45 minutes. However, nothing daunted, the peal was restarted and was eventually brought round after a total of more than four hours' Spliced ringing on an exceedingly hot afternoon. This peal was followed by a most tedious drive across country back to Redhill, and everyone was extremely glad to get back to base and bed.

On Friday, Rutland was lost after an hour at Bletchingley owing to a miscall. Again, however, as on Thursday, full use was made of the time in differing ways, from lying in the sun eating ice-cream, to someone, who will not be mentioned by name, trying to learn second's place bell in Dorchester by considering it as London, Yorkshire and then Pudsey.

The atmosphere in Ashtead belfry in the afternoon immediately prior to the peal attempt was electric. The peal was to be 7 Spliced Surprise Major, and everybody gave of their very best, with the result that the peal was successfully brought round after 3 hours and 16 minutes. It may be an interesting comparison to note that the last peal on these bells, a peal of Cambridge on July 17th, 1957, took only 2 hours and 40 minutes.

On Saturday morning the remaining Spliced peal to complete the sequence of 2-7 Spliced Surprise Major rung within a week, was rung at Godstone, where Yorkshire and Cambridge were rung in under 3 hours: but please note: no claim has been put forward for the quickest peal on the bells. At Edenbridge, the loss earlier in the week at Horsham was rectified with a peal of Bristol. One of these peals was rung as a 25th birthday compliment to the treble ringer's son, Mr. Mark W. Marshall. Mark was unfortunately unable to be with the party on the tour as originally planned.

Thanks are due to all incumbents for the use of their bells, to the local ringers for their welcome, and to Messrs. Beeson, Bird, Cannon, Coward, Marshall, Munday, Rapley and Ring for kindly standing in peals and thus enabling tape recordings to be made, and rests to be given to members of the touring party.

May I conclude on a personal note. I am sure that every member of the party would like me to thank Mark Lancefield for the efficient way in which he shouldered the majority of the conducting. Mark came on the tour prepared to call anything except the 6 Spliced Surprise Major, but on the rest of the party expressing a desire to ring six spliced he looked up and called Mr. A. J. Pitman's 'all the work' peal at under 24 hours' notice. I would also like to thank Tom Cullingworth, on behalf of the others, for the no mean task in organising the tour, and thank him for not, repeat not, arranging any tower-grabs. G. P.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CENTRAL COUNCIL MOTIONS

Dear Sir,—I am surprised at the naiveté of Mr. Barnett's letter in your issue of August 16th, written in his official capacity as secretary of the Central Council.

Mr. Barnett suggests that this Association should have addressed its remarks to the Society which submitted the resolutions, and made any comments before rather than after they had been debated by the Central Council.

The Society in question is only one other autonomous organisation, and as long as its activities and decisions do not interfere with other associations, it would be improper to criticise its actions. When it comes to the Central Council, however, this Association becomes directly affected, since, for better or for worse, all affiliated associations are required to abide by the rules and decisions of the Council. If the Council, in the opinion of any association, acts irresponsibly, then criticism must be expected. The resolutions in question certainly did not add lustre to the Council.

As to timing, the Council's agenda was only published on May 10th, and it has not been customary, nor would it have been convenient in this instance, to convene a special meeting to consider the Council's agenda. It has always been assumed that, within limits, the Council was capable of regulating its business with dignity and impartiality, but there is no doubt that its present conduct has caused considerable dismay in this Association and the Exercise as a whole.

Mr. Barnett asks how a motion properly submitted in accordance with Rule No. 13 could be excluded from the agenda. The implication of this question is entirely misleading: Rule 13 deals solely with the procedure for the submission of resolutions but not, more importantly, with their nature. The presumption behind this rule is that motions which reach this stage in proceedings are in order and within the competence of the Central Council. Technical qualification does not automatically convey admissibility.

This Association is of the considered opinion that the first resolution and the first half of the second, in the form in which they were submitted, were ill-conceived, *ultra vires*, and in conflict with the objects of the Central Council. In consequence Mr. Barnett's reference to Rule 13 is superfluous.

The aims and objects of the Council are positive but broad, and one would have expected special care to be taken to ensure that all resolutions were in accord with these aims: this is particularly important in view of the Council's responsibility to its constituent associations and of the impression given that 'personalities' rather than principles sometimes have the greater voice at its meetings. It is surely the task of the secretary—and he has the Standing Committee for advice—to interpret the aims of the Council in the conduct of its business; if the motions were examined from this point of view and accepted, then it is considered that the executives of the Council failed in their duty to the Exercise. The inclusion and conduct of this business was an appalling example of misjudgment and mishandling.

This Association maintains that the only part of these resolutions the Council was competent to discuss was the publication of the Manual in 'The Ringing World.' It is high time the critics of the College, the Manual and its publication clarified their thoughts in this matter. Any individual or organisation, ringing or non-ringing, is entitled to submit as many articles as they like, as often as they like and on whatever subject they choose: the sole responsibility for selection for publication rests with the Editor and the Editorial Committee. No blame whatever can attach to those who submit the material.

For my own part, I have now had the opportunity of studying the revised Manual: while I have certain reservations on some of its detail and principle, I consider it to be a most useful and properly comprehensive document for any ringer, and far more stimulating for instructors than any of the publications already available.—Yours faithfully,

EWART H. EDGE,
Hon. Secretary,
North Staffordshire Association.

Dear Sir,—It is the writer's considered opinion that the greatest honour the individual can receive from fellow ringers is to be elected their Central Council representative; that ringers everywhere would wish this respect to be general and not confined to their own representative. That being so, a charge of disrespect towards the Council is serious. It would look more dignified, as this charge is still well and truly answered, if all those who made it would hang together and withdraw it.

One hopes that all those who condemn the work of a subscriber have themselves made a literary offering for the Editor's consideration, or will do so. The writer feels a great admiration for both Mr. Ashford and Mr. Barnett for their recent letters. Mr. Ashford's contribution to the debate, as reported on page 434, or as corrected in his letter, was distinctive. It must have induced the thought 'This is where we came in.' The vote on titles followed.

May one conclude by noting Mr. Ayre's words on page 435: 'The R.A.F. have a saying about Jack being all right': by agreeing that all committee reports were masterpieces, beautifully executed (what a pity the committees' work for the day ended with the reading of reports): by thanking Mr. Cave for his all-too-brief account of what can happen to a 'dropped clanger.' May Chelmsford be followed by recastings, and if authority at the highest level feels that a teaching society be not formed, may it give sound reasons against such a development or a gracious influential backing for such work in harmony with authority.—Yours very faithfully,

ERNEST L. HUMPHRISS.
Woolton, Liverpool.

RINGING RULES

Dear Sir,—The 'ringing rules' noted by Peter J. Came and published in 'The Ringing World' of August 9th, recall a similar but slightly earlier set of rules which may be seen in the church at Middleton, Warwickshire. Here, however, it would appear that ringers were not troubled by smoking or drinking.

All you ringers,
This do ye mark.
He that throws a bell
Pays a groat to the Clerk.
If with hat on, or spur you
Perchance should ring,
You must pay two pence
For that very same thing.
And for every oath
You one shilling do pay,
Or be expelled from the belfry
Without any delay.
J. HALL, Clerk. 1782.

Yours faithfully,

HENRY F. BARACLOUGH.
West Bromwich, Staffs.

MOSCOW'S BELLS

Dear Sir,—I was interested to see Mr. Cave's letter in 'The Ringing World,' having just returned from Moscow myself. Like a good ringer, I also made my pilgrimage to see the King of Bells in the Kremlin, and I may complete Mr. Cave's statistics by saying that the diameter of the bell is 21 feet 7 inches (the height is actually a few inches over 19 feet) and that the weight of the 'chip' which broke off when the fire caused the bell to fall is over 11 tons.

The bell tower of Ivan the Great, to which Mr. Cave also refers, is a splendid edifice nearly 266 feet high; the great bell which hangs in the centre weighs 64 tons.

I was also interested to hear the famous chime from the Spasskaya tower of the Kremlin, which overlooks Red Square; at first it seems a discordant jangle (it is more or less a descending chromatic scale), but it grows on one after a time. It can, incidentally, be heard every night on Radio Moscow at midnight, local time (9 p.m., G.M.T.). The hour bell, cast by Semyon Mozzhukhin in 1769, weighs over two tons.

While in Red Square I did, of course, visit St. Basil's Cathedral, that extraordinary monument built in 1555–60 by Ivan the Terrible, to commemorate his conquest of Kazan. On the ground behind the Cathedral I found two more bells, the larger weighing probably two tons or more. The smaller was interesting, having a dedicatory inscription in Latin as well as in Russian.

Like Mr. Cave, my visit went all too quickly, and I am sure he would have been as happy as I to stay a lot longer. I can also wholeheartedly endorse his remarks about Russian hospitality, which is truly wonderful, and which I shall long remember with great pleasure.—Yours sincerely.

DESMOND PAINTER.
Harpenden, Herts.

BOYNE HILL SURPRISE BAND

Dear Sir,—In your issue of July 19th it was reported that, with the passing away of Mr. Charles Smith, Boyne Hill had lost the last of the Surprise Sunday service band of the '30's.

This is not correct as another member is still very much alive and rings regularly at St. Mary's, Wimbledon. He is known to us as Bert Cox, although in his earlier days he was always Harry Cox, and peal boards at Boyne Hill bear testimony to his earlier Surprise ringing.

At 76, he no longer feels able to tackle the more complicated methods, but is always ready to stand in for a quarter.—Yours truly,

J. TOMSETT.
Surbiton, Surrey.

TREBLE BOB COMPOSITIONS

Dear Sir,—In reference to the compositions of Treble Bob on page 533, I have in my possession a book which gives a 5,024 of Major with exactly the same qualities. It is dated April 18th, 1901, so the old-timers knew all about this class of peal. What they did strive for was 5 and 6th the extent in 5-6, and there are not many of these peals today in 14 courses. There is a ten-course peal of Royal (5,000) which has all combinations plus the 6th extent right. This is by C. Charge; also another by E. Timbrell (5,040) with all combinations, 4 extent R and 6 is just one lead short. These are, in my opinion, superior peals to the nine-course peal he uses.—Yours faithfully.

E. R. MARTIN.

LETTERS—Continued

BOUGHTON ALUPH BELLS WERE SOLD

Dear Sir,—In reply to the letter from Mr. G. H. Head, of Hanworth, which appeared in 'The Ringing World,' I am afraid he is mistaken as regards Boughton Aluph. This magnificent cruciform church, of almost cathedral standard in spite of its rural setting, has a massive central tower which until recent years contained a most interesting and historic ring of five; both the third and tenor were pre-Reformation, the tenor having been cast about 1530 by Oldfield, of Canterbury.

This grand church was badly damaged by a flying bomb, I believe, and subsequently, in spite of strong protests by the Kent Archæological Society, the whole ring was allowed to be sold as scrap metal. This scandalous happening occasioned much adverse comment at the time—it is interesting to note that the parish is now a combined living with Eastwell, where the church, also severely war-damaged, was allowed to fall into decay and the good ring of six also sold. Boughton Aluph Church is now being restored, and has been the subject of a radio appeal, but it seems doubtful if any bells will be provided.

As regards the most interesting letter from Mr. N. Davis, I have recently visited one or two of the 4-bell towers which he mentions, and perhaps a little further information on these towers may be interesting.

BICKNOR, St. James.—The ring of four hangs in a modern S.W. tower, and access to the bell chamber is by an iron ladder up to a central trapdoor. All four are steel bells, cast by Naylor Vickers, of Sheffield, in 1862, and are of most discordant and harsh tone! The tenor is 21 in. in diameter, so would be about 2¼ cwt. I am not sure whether these bells would be ringable; at present each has merely a heavy cart rope with no sally or proper rope-end at all. The ringing chamber is on the ground floor with a very long rope draught.

NEWNHAM, SS. Peter and Paul.—The church has a modern N.W. tower, and the ring of four, rung from the ground floor, which would appear to be ringable if the ropes were properly adjusted. The bells hang in a two-tier wooden frame, two above two, resting on stone corbels and built up into the base of the spire. According to Stalschmidt, pits for two trebles were provided when the tower was built, but I could see no sign of these. The treble, second and tenor are old, but their exact date is uncertain. Tenor about 7 cwt.

CHALLOCK, SS. Cosmus and Damien.—This church is in process of being restored after severe war damage, and I was told that when the work is completed the bells are to be recast and possibly augmented. At present the tower is rotten with death-watch beetle!

EAST LANGDON, St. Augustine.—This ring of four is in good condition and is quite ringable.

ISLE OF GRAIN, St. James.—This tower, which I believe has not so far been mentioned, has a very low west tower containing a fairly modern ring of four in a wooden 6-bell frame, tenor about 8 cwt. I have examined these bells, which seem to be of quite good tone, and are apparently perfectly ringable.—Yours sincerely,

PETER N. BOND.

Hildenborough, Kent.

THOSE I REMEMBER

By ERNEST MORRIS

(Continued from page 546)

'To call ye folk to church in time,
We chime:
When mirth and joy are on the wing,
We ring:
At the departing of the soul,
We toll.'

So runs the ancient rhyme, and at St. Margaret's, Leicester, when I was a lad (and long before my time) there were two staffs — a chimers' staff and a ringers' staff—attached to the church. The ringers only performed on practice nights and for certain 'paid' occasions such as Easter, Christmas and New Year's Eve, and, of course, if a wedding party could be induced to have them! It was always the custom to chime for services on Sundays, ten minutes' 'ding-dong,' i.e., 1-2 for a time, then 2-3, then 3-4, and so on round the whole ten. Then about 15 minutes of full chimes with (usually) the tenor three-parts up ringing behind the front nine: then five minutes' 'sermon' bell. This may not seem very exciting to present-day half-pull ringers, but I can assure everyone that we did send forth some remarkably good music, perfectly struck, in rounds and call-changes . . . and we had moments of excitement and even fun doing this!

FALL OFF TENOR BOX

On one occasion it chanced that the tenor was being rung by Alan Peach, and all went well for a time, when suddenly he fell off the tenor box which is fairly high. He dropped on his feet, and at back-stroke made to jump back on the box with the rope still in his hands, shouting: 'All right, I've got it!'. However, instead of landing squarely on the box, he just got there with the tip of his toes on the edge, and so, not being able to get a firm standing, overbalanced backwards with a frightful whack on the back of his head on the floor just in front of me. I was chiming the *two* treble bells. Notwithstanding his nasty fall, Alan still held on the rope, and next back-stroke was jerked upright. Jack Vernon, who was chiming the ninth, left it at once and took the tenor from Alan, whilst I left the trebles and took the ninth. Harry Hardy, who was on No. 3 kept the lead and so we finished the chime on the back eight, and no one outside the belfry was any the wiser! Mr. Peach was not too badly hurt, but had a nasty 'shake up,' and as he himself remarked 'got it' in more ways than one!

On another occasion, when ringing the sermon bell after the chime, we drove it rather late in finishing. My cousin, Charles Lock, a big, hefty fellow, got on the box and fell the bell in record time. He got it partly down, then —thinking to check it by hanging on the sally —did so to the no small amazement of all the rest of us looking on: we saw him go sailing right up to the ceiling just missing a nasty crack by a hair's breadth! As it was, he valiantly held on, but got a fright and never again attempted it 'in record time'!

'THIS IS ALL!'

An amusing thing happened to me on this same tenor bell. We had been ringing in full peal, and in falling the bells got down to chiming, when the treble man calls 'This is all.' As is usual, we miss one stroke and catch the next for the final round. I, being on the high box, did likewise, but on hanging on for the final stroke broke the rope at the wheel! Having no 'purchase' I disappeared out of sight between the box and the clock case shutting up like a jack-knife, my backside wedged and feet up in the air with 60 ft. of rope around me. I could not release myself, so the others hauled me clear, luckily without injury.

At this time St. Margaret's bells went very badly, the frame and fittings being worn out, and to ring 500 was as arduous a job as a full peal elsewhere! For a time we used to practise on the front six, and on one occasion when we were ringing there was a terrific thump above; then another one immediately over our heads; then bang, bang, bang. We set the bells and rushed for the window and door arches, wondering what had happened—except one of the chimers, who was sitting out (William Fox by name). He went as white as death and never moved an inch; he couldn't: he was simply petrified! It was the third clapper which had come out, smashed through the bell chamber floor, then fell through the clock chamber on to the wooden stairs, and rolled its awkward way down them. Young Fox never ascended the tower again, although we coaxed and persuaded him to!

I well remember the very last attempt for a peal by the late William Hyde Inglesant. He was a fine ringer and conductor—a native of Quorn, but regularly rang at Loughborough. He took part in Willson's long peals of Kent T.B. and D.N.C.B. Major, and was one of the band at Loughborough in the 18,000 Stedman Caters in 12¼ hours. He became a cripple and used to push himself around in a wheelchair. I had expressed a wish to ring a peal at Quorn (having made several abortive attempts previously) and Inglesant wanted to have a last effort. How he got up the tower was a mystery; he crawled up on his hands and knees! We started for a peal with him on the fourth, but about a quarter through his bell cast wheel and set. We could not pull it off again, and even from the top end could not release the rope—so we pushed the bell over and let that pull it out! Inglesant could not possibly ring again, so after getting him down the belfry steps, we went for Alan Peach (mentioned above) who had a shop in Quorn, and coerced him to come and ring the tenor to a peal of Grandsire, which was successful.

At this time there were two brothers Ballard in Leicester—Arthur, who joined the old Belgrave band, and Alfred, who came to us at St. Margaret's (no relation to the more famous Alf. Ballard, of Hinckley). 'Our' Alf. was a decent little ringer, but had a habit of licking his right hand at every other stroke of the rope. He could ring the plain methods well, but in Stedman never could remember whether to come in quick or slow. His ambition in life was to ring a peal of it, so I specially chose to call one by Joseph W. Parker, in which all calls were in four-bob sets. I drilled it into him: 'If you dodge down at a lot of calls go in quick; if dodging up, go slow.' Thus we got a good peal on the heavy eight of St. Margaret's. Then he wanted Caters, so I called for him Dexter's exact 5,000, in which the third is in second's place throughout.

TWO ONE-EYED RINGERS

He had a brother-in-law, Fred Sharman, who was a good ringer of plain methods and who rang a number of peals, nearly always on second, and I myself on third. Critics used to say, 'Two one-eyed ringers together?' Fred was severely wounded in the 1914–18 war, and a bullet scored right across his forehead and the scalp skin came down over his eyes. It was feared he would never see again. Skilful surgeons got the skin back, but it left him blind in his left eye. My own right eye has been blind from birth—so there we were, two one-eyed ringers next each other!

(To be continued)

HOW TO READ A PEAL COMPOSITION

TO some ringers the reading of a peal composition is as easy as reading a newspaper. On the contrary, there are many who do not know how to sort out the various qualities which are contained in a peal of 5,000 changes or over. The following notes are intended for the latter class, and no attempt will be made to use a lot of technical language. You will find a new interest in the peals you ring and a fascinating study if you do not ring peals.

There are at least three things you should understand before you take up the study of peal composition. We will go over them briefly.

(1) The Standard calling of a 720 of Minor. In Bob Minor this is generally spoken of as 6 behind without 5, or 6 W R W. You can also use 5 behind without 6, which gives the same result. In sixths place methods such as Single and Double Court, you would say 6 in front without 5. Therefore, if you say 6 ex 5, or 5 ex 6, it covers both 6ths and 2nds place methods.

The 5-6's come up regularly every 120 changes and are said to come up plain; at least two Singles are necessary. It will be better if you familiarise yourself with the 120 rows which occur when the treble is leading, for these become course-ends in Major and are the basis for all Major, Royal and Maximus peals. So write them out from any plain 720 which is given in nearly every text book, omitting 1, and put them in five tables of 24.

Perhaps you will say: 'We don't want 120 course-ends,' as only 45 are necessary for a 5,040 of Bob Major. Well, we want the best ones, especially those with 4, 5 and 6 in 6ths place. Finally, never despise 5- and 6-bell ringing, for all the knowledge which is commonplace today came from five and then from six bells. Peals like Annable's three-part of Bob Major and Taylor's six-part peal of Grandsire Triples are adaptations from the humble 720 of Bob Minor.

We now pass on to No. 2, which is the *in and out of course*. The briefest description I can give is that as all changes are produced by changing pairs of bells, then in any given row there is always a certain number of pairs away from rounds. So if this number is an odd one the row is out of course, and if an even number then it is in course.

Rounds on all numbers is regarded as the fundamental in course row. All the rows produced at the treble's lead in Bob Minor are in course until a single is called, and out of course until another single is called. Another definition is that in all extents on any number of bells, half the rows are in course and the other half out. You will find different names given in the various books which have the same meaning. Example:—

In course, Direct, Positive and +.
Out, Retrograde, Negative and −.

With practice you can tell at a glance some course-ends whether they are in or out. The advantage of this knowledge is that if the course-end is *in* then the coursing order must also be in. Take the course-end 32546, coursing order = 42356. So if you find your coursing order is out of course when it should be in then stand up for a shift has occurred.

Now we come to No. 3 which is Q sets. The simplest definition of a Q set is that it is a group of course-ends (or lead-ends in Grandsire Triples) which are closely related to each other. The 5 6's in our Bob Minor are a good illustration, three in course and three out. The general law of the Q sets is that if one member is brought up bobbed then all must be bobbed, and if plain then all must be plain. But there are exceptions as in the well-known two-part of Bob Minor, where we have two plain, two bobbed and two singles. One thing you cannot do is to bring this round at 360 using only the calling given for the 720.

We will now examine a peal of Bob Major and see these Q sets in operation. The qualities usually aimed at by composers are as follows. The 6th her extent right, or wrong and right, all combinations of 4, 5, 6 in 5-6. There are 36 of these combinations in Bob Major and the 6th extent right = 24 courses in 6ths place. You will come across other peals with qualities like 4, 5 and 6 only in 6ths and 4 and 6 extent in 6ths. Remember there are two more calling positions in Major, viz.: Before and Middle, both of which are used to move the 6ths place bell. Here is the well-known four-part peal of Bob Major, by J. R. Pritchard.

5,056

23456	W	B	M	H
52364	—	—		—
35264				—
23564				—
56234	—			—
25634				—
65254	—			—
26354				—
32654				—
53246	—	—		—
25346				—
32546				—

Thrice repeated with singles half-way and end.

I strongly advise anyone interested to prick out the course-ends of the other three parts, then you will see how all Q sets are bobbed (12 in this peal). If you are not used to pricking out, proceed as follows:—

If W B H gives 52364 from rounds, then the same from 32546 gives 43265, and so on.

Now for the qualities in the peal. You will see that only 4, 5 and 6 are in 6ths place. All combinations are present, so this is a good simple peal and is deservedly popular. Now if you understand this properly you will soon get the run of any composition. In Treble Bob and Surprise the courses are twice as long as plain methods, so we only need 23 in most Surprise methods and in Treble Bob we can have as low as 13. This is caused by Treble Bob having what is called extending leads, and several Surprise methods also have them, so the courses are longer and fewer.

I hope that I have made these things plain and if not you should get hold of Snowdon's 'Treble Bob, Part I.' The book is now out of print, but you should be able to borrow one from one of the leading ringers of your association. Perhaps we had better have a look at a Surprise Major peal before we close: it is a 5,184 of Superlative, by the late E. Timbrell.

23456	M	W	H
52436		—	
42635	—		
36524	—	—	
62345	B		
34625		—	—
64523	—		
25346	—	—	
42356		—	
54326		—	
63425	—		—
24536	—	—	
32546		—	

Repeated.

Prick out the second half and you will see the 6th her extent in 6ths. This time our Q sets are plain and there are only four, viz.: 2, 6's, 3, 6's, 4, 6's, and 5, 6's.

Just a brief review of Caters and Royal. It is usual in Grandsire and Stedman Caters to throw the big bells in the tittums and put a musical bell, say the 5th or 6th, behind the 9th. You ring a certain number of these courses according to the length of the peal and then the big bells are thrown into the handstroke home position with the 6th behind the 8th until rounds appears. In some cases it is necessary to have a turning course to produce rounds.

In Bob Royal you select what you prefer, such as 6th Extent Right or only 4 and 6 in 6ths.

Treble Bob Royal is capable of all combinations plus 6th Extent Right.

Now we hope you are able to follow the various compositions as they appear week by week in the 'R.W.' If you don't, then send a letter to the Editor who will publish it in the correspondence columns. The author of the peal will almost certainly answer your letter.

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OBITUARY

MR. EDWARD EVANS

The Suffolk Guild, and especially the members of the St. Mary-le-Tower Society, were very sorry to read in the 'R.W.' of August 16th of the death on August 6th of Mr. Edward Evans, of 13, Tomline Road, Felixstowe.

During his stay in Ipswich he was assistant manager of the Gas Company for a number of years until he removed to Gloucester to manage a similar business there.

As a member of the Norwich Diocesan Association, before the Suffolk Guild was formed, he rang 124 peals up to 1921. On August 15th, 1908, he took part in the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus ever rung: this was at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, in which there were three Pyes and Bert Prewett. Lewis W. Wiffen, of Braintree, is now the only survivor of the band.

By a curious coincidence Ted's first peal was London Surprise Major. His last peal was Cambridge Major at Grundisburgh on August 16th, 1954, being the 46th anniversary of the peal of Cambridge Maximus. His last peal was conducted by George W. Pipe, now in Australia; he also rang a few peals in the west of England.

He was an ardent advocate for good striking and a very safe ringer, especially at the heavy end.

On retiring from Gloucester he returned to his native county to pass the remainder of his days by the seaside at Felixstowe. G. E. S.

MR. DAVID WARNER

The sympathy of West Surrey friends will be extended to Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Warner, of 7, Butts Road, Woking, in the sudden death of their only son, David, on August 20th. David, who was 27 years of age, was a booking clerk at West Byfleet Station. About 18 months ago he joined the St. Nicolas', Guildford, band.

The funeral service was at St. Mary's Church, Horsell, last Monday, and was followed by cremation at St. John's Crematorium. The Rev. A. P. A. Gaze, Vicar of Horsell, officiated at both services. As the cortege was leaving the church local ringers rang the bells half-muffled. They also sent a beautiful wreath, a thought that was much appreciated.

A quarter peal to his memory was rung at St. Nicolas' Church, Guildford, on August 23rd with the bells half-muffled.

MEMORIAL TO SPALDING RINGERS

After the morning Eucharist service at Spalding Parish Church on August 18th, a memorial clock and brass plaque were dedicated by the Vicar (Canon M. W. R. Synge) to the memory of the late Mr. Arthur Joseph Farr, a ringer for 50 years.

Mr. Farr, who died on December 6th last year, was a bellringer before he came to Spalding in 1919 as superintendent of the Pinchbeck Road cemetery. He soon became a popular member of Spalding Parish Church ringers, and resigned as their captain in 1950. For most of his 37 years as a bellringer at Spalding, Mr. Farr was captain of the team, and many ringers who had served under him were present at the dedication service.

The memorial is an electric clock of simple design. Its face, about a foot square, is of polished dark wood with silvered hands and numerals, and it is positioned over the doorway leading to the spiral staircase of the tower. A brass plaque beneath the clock states the gift was donated by relatives and friends of Mr. Farr.

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ENGAGEMENT

CHILCOTT—RICKETTS.—The engagement is announced between John Esmond, second son of Mr. and Mrs. V. E. Chilcott, of Norwood Green, Middlesex, to Eileen Mary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Ricketts, of Osterley, Middlesex. 779

WEDDING

WOOD—MANSFIELD. — At Nazeing Parish Church on August 24th, 1957, by the Rev. H. F. Hawkins, Kenneth Charles to Dorothy. Future address: Whiteswood Cottage, Back Lane, Nazeing, Essex. Tel. Nazeing 2317. 789

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Mr. and Mrs. Ford and Christine have now moved to Meads, Connaught Road, Havant, Hants (Tel. 1941). Visitors welcome. Please bring your own spade. 778

On and from Thursday, August 29th, my full name and address will be: W. Welling, 99, Kingsbury Drive, Old Windsor, Berks. 782

DARTFORD AND DISTRICT OUTING

For their summer outing to parts of the Ashford District on July 13th, the Dartford and District ringers were strengthened by contingents from Erith and Bexley. Arrangements had been made to ring in six towers, but owing to unforeseen incidents two towers were not visited.

Some good ringing, however, took place at Ashford (8, 23 cwt.) before lunch and after lunch Folkestone (8, 25 cwt.) was visited; here again an enjoyable ringing session took place.

Reaching Hythe a few minutes late, we were misdirected and our coach became jammed in a narrow alley. After careful extraction, the tower was eventually reached, but there was no one to meet us. As time was still against us we moved on to Tenterden, thus regaining lost time. Here again we drew a blank, as when the key was obtained time was inadequate. With heavy hearts and fingers crossed we pushed on to Biddenden, first to an excellent tea, arranged by Mr. Walters (which helped to clear the despondency) and then on to the tower (8, 23 cwt.), where, some of the best ringing of the day took place.

Our last tower was Headcorn (8, 23 cwt.) with its ground floor ringing room, and once again some very good ringing took place.

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Thanks are due to incumbents for use of bells, to those who met us and to Mr. Waters who arranged tea and ringing in his area, in the capacity of representative of Ashford ford District.

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SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Preliminary notice.—Through unforeseen circumstances the date of the annual meeting has been changed to Saturday, Jan. 25th. Annual dinner, Feb. 1st.—P. N. Bond, Hon. Sec. 771

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Branch.—Ilchester and Crewkerne combined meeting at Ilminster on Saturday, Aug. 31st. Ringing 5 to 9 p.m.—J. T. Locke, Hon. Sec. 730

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch.—Half-yearly meeting at Cleator Moor on Saturday, Aug. 31st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30. Meeting 5.30 p.m. Names for tea to H. N. Tembey, 31, Leconfield Street, Cleator Moor.—G. McKay, Hon. Sec. 748

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—An evening meeting will be held at Great Paxton (5) on Saturday, Aug. 31st. Bells available 6 p.m.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 736

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. —Meeting at Kelvedon (6), Saturday, Aug. 31st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea, please, to J. Elliott, 28, Easterford Road, Kelvedon, Colchester. 697

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Tewkesbury Branch.—Meeting at Eldersfield, Saturday, Aug. 31st. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. All welcome. 774

LADIES' GUILD.—North-Western District. —Meeting at St. Mary-within-the-Walls, Chester, Saturday, Aug. 31st. Bells 2 p.m. Business meeting 3.30. Service 4 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. Please do your best to come. Gentlemen cordially invited.—Stella P. Wain, Hon. Dis. Sec. 731

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Quarterly meeting on Saturday, Aug. 31st. Ringing at Immanuel Church, Streatham, 3.45 to 5 p.m., followed by service, tea and business meeting. Ringing at St. Leonard's, Streatham, from 6.30 to 8 p.m. Gentlemen cordially invited. 776

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION — Practice, 7.30 p.m., Monday, Sept. 2nd, and first Monday in each month, at St. Mary's, Lambeth Bridge. Next general body meeting, Saturday, Oct. 12th.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. 764

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION. — Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station) on Monday, Sept. 2nd, at 7 p.m.—T. J. Lock. 752

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Combined practice at St. Martin's, Epsom, on Monday, Sept. 2nd, 7.30 p.m. All welcome. The back three bells of this ten have just been rehung on ball-bearings by Taylor, of Loughborough.—W. Parrott, Hon. Sec. 747

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD.—Next meeting at Mirfield (10) on Saturday, Sept. 7th. Bells available 2.30 to 9 p.m. Break for short service, tea and business meeting. All ringers welcome. Names for tea by 5th to Miss M. Sheard, 84, Wellhouse Lane, Mirfield, Yorks. 755

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The Bedford District meeting has been arranged provisionally at Renhold on Saturday, Sept. 7th. Bells 3.30 p.m.—Phyllis M. Gray, Hon. Dis. Sec. 784

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich and Grappenhall Branches.—Joint meeting at Witton (8) on Saturday, Sept. 7th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Names for tea by Friday, Sept. 6th, to Mr. H. Parker, 64, Church Road, Northwich. 761

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT and SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETIES.—Joint meeting at Conisborough, 3 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 7th. Names for tea must be sent to Mrs. Braithwaite, The Vicarage, Conisborough.—G. Watson and J. Seager, Secs. 719

DEVON GUILD. — Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Woodbury, Saturday, Sept. 7th. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Sept. 3rd to J. L. S. Glanvill, Higher Bagmore Farm, Woodbury. 722

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Meeting at Chatteris (6) on Saturday, Sept. 7th. Bells 3 p.m. No service. Tea 5 p.m. —D. E. R. Knights, Dis. Sec. 785

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Crusader meeting, Downham, Saturday, Sept. 7th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. H. Oliver, Fremnell's Garage, Downham. 720

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Eastern Division.—Meeting, Saturday, Sept. 7th, Goldhanger (8). Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to A. H. Everett, Cornerway, Plantation Road, Boreham. 735

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Wapley (5), 3 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 7th. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea before Sept. 3rd to T. T. Walters, 17, Newlands Avenue, Coalpit Heath. 766

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION — Northern District.—Saturday, Sept. 7th, Barley, 2 to 4 p.m. Barkway from 3 p.m. Tea at Cross Keys, 5 p.m.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 750

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Meeting at Langleybury (6) on Saturday, Sept. 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea 6 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, 4th.—K. R. Dunstan, 8, Bridge Road, Hunton Bridge, King's Langley. 763

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Meeting at Cowden on Saturday, Sept. 7th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (2s. 6d.) 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by Sept. 1st, please, to Col. Scragg, Hethe Place, Cowden, Edenbridge. 781

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Saturday, Sept. 7th half-yearly ringing meeting at Rochdale Parish Church (8), 2.30 to 9 p.m. Committee will meet at St. Chad's Fold, Water Street, at 3.30 p.m.; also the bells of Whitworth, St. Bartholomew (8), will be available from 2.30 to 4.30 p.m., and from 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in St. Chad's Fold at approximately 3s. per head. Names for tea by Sept. 4th to Mr. A. Smith, 11, Greenbank Road, Rochdale. 693

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch.—The meeting arranged for Saturday, Sept. 7th, is cancelled.—M. E. Ridyard, 16, Vaughan Road, Birkdale, Southport. 783

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Meeting, Saturday, Sept. 7th, Oaks-in-Charnwood. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—but only cups of tea provided. 770

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Lillingstone Lovell, Saturday, Sept. 7th. Bells (5) 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Please notify for tea by Sept. 2nd.—R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bucks. 727

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Meeting, Bromham (6) on Saturday, Sept. 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service and tea. Names for tea to S. Cockell, 19, Craybourne Road, Melksham. 751

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Sept. 7th, at Croydon, Surrey. St. John's bells (12) available 3 p.m. and after tea. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting in Sylverdale Hall. All very welcome! Names for tea by Tuesday, Sept. 3rd, please, to N. Steere, 46, Milton Avenue, Sutton, Surrey.—P. N. Bond, Hon. Sec. 724

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Nottingham District.—Meeting on Saturday, Sept. 7th, at Trowell. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Business meeting in belfry 5.45 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—C. W. Towers. 713

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Turner's Hill (8), Saturday, Sept. 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, please, to J. Butcher, 14, Withypitts, Turner's Hill. 749

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Sept. 7th, at Bournemouth, St. John's (Surrey Road). Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Business meeting. Notify for tea.—Davis, 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth. 768

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. — Southern Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Hinton-on-the-Green on Saturday, Sept. 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Meeting and tea. Names for tea by Wednesday to W. J. Newman, 7, New Road, Hampton, Evesham. Good attendance, please. 758

CREWKERNE, SOMERSET.—St. Bartholomew's Church.—Annual ringers' service, 6.30 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 8th. Address by Rev. D. Ballard. Bells (8) 5 to 6.30 p.m. and after service. All welcome. 765

DEVON GUILD. — Exeter Branch. — Meeting, Brampford Speke, Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names by Sept. 10th.—F. Wreford, Hon. Sec., 24, Normandy Road, Exeter. 787

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Walmer, Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, 2s. per head. Names for tea, with cash, please, not later than Wednesday, Sept. 11th, to Mr. F. A. Rye, 74, Downs Road, Walmer, Deal. — B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 780

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—By-meeting at Bearsted on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5. Evensong 7.30 p.m.—R. L. Sills, Dis. Sec. 759

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly general meeting at Lutterworth (8) on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at Manor House Cafe, Market Street, 5.15 p.m., followed by meeting. Buses leave Newarkes, Leicester, at 2.35 and 4.35, returning 7.45 and 8.10. Train from Leicester Central, 12.29, returning 7.29 and 8.37. Names for tea by Sept. 11th to E. W. Tipler, 47, Baker Street, Lutterworth. Rugby. General committee, Sept. 9th, Cathedral Belfry at 7.30 p.m.—B. G. Warwick, Hon. Gen. Sec. 769

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Half-yearly meeting, Boston, Saturday, Sept. 14th. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify by the Tuesday previous Mr. W. E. Clarke, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston. Usual ringing arrangements.—J. Bray, Hon. Sec. 757

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch.—Joint meeting with the South Wales Ladies' Guild, Cowbridge, Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Ladies' Guild meeting 3.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow.—R. E. Coles, Branch Sec. 744

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Saxlingham, Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Sept. 11th, to T. Simmons, Home Farm, Saxlingham, Norwich.—C. F. Phillippo, Hon. Sec 756

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Lower Heyford, Saturday, Sept. 14th. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to Mr. W. Collins, Furnace Lane, Lower Heyford, Northampton.—F. W. Hancock. 775

ST. DAVID'S GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Llanstephan (8) on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—C. H. Hawkins, 2, Embankment Road, Llanelly, Carms. 753

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Practice meeting, Saturday, Sept. 14th, Britford, from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. for those who send names by Sept. 10th to Mrs. Lewis, 2, High Road, Britford, Salisbury. Also St. Thomas' open, 6.45 to 8 p.m. 742

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION and HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Bridgnorth Branch).—Joint meeting at Coalbrookdale on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Sept. 11th to Mr. A. S. Bayley, 19, Church Road, Coalbrookdale, Shropshire 754

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Notts District.—Crawford Cup contest and meeting at Laxton (6) on Saturday, Sept. 14th, at 3 p.m. Lincolnshire bus from East Retford Church at 1.30 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify by Sept. 10th Mr. G. Dolby, High Street, Laxton, Newark.—H. Denman 773

NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS.—The annual meeting will be held at Leicester on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Ringing: All Saints' (8), Wigston Magna, 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.; St. Mary De Castro (8), Castle Street, 12 noon to 2 p.m.; Cathedral (12), 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4 to 5.45 p.m.: St. Margaret's (12), Church Gate, 1 to 2.45 p.m.; All Saints' (8), High Cross Street, 2 to 4 p.m.; St. John-the-Divine (10), Albion Street, 2 to 3.30 p.m. Business meeting, 3 p.m., at Police Headquarters, Charles Street. Dinner and social evening at Lord Mayor's Rooms, Waterloo Street, 6 p.m. Tickets (limited) 12s. 6d. each. Applications for tickets with remittance by Sept. 14th to C. H. F. Knight, Hon. Sec., 51, Oadby Road, Wigston Magna, Leicester. 772

RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD.—Provisional arrangements.—Autumn meeting, Saturday, Sept. 28th, at Swindon (Western Region). Ringing, St. Mark's, afternoon. Tea in Christ Chufch Hall for those who by Thursday let Mr. W. B. Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Rodbourne Cheney, Swindon, Wilts, know: and at Christ Church after tea—one of the finest 'Taylor' tens.—W. Frank Stenson, Crewe. 760

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — The autumn meeting of the Guild will be held at High Wycombe on Saturday, Oct. 12th.—M. R. Cross. 767

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LIGHTNING WORK

'WELL, I'm sorry, Beryl, I really feel I can't introduce you, he's not the right type for you—yes, well, that's different, I only see him at meetings and all he does is put his arm round me in a friendly way, and then only if Frederick's not around. No, not him, you've got them mixed up, no, this is Bert, yes, you know, that one, no, not the one who came over to a practice, and called old Mr. Higgins in and out three times instead of wrong three times, like he's used to—coo, the fuss! That was the commercial traveller one—wore checks but quite the gent, and kept saying to me, "Come on, sweetheart, whip your backstrokes in!"

Anyway, dear, this one's Bert, the one that asked me in that peal. Ooh, Beryl, never again! The trouble I had with Frederick, and all for what? Three hours' backache and a lot of blisters, that's all.

Frederick and me went to St. Ermyntrude's practice, you see, and Bert and I were chatting in a corner, and he was saying how nicely I was coming on, and he asked me to ring the treble in this peal, and when we were going home I just mentioned it casually to Frederick, and honestly, dear, we nearly got a Belisha beacon and three old women who were crossing. He said it ought to have been him calling my first peal (and I didn't tell him what Bert had said about his conducting) only he wasn't going to hurry me on, he said, and I think he'd have turned the car round and gone back to ask Bert what he meant by it, only Bert's such a big chap.

So when we got back he stood on the steps with a noble sort of expression and said, "Well, I thank my stars I don't spoil my bands the way Bert does, shoving them into peals when they can barely handle a sally," and Mum came out and said, "I'll thank you not to use language like that on my front steps, Frederick, and my daughter listening; come along in, dear," and shut the door.

Then I didn't see Frederick for a day or two, and when I did he was ever so chilly, just a nod, and "I hope you've looked up Kent," and off without a goodnight.

Next week was the peal, and when I got there there was the funniest crowd of little men, honestly I felt like Snow-White and the seven dwarfs, yes, I was the only girl — don't be catty, Beryl, you could have taken up ringing too if you weren't so busy with Ern and the speedway—anyway, Mum's always said ringers are a queer lot ever since we had some to tea and tried to explain ropesight to her, and if she'd seen this lot of little gnomes, she'd have been sufer than ever. There was Bert, of course, and he had a friend, quite a nice-looking young chap, pink, with long fair hair; he said he was from Suffolk, Stan something or other. I thought he was about the best of the bunch, but he would keep spitting over his shoulder while he was ringing. I'm sure I don't know what he does when he's in a belfry that hasn't got a nice low window handy. Still, Frederick says every ringer has some kind of a habit.

Well, we started ringing, and we went on, and we went on. You know what it's like at the Palais, Beryl, if you haven't had time to change after work, and men are a bit short, you sit up again a potted palm wondering if the evening's ever going to be over; well, it was like that, only worse, because my hands were sore. I must have looked pretty far gone, because Bert was encouraging me, and that Stan kept saying, "Co-oop, gel, then, co-oop," at least, I think that's what it was; it sounded like calling the cattle home across the Sands of Dee.

Anyway, ducks, we finished at last, and I nearly fell flat, only that Stan put his arm round me, and said, "Art moithered, pretty one?"—yes, really, Beryl, he talks just like that, but quite good-looking, rather like that picture we went to yesterday, where Seth picks the girl up out of Deadman's Dyke, and crushes her to his leather jerkin, and carries her all the way across the moor to his mother's cottage.

So then Bert said he had to dash, and Stan said he'd be back later, and then he said to me, "Happen 'ee'd like a sup? Move then, lass," and gave me a slap and sent me out of the belfry, and we went to a nice little local, and I had my first shandy ever. And that Stan said he was staying for two weeks with Bert, and then he was coming down to get a job here, and he thought I was "a proper maid"—seems a funny thing to say to a girl, doesn't it?—and would I go to the flicks next Wednesday. You wouldn't think a Suffolk boy could move so quick, would you?

But the funniest thing was when I met Frederick on Sunday, and he said how did I like my peal, sort of sneering, and I told him about that Stan, just to put him in his place, and he's been bothering me to introduce him ever since because he says Stan's one of the best conductors in the Exercise.'

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WATLINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Aug. 13, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 8 lb. in E flat.

KENNETH R. DUNSTAN	*Treble*	BRIAN BLADON	5
GEOFFREY K. DODD	2	J. ALAN AINSWORTH	6
JOAN M. WILCOCKSON	3	PHILIP MEHEW	7
THOMAS E. SONE	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

WARBOROUGH, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Aug. 13, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's variation of Middleton's. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

BRIAN G. WARWICK	*Treble*	F. HECTOR BENNETT	5
*FREDERICK J. LAMBERT	2	CHARLES A. BASSETT	6
GEOFFREY K. DODD	3	REGINALD E. LAMBERT	7
JOAN M. WILCOCKSON	4	CYRIL S. JARRETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal of Surprise Major. The first peal of Surprise on the bells.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Aug. 14, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

FREDERICK J. LAMBERT	*Treble*	CYRIL S. JARRETT	5
BRIAN G. WARWICK	2	F. HECTOR BENNETT	6
CHARLES A. BASSETT	3	J. ALAN AINSWORTH	7
REGINALD E. LAMBERT	4	PHILIP MEHEW	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Aug. 14, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in C sharp.

ARTHUR D. COOK	*Treble*	F. HECTOR BENNETT	6
REGINALD W. REX	2	ROBIN G. LEALE	7
BRIAN BLADON	3	J. ALAN AINSWORTH	8
GEOFFREY R. PARKER	4	PHILIP MEHEW	9
ANN M. COX	5	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.
The first peal of Surprise Royal on the bells. First peal of Royal as conductor.
In memoriam Fred Hayes, late captain of this tower.

WARGRAVE, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Aug. 15, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb. in E.

CHARLES A. BASSETT	*Treble*	CYRIL S. JARRETT	5
JOAN M. WILCOCKSON	2	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN	6
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT	3	GEOFFREY K. DODD	7
REGINALD E. LAMBERT	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by A. P. HAYWOOD. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
A birthday peal for the wife of the conductor, and his 25th county for a peal of D.N.C.B.

MAIDENHEAD, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Aug. 15, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, BOYNE HILL,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 13 lb. in E.

DAPHNE R. CASTELL	*Treble*	ROBIN G. LEALE	5
REGINALD W. REX	2	STEPHEN IVIN	6
GEOFFREY K. DODD	3	PHILIP MEHEW	7
F. HECTOR BENNETT	4	BRIAN BLADON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.
The first peal of Yorkshire on the bells.

FARNHAM ROYAL, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Aug. 16, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in G.

ARTHUR D. COOK	*Treble*	BRIAN BLADON	5
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	2	J. ALAN AINSWORTH	6
GEOFFREY R. PARKER	3	PHILIP MEHEW	7
ROBIN G. LEALE	4	STEPHEN IVIN	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.
The first peal of Bristol on the bells.

WOOBURN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Aug. 16, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5184 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in E.

FREDERICK J. LAMBERT	*Treble*	CYRIL S. JARRETT	5
REGINALD W. REX	2	STEPHEN IVIN	6
DAPHNE R. CASTELL	3	PHILIP MEHEW	7
REGINALD E. LAMBERT	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.
The first peal of Cambridge on the bells.

STRATFIELD MORTIMER, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 17, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5024 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

A. PATRICK CANNON	*Treble*	F. HECTOR BENNETT	5
JOAN M. WILCOCKSON	2	FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	6
ALBERT DISERENS	3	STEPHEN IVIN	7
KENNETH R. DUNSTAN	4	J. ALAN AINSWORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.

A SIX-BELL WEEK IN YORKSHIRE

(PEALS RUNG FOR THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION)

BATLEY, YORKSHIRE.
On Mon., Aug. 19, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents of Cambridge Surprise, one extent each of St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and two extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

SHEILA M. SCHOFIELD	*Treble*	D. MARGARET HAWLEY	4
JAMES THORLEY	2	ALAN E. HARTLEY	5
J. MARTIN THORLEY	3	EDWARD M. BRADLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.

On Tues., Aug. 20, 1957, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW, CHAPEL ALLERTON,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Cambridge Surprise and St. Clement's, and one extent each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

JAMES THORLEY	*Treble*	*D. MARGARET HAWLEY	4
*J. MARTIN THORLEY	2	*EDWARD M. BRADLEY	5
SHEILA M. SCHOFIELD	3	ALAN E. HARTLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.

* 25th peal together. The conductor has now called a peal from each bell in the tower.

HORSFORTH, YORKSHIRE.

On Fri., Aug. 23, 1957, in 1 Hour and 50 Minutes,

AT PADMAR, 146, BROADGATE LANE,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents each of St. Martin's, St. Simon's and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, and 12 extents each of Grandsire and Plain Bob. Tenor size 15 in C.

D. MARGARET HAWLEY 1—2 | J. MARTIN THORLEY 3—4
ALAN SHEPPARD 5—6

Conducted by ALAN SHEPPARD.

WRAGBY, YORKSHIRE.

On Sat. Aug. 24, 1957, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND OUR LADY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise and two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

SHEILA M. SCHOFIELD	*Treble*	J. MARTIN THORLEY	4
JAMES THORLEY	2	†ALAN SHEPPARD	5
*D. MARGARET HAWLEY	3	*EDWARD M. BRADLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.

* 100th peal together. † 50th peal.

TEN BELL PEAL

SWINDON, WILTSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug 17, 1957, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 22 cwt. 9 lb. in E flat.

*ERIC SUTTON	*Treble*	‡REGINALD G. TOWNSEND	6
REGINALD W. REX	2	†RAYMOND C. WESTNEY	7
†MRS. F. G. WILTON	3	*FRANCIS G. WILTON	8
*ANTHONY R. PEAKE	4	W. BERTRAM KYNASTON	9
GEOFFREY K. DODD	5	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Composed by W. PYE. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal of Surprise Royal † First peal of Royal. ‡ First peal of Surprise. First peal of Cambridge Royal on the bells.

Rung as a welcome home to Anthony Peake on completion of his National Service with the R.A.F. Also a farewell to Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Wilton, who are taking up residence at Moreton-in-Marsh, Glos.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BURWELL, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., July 22, 1957, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt.

*CHRIS. T. GRAVES	*Treble*	RICHARD J. W. HOUSDEN	5
†A. GEORGE ORBELL	2	JOHN SCHOFIELD	6
T. REGINALD DENNIS	3	HUGH NEILL	7
JOHN G. GIPSON	4	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by J. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN.

* First peal. † First peal of Major.

Rung to welcome Gillian Dawn Housden.

DOWNHAM MARKET, NORFOLK

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 10, 1957, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 11 cwt.

TOM GREENACRE	*Treble*	ARTHUR ROLFE	5
JOHN FOX	2	ERNEST H. MASTIN	6
STANLEY G. ELSEY	3	CLAUDE COUSINS	7
CECIL V. EBBERSON	4	JOHN ELSEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST H. MASTIN.

Rung as a farewell peal to the Rev. W. B. S. Dorman, who has retired after 32 years as rector of Downham Market

CHARLTON HORETHORNE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 17, 1957, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt.

RONALD G. BECK	*Treble*	†DAVID T. ROBERTSON	5
GEORGE W. MASSEY	2	JAMES E. LOOKER	6
GORDON GAYLARD	3	HARRY J. GAYLARD	7
*W. JOHN PHIPPEN	4	ERNEST E. BRAY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by GEORGE W. MASSEY.

* First peal of Plain Bob Major. † First peal of Major.

Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. Bray, parents of the tenor ringer.

TENTERDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 17, 1957, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MILDRED,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's variation of Middleton's. Tenor 30 cwt.

*VIOLET RELF	*Treble*	WILFRED W. RING	5
†LAWRENCE T. POPE	2	JOHN R. COOPER	6
CRAWFORD T. HILLIS	3	MARK W. MARSHALL	7
GEOFFREY PEARSON	4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS CULLINGWORTH.

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Surprise Major.

Rung for the wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Hillis, who were married in this church ten years ago.

HUGGLESCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Aug. 19, 1957, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16¼ cwt.

ERNEST J. JELLEY	*Treble*	BRIAN G. WARWICK	5
ERNEST W. RAWSON	2	*HARRY POYNER	6
ERNEST MORRIS	3	JOSEPH W. COTTON	7
JOHN A. ACRES	4	PETER J. STANIFORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.

* First peal in the method.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Aug. 20, 1957, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11¼ cwt.

JOHN P. PARTINGTON	*Treble*	SYDNEY LEATHERBARROW	5
ROGER LEIGH	2	GEOFFREY S. MILLS	6
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	3	NORMAN SMITH	7
STEPHEN LL. PARRY	4	HAROLD HAMER	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by NORMAN SMITH.

A birthday compliment to Geoffrey S. Mills.

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PLYMOUTH, DEVON.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Aug. 21, 1957, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF EMMANUEL.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Ten-part. Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in E flat.

H. FREDERICK MYERS	*Treble*	JOHN P. SIMS	5
RICHARD J. BOWDEN	2	DENIS F. WHEELER	6
V. MARY MATHEWS	3	THOMAS G. MYERS	7
REV. A. S. ROBERTS	4	*FREDERICK R. HOCKING	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS G. MYERS.

* First peal at first attempt.

Rung to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the first peal for the Guild, which was also accomplished at Emmanuel Church, Plymouth, on Wednesday, August 21st, 1907.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Aug. 22, 1957, in 3 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

*CAROL FERNLEY	*Treble*	‡ALEX RICHARDSON	5
†SHIRLEY HARRIS	2	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	6
BRIAN HARRIS	3	EDWARD JENKINS	7
JAMES FEARNLEY	4	JOHN WORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by C. KENNETH LEWIS. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Bristol away from treble. ‡ First peal of Bristol.

AYLESFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 24, 1957, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Being 1,856 Kent Treble Bob, 960 Oxford Treble Bob and 2,336 Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

*GEORGE KENWARD	*Treble*	*MICHAEL J. ROWE	5
JOHN L. MORRIS	2	BRIAN BLADON	6
*TERENCE BARTON	3	RALPH BIRD	7
*CYRIL S. JARRETT	4	PHILIP MEHEW	*Tenor*

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

* First peal of Spliced Major.

AYLESTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 24, 1957, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation).
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in F.

*PATRICIA A. WARDLE	*Treble*	BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	5
REV. PETER R. BLACKMAN	2	RUSSELL S. MORRIS	6
†DAVID SIMPSON	3	‡BRIAN G. WARWICK	7
‡ERNEST J. JELLEY	4	TERRY I. ROPER	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal. † First peal of Triples in the method. ‡ 150th peal together.

Rung for the Feast of St. Bartholomew.

CALVERLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 24, 1957, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID.
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10¼ cwt.

LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	*Treble*	VERNON BOTTOMLEY	5
ALEXANDER E. MARSH	2	J. FREDERICK MILNER	6
HOWARD SCOTT	3	J. HENRY FIELDEN	7
GORDON BENFIELD	4	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

CARLTON-IN-CLEVELAND, YORKSHIRE.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 24, 1957, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 7 lb. in F.

MARGARET A. SOFTLEY	*Treble*	THOMAS M. COX	5
*MARION S. CAPEY	2	DENIS A. BAYLES	6
GEORGE S. DEAS	3	J. ALAN AINSWORTH	7
ENID SOFTLEY	4	ERIC N. HARRISON	*Tenor*

Composed by THE REV. H. EARLE-BULWER.
Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

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

GORING-ON-THAMES, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 24, 1957, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

ROBERT J. CASTLE	*Treble*	†RAYMOND K. RIVERS	5
WILLIAM J. PAICE	2	ARTHUR J. N. RANCE	6
*SYLVIA A. CASTLE	3	BERNARD C. CASTLE	7
MRS. B. C. CASTLE	4	FREDERICK J. E. HICKS	*Tenor*

Conducted by BERNARD C. CASTLE.

* First peal 'inside.' † First peal.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug 24, 1957, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8¼ cwt.

*JENNIFER FIRTH	*Treble*	MRS. P. J. STANIFORTH	5
MRS. PHYLLIS POOLE	2	ERNEST RAWSON	6
RICHARD PRIME	3	PETER J. STANIFORTH	7
HARRY POYNER	4	ALAN CATTELL	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by HARRY POYNER.

* First peal.

The composition has the 6th and 5th each in 6th's for six complete courses and the tenors undisturbed throughout the peal.

MILNROW, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Rochdale Branch.)
On Sat., Aug. 24, 1957, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt.

KEITH ABBOT	*Treble*	HAROLD HAMER	5
*IVAN KAY	2	GEOFFREY S. MILLS	6
ALLAN SMITH	3	PHILLIP HUDSON	7
STEPHEN L. PARRY	4	*SELWYN H. DEARDEN	*Tenor*

Composed by C. CHARGE. Conducted by SELWYN H. DEARDEN.

* 50th peal together.

Rung in honour of the 87th birthday of Mr. George Staff, a ringer at the above church for nearly 50 years.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 24, 1957, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 18¼ cwt.

MARY DOWSETT	*Treble*	BRIAN J. HOWARD	5
ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON	2	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS	6
ALFRED J. HOUSE	3	PETER J. EVES	7
GERALD M. ROUSE	4	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. J. PARKER. Conducted by PETER J. EVES.

FRINDSBURY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Aug. 25, 1957, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 16 cwt.

RUTH A. HIGHLEY	*Treble*	ALBERT DUNK	5
*HARRY SPRINGATE	2	GEORGE KENWARD	6
LAURENCE MITCHELL	3	CYRIL S. JARRETT	7
RONALD C. BURNS	4	ROBERT BURNS	*Tenor*

Conducted by CYRIL S. JARRETT.

* 100th peal.

Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. A. Marley, a faithful worshipper and church worker at the above church, who died on August 18th, 1957.

WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Aug. 25, 1957, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 9 lb. in E.

ARTHUR J. HART	*Treble*	E WINIFRED KEYS	5
*BERNARD V. COLLISON	2	THOMAS E. SONE	6
ERNEST J. LADD	3	WILLIAM ROGERS	7
COLIN A. TESTER	4	WILLIAM T. BEESON	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 158). Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.

* First peal of Yorkshire 'inside.' The ringer of the third 'completes the circle' for the second time.

Rung for the birth of a second grandchild to Mr. and Mrs. H. Vaughan.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

SHARDLOW, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 3, 1957, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 3,360 Grandsire, 480 April Day, 720 Reverse Canterbury and 480 Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

*MARLENE M. GRIME	*Treble*	DAVID K. WALKLATE	3
EDWIN WALKLATE	2	PETER BELLAMY-KNIGHTS	4
†JOHN E. COLLINS	*Tenor*		

Conducted by DAVID K. WALKLATE.
* First peal. † First peal of Doubles.

CLEEVE PRIOR, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Aug. 5, 1957, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being one 2,160 and four 720's (C.C.C. Nos. 82, 58 and 59). Tenor 9 cwt. in G.

*REV. ALBERT WEBB	*Treble*	R. ROGER SAVORY	4
ROBERT W. COLE	2	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	5
*BRENDA M. SMITH	3	GERALD C. HEMMING	*Tenor*

Conducted by GERALD C. HEMMING.
* First peal of Surprise. First in the method as conductor.

HEATH, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Aug. 5, 1957, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 REVERSE CANTERBURY DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (eight callings). Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in F sharp.

*EDWARD H. WILLOWS	*Treble*	EDWIN WALKLATE	3
†JILL G. DRAPER	2	†PETER BELLAMY-KNIGHTS	4
DAVID K. WALKLATE	*Tenor*		

Conducted by DAVID K. WALKLATE.
* First peal away from cover bell. † First peal in the method. First peal on the bells.

HARSTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Aug. 9, 1957, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN	*Treble*	T. REGINALD DENNIS	4
PAMELA LATCHFORD	2	DEREK E. LATCHFORD	5
*ALAN SHEPHERD	3	HUGH NEILL	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN.
* First peal of Surprise.

WALBERTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Aug. 11, 1957, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Single Oxford and five extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb.

*MARYBELL MCKANE	*Treble*	JEAN EGERTON	4
WILLIAM H. HARRISON	2	ERNEST TREAGUS	5
SYLVIA STREATER	3	RAYMOND P. WOOD	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST TREAGUS.
* First peal.
Arranged as a farewell to the ringers of 3 and 4 on leaving the village to take up nursing careers.

NORWICH, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Aug. 12, 1957, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE, COLEGATE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 each of Thelwall, Childwall, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Kent Treble Bob, Plain, and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 9¼ cwt. in G sharp.

MRS. DOROTHY MOORE	*Treble*	STANLEY W. COPLING	4
*BRIDGET H. MUTIMER	2	ARTHUR G. BASON	5
*MIRIAM A. HIGDON	3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by H. WILLIAM BARRETT.
* First peal in seven methods 'inside.'

AYLSHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Aug. 20, 1957, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 8 cwt. in B.

ARTHUR C. WELLS	*Treble*	DERICK A. PARDON	4
MRS. HANBURY F. CARTER	2	N. JOHN A. PUMPHREY	5
*ROY E. CULLINGTON	3	HANBURY F. CARTER	*Tenor*

Conducted by N. JOHN A. PUMPHREY.
* First peal. First peal as conductor on tower bells.
Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar (Rev. F. B. Evans) by a band all resident in the parish.

BODENHAM, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Aug. 22, 1957, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in G.

JOYCE DAVIES	*Treble*	ROWLEY BILLINGS	4
THOMAS RUSHTON	2	LESLIE EVANS	5
ROSEMARY BRAY	3	*STANLEY PALMER	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE EVANS.
* First peal.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of treble and third.

YOXFORD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Thurs., Aug. 22, 1957, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in ten methods: (1) London Surprise, (2) Norwich Surprise, (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) St. Clement's and Double Oxford, (5) Childwall and Thelwall, (6) Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

C. JACK GIBSON	*Treble*	PETER S. BEDFORD	4
*EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	5
JACK PILGRIM	3	JOHN W. BLYTHE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.
* First peal in ten methods.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Fri., Aug. 23, 1957, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, called differently. Tenor 11 cwt.

JAMES B. MORLEY	*Treble*	ROBERT W. LEAVETT	4
URBAN W. WILDNEY	2	ROBERT E. LESTER	5
ALICE E. LESTER	3	LESLIE N. MELTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES B. MORLEY.
A birthday compliment to Mrs. R. W. Leavett.

DARLINGTON.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Aug. 23, 1957, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DURHAM & NEWCASTLE SURPRISE MINOR

Being one block of 2,160 and one 720 of Durham and three different 720's of Newcastle. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in B flat.

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

Conducted by ROLAND PARK.
Rung to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the Association.

ECKINGTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Aug. 23, 1957, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 IPSWICH SURPRISE MINOR

Being two 2,160's and one 720 (C.C.C. Nos. 109, 110 and 103). Tenor 19 cwt. in E.

CYRIL A. WRATTEN	*Treble*	ROBERT W. COLE	4
E. TREVOR NEWBURY	2	GERALD C. HEMMING	5
SHIRLEY M. PARSONS	3	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	*Tenor*

Conducted by GERALD C. HEMMING.
First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.

DUNKERTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 24, 1957, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 5 cwt.

ERIC WADMAN	*Treble*	†JAMES HAWKINS	4
GEORGE W. MASSEY	2	DAVID HOARE	5
*EDWIN BROWN	3	GWILYM SALMON	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID HOARE.

* First peal on tower bells. † First peal.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. J. Holbrook and Miss M. Knowles, for their wedding which took place earlier this day at St. Nicholas', Radstock.

KINGSCLERE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 24, 1957, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents, using singles only, with 5-6 the right way throughout. Tenor 19½ cwt.

ARTHUR SAYERS	*Treble*	FRANK W. LEWIS	4
S FRANK TUFFLEY	2	IAN H. ORAM	5
GILBERT J. TOWNSEND	3	GEOFFREY K. DODD	*Tenor*

Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.

First peal of Bob Minor on the bells, and as conductor.

NEW BUCKENHAM, NORFOLK
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 24, 1957, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO	*Treble*	JOHN R. SMITH	4
WILLIAM CLOVER	2	WILFRED G. SAUNDERS	5
FRANK C. J. ARNOLD	3	GEORGE SAYER	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. SMITH

First peal in the method as conductor. Frank C. J. Arnold has now 'circled the tower.'

THRYBERGH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield and District Society.)
On Sat., Aug. 24, 1957, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

FRANK BRUNT	*Treble*	†BRIAN GIBLIN	4
*CLAIRE GREEN	2	†BRIAN HEPPENSTALL	5
GEORGE R. HINER	3	HARRY MORTIMORE	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY MORTIMORE.

* First peal 'inside.' † First peal.

Rung as a farewell peal to Mr. G. H. Boothroyd who, after 25 years as people's churchwarden and 32 years as parochial treasurer, is leaving the parish to live in retirement near Ripon.

HANDBELL PEALS

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Aug. 18, 1957, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,
AT 12, DOROTHY AVENUE, GLEN PARVA.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor size 18 in G.

*BRIAN G. WARWICK	*Treble*	‡HARRY POYNER	5—6
†ERNEST MORRIS	3—4	JOHN M. JELLEY	7—8
BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	9—10		

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* 250th peal as conductor. † 100th peal of Royal. ‡ 150th peal.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Aug. 21, 1957, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor size 15 in C.

BRIAN G. WARWICK	1—2	ERNEST MORRIS	7—8
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	3—4	HARRY POYNER	9—10
PETER J. STANIFORTH	5—6	JOHN A. ACRES	11—12

Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER. Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.

QUARTER PEALS

ASH, SURREY.—On Aug. 25th, 1.260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Sherwood 1, A. Tuck (first quarter) 2, Brenda Davidge (first as cond.) 3, A. E. Goodchild 4, S. Russell 5, E. Sherwood 6. For Evensong.

BACUP, LANCS.—On Aug. 24th, 1.264 Plain Bob Major: L. J. Williams 1, H. Parkinson 2, S. Lowe 3, G. Coppin 4, R. Leigh 5, J. Walsh 6, C. Clegg 7, N. Smith (cond.) 8. Rung to mark the 75th anniversary of the incorporation of the Borough of Bacup.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.—On Aug. 18th, 1.260 Stedman Triples: Elizabeth Layton 1, R. A. Harbour 2, Gillian R. Parsons 3, R. I. Parsons 4, H. N. Pitstow (cond.) 5, N. Hobden 6, A. E. Cheeseman 7, M. F. Layton 8. Rung as a compliment to R. A. Harbour on his 21st birthday, and to G. R. Smerdon on his engagement.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.—On Aug. 18th, 1.260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. R. E. Lester 1, J. J. Prentice 2, Miss A. E. J. Lester 3, R. W. Leavett (Tollesbury) 4, R. E. Lester (cond.) 5, G. R. Goodship 6. For Evensong.

BENGEO, HERTFORDS.—On Aug. 24th, 1.260 Stedman Triples: A. E. Rushton (cond.) 1, J. R. Jordan 2, C. E. Hayter 3, Miss P. Doorn 4, J. E. Ewer 5, F. W. Ellis 6, G. Penney 7, J. H. Phillips 8. First of Stedman Triples for 3 and 6.

BLOXHAM, OXON.—On July 27th, 1.260 Grandsire Triples: J. Peglar 1, Miss H. M. Brant 2, C. C. Clarke 3, J. H. Gregory 4, R. A. Reeves 5, G. F. Burton 6, E. E. Pearson (cond.) 7, E. S. Hitchcox (tower captain) 8. Rung for the wedding of the tower captain's daughter, Cicely Mary Hitchcox to Ronald James Gregory.

BRUTON, SOMERSET.—On July 25th, 1.260 Grandsire Doubles: Audrey V. White 1, W. P. White 2, W. J. Tiley (cond.) 3, F. L. Andrews 4, H. G. White 5, H. G. Doel 6. Rung as a farewell to Mr. Geoffrey Sale, headmaster of King's School, also Vicar's warden, who is leaving for Rossall School, Lancs.

BULKINGTON, WARWICKS.—On Aug. 20th, 1.280 Plain Bob Major: June Knight 1, F. Reynolds (cond.) 2, Rosemary E. Ashley 3, H. E. Ashley 4, A. J. Hinde 5, J. L. Clarke 6, F. A. Elson 7, J. L. Garner-Hayward 8. Rung to mark the marriage the previous Saturday of Mr. K. Haswell to Miss M. Bailey, members of the local band.

Durham and Newcastle Association's 80th Birthday

An excellent broadcast on the North Region by the president (Mr. K. Arthur) followed by a recording of the bells of Newcastle Cathedral, heralded the commemoration of the 80th anniversary of the foundation of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.

The proceedings last Saturday, which were attended by a large number of ringers, were admirably arranged. They included Evensong at the Cathedral, an act of rededication and thanksgiving in the Song School of the Cathedral, where the Association was formed, and a dinner in the Great Hall of Durham Castle.

A special report will appear in our next issue.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.—On Aug. 18th, 1.280 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. T. Norris 1, C. Cook 2, E. Ashby 3, Miss S. Dorey 4, Miss M. Carnochan (first in method) 5, R. Waters 6, C. Slade 7, T. Norris (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

CAPE TOWN, S. AFRICA.—On Aug. 24th, at St. Mary's, Woodstock, 1.320 Grandsire Doubles (on the back six): V. Sheppard 1, J. Riley 2, W. Smith 3, R. Stickley 4, O. Lamb 5, J. Ernstzen 6. For Evensong on the patronal festival of St. Bartholomew, sister church of St. Mary's. A welcome back to R. Stickley after two years in Nigeria.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Aug. 25th, 1.280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: W. J. Button 1, L. G. Brett (cond.) 2, F. Ruffles 3, C. W. Beecroft 4, R. G. Parker 5, W. Ruffles 6, W. W. Miller 7, P. Laflin 8. For morning service.

DEDDINGTON, OXON.—On June 2nd, 1.260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob and 660 Grandsire) with 7, 6, 8 covering: W. E. Honour 1, G. E. Deeley 2, W. Ivings 3, C. C. Clarke 4, E. E. Pearson (cond.) 5, W. H. Minnear 6, H. L. Roper 7, B. J. W. Sykes (first quarter) 8. First in two methods for 1 and 6.

DERBY.—On Aug. 17th, at the Church of St. Luke, 1.260 Grandsire Triples: J. E. Ryde 1, A. E. Thompson 2, E. H. Johnson 3, F. R. Lowe 4, A. Mould (cond.) 5, W. A. Morley 6, B. Barker 7, Vivienne M. Horton 8. Rung to celebrate the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Lowe, parents of the ringer of the 4th.

EALING, MIDDLX.—At St. Mary's Church, on Aug. 18th, 1.260 Grandsire Triples: J. P. Kent 1, H. J. Eldred 2, A. M. Stacey (cond.) 3, R. J. Cook 4, S. Croft 5, D. Theedom 6, W. T. Cook 7, A. H. Fulwell 8. Rung on the occasion of the conductor's silver wedding.

ELING, HANTS.—On Aug. 24th, 1.260 Grandsire Doubles: C. White 1, Miss A. Knight 2, G. Northway (cond.) 3, J. Page 4, M. Northway 5, A. Fry 6. Rung by a Romsey Abbey band as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

EPSOM, SURREY.—At Christ Church, on Aug. 25th, 1.260 Plain Bob Minor: I. Waterman 1, Ann Howells (first of Plain Bob) 2, D. J. F. Oakshott 3, W. Parrott 4, N. Webb 5, F. Oakshott (first of Bob Minor as cond.) 6.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—At the Church of S. Nicolas, on Aug. 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (540 Stedman and 720 Grandsire): Joan K. Beazley 1, Monica E. Collins 2, Shelagh R. Collins 3, E. Etheridge 4, Ann M. Cox (cond.) 5, D. A. Cox (first quarter) 6. Rung half-muffled by members of the Sunday service band in memoriam David Warner, who was a ringer at this church.

HEAVITREE, EXETER.—On Aug. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Blowen 1, N. Mallett 2, G. Skinner 3, F. Wreford 4, E. Glass 5, L. Barry (cond.) 6, S. Milton 7, A. Mitchell 8. For Matins, and in honour of a visit from Gloucester of 1, 6 and 7.

HENLEY-IN-ARDEN, WARWICKS.—On Aug. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Robinson 1, M. Davis (first quarter) 2, J. H. Jones 3, J. K. Foot 4, J. Corbett (cond.) 5, V. A. Hemming 6. Rung for the wedding of Miss Jill Brettell (a Tanworth ringer) and Mr. William Sparks, of Dunstable; also as a birthday compliment to Miss Robinson.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On Aug. 25th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Biggs 1, Avril Thackray (first of Stedman) 2, D. Cornwall 3, I. S. Biggs 4, A. Foxall 5, J. D. Kape 6, A. E. Cox (cond.) 7, N. Cornwall 8.

KERESLEY, WARWICKS.—On Aug. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Allport (first quarter) 1, H. Folwell 2, W. A. Stote (cond.) 3, Miss T. Bowcutt (first 'inside') 4, R. D. Hart (first 'inside') 5. For morning service.

LEEDS, YORKS.—On Aug. 22nd, at the Church of St. Peter, Bramley, 1,260 Minor (in six methods—Single Oxford, Cambridge, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob): J. Thorley 1, Sheila M. Schofield 2, D. Margaret Hawley 3, E. M. Bradley 4, A. Sheppard 5, J. M. Thorley (cond.) 6.

LEYLAND, LANCS.—On Aug. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (with a coverer): E. Sparks (first quarter) 1, J. Higham (first 'inside') 2, J. H. Owens (first quarter) 3, S. Walmsley 4, P. Barrand 5, A. Meadows (cond.) 6, L. Walmsley cover bell. Rung by regular Sunday service ringers for evening service.

QUARTER PEALS

LONDON, E.C.—At St. Olave's, Hart Street, on Aug. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Harte 1, Mrs. R. L. Armstrong 2, Miss E. Wooldridge 3, J. F. Smallwood 4, C. W. Ottley 5, D. R. Randall 6, W. T. Cook (cond.) 7, J. Armstrong 8.

OXFORD.—At St. Thomas' Church, on Aug. 21st, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent and 540 Plain Bob): Miss C. M. Woodward 1, Miss R. S. Hodgson 2, J. G. Pusey (first of Minor) 3, D. J. Roaf (cond.) 4, D. C. Bowen 5, M. J. Hallett 6. Rung to mark the engagement of Miss Daphne Castell to Mr. Malcolm Cloke.

RADSTOCK, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Yelling 1, Miss B. Carter 2, R. Thatcher 3, E. Brown 4, D. Hoare (cond.) 5, A. J. Jones 6. Rung by the local company as a wedding compliment to Mr. J. Holbrook, a member of the local band, and Miss M. Knowles, who were married in this church this day.

RYE, SUSSEX.—On Aug. 18th, 1,260 Doubles (240 April Day, 480 Plain Bob, 540 Grandsire): Jennifer Southerden 1, D. Hodgson 2, C. Knowles (first 'inside') 3, A. Hicks (cond.) 4, J. Small 5, R. Chadwick 6, J. Moore 7, S. Skinner 8 (7, 6, 8 covering). First in three Doubles methods for 1, 2, 3 and 5. For morning service.

ST. AGNES, CORNWALL.—On Aug. 21st, 1,299 Doubles (60 Stedman, 480 Plain Bob, 759 Grandsire): A. Carveth (cond.) 1, P. Ruth Hosken 2, H. Harper 3, G. H. Lane 4, Gillian Neal Smith 5, Dr. D. J. Neal Smith 6. Believed to be the first quarter peal on the bells.

ST. LEONARDS, SUSSEX.—At Christ Church, on Aug. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Bailey (first quarter) 1, A. E. Haynes 2, S. Bailey 3, J. Ridd 4, S. C. Driver 5, G. S. Piper 6, E. F. P. Bryant (cond.) 7, C. Hankinson 8.

SHAFTESBURY, DORSET.—On Aug. 24th, at Holy Trinity Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Wareham 1, E. Chant 2, J. Ralph 3, A. E. Woods 4, M. Hallett (cond.) 5, M. Fisher 6. Rung with the best wishes of the band to Miss G. Edwards on her recent wedding, also as a token of appreciation to her parents for their services as ringers at this church for many years.

SHIPHAM, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (540 Stedman, 480 Grandsire, 240 Plain Bob): D. Wright 1, W. Wilkinson 2, E. E. Bray 3, D. C. Jackson 4, T. Price 5. Conducting shared by all the band.

TENDRING, ESSEX.—On Aug. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Brazier 1, Ann Collier 2, F. A. Harvey 3, Ann E. Pryke 4, I. Cooper 5, R. A. Bugg (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

WESTON FAVELL, NORTHANTS.—On Aug. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss D. Miller 1, Miss G. A. Ashby 2, Miss J. Downing 3, L. Earl 4, P. Amos (cond.) 5. Rung for the wedding of Dr. Davis and Miss Dixon.

WICKHAM, HANTS.—On Aug. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Rolph 1, F. W. Burnett 2, D. Smith 3, B. Daysh 4, A. Mears 5, E. K. Jordan (cond.) 6.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Aug. 18th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: A. Bishop 1, J. Tomsett 2, Anne Garnett 3, M. Sinden 4, F. Corfield (cond.) 5, J. Brickell 6. First of Stedman Doubles for all.

WINWICK, HUNTS.—On Aug. 21st, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Pat Mason (first quarter) 1, V. Headland (first 'inside') 2, P. G. K. Davies 3, F. E. Crosier 4, D. W. James (cond.) 5. Rung on the eve of the 16th birthday of the treble ringer.

WOLSTANTON, STAFFS.—On July 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss R. Mitchell (first quarter, first attempt) 1, D. R. Whalley (cond.) 2, Mrs. J. M. Edge 3, Miss R. Snell 4, P. S. Whalley 5, L. Whalley 6, E. A. Edge 7, G. W. Biddulph 8. For evening service and dedication festival.

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RELFRY GOSSIP

To-morrow (Saturday) the University of London Society starts its tour of Norfolk and Suffolk, travelling on the Broads in three motor cruisers. The tour has been arranged with the idea of having a holiday with some ringing, rather than the reverse. Mr. John Armstrong has been appointed 'Admiral of the Fleet.' Plans have been made to visit some 17 towers before the decommissioning ceremony and Customs inspection at 10.00 hours on the following Saturday.

We regret to learn that Mr. G. Howard Underhill, of St. Illtyd's, Bridgend, band, has met with a fatal road accident.

Congratulations to Miss Elizabeth Sharpe, daughter of the president of the Central Council and Mrs. Sharpe, who celebrated her 21st birthday last Saturday.

Since the bells of Stradbroke, Suffolk, were augmented to ten, Mr. H. W. Barrett has made ten visits to the tower, and on each occasion he has rung a peal on a different bell in the tower. This he regards as a unique feat, even in the present advanced state of ringing. Will David Vincent please note!

An unofficial note regarding Cambridge University Guild week is that the party of between 20 to 30 are enjoying themselves. At the time of writing, two of the scheduled peal attempts have been successful—Double Norwich C.B. Major and Cambridge Surprise Royal (at Bishop's Stortford).

A tape recording was taken of the last part of the second 2,160 of the peal of Ipswich Surprise Minor rung at Eckington, Worcs. on August 23rd, by the local Ringing Master (Mr. Ralph Perks) in his builder's office, which is two houses from the church. 'The striking was very good and we were much impressed,' writes Mr. Gerald C. Hemming.

'The Co-operative Home Magazine' features an interesting article on the leaning towers of England. Towers mentioned are the Temple Church, Bristol; Puxton, near Weston-super-Mare; Woolstone and Gotherington, both near Cheltenham; St. Nicholas', Gloucester; Surfleet, Lincs.

Mr. A. P. Cannon 'turned in' his 375th tenor to a peal at High Wycombe on August 14th.

The Suffolk Guild is having a good year for peals and by the end of August had scored 86, which is more than last year.

When the Cheltenham Branch met at Swindon Village all the local band attended, although they are not yet members of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association. A wonderful three-course tea was laid on by the schoolmaster and his wife, so that a good time was had by all. Visitors included Mr. W. H. Truman, the Association's Master.

Congratulations to Mr. Brian G. Warwick, hon. general secretary of the Leicester Diocesan Guild, on ringing his 500th peal. It was scored at the Loughborough Campanile on August 28th. The same evening two other records in connection with the foundry bells were established—Mrs. Phyllis Poole, most peals scored on the bells by a lady (over 150); and Mr. Ernest Morris, most peals by a gentleman (190).

Reading University Society will have a useful recruit next term in Miss Mollie Tilbury, of Bridstow, Herefordshire, who is a capable Surprise ringer and has been hon. secretary of the Ross District of the Hereford Guild. Mollie is to read English—a subject in which she obtained a distinction at scholarship level in her G.C.E. from Monmouth School for Girls.

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OXFORD GUILD TO HAVE TWO-DAY ANNUAL MEETING

AN important decision was reached at the Oxford Guild festival, held at Oxford on July 20th, to hold an annual business meeting in the autumn. Owing to pressure of time, the proposal is that at the annual meeting following the festival service, business should be limited to the election of officers, their reports, the passing of the balance sheet, grants from the Restoration Fund, and such matters as deemed necessary by the annual committee meeting.

In spite of the bus strike, there was a larger attendance than usual at the festival. A large choir of men, boys and girls from all parts of the diocese led the singing at the service, which was conducted by the Master (the Rev. C. E. Wigg). The Deputy Master (Mr. F. Sharpe) read the lesson and was responsible for the organisation of the choir. Dr. Watson, the cathedral organist, using a piano instead of an organ (which was being cleaned) accompanied the singing.

The Archdeacon of Oxford (the Ven. C. Witton-Davies), who is a ringer, having learned to handle a bell while at Cuddesdon Theological College, gave the address. His theme was that the purpose of man's existence was for the sole purpose of worshipping God.

The Master presided at the business meeting held in the Chapter House, supported by the Deputy Master, the hon. treasurer (Mr. A. D. Barker), the hon. secretary (Miss M. R. Cross) and the hon. librarian (Mr. H. L. Roper). After opening the meeting with prayers, the Master welcomed the Archdeacon of Oxford, who is a vice-president.

THE GUILD BANNER

Arising from the minutes the Master and Mr. Edmans reported on the Guild banner. The Master stated that the Dean of Christchurch had granted permission for the banner to be used in the Cathedral, but that it could not be displayed in the Cathedral when not in use.

Mr. Edmans said that the design for the banner had been revised. He had received a promise of free workmanship and that the material would be woven free of cost. It appeared, therefore, that the banner would cost the Guild very little, and he hoped that some member of the Guild would provide or would be able to make the pole.

The Master thanked Mr. Edmans for all he had done and expressed the hope that it would be possible to use the banner next year. It was suggested that it might be possible to house the banner in a different part of the diocese each year.

INVITATION TO CENTRAL COUNCIL

The secretary reported that an invitation had been sent to the Central Council to visit Oxford in 1958. This was in support of one which had been issued by the Oxford Society, which was keeping its 225th anniversary that year. The invitation was rejected at Chelmsford by a narrow majority in favour of Dublin.

After the adoption of the officers' reports and the balance sheet, the following officers were re-elected: Master, the Rev. C. E. Wigg; the Deputy Master, Mr. F. Sharpe (and congratulated on his election as president of the Central Council); hon. treasurer, Mr. A. D. Barker; hon. general secretary, Miss M. R. Cross; hon. librarian, Mr. H. L. Roper. The existing ten members of the committee were re-elected and it was decided to keep the two vacancies open.

GRANTS FROM RESTORATION FUND

Upon the recommendation of the general committee the following grants from the Restoration Fund were approved:—

Church Hanborough—£20. The Master congratulated the Hanborough ringers on raising £420 in three years without help.

Wolvercote.—The original suggestion of £20 was raised to £40 after the Vicar of Wolvercote had spoken about the work which had been done.

Benson.—£10 towards work costing £210.

It was decided to change the title of the Bicester Deanery Branch to the Bicester and District Branch. Mr. C. Kinch explained that the branch covered a much wider area than the Bicester Deanery.

'Heavy Manual Labour'

Presenting himself for his medical examination for the R.A.F. at St. Albans a ringer tells this story. A hoary old medico, after looking him over, started to examine the ringer's hands:—

'Worked on a farm, I see,' he remarked scornfully.

'No,' said I, somewhat disconcerted.

'Well,' he said, a little testily, 'you have engaged in some form of heavy manual labour?'—giving me a pompous look.

'No, I haven't.'

'Your hands are very heavily calloused,' he pointed out, as though to save himself.

Light dawned, so I admitted: 'Well, actually I am a very keen bellringer!'

His expression was worth two years in the R.A.F. to see! I was chuckling for ages over the idea of ringing being officially considered 'heavy manual labour'! I would like to have seen the resultant notes.

A BUSINESS MEETING IN OCTOBER

The hon. secretary explained that it never seemed possible to get through the business of the Guild in July without either rushing matters through without due consideration or making the meeting too long. It had therefore been suggested that a meeting should be held in October primarily to deal with business, and that the meeting be held elsewhere than Oxford.

At the July meeting business should be limited to the election of officers, their reports, the passing of the balance sheet, grants from the Restoration Fund and such matters as the annual committee meeting regarded as essential.

After considerable discussion, the majority of speakers favoured giving the autumn meeting a trial, and this was adopted. A vote of members favoured the meeting being held at High Wycombe, and if possible it was decided to hold the meeting there, the date and arrangements being left to the officers.

REVISION OF RULES

The committee concerned with the revision of rules had now completed its second revision. Upon the proposition of Mr. Birmingham, seconded by Mr. Butler, the meeting decided to send a copy of the draft to each tower. The Master emphasised that the Guild must treat the matter seriously.

The Rev. H. Benson had offered to help in the revision of the service book. His name was accordingly added to the committee.

BOW BELLS FUND

The general committee had recommended that the sum collected by the Guild should be made up to £35, but the hon. treasurer reported that this sum had already been received. Mr. Butler then proposed and Mr. Birmingham seconded that the sum be made up to £50.

The hon. secretary asked where the money was to come from as much of the money in the Restoration Fund had been subscribed by parochial church councils in the diocese for work within the diocese.

It was decided that any money voted to the Bow Bells Fund should be taken from the General Fund. During a discussion, the question arose how much money had really been sent by the Guild, as it was known that some branches had sent their donation direct and not to Mr. Barker.

Mr. A. E. Lock said that he felt that more than £50 had been subscribed by the Guild in one way or another, and proposed that no further money be added from the Guild Funds. This was seconded and carried unanimously.

It was decided to hold the 1958 Guild festival in Oxford.

Suggested amendments to rules to the effect that a resident member subscribe 5s. annually was referred to the autumn meeting where it could be discussed at greater length.

The election of 296 new members was ratified.

THE LUNCH

A company of 151 people attended the lunch in the dining hall of Christ Church, guests including the Archdeacon of Oxford and Dr. Watson, organist of Christ Church.

The Master, who presided, proposed the toast of 'The Queen,' and the Deputy Master submitted that of 'The Church and State.' The Archdeacon in his reply said it was only six months ago that he joined the Church of England. Before that he had been a member of a disestablished Church, but a much older one. He was happy to respond to the toast as a clerical ringer and a member of the Clerical Guild. He took the opportunity of thanking the ringers on behalf of those in authority for the services they rendered to Church and State. The Archdeacon promised his sympathy and support and to do everything he could to welcome them.

Miss Cross welcomed the visitors who had come to join the Guild in its festival. She particularly welcomed the secretary of the Cumberland Youths (Mr. P. Bond), a lady visitor from Australia (Miss F. Brown) and the visitors from Guildford. She coupled with the toast the name of Mr. W. Wilson, a representative of the London County Association, the author of an excellent book on change-ringing for beginners, and a member of the committee which was preparing the new Central Council handbook for beginners.

Mr. Wilson replied and also proposed the toast of 'The Oxford Diocesan Guild.' As members knew, the Guild's Deputy Master had received the highest honour in the Exercise, when he was elected president of the Central Council. That was not only an honour for Mr. Sharpe but also for the Oxford Guild.

The Master thanked Mr. Wilson on behalf of the Guild, and said the Guild did realise the great honour that had been conferred upon Mr. Sharpe, and realised that in once again having one of its members as president of the Council an honour had been conferred on the Guild.

The Master then proposed a vote of thanks to the Dean and Chapter for the use of the Cathedral, the Chapter House and the dining hall; to Dr. Watson; to the clergy and ringers of Oxford for the use of the bells in and around the city, and especially to Mr. P. Walker who had helped to organise the ringing arrangements.

During the afternoon and evening ringing took place at the following towers: Merton College, St. Thomas's, Marston, St. Giles', Cowley St. James', St. Mary Magdalen, New College, Carfax, St. Ebbe's, Iffley, Wolvercote, Christ Church and Radley.

POSTSCRIPT TO COLLEGE DEBATE

FOR those members of the Exercise—the majority in fact—not present at the recent meeting of the Central Council, their reading of the reported debate on the College may well conjure up a picture that is hardly realistic. This statement in no way reflects, of course, on the report itself, but is intended to convey that, writing from the centre of operations discussed, one is able to speak in terms of fact, instead of, as in this debate, arguments on what were almost entirely issues of supposition. For it is noteworthy that not one critic argued on what are the positive achievements of the College, still less called for any of these facts.

Quite simply, the College appears already to be likely to gain from the debate which, from some opposing aspects, might be considered as a waste of time. For the two motions for discussion had been prepared and submitted largely on conjecture, and before the proposals published about the College had been finally decided upon; with the result that the first of the motions has little or no bearing on what the College has, in fact, accepted, while the second motion was not even voted upon. For this issue two main reasons may be given:—

(*a*) Those critics who must share the responsibility for its inception may be shown, generally, either not to have read or not to have remembered that their various objections had, in fact, already been met, either in preliminary articles, or in subsequent correspondence in 'The Ringing World.' On these issues they may be challenged with references and dates.

(*b*) Probably because of (*a*) above, but certainly, in any event, they have done the Editor and his committee an injustice by maintaining a rather false position about the publication of the draft material for Part I of the Training Manual proposed. (See 8 below.)

It would be preferable, and only fair, to substantiate these 'reasons' by references 'chapter and verse,' but in the limited space of this article replies to a few of the more salient of the critics' points must suffice to show the other side of the picture:—

1. The principles embraced by the College are not the sudden ideas of one person, but have been 'developing' for some years, the ideas being shared by several instructionally-minded ringers.

2. Articles on this subject, in general terms, have appeared in 'The Ringing World' previously several times in post-war years.

3. The decision to publicise the proposals for a training organisation (or comprehensive 'school' of ringing) and a manual had NOT been taken at the time of the 1956 Council meeting. So there was nothing 'secretly' in preparation at that time.

4. The decision so to publish, when taken, was also to include an OPEN and general invitation to all ringers to participate in the development, and invitations by post, both to individuals and to officers of ringing societies, began to be issued. The time and the cost involved, however, soon began to show that this was not practicable, and it was reluctantly accepted that the invitations could only be continued to an extent that is 'general' if issued through the only medium available to ringers —their own paper—'The Ringing World.' Such an invitation has been issued (i.e., to participate in developing the whole idea) at least three or four times in the paper.

5. Those who have responded are those who have built and are still building up the organisation, by the process of submitting suggestions, and/or criticisms of drafts circulated, based on experience in ringing tuition.

6. While those who have not responded cannot blame the College for their not having accepted the invitation, they may like to note that their co-operation is still welcomed.

7. From 3, 4 and 5 above it is clear that the suggestion that anything is 'being forced upon' anyone is ridiculous.

8. When all practicable ideas had been collated, they were embodied in an 'omnibus' script, i.e., so that a final selective edition could be made. This script, which was therefore only a provisional draft, was then offered to 'The Ringing World' for publication, with two main objectives:—

(*a*) Giving ringers generally the opportunity of making what use they might of the material that had taken, in fact, considerable effort by several, to get it together, and without any thought of recompense.

(*b*) Inviting constructive criticism and suggestions for moulding the material into generally acceptable form.

9. So at this stage neither the organisation nor its handbook were finally determined; indeed the draft constitution was still circulating to all who had expressed interest, as late as the spring of this year, and one of its more important articles prescribes conformity with and loyalty to Central Council rules and decisions.

10. A critic in the debate said that his charge of 'discourtesy' to the Council 'had never been answered.' Again, here is neglect to read. For, at least three times in 'The Ringing World' was that point taken up, including the quoting of the article as in 9 above.

11. Of the charge that qualifications in ringing are only to show superiority, it may be said that it is uncharitable nonsense, at least in the sense proposed by the College. The simplified ones finally adopted certainly have no 'academic titles,' and are primarily and solely to ensure that its work for the good of ringing does not fall below defined standards. There has been no proposal for 'titles' for ringers generally—although many ringing societies have qualifying standards of membership.

12. Meanwhile, commendations and thanks have been received in respect of the publication of the draft Part I of the Manual, expressing help derived, especially in towers more remote. This has encouraged the College to complete the revision of Part I and to make it available, at cost only. Its use has been successfully adapted for pupils of types ranging from village schoolchildren to undergraduates. (All work is, of course, entirely voluntary.)

Officers of the College appreciate the support given in the debate by members and other speakers. Records already indicate that the results of the first year's work will fully justify all support given to these needful efforts.

A. Y.-B.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

Bolton Branch's Good Meeting

There were two feasts for ringers at the meeting of the Bolton Branch at Newchurch, near Warrington, on Saturday, August 24th. One was a splendid tea provided free by the Parish Church Council, and the other the variety of methods rung.

This church is peculiar in the fact that it has not been dedicated to a saint. There are records of a former church which stood on this site in 1502 which may have had the name of Holy Trinity, but proof was insufficient to adopt that name. The bells (tenor 12¼ cwt. in F sharp) are of very good 'go' and tone. The ringing chamber is parlour-like with its carpeted floor and oak-panelled walls, and the rector is himself a ringer.

There was a large crowd of ringers from many parts of Lancashire and Cheshire, the predominant feature of the personnel being youth. There was only one 'greyhead,' and the Ringing Master had a formidable task to fit in something for everybody. There were rounds, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and for Major ringers, Plain Bob, St. Clement's, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Cambridge, Yorkshire, Bristol, London, Spliced Plain Bob and Cambridge, and a bobbed course of Spliced Surprise in five methods, viz.: London, Bristol, Cambridge, Yorkshire and Superlative.

About 50 sat down to tea, and a vote of thanks was passed to the rector for the use of the bells, the Parochial Church Council for the tea, and the ladies for their service at tea.

At the business meeting it was decided to accept an invitation from the Preston Branch to hold a joint meeting, a date to be fixed by the two secretaries.

P. C.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Eastern Division at Old Heathfield

In the heart of the Sussex countryside at the little village of Old Heathfield, 40 ringers, including 'furriners' from London, Kent and Surrey, and old friends from 'Heffle' itself, gathered for a successful quarterly meeting on August 24th.

The eight bells were in continuous use during the afternoon, under the direction of the Ringing Master (Mr. L. Giles), and methods varied widely, including Cambridge Surprise Major, rounds and call-changes.

The service was conducted by the incumbent (Rev. H. Bradburn), whose predecessor in 1620 sailed as chaplain in the 'Mayflower.' The ringing, as usual, was noted for its heartiness rather than for its accuracy.

At the nearby Star Inn an excellent tea was served, and afterwards the Master of the Association (Mr. R. V. Johnson) presided at a short business meeting. At the 'Any other business' stage a very surprised divisional secretary (Mr. H. Reynolds) was presented with two miniature folding chairs for his 6-month-old twin sons. They were the handiwork of Mr. George Dann, captain of the local ringers.

Ringing continued until the Ringing Master judged that the local inhabitants had had enough, when the bells were lowered in peal and many of the ringers revisited the Star.

H. R.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

LANCASTER PRIORY BELLS

Dear Sir,—With reference to your note in Belfry Gossip about the bells of Lancaster Priory not being hung for ringing.

Having been a ringer there for ten years and towerkeeper for five years, until I moved to Morecambe in 1954, I can assure you the bells are hung for ringing and are still in a ringable condition.

Although the bells are not rung regularly for service now, it is lack of enthusiasm on the ringers' part and not the condition of the bells as we still ring there for Branch meetings.

An electrically-operated chiming device was installed in 1936, and it was this device which was heard on the radio. It is operated by an electric motor driving a drum, on the same principle as the musical box, the drum having adjustable pegs, which by a series of levers and cranks are connected to the same hammers that were originally operated by the clock only.

The clock chimes are quite pleasant to listen to but the 'automatics' are very monotonous, there being only 48 pegs on the drum and the speed very slow.—Yours faithfully,

ROLAND F. ECCLES.

DOUBLE PLAIN BOB

Dear Sir,—I was glad to see Mr. C. K. Lewis's comment on the fact that, as a result of the Council's decision at Chelmsford, what has hitherto been 'Double Bob' must now be 'Double Plain Bob.'

The motion, it will be recalled, declared that '"Bob" is a general term for a class of methods and should not be substituted for the "Plain Bob" which indicates a particular method within that class.' It follows automatically that if the basic method is Plain Bob, the Double, Reverse and Little versions must be Double Plain Bob, Reverse Plain Bob and Little Plain Bob respectively, since 'Double,' 'Plain' and 'Little' are also 'general terms for a class of method'; one would not say 'Double Surprise Major,' or 'Reverse Surprise Major,' for example.

I trust no one will write to say that 'Double Bob' has come down to us from the early days of ringing. This point was made at Chelmsford in regard to 'Bob Major,' but was evidently thought to be of no significance.

I had fully expected that one or other of the supporters of Mr. Barker's motion would have brought these matters up, and that it would not have been left to two of its few opponents to do so.—Yours faithfully,

E. A. BARNETT.

Crayford, Kent.

'ANTI-CLOCKWISE'

Dear Sir,—Reference to paragraph 5 of Mr. E. Barnett's letter on page 547, may I say (quite humbly) it has been my privilege and pleasure to take part in peals of Doubles Minor, Triples, Major, Caters, Royal and Cinques on anti-clockwise rings of bells, and at Northfleet 'completed the circle.'

My one and only peal on five was Doubles in five methods at West Wickham, Kent, on March 31st, 1937, which was before the bells were augmented and hung the right way round. It was the first of Doubles by four of the band and was, incidentally, conducted by Mr. Barnett's son, the present secretary of the Central Council.—Yours sincerely,

J. BENNETT.

Grundisburgh.

ST. PETER'S DOUBLES

Dear Sir,—With regard to St. Peter's Doubles. This is not the name of a method but the name of an extent of Doubles consisting of either 'St. Martin's with singles instead of bobs' or 'Spliced St. Martin's and Reverse St. Faith's.'

It is generally accepted by the Exercise that a method is defined by its plain course, and that the use of different bobs give variations and not new methods. Many of these Doubles variations have been named. Personally, I think these names should be retained, but such variations could be distinguished by the word Pleasure in their title, i.e., ring a peal of Plain Bob, April Day Pleasure, St. Martin's Bob and St. Peter's Pleasure, but at the same time admit that such a peal is in only two methods and two variations, not four methods.

As a Doubles ringer myself I think that some recent peals of Doubles should be analysed as follows:—

Barrow—4 methods and 1 variation, not 5 methods.

Wolvercote—6 methods and 4 variations, not 10 methods.

Roade—9 methods and 2 variations, not 11 methods.

Sherburn-in-Elmet—19 methods and 2 variations, not 21 methods.

Kirby Bellars—7 methods and 3 variations, not 10 methods.

Perhaps other Doubles ringers could express an opinion.

What constitutes a peal of spliced Doubles or Minor? It is, I think, generally accepted that every extent must be an extent of spliced in two or more methods. One conductor in recent months has claimed as Spliced Surprise Minor peals in which only one extent was spliced. If we are to accept this as a peal of Spliced then it follows that every peal in two or more methods is a peal of Spliced. Is this acceptable to the Exercise in general?

Regarding the peal at Evesham on July 27th. This peal is credited to the Society that rang it and not the Society within whose territory Evesham lies. Surely this should be the case in every peal. If the Xshire ringers have a tour in Yshire and ring peals, surely such peals should be credited to the Xshire Society? Peals are surely rung by Societies and not for Societies. Let us have more of this honest crediting of peals.—Yours sincerely,

F. T. BLAGROVE.

Windsor.

Dear Sir,—Being both the arranger of the peal of St. Peter's Doubles and the captain of the tower where it was rung, I contend it to be within my authority to answer your correspondent, Mr. J. E. G. Roast, of Danbury, Essex.

In the first place, the peal was never claimed as a *new method*, which Mr. Roast is trying to assert. It was merely stated to be *the first full peal* of St. Peter's Doubles. St. Peter's having been rung *and recognised* in peals many times in the past, ringers have a perfect right to ring it (or any others similar) again—a precedent has been created, and having recognised a thing once, no one, to be logical, can do other than recognise it again

The Central Council has shown itself inconsistent in the past: it recognised Bob Triples; later said it wouldn't, and later again said it would. Plain Bob has changed its title from Bob to Plain Bob, then Bob, three times. Grandsire Minor, Major and Royal it recognised, later said it wouldn't and later again said it would. Canterbury Pleasure in older books it changed to Reverse Canterbury—I still call it (and publish it) as Canterbury—and intend carrying on doing so! After all, it was the Central Council who said once a method has been named no one shall alter it—yet they are the first to go against their own ruling.

It was, I believe, Council members themselves who gave St. Peter's Doubles its name, and many others similar. Later they decided otherwise, and later again Mr. C. K. Lewis states: If ringers want to ring April Day, etc., there's no reason why their peals should not be recognised.—Yours sincerely,

P AMOS,
Belfry Captain.

Weston Favell, Northants.

Dear Sir,—Mr. Roast and other purists, and perhaps the Peals Analysis Committee, may prefer to consider the recent peal as one of St. Martin's (St. Peter variation). He may, of course, ring and name other similar variations but, in Doubles and Minor, nearly all names have been provided for us already, and he would probably duplicate if he provided fresh ones.

That is the problem, really. Had the name 'St. Peter' been given to an individual plain course method this would have been attempted instead. There was a very special reason for ringing and naming the peal, associated with the dedication of the church, and that reason ought, I think, to outweigh technical considerations of nomenclature. There has been controversy in the past about this, but as I read the C.C. Doubles Collection, we are only advised against ringing variations under their own names at present. This collection gives eight callings for St. Martin's, by the way.—Yours faithfully,

D. P. JONES.

Hitchin, Herts.

HEYWOOD'S 5,024 DOUBLE NORWICH

Dear Sir,—I was very pleased to see that Mr. Brian Buswell gave due recgnition to Sir A. P. Heywood's excellent peal of D.N.C.B., in his article on Choosing Compositions ('R.W.', page 533). A well-known conductor of this musical method has used this peal with considerable success, and it appears to have the ideal combination of music and simplicity. It can be well recommended to anyone wishing to call their first peal in this 'not as easy as it looks' method.—Yours truly,

'BOB CALLER.'

RINGERS AT CRICKET

Dear Sir,—With reference to the cricket match at Tanfield. History repeats! I remember reading in 'The Ringing World,' some time before the 1914 war, of a cricket match being played between the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths and the College Youths on Mitcham Common. Perhaps my old friend Frank Hains, who I believe took part, can recall the rest of the participants. (A lot of water has flowed under the bridge since those days!)—Yours sincerely,

CECIL V. EBBERSON.

King's Lynn, Norfolk.

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CANNON-SONE TOUR IN BERKS, BUCKS AND OXON

THE annual 'Cannon–Sone' tour, now in its eighth year, was again very enjoyable, and 11 peals were scored out of 18 attempts. Some of the failures were purely bad luck, but a lost peal is soon forgotten amongst the merriment and comradeship of a peal-ringing party.

In view of the petrol situation early in the year, it was decided to postpone our proposed visit to Lancashire and make our H.Q. nearer home. Reading seemed to be the ideal centre, and it proved to be a very good choice because there are plenty of towers within easy distance, and good rings of bells, too. Members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild co-operated in a splendid manner, and we would like to thank them for kindly allowing us the use of their bells, and seeing that everything was ready for us.

We commenced on Saturday, August 10th, with a good peal of Yorkshire on the lightweight ring at Shiplake. The peal was rung as a compliment to a recently-engaged couple, the male member saying that it was his first peal this year. Mr. A. K. Street met us at the church and joined with us for a touch of Stedman after the peal, for the benefit of other members of our party, who had arrived to hear the end of the peal. Thanks to the taxi service of Mr. K. R. Holtom, who joined us for the weekend, we were able to get to Sonning (8, 20¼ cwt.) without getting wet. Mr. F. Cox had everything ready, and we rang a course of London on these fine bells, with Cambridge and Stedman, to which Mr. Cox rang the tenor.

For Sunday morning we had the pleasure of joining Mr. Albert Diserens and some of his local band for service ringing at St. Mary's, Reading (8, 25 cwt.). The high spot of the morning was a touch of 5-spliced rung without a misblow. In the afternoon we had a grand welcome from Mr. C. Wilkinson at Hambledon (6, 11 cwt.). Charles has a really keen sense of humour, and asked us to 'fire' the bells, as he had not heard it done at Hambledon before! He is to be congratulated on having such a beautifully-kept ringing chamber.

We were sorry to leave this charming village, but had to get to Henley (8, 22 cwt.) to meet Mr. C. J. Tigwell and enjoy a ring on his excellent bells, cast in 1812 by Thomas Mears, jun. We were delighted to have Mr. Hubert Hatto join us for a nice touch of Stedman. Mr. Hatto used to ring with the old Caversham band, whose reputation for good striking was well known over 30 years ago. His handling of a bell is still an example to any young ringer.

A GOOD PEAL, AND SOME BAD LUCK

Our first peal-tower for Monday was East Hagbourne (8, 21¼ cwt.). We were met by Mr. A. H. Webb, local captain, and as his band have a reputation for good striking, we were determined to score a really good peal on these splendid bells. They are a joy to ring, and the tap-notes are just right.

Another band were left at Blewbury (8, 19 cwt.) to attempt Cambridge, but came to grief after 2¼ hours' ringing, for causes which only those ringing could understand!

After an excellent lunch at the Fleur-de-Lys Inn, kindly arranged by Mr. Michael Bishop, we arrived at Harwell (8, 16 cwt.). Some really excellent ringing followed in the attempt for Superlative, which was lost through a miscall, with only five courses to ring. This was a big disappointment to all, as the striking had been so good. Those not ringing visited East Hagbourne (6, 22 cwt.), the heaviest six in Berks, and certainly one of the hardest to strike properly. One of the local band kindly showed us one of the oldest clocks in the country, made by James Seymour, of Wantage, and dated 1525. It is still in working order, though there is no face to tell people the time!

We enjoyed a ring at Chilton (6, 8 cwt.) with Mr. A. Samler, and finished up the day on the light ring at East Ilsley (8, 8¼ cwt.), where we were joined by Mr. Cyril Hibbert, nephew of the famous 'Tom' Hibbert, and his local band. The last touch of the evening was Bob Major, in which a young member of the Hibbert family rang the treble with confidence and accuracy.

A DAY IN OXFORDSHIRE

A wet day greeted us on Tuesday: in fact the weather was poor all the week, but in some ways this was an advantage, as it was not too hot for peal-ringing. Our first peal-tower was Watlington (8, 24 cwt.), and we were met by Mr. A. Hine. Conflicting reports had been received about the 'go' of these bells, and someone had done a few extra handpresses to be perfectly fit! However, we were pleased to find that no particular effort was needed to finish a good peal of Yorkshire. The 'seventh-king' rang in a pair of white shorts, to make sure he did not soil his shirt! Those not ringing visited Brightwell Baldwin (6, 8 cwt.) and Chalgrove (6, 16 cwt.). Another good lunch was eaten at the Pineappple Cafe, and we continued to Warborough (8, 11 cwt.), where Mrs. F. Absalom met us. The first peal of Surprise was duly rung, though perhaps not as well as it might have been. Another band were attempting London at Dorchester Abbey (8, 16 cwt.), but another big disappointment came when after 2¼ hours' excellent striking, the slow falling of the fourth indicated a broken rope. As there had not been a misblow for 1¼ hours, it is worth giving the names of the unlucky ringers: S. J. Ivin 1, R. W. Rex 2, A. D. Cook 3, G. R. Parker 4, F. E. Wilshaw 5, R. G. Leale 6, P. Mehew 7, J. A. Ainsworth (cond.) 8. Those not peal-ringing visited Long Wittenham (6, 9 cwt.) and Little Wittenham (5, 5 cwt.). At the latter place we congratulate the band who rang a multi-method Doubles peal in 1948. The writer thinks that the man on the fourth is a keener man than he is! Though perhaps the 'go' was better nine years ago!

It was a very great pleasure for some of us to make the acquaintance of a grand old veteran ringer of the '90's, Mr. Charles H. Exon, now aged 80, who rang the fourth in Washbrook's famous 11,328 of London in 1896. He is amazingly fit and active, and related several interesting anecdotes about the famous pair, J. W. W. and the Rev. F. E. R.

Our last tower for the day was the very fine ring at Ewelme (6, 19 cwt.), rehung by Taylors. We apologised to Mr. P. Baker for being nearly 30 minutes late, but he and the local band gave us a happy welcome.

AN EXCELLENT PEAL

For Wednesday we were joined by Ann Cox and Joan Beesley, who were with us for the whole week last year, but could not fit in their holiday dates for this year conveniently. An attempt for Superlative on the really excellent Taylor ring at Hughenden (8, 14¼ cwt.) was lost after 1 hour 20 minutes' ringing, mainly because we were ringing too fast to get the best out of the bells. We hope Mr. J. D. Kape, who met us, has forgiven us for what *should* have been one of the best attempts of the week. The other party at the unique tower of West Wycombe (8, 16 cwt.), where Mr. P. G. Harris had everything ready, were more successful with Yorkshire.

We were very sorry that Tom Sone had to leave us on Wednesday morning owing to a sudden family bereavement, and Brian Warwick left us after lunch, as he felt that three days away from home was long enough!

One of the high spots of the week was undoubtedly the excellent peal of Cambridge Royal rung at High Wycombe (12, 30¾ cwt.). Although we had a band for a 12-bell peal, it was thought we would ring a better peal on the back ten, and we feel we justified the decision. Robin Leale took on the role of bob-caller with only an hour's notice, and did the job well. The peal was a fitting 'In memoriam' peal for the late Fred Hayes, whom we had hoped to meet on the day. Many thanks to Mr. W. H. Plumbridge for meeting us, and having everything ready.

Those not ringing were welcomed by Harry Wingrove at Beaconsfield (8, 22 cwt.), where Bristol was rung; and the last tower was Marlow (8, 15 cwt.), where Mr. E. D. Poole was pleased to renew friendship with his old county companion, Hector Bennett, of Shropshire.

ANOTHER ATTEMPT FOR LONDON

Thursday arrived and we all hoped that the same band, who had the broken rope at Dorchester, would achieve London at Twyford (8, 12 cwt.). But it was not to be, because the attempt ended after 2¼ hours, and the ringing not quite as good as at Dorchester. The usual well-known peal of D.N.C.B. was scored at Wargrave (8, 17 cwt.). It never fails, and can be recommended to anyone who wishes to make sure of scoring! Mr. E. G. Burrows was expecting us at 9.30 a.m., and as we thought we had arranged for 10 a.m., he had to be telephoned to return with the key—the only mistake in the organisation!

In the afternoon, Mr. E. E. Gosling met us at Boyne Hill (8, 15¼ cwt.), and Brian Bladon made a good job of the tenor, ably assisted by the rest of the band, for the first peal of Yorkshire on the bells. These are a good ring, cast by Warners in 1868, and recently rehung by Taylor's. Although comparatively light, they cannot be hurried, as the brick tower provides plenty of sway. The remainder were given a grand welcome by Mr. Tom Fowler at Cookham (8, 14¼ cwt.), and he joined us for Cambridge and Stedman. Later in the evening, both he and Mr. Gosling met us at Bray (8, 26½ cwt.) where, amongst other methods, a very well-struck touch of 5-spliced was rung. Even the redoubtable George Gilbert, who was listening in the churchyard, must have been satisfied! Very many thanks to Mr. J. E. Norsworthy and his local band for kindly allowing us to ring during their practice night. As it was Princess Anne's birthday, the opportunity was provided to join the local ringers at the famous Curfew Tower, Windsor (8, 26 cwt.), and was much appreciated by everyone.

A GOOD PEAL OF BRISTOL

Arriving at Farnham Royal (8, 12¼ cwt.) on Friday morning, we were welcomed by Mr. 'Bill' Henley, still looking very fit, although he does not ring so many peals these days. A strong band was chosen for Bristol, and to everyone's delight an excellent peal was scored, conducted by Stephen Ivin. This was only his second success of the week, as he had been unlucky enough to have been in four of the early failures.

The band who went to the fine Gillett ring at Stoke Poges (8, 13¼ cwt.) were joined by Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Barker. The attempt for Cambridge lasted 1 hour and 20 minutes, and the failure can be blamed mainly on too many late nights We were very disappointed at losing this peal, but appreciated the opportunity of making the attempt.

After lunch on the Bath road, another attempt was made for Cambridge at Wooburn (8, 18¼ cwt.), and Mr. C. A. Smith had everything ready for us. The bells have recently been rehung on ball-bearings, and now 'go' very well. A good peal was duly rung, and

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The second sitting for tea was duly arranged, but it naturally delayed the business meeting and rather spoiled the proceedings generally. However, it was over eventually, but some of its partakers looked as though they would have liked a little more.

The tables were then cleared and the business meeting began, with the Vicar in the chair. The agenda was light and as no one appeared to have any contentious questions to raise the meeting was over in a little more than twenty minutes, for which Egbert was glad. He was not interested in the proceedings but had nothing to do until ringing began again.

Owing to the delay at tea time a number of the visitors had to leave, since Little Taterfield was somewhat isolated, and on arrival at the tower it was found not enough were left for a further attempt at Spliced Doubles, so after about three-quarters of an hour, when others had to take their leave, the bells were lowered and those remaining adjourned to the 'Ring of Beef.'

The R.M. and the secretary were among those who had not yet to depart, and they invited Egbert to go along with them. Since he was not due back until midnight Egbert decided to go. On arrival at the hostelry, they found a small group already entrenched there, having not bothered to go back to the tower after tea. The R.M. regarded them with mild disapproval and told them there would have been enough for another go at the 'spliced' if they had been there. The refreshments having arrived, however, the matter was not pursued, and the newcomers made themselves comfortable.

Egbert found himself sitting next the tower keeper, who opened the conversation by asking Egbert how far he had travelled, after which they chatted about various ringing matters, while the R.M., who sat opposite, was engaged in conversation with the secretary.

Two others who had been standing up came and joined those at Egbert's table, and one of them asked the R.M. for the figures of a new Surprise method which had recently been rung. The R.M. asked him to jot them down, which he did, thus: -38-14, 58-12, 38, 14-14, 58, 16-16, 78, adding the instruction '2nd place lead-end, 4th place bob.' The secretary observed that that idea of notation was quite catching. The railways would appear to have started it with their 4-6-0, 0-6-0, etc., being wheel arrangements of locomotives. The plan was later used in giving vital statistics of film stars—37-26-36, and now ringers had seen its advantages for their own purposes.

From this point the conversation slipped easily into a discussion of methods and then method extension. This was a subject which interested Egbert and, since he rather fancied himself upon his theory, it was not very long before he was involved in a somewhat animated exchange of opinions with the two who had lately joined the party. These two obviously knew what they were talking about, and Egbert found himself out of his depth very quickly. He was told he must have been looking at some of the work of the Wizard, but this did not appear to register with him, whereupon the secretary, who had been listening during the last few minutes, informed him that they were referring to the Wonderful Wizard of Cos, who was a difficult proposition to Tan, although they might Log him for his Sin.

This abominable crack drew titters from the others, adding to Egbert's discomfiture, but the R.M. came to his rescue by asking if anyone fancied a touch of anything upon the handbells, which reposed in a bag under a seat. Four of the party decided to try Bob Major and two courses were rattled off without much difficulty, after which they tried Grandsire Triples, but for some reason this would not go, and after one or two attempts the bells were replaced in their bag, and the party showed signs of beginning to break up. Egbert was not altogether sorry, things not having gone very well for him since tea, and he had not yet recovered from the mauling he had received over the question of method extension. Having secured his ancient bike, he bade his 'good nights' and, minus the first of his tail feathers, pedalled morosely away from Little Taterfield.

B. C. A.

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CANNON-SONE TOUR—continued

cheered us up after the morning failure. On both Thursday and Friday, Reg Rex nearly brought off his first 'two-in-a-day' since losing his arm. As usual, Rex's ringing is perfect and an example to all.

We finished up the day with two short touches at St. Giles', Reading (8, 15 cwt.), and were joined by Mr. Albert Diserens and two of his talented sons, Jim and Ronald. They had their bags ready to catch the train for Ireland. Albert has a family to be proud of, and to hear him and his three sons tap off a course of London on handbells, without a misblow, is something worth listening to.

THE LAST DAY

Owing to several wishing to return home early on Saturday, it took quite a bit of organising to get a band out to Stratfield Mortimer (8, 11¼ cwt.) and to choose seven who would not be going to Windsor in the afternoon. The result was a very fast peal of Superlative, and Alan Ainsworth certainly had to work hard on the tenor.

At Windsor an attempt for Yorkshire was stopped at the first trip, after 50 minutes' reasonable ringing.

Once again, another very enjoyable week was finished for another year: and we would like to thank everyone for their excellent co-operation, not the least being the splendid driving of Mr. 'Ted' Palmer, of Messrs. Smith's Coaches, Reading. We hope to see him again next year, when we visit another new county in quest of peals, new towers and good scenery.

A. PATRICK CANNON.

LATE NOTICES

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—As yet, it has not been possible to arrange any tea at the meeting at Renhold. Therefore, please make own arrangements. — Phyllis M. Gray, Hon. Dis. Sec. 819

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Reading Branch.—A practice will be held at Caversham on Saturday, Sept. 14th, at 6 p.m.—R. G. Burton. 822

STAUNTON - ON - WYE, HEREFORDSHIRE.—Dedication service (Lord Bishop of Hereford) of rehung bells (6) (John Taylor and Co.), Friday, Sept. 13th, 7.30 p.m. Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Sept. 14th, 3 p.m. Tea 4.45. Numbers to W. H. Price, The Rowles, Staunton-on-Wye, by Thursday. 818

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Sudbury District. — Supper and social at Lavenham, Oct. 26th. Please book the date—further details later.—R. J. Seabrook. 820

A YORKSHIRE PEAL WEEK

AFTER last year's success, another week of peal attempts was arranged in Yorkshire during August. This time, however, only four peals were accomplished out of eight attempts.

On Monday, 19th, a well-struck peal of Minor in five methods was rung at Batley, the last part of which was heard by Mr. W. Eric Critchley, the peal secretary of the Yorkshire Association.

Two attempts were scheduled for Tuesday, the first of which, at Chapel Allerton, was successful. Here another good peal of Minor was rung, although the band showed a tendency towards carelessness. But after a good start to the week's programme the ill-luck that was to attend us for the next three days met us at Armley in the afternoon. We were due to attempt Kent Major, but on arriving at the tower discovered that Alan Hartley was too ill to stand in, and went for another peal of Minor instead (Sheila kindly standing down). A broken rope at the end of the first extent gave us our first failure.

Wednesday saw us at Horbury, where after over an hour's work spent in changing the treble rope (our thanks to Irvin Slack for his efforts on our behalf), Stedman Triples went quite well until faulty front work meant that we had failed for the second time this week.

The band which met at Bramley on Thursday morning was determined to stop the rot, and although Ted Bradley at first seemed likely to join Alan on the sick list, he was fortified with Lucozade and a start was made for Minor in six methods. The first extent (Single Oxford) was rung in fine style, but during the second (Cambridge) one ringer must have heard a gremlin call 'bob,' for she came from the back regardless and by mischance rounds came up. No peal, but we rang a quarter to restore our shattered confidence.

A handbell peal had been arranged for Friday morning, and after two very small members of the Ladies' Guild had been seen off the premises, this was duly rung at 'Padmar,' Alan Sheppard taking the place of Ted Bradley who was still a trifle tottery. The afternoon, however, brought us our fourth successive tower-bell failure. Thorner bells are not as good now as they might be, and the band was not really in the mood for a peal here. Cambridge petered out and we then rang a good quarter of Bob Minor.

The last attempt of the week was on the new bells at Wragby. Here we found the form we had shown on Monday, and a very enjoyable peal was rung in four methods. Wragby church stands in the grounds of Nostell Priory, and as Saturday was an open day, we had a considerable audience (ground floor ringing room) until just before the peal finished; this included the inevitable small boy, who sat for a long time behind the ringer of the fifth, kicking his pew for all he was worth.

Despite our 50 per cent. failure, we had a pleasant week of good ringing, and we would like to express our thanks to all incumbents and local ringers who so kindly granted us the use of their bells and met us at their towers.

J. M. T.

NEWS FROM CAPETOWN

When Mr. R. Stickley arrived once again in Table Bay, on August 22nd, he was accorded a streamlined passage through the formalities of disembarking. Although he was in his hotel by 8.20 a.m., his reputation had preceded him, and an interview with the S.A.B.C. took place later the same evening; and the recording went over the air the next evening. On Sunday, August 25th, all the Cape Town ringers, excepting those suffering from Asiatic 'flu, gathered to meet him at tea, and afterwards proceeded to St. Mary's, where a successful quarter peal was rung.

NOTICES

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LININGTON.—On Aug. 28th, 1957, at the Rustington Maternity Home, the gift of a son —Andrew Douglas—to Pamela and Douglas Linington, of Married Quarters, R.N.A.S., Ford, Sussex. 821

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MISCELLANEOUS

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Preliminary notice.—Through unforeseen circumstances the date of the annual meeting has been changed to Saturday, Jan. 25th. Annual dinner, Feb. 1st.—P. N. Bond, Hon. Sec. 771

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.—We should be pleased to hear from ringers coming up to the University, or associated colleges, as freshmen this October. Please communicate with the secretary, Patrick J. Bird, 2, Court Drive, Wellington, Somerset. 793

The bellringers of St. Mary's Church, Felmersham, Beds, will hold their practices on Thursday evenings at 7.30 instead of Tuesday from Sept. 8th. Visitors welcome.—C. M. Payne. 810

MEETINGS

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Meeting at Chatteris (6) on Saturday, Sept. 7th. Bells 3 p.m. No service. Tea 5 p.m. —D. E. R. Knights, Dis. Sec. 785

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Crusader meeting, Downham, Saturday, Sept. 7th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. H. Oliver, Fremnell's Garage, Downham. 720

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Eastern Division.—Meeting, Saturday, Sept. 7th, Goldhanger (8). Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to A. H. Everett, Cornerway, Plantation Road, Boreham. 735

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch. —Saturday, Sept. 7th, St. Stephen's (10), 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. Please come and support the practice.—A. Bennett. 793

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Saturday, Sept. 7th, Barley, 2 to 4 p.m. Barkway from 3 p.m. Tea at Cross Keys, 5 p.m.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 750

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Meeting at Langleybury (6) on Saturday, Sept. 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea 6 p.m.—K. R. Dunstan, 8, Bridge Road, Hunton Bridge, King's Langley. 763

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Meeting at Cowden on Saturday, Sept. 7th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (2s. 6d.) 5.15 p.m. 781

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Saturday, Sept. 7th, half-yearly ringing meeting at Rochdale Parish Church (8), 2.30 to 9 p.m. Committee will meet at St. Chad's Fold, Water Street, at 3.30 p.m.; also the bells of Whitworth, St. Bartholomew (8), will be available from 2.30 to 4.30 p.m., and from 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in St. Chad's Fold at approximately 3s. per head. 693

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch.—Combined practices will be held at Sonning on Sept. 7th, and Waltham St. Lawrence on September 21st; both at 6 p.m.—B. C. Castle. 781

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Sept. 7th, at Croydon, Surrey. St. John's bells (12) available 3 p.m. and after tea. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting in Sylverdale Hall. All very welcome!—P. N. Bond, Hon. Sec. 724

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Turner's Hill (8), Saturday, Sept. 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. 749

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. — Southern Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Hinton-on-the-Green on Saturday, Sept. 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Meeting and tea. Good attendance, please. 758

CREWKERNE, SOMERSET.—St. Bartholomew's Church.—Annual ringers' service, 6.30 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 8th. Address by Rev. D. Ballard. Bells (8) 5 to 6.30 p.m. and after service. All welcome. 765

—BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Kirkburton, September 14th. Bells 3 p.m. For tea, notify Mr. Eric Burton, Church View, George Street, Kirkburton, Huddersfield, not later than September 7th.—J. W. Buxton. 790

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Maulden on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. A good attendance is hoped for.—L. H. Bywaters, Dis Sec. 788

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT RINGING SOCIETY.—Meeting at Patrington, Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells (8) available 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Bells to 9 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday, 12th, to Mr. D. Fewster, Lily Lodge, Patrington. 815

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Meeting at Chelford (6), Saturday, Sept 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Refreshments provided.—B. Corbishley, Branch Sec. 817

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Next meeting at Studley on Saturday, Sept. 14th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Own tea arrangements. These bells have just been rehung and augmented to six.—H. M. W. 806

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, Old Brampton, Saturday, Sept. 14th, at 3 p.m. Please bring own food—cups of tea available.—A. B. Cooper. 816

DEVON GUILD. — Exeter Branch. — Meeting, Brampford Speke, Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names by Sept. 10th.—F. Wreford, Hon. Sec., 24, Normandy Road, Exeter. 787

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Houghton, Saturday, Sept. 14th, 3 p.m. Names for tea not later than Sept. 12th to Mrs. Raine, 43, Gertrude Street, Grasswell, Houghton-le-Spring. 788

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch — Meeting, Northwold, Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (own food) 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 813

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District.—Meeting at Dullingham, Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Balsham bells available after tea. 762

FOUR GUILDS FESTIVAL.—The Ladies' Guild (Southern Section), Guildford Guild (Farnham Branch), Oxford Guild (Sonning Deanery Branch), Winchester and Portsmouth Guild (Basingstoke District). — Meeting at Basingstoke on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Service in St. Michael's Church, 4.30 p.m. Tea (usual arrangements) 5 p.m. in the Church Cottage. Towers: Basingstoke—St. Michael's, 2.30 to 4.15 p.m., 6.15 to 9; All Saints', 2.30 to 4.15; Bramley, 2.30 to 4, 6.30 to 9; Overton, 2.30 to 4; Upton Grey, 2.30 to 4, 6.30 to 8.30; Odiham, 2.30 to 4; Deane, 2.30 to 4, 6.15 to 8.30; Sherborne St. John, 6.30 to 8.30 p.m.—J. Chesterman, Hon. Sec. 802

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—Quarterly meeting, Allensmore, Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, 11th, to A. Wingate, Huntington House, Hereford. 799

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting, Saturday, Sept. 14th, Benington (note change in place), 3 p.m. T. J. Southam. 804

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Walmer, Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, 2s. per head. Names for tea, with cash, please, not later than Wednesday, Sept. 11th, to Mr. F. A. Rye, 74, Downs Road, Walmer, Deal. — B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 780

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—By-meeting at Bearsted on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5. Evensong 7.30 p.m.—R. L. Sills, Dis. Sec. 759

LADIES' GUILD. — Western District. — Quarterly meeting will be held at Malmesbury on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells (8) 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea *essential* to Mr. H. G. Blanchard, Braemore, Filands, Malmesbury.—M. J. de Jong, Hon. Sec. 808

LADIES' GUILD. — West Midland District.—Meeting at Great Barr on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Sept. 11th, please, to Diana Perrins, 153, Plank Lane, Water Orton, near Birmingham. 809

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Blackburn Branch.—Preston and Blackburn Branches joint meeting at St. Michael's and All Angels', Blackburn, on Sept. 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Nominal charge for tea. Will those requiring tea please notify, by the 12th inst., Mr. Tomlinson, 370, Whalley New Road, Blackburn. Compliance with this request will oblige.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 787

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Lancaster Branch.—Meeting at Morecambe, Saturday, Sept. 14th. Ringing 2.30 to 8.30. Tea (approx. 2/6) at 4.30. Meeting 5.30. Names for tea, by Saturday, to R. F. Eccles, 22, Walton Avenue, Morcambe. 786

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at St. Francis Xavier's, Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names, please, by Wednesday 11th, to Mr. T. Egan, 6, Norwood Grove, Liverpool 6. 784

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly general meeting at Lutterworth (8) on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at Manor House Café, Market Street, 5.15 p.m., followed by meeting. Buses leave Newarkes, Leicester, at 2.35 and 4.35, returning 7.45 and 8.10. Train from Leicester Central, 2.29, returning 7.29 and 8.37. Names for tea by Sept. 11th to E. W. Tipler, 47, Baker Street, Lutterworth, Rugby. General committee, Sept. 9th, Cathedral Belfry at 7.30 p.m.—B. G. Warwick, Hon. Gen. Sec. 769

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Half-yearly meeting, Boston, Saturday, Sept. 14th. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify by the Tuesday previous Mr. W. E. Clarke, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston. Usual ringing arrangements.—J. Bray, Hon. Sec. 757

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch.—Joint meeting with the South Wales Ladies' Guild, Cowbridge, Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Ladies' Guild meeting 3.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow.—R. E. Coles, Branch Sec. 744

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Enfield, St. Andrew's, on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business.—T. J. Lock. 785

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Saxlingham, Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Sept. 11th, to T. Simmons, Home Farm, Saxlingham, Norwich.—C. F. Phillippo, Hon. Sec. 756

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Central Bucks Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Long Crendon, Saturday, September 14th. Bells (8) 2.45 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Sept. 11th.—E. F. Gibbard, 30, Horn Street, Winslow, Bucks. 786

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Joint meeting with Oxford City Branch at Kidlington (8), Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Names for tea, by Wednesday, Sept. 11th, to Mr. D. J. Smith, Merryfield House, Witney, Oxon, or Mr. A. J. Adams, 166, Cricket Road, Oxford. 780

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Culworth Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Chacombe on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Those requiring tea please notify Tuesday previous to secretary.—A. E. R. Walker, Hon. Branch Sec.

SALISBURY GUILD. — Calne Branch. — Meeting, Saturday, Sept. 14th, Lyneham (6). Usual arrangements. Names for tea by previous Tuesday to F. Godwin, 83, Lyneham, Chippenham. 807

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch. — Meeting, St. George's, Fordington, Dorchester, Saturday, Sept. 14th. Usual arrangements. Names by Sept. 11th, please, to Miss P. House, 19, Garfield Avenue, Dorchester.—Hayne, Sec. 792

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Sept. 21st, Sturminster Newton. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Visitors welcome. Please notify the Rev. R. A. Wells, Iwerne Minster Vicarage, Blandford, Dorset. 812

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Practice meeting, Saturday, Sept. 14th, Britford, from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. for those who send names by Sept. 10th to Mrs. Lewis, 2, High Road, Britford, Salisbury. Also St. Thomas' open, 6.45 to 8 p.m. 742

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION and HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Bridgnorth Branch).—Joint meeting at Coalbrookdale on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Sept. 11th to Mr. A. S. Bayley, 19, Church Road, Coalbrookdale, Shropshire. 754

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Notts District.—Crawford Cup contest and meeting at Laxton (6) on Saturday, Sept. 14th, at 3 p.m. Lincolnshire bus from East Retford Church at 1.30 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify by Sept. 10th Mr. G. Dolby, High Street, Laxton, Newark.—H. Denman.

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting, Saturday, Sept. 14th, Wisborough Green, 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Kirdford 6 to 8 p.m. Tea, Kirdford, 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Tuesday to G. Francis, Hook Cottage, Itchingfield, Hasham.—W. L. Weller. 801

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Practice meeting at Soberton, Saturday, Sept. 14th. Numbers for tea by previous Wednesday to Mr. H. Dudman, Priestfield, Station Road, Droxford.—A. H. Sturgess, Hon. Sec. 811

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting at Henfield, Sussex, on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Ringing 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting after tea. Names for tea to Mr. F. Cruttenden, Henfield. Local ringers well be welcomed.—A. B. Peck. 796

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Luton District) and HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Western District).—A joint meeting will be held at Leighton Buzzard on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Linslade bells also after tea. Names or numbers, please, to Mr. Whitney, 32, Mentmore Road, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard, Beds.—J. Good, K. Spavins, Dis. Secs. 794

DEVON GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Stockland, Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business after. Names for tea by Sept. 17th to W. Webb, Oakwell, Millhead Road, Honiton. 800

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—A joint meeting of the Gainsborough and Lincoln Districts will be held at Saxilby on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells, afternoon and evening. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify by Tuesday previous Mr. W. Cox, Trinity Cottage, Saxilby, Lincoln.—Geo. L. A. Lunn and C. Brown, Dis. Secs. 795

NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS.—The annual meeting will be held at Leicester on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Ringing: All Saints' (8), Wigston Magna, 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.; St. Mary De Castro (8), Castle Street, 12 noon to 2 p.m.; Cathedral (12), 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4 to 5.45 p.m.; St. Margaret's (12), Church Gate, 1 to 2.45 p.m.; All Saints' (8), High Cross Street, 2 to 4 p.m.; St. John-the-Divine (10), Albion Street, 2 to 3.30 p.m. Business meeting, 3 p.m., at Police Headquarters, Charles Street. Dinner and social evening at Lord Mayor's Rooms, Waterloo Street, 6 p.m. Tickets (limited) 12s. 6d. each. Applications for tickets with remittance by Sept. 14th to C. H. F. Knight, Hon. Sec., 51, Oadby Road, Wigston Magna, Leicester. 772

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Berks Branch.—Meeting at Aston Tirrold on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Please notify by Tuesday, 17th.—A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks. 782

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Newark District.—Meeting, Saturday, Sept. 21st, South Collingham, 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. North Collingham 6 to 8.30 p.m. South Scarle if required. Service 4.30 p.m., South Collingham. Tea (3s. 6d.) for those who notify me by Tuesday previous.—W. L. Exton, Hon. Sec., 60, Albert Street, Newark, Notts. 790

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Debenham District.—Meeting on Saturday, Sept. 21st, at Stonham-Aspal. Bells (10) from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea not later than Sept. 19th.—W. J. Button, Dis. Sec. 789

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Halesworth District.—Quarterly meeting, Southwold, Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names by 19th to Mr. R. S. Payne, Hotson Road, Southwold. 805

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Sudbury District. — Meeting, Great Thurlow, Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Rev. E. S. B. Barnes, Great Thurlow, Haverhill, Suffolk. 783

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting at Ockley and Capel on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Ockley bells 3 p.m. and Capel 6 p.m. Names for tea by Sept. 18th to Mr. A. Streeter, 4, Maple Road, Earlswood. 791

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch.—Annual meeting at Bromsgrove (10) on Saturday, Sept. 21st, at 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and business meeting. The Association's 75th birthday (founded at Bromsgrove 1882). Numbers for tea by 18th, please, or you may be unlucky.—Bernard C. Ashford. Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge, Worcs. 814

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Next general meeting will be held at Norton, near Malton, on Sept. 21st. Bells available: Norton (8), 1.30-4 p.m.; St. Leonard's, Malton (8), 2.30-3.45 p.m. Both towers again available after meeting till 9 p.m. General Committee meet 3 p.m. in the Church House, Norton. Service in St. Peter's at 4 p.m., followed by tea and general meeting in Church House. Names for tea, by 19th, to Mr. H. Rowsby, Holmgarth, Park Road, Norton, Malton. The local company extends a hearty welcome to all.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Bradford 9. 791

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Preliminary notice.—320th anniversary dinner, Bridge House Restaurant, London Bridge, Saturday, Nov. 2nd, at 6 for 6.30 p.m. Tickets 18s. 6d.—A. B. Peck. 797

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TOWER CAPTAIN'S LOYALTY APPRECIATED

Mr. Thomas Garley, of Isham, Northants, has recently retired from the office of tower captain, which he has held for the past 25 years. At a special meeting of the Parochial Church Council, to which friends and subscribers to his testimonial had been invited, Mr. Garley was presented with an electric clock, a fountain pen and a book, in recognition of his loyal and able service over the years. The presentation was made by the Rector (Rev. G. G. Carnell), with whom was associated the senior bellringer (Mr. R. Buswell). Mr. Garley, who is succeeded by his son, Mr. A. Garley, is continuing as an active member of the team for, it is hoped, many more years. That Isham has never lacked its own team of ringers is due entirely to Mr. Tom Garley's enthusiasm for and devotion to his art. G. G. C.

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EIGHTY YEARS ON

THERE are certain places that are hallowed in the memory of ringers and one of these is the Choir School at Durham Cathedral. Tucked away up a steep flight of stairs, this room with its sparse furnishings — the wooden benches of the decani on one side and the cantoris on the other—has been associated with music for years. And what could be more appropriate than amidst such surroundings the Durham and eventually the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association of Change Ringers saw its birth on August 25th, 1877. Of those who founded the Association in that room little is known of them to-day, but we are certain that it was an all male gathering, for women were not tolerated in belfries.

They were keen men with a sense of vocation; their presence in the Cathedral of the Diocese that day marked a significant change in their attitude towards ringing; it was the passing of the secular to the religious. No longer was the ringing chamber to be like the skittle alley; the whole purpose of ringing was to be based on its service to the Church to the glory of God. In return for this dedication of their skill they expected and received the recognition of the ecclesiastical authorities as servants of the Church. Those lofty ideals have remained stedfast and they have been blessed. The blessing has revealed itself in the unparalleled friendship that exists among ringers to-day, extending far beyond the confines of their own tower, district and guild so as to embrace all who ring changes on church bells.

Members of this Association were wise to include in the celebrations of their 80th birthday this act of commemoration and rededication. Although the Exercise has surmounted many obstacles, it is essential for its members to renew the spirit that resulted in the formation of diocesan and territorial associations throughout the country. The essential purpose of ringing is in the service of the Church — the call to worship on a Sunday. There was one phrase in the sermon of Canon R. T. Heselton at the evensong at the Cathedral service which should be remembered in every belfry: 'Let your ringing be pleasing to the ear and tell the code of your churchmanship.' This must be in the forefront of all our ringing for services of the Church. How can it be achieved? Not by just attending for one or two half hours on a Sunday. The keynote is assiduous practice and the capturing of that perfect rhythm that can only be brought about by participating in quarter peals and peals. The friendship of ringing develops largely from this association of being just one of a team blending all his or her faculties to one purpose—of the ringing being as near perfection as possible. With the complete mastery of the bell comes the desire for the extension of the knowledge of methods.

In some respects the Durham and Newcastle Association is an isolated body. There are no great centres of ringing on its borders, and advancement is dependent upon the initiative of officers and tower captains. Nevertheless, the art of change ringing in many towers is on a high plane and the recording of Newcastle Cathedral bells which was heard on the Northern Region when the president, Mr. Kenneth Arthur, gave his broadcast, was ringing of a high order. Fortunately a tape-recording of this performance exists.

An unfortunate circumstance in this year of rejoicing is that the bells in the great Cathedral at Durham are far from satisfactory. Hung high in the massive tower, which is a landmark for miles, their ringing is accompanied by oscillation that has alarmed the authorities. The architect to the Cathedral has taken a serious view and has limited ringing to not more than one hour in 24 hours, and touches are limited to 20 minutes followed by a considerable interval. Consultations have taken place with leading bell founders as to what improvements can be effected whereby the tower can be strengthened and the bells improved, and it would be gratifying to the Association if this magnificent Cathedral had at an early date bells equal to the grandeur of the building.

Those who attended the 80th birthday celebrations took away with them happy memories. The first was the esteem with which the Association is held by both the Church and the University. It was indeed an honour for the dinner to be held in the Great Hall of the Castle. The second was the keenness and meticulous attention to details by the president and the hon. secretary and the admirable way members of the Association supported the three events. The strangers who were privileged to be present and enjoy the hospitality provided were not only impressed but encouraged that this distant Association was imbued with the true spirit of our craft and was worthily upholding the principles the Central Council hold most dearly. The centenary is not far distant, and to the young ringers who join this Association they have the knowledge that it is built on a solid foundation and possesses a tradition that makes full membership a privilege to be prized.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 26, 1957, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes.
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 25¼ cwt. in D.

HARRY POYNER	*Treble*	JOHN A. ACRES	7
S. ANTHONY JESSON	2	RICHARD GRANT	8
MRS. PHYLLIS POOLE	3	SHIRLEY BURTON	9
PETER J. STANIFORTH	4	WILLIAM J. ROOT	10
RICHARD PRIME	5	ALAN E. JACQUES	11
*E. CHARLES TURNER	6	JOHN A. SMITH	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by HARRY POYNER.
* First peal of Cinques on a working bell. First peal on 12 bells as conductor.

BRISTOL.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Aug. 31, 1957, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, REDCLIFFE,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 50 cwt.

FREDERICK G. LEAKER	*Treble*	ROGER O. FRY	7
ALBERT M. TYLER	2	MICHAEL P. MORETON	8
PETER J. STANIFORTH	3	'EMLYN F. HANCOCK	9
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD	4	WILFRID F. MORETON	10
ARTHUR H. REED	5	JOHN CHILCOTT	11
REGINALD G. HOOPER	6	FRANK E. HANSFORD	*Tenor*

Composed by FRANK E. DARBY. Conducted by JOHN CHILCOTT.

TEN BELL PEALS

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 24, 1957, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5020 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

*ALAN CLARKE	*Treble*	RODERICK W. PIPE	6
JAMES BENNETT	2	GEORGE E. SYMONDS	7
PATRICIA M. CLARKE	3	RANALD W. M. CLOUSTON	8
*DAVID H. BUXTON	4	ERNEST V. BLAKE	9
GEORGE A. FLEMING	5	CECIL W. PIPE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.
* First peal on ten bells.

ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(The Sheffield and District Society.)
On Mon., Aug. 26, 1957, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor 34¼ cwt. in C sharp.

*ELIZABETH A. WARDILL	*Treble*	‡IAN M. HOLLAND	6
*MRS. N. CHADDOCK	2	*JOHN N. D. CHADDOCK	7
†MARGARET MILLS	3	‡FRED FISHER	8
*SUSAN CHADDOCK	4	HERBERT O. CHADDOCK	9
†CYRIL RUSBY	5	NORMAN CHADDOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by F. W. GROCOTT. Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.
* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Royal. ‡ First peal of Little Bob Royal.
A wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Fisher.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Aug. 28, 1957, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes.
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5000 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

JOSEPH W. COTTON	*Treble*	HARRY POYNER	6
*BRIAN G. WARWICK	2	ERNEST MORRIS	7
G. RONALD EDWARDS	3	JOHN A. ACRES	8
BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	4	ERNEST J. JELLEY	9
MRS. PHYLLIS POOLE	5	PETER J. STANIFORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN A. BURFORD. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* 500th peal.

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Aug. 30, 1957, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes.
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
No. 3 Version. Tenor 24 cwt.

KENNETH S. B. CROFT	*Treble*	GEOFFREY R. PARKER	6
MRS. R. PEARCE	2	GEORGE H. RANDLES	7
NORAH M. BIBBY	3	JOHN WALDEN	8
JOHN FREEMAN	4	RAYMOND F. SMITH	9
WALTER TOMLINSON	5	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.
The first peal of London Surprise Royal by all except ringers of fourth and tenor. First peal of London Royal as conductor.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 31, 1957, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in D.

FRANK L. HARRIS	*Treble*	GEORGE W. MASSEY	6
*DOROTHY T. GARDINER	2	LAURENCE E. HITCHINS	7
LEWIS W. WIFFEN	3	GILBERT H. HARDING	8
*MICHAEL J. BEST	4	DAVID HOARE	9
*HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS	5	RONALD N. MARLOW	*Tenor*

Composed by J. A. BURFORD. Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.
* First peal of Surprise Royal. First peal of Surprise Royal as conductor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

HODNET, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 10, 1957, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 24 lb.,

ROSEMARY JARRETT	*Treble*	AUSTIN T. WINGATE	5
FREDERICK LEECH	2	LESLIE EVANS	6
HAROLD WHITE	3	WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT	7
EDWARD V. RODENHURST	4	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Aug. 22, 1957, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

GEORGE SAYER	*Treble*	THOMAS R. SIMMONS	5
RAYMOND G. LOFTY	2	†PETER M. ADCOCK (15)	6
BRIDGET H. B. MUTIMER	3	†TREVOR N. J. BAILEY (15)	7
*ALAN F. ELLIS (15)	4	LESLIE N. MELTON (15)	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by LESLIE N. MELTON.
* First peal 'inside' and on eight bells. † First peal of Plain Bob Major. First peal of Plain Bob Major as conductor.
Rung as an 80th birthday compliment to Mr. J. G. William Harwood, of Great Yarmouth, a vice-president of the Association.

LECKHAMPTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Aug. 22, 1957, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt.

MARTYN HAWKES	*Treble*	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON	5
MRS. J. THOMAS	2	DONALD H. NIBBLETT	6
JOHN THOMAS	3	ERIC LEE	7
E. TREVOR NEWBURY	4	THOMAS W. LEWIS	*Tenor*

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.
Rung on the 75th birthday of the conductor.

ALLESLEY, COVENTRY.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 24, 1957, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

FRANK W. PERRENS	*Treble*	DAVID A. CARPENTER	5
*DAWN V. ELSON	2	GEORGE GARDNER	6
JOHN W. T. TAYLOR	3	PERCY STONE	7
RAYMOND WINTER	4	J. L. GARNER-HAYWARD	*Tenor*

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by DAVID A. CARPENTER.
* First peal of Surprise Major.
Rung as a farewell peal to the Rector of Allesley (the Rev. F. W. Moyle) and Mrs. Moyle, who are leaving, after 14 years, to go to a new living at Somerton, Oxfordshire.

BEBINGTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Wirral Branch.)
On Sat., Aug. 24, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in A flat.

*R. ERIC BRITTON	*Treble*	FRED HARTMANN	5
*ELRY DUMBELL	2	‡RAYMOND A. WATKIN	6
†D. JOHN POOLE	3	LESTER L. GRAY	7
MRS. MARJORIE POOLE	4	FRANK T. PARRY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by FRANK T. PARRY.
* First peal and first attempt. † First peal of Major 'inside.' ‡ First peal of Major.
To mark the 50th anniversary of the first peal on the bells.

CHIPPING BARNET, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 24, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt.

DENNIS C. BOWEN	*Treble*	J. DESMOND PAINTER	5
GEORGE A. SPENCER	2	WILLIAM J. POOLMAN	6
DAVID S. HARRIS	3	THOMAS J. LOCK	7
MRS. T. J. LOCK	4	JAMES WALLMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by THOMAS J. LOCK.
Arranged as a wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Poolman, both members of the local band.

HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield and District Society.)
On Sat., Aug. 24, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

*MRS. N. CHADDOCK	*Treble*	*JOHN N. D. CHADDOCK	5
*SUSAN CHADDOCK	2	JOHN J. L. GILBERT	6
*CYRIL RUSBY	3	*H. DAVID HOLLAND	7
*IAN M. HOLLAND	4	NORMAN CHADDOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.
* First peal in the method.
Rung on St. Bartholomew's Day.

KINGSTON, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 24, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 28 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in D.

FRANK L. HARRIS	*Treble*	MAURICE J. BUTLER	5
REGINALD W. REX	2	RONALD N. MARLOW	6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	3	A. PATRICK CANNON	7
MICHAEL J. BEST	4	RALPH G. EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.
The first peal of Cambridge on the bells.

WALESBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Aug. 25, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5088 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 14 lb. in F sharp.

JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Treble*	*MRS. F. G. BLOOMFIELD	5
*MRS. R. PEARCE	2	*FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD	6
CHARLES MCGUINESS	3	*GEORGE H. RANDLES	7
*GEOFFREY R. PARKER	4	JOHN WALDEN	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal of Pudsey Surprise Major. First peal of Pudsey Surprise Major as conductor.

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Mon., Aug. 26, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16¾ cwt. in F sharp.

PAUL J. RIGBY	*Treble*	JOHN A. ANDERSON	5
FREDERICK G. HANDLEY	2	JOHN R. JOYNER	6
ERNEST STITCH	3	HOWARD HOWELL	7
STELLA HUGHES	4	HARRY BOSWELL	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE HAYWARD. Conducted by HARRY BOSWELL.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the Rev. A. G. Bond, Vicar of St. Giles', Willenhall.

CAYTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Aug. 29, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VINCENT.
A PEAL OF 5040 ERIN TRIPLES
Tenor 10¼ cwt.

*JOHN FREEMAN	*Treble*	*CHARLES E. BROWN	5
*MRS. R. PEARCE	2	†GEOFFREY R. PARKER	6
*CHARLES MCGUINESS	3	JOHN WALDEN	7
†KENNETH S. B. CROFT	4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conduced by JOHN FREEMAN.
* First peal of Erin Triples. † First peal in the method. The conductor has now rung and called peals of Erin Triples, Caters and Cinques.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Aug. 29, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

H. WILLIAM BARRETT	*Treble*	PETER S. BEDFORD	5
JACK PILGRIM	2	JOHN W. BLYTHE	6
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	3	FRANK B. LUFKIN	7
C. J. GIBSON	4	L. EDWARD ETHERIDGE	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

LUGWARDINE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Aug. 30, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5120 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

JEAN HUTTON	*Treble*	ROBIN G. LEALE	5
AUSTIN T. WINGATE	2	LESLIE EVANS	6
DONALD G. CLIFT	3	WILFRID F. MORETON	7
WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT	4	MICHAEL P. MORETON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

BERKHAMSTED, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 31, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

*JOHN G. CULL	*Treble*	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM	5
†BERTIE A. CORNELL	2	FREDERICK J. SPICER	6
‡MARY G. CARNOCHAN	3	BERTRAM C. JOHNSON	7
ERIC EDMONDSON	4	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM	*Tenor*

Conducted by BERTRAM C. JOHNSON.
* First peal and first attempt † First of Triples in the method 'inside.' ‡ First peal in the method and on eight bells.

LONG MELFORD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 31, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 8 lb. in F.

PETER MAYLE	*Treble*	ARCHIE A. FITCH	5
MARIAN H. MILLS	2	BERNARD C. FAIRHEAD	6
ROSEMARY J. SEABROOK	3	LESLIE N. MELTON	7
VICTOR CONNELL	4	URBAN W. WILDNEY	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.

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BULWELL, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 31, 1957, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SOULS.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in E.

GEORGE E. FOSTER	*Treble*	*J. HARRY COOK	5
MARGARET E. HILL	2	ALLAN SIMPSON	6
*ROLAND H. COOK	3	†WILLIAM L. EXTON	7
MRS. A. SIMPSON	4	†F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM L. EXTON.

* 25th peal together. † 50th peal together.

Rung as a compliment to David Boden and Maureen Patrick, who were married at this church earlier this day.

HADDENHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 31, 1957, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr.

ROY WOODRUFF	*Treble*	DAVID CORNWALL	5
ARTHUR FOXALL	2	SYDNEY M. BAILEY	6
E. DENNIS POOLE	3	ROLAND BIGGS	7
JOHN D. KAPE	4	WALTER LEE	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WALTER LEE.

Rung as a tenth wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Poole.

HERSHAM, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 31, 1957, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 8½ cwt. in G sharp.

ANNE C. GARNETT	*Treble*	EUNICE A. HILEY	5
*JOHN MAYBURY	2	DUGALD M. MACPHERSON	6
GEORGE TALBOT	3	WILLIAM T. COOK	7
†HOWARD COLLINGS	4	JOHN KING	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM T. COOK.

* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Triples 'inside.'

Rung as a farewell to the fifth ringer, who entered Westminster Hospital as a student nurse on September 2nd.

MOUNTSORREL, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 31, 1957, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

H. Hubbard's Ten-part. Tenor 8 cwt. 27 lb. in G sharp.

ROGER A. BREWIN	*Treble*	*JACK HANDFORD	5
MARY C. PAYNE	2	†HARRY POYNER	6
ERNEST MORRIS	3	B. STEDMAN PAYNE	7
ROYSTON WILMORE	4	ERNEST F. PAYNE	*Tenor*

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

* First peal 'inside.' † First peal of Bob Triples.

An 87th birthday compliment to Mr. Tom Collins, of Mountsorrel, for many years a ringer at this tower.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 31, 1957, in 2 Hours and 55¼ Minutes
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 12 methods, being 960 London, 960 Rutland and 320 each of Bristol, Cambridge, Cray, Eastcote, Lincolnshire, New Gloucester, Pudsey, Superlative, Wembley and Yorkshire, with 139 changes of method. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER	*Treble*	BASIL JONES	5
FRED DUNKERLEY	2	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	6
EDWARD JENKINS	3	PETER LAFLIN	7
JAMES FEARNLEY	4	JOHN WORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

DAMERHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 17, 1957, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Oxford Treble Bob, Single Oxford, Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

JOAN GRAY	*Treble*	†LEWIS F. COBB	4
*ANNE BACON	2	PHILIP G. MORGAN	5
HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS	3	REGINALD T. JONES	*Tenor*

Conducted by REGINALD T. JONES.

* First peal. † First peal in seven methods.

BLYTHBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 19, 1957, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in ten methods, viz.: (1) London Surprise, (2) Norwich Surprise, (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Ipswich Surprise, (5) St. Clement's and Double Oxford, (6) Childwall and Thelwall, (7) Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

*C. JACK GIBSON	*Treble*	FRANK B. LUFKIN	4
*JACK PILGRIM	2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	5
*PETER S. BEDFORD	3	†JOHN W. BLYTHE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

* First peal in ten methods. † 100th peal for the Guild.

DERSINGHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Aug. 22, 1957, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 8 lb.

FREDA P. GREAVES	*Treble*	NORMAN V. HARDING	4
TONY OWEN	2	MICHAEL GATHERCOLE	5
*HAROLD HUXLEY	3	CECIL V. EBBERSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by CECIL V. EBBERSON.

* 50th peal.

SKILLINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 24, 1957, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being three 720's of Grandsire, two of April Day, and one each of Plain Bob and Canterbury Pleasure. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

*RODNEY J. MUSSON	*Treble*	PERCY D. BALDOCK	3
FREDERICK W. PINCHBECK	2	RONALD RUSSELL	4
JAMES H. MUSSON	*Tenor*		

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

* First peal and first attempt.

A birthday compliment to the conductor, also his son (the treble ringer), on his 13th birthday.

STOKE ROCHFORD, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 24, 1957, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents each of Reverse St. Bartholomew, April Day and Plain Bob, and 24 extents of Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

*MISS J. E. OWEN	*Treble*	J. E. COOK	3
*A. P. HILL	2	D. A. FRITH	4
J. M. SIMPSON	*Tenor*		

Conducted by J. M. SIMPSON.

* First peal in four methods. First as conductor and first in four methods 'inside.'

HUNTINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 26, 1957, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two extents of Stedman, four extents each of Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas' and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, six extents each of Grandsire and Plain Bob, and eight extents each of St. Martin's and St. Simon's. Tenor 8 cwt. in G sharp.

*†C. JACK GIBSON	*Treble*	*EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	3
STANLEY W. COPLING	2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	4
*†JOHN W. BLYTHE	*Tenor*		

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

* First peal in eight Doubles methods. † 50th peal together.

EARDISLEY, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Aug. 27, 1957, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of College, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb.

†LESLIE EVANS	*Treble*	WILFRID F. MORETON	4
*M. JO ROPER	2	ROBIN G. LEALE	5
MARIE R. CROSS	3	†MICHAEL P. MORETON	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* First peal in seven methods. † 100th peal together.

GREAT WITCOMBE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Aug. 27, 1957, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Oxford Treble Bob, Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise and St. Clement's, and two extents of Plain Bob, called differently.
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in A.

DAVID J. MARSHALL ..	*Treble*	ERIC T. LEE	4
SHIRLEY M. PARSONS ..	2	CYRIL A. WRATTEN	5
ALAN PENDLEBURY	3	PETER P. BROWN	*Tenor*

Conducted by CYRIL A. WRATTEN.
First peal in five Minor methods as conductor.

EAST FARLEIGH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Aug. 28, 1957, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise and three extents each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

*COLIN M. DRING	*Treble*	*MAURICE E. DOWNS ..	4
†LEONARD MANNERING ..	2	JOHN R. COOPER	5
GEOFFREY PEARSON ..	3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS CULLINGWORTH.
* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

ATCHAM, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Aug. 29, 1957, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EATA,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 14 methods: (1) Oxford, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure and Kingston Treble Bob; (2) Cambridge Surprise; (3) Kent Treble Bob; (4) Double Oxford and Thelwall; (5) St. Clement's and Childwall; (6) Double Plain and Fulbeck; (7) Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

LESLIE EVANS	*Treble*	†EDWARD V. RODENHURST	4
*MICHAEL P. MORETON ..	2	ROBIN G. LEALE	5
WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT ..	3	*WILFRID F. MORETON ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.
* 150th peal together. † First peal in 14 methods. The first peal in 14 methods in the county and for the Association.

HALE MAGNA, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Aug. 29, 1957, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, each called differently Tenor 12 cwt.

*EDGAR A. COLE	*Treble*	RONALD RUSSELL	4
D. HENRY METTAM ..	2	WALTER WESTON	5
PERCY D. BALDOCK	3	JAMES H. MUSSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.
* First peal of Bob Minor.

ULCEBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Aug. 30, 1957, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and St. Clement's, and two each of Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

MARTIN WALKER	*Treble*	JACK BRAY	4
*RICHARD HALL	2	JOHN HALL	5
RONALD CHAFER	3	HARRY HALL	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK BRAY.
* First peal 'inside.'

ANCASTER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 31, 1957, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 22 extents of St. Martin's, eight of Plain Bob and 12 of Grandsire. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

*PETER A. HILL	*Treble*	*BRIAN HUNT	3
*†JULIET OWEN	2	DENIS A. FRITH	4
		*J. MICHAEL SIMPSON ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by DENIS A. FRITH.
* First peal in three Doubles methods. † First peal 'inside.'
Rung in celebration of the 20th wedding anniversary of the parents of the ringer of the third.

COITY, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 31, 1957, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being one 240 and 40 six-scores. Tenor 11 cwt.

H. DONALD BRYANT	*Treble*	CYRIL A. GERRISH	4
JOHN HALE	2	WILLIAM T. PETTY	5
D. WALFORD DAVIES ..	3	HAROLD PREECE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM T. PETTY.
Rung in memoriam G. Howard Underhill, a member of St. Illtyd's, Bridgend, band, who met with a fatal road accident.

UPCHURCH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 31, 1957, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents (second observation). Tenor 13 cwt.

CHARLES GRANDSEN ..	*Treble*	FRANCIS J. CHEAL	4
*EMILY B. P. WALKER ..	2	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS ..	5
CECIL C. BISHOP	3	WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.
* First peal of Minor 'inside.'

WENHASTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 31, 1957, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 of Oxford Treble Bob and 1,440 each of Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 6 lb.

WALTER KERRISON	*Treble*	C. JACK GIBSON	4
REGINALD J. DARCH	2	EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	5
JOHN W. BLYTHE	3	PETER S. BEDFORD	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

WITTERSHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 31, 1957, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court Bob, Double Bob, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's College Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

JOHN R. COOPER	*Treble*	JOHN L. MORRIS	4
CRAWFORD T. HILLIS ..	2	RALPH BIRD	5
GEOFFREY PEARSON	3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.
The first peal on the bells.

WOODCHURCH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 31, 1957, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Double Court Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

GEOFFREY PEARSON	*Treble*	JOHN R. COOPER	4
CRAWFORD T. HILLIS ..	2	RALPH BIRD	5
JOHN L. MORRIS	3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

HANDBELL PEALS

CAMBRIDGE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Sun., Aug. 4, 1957, in 1 Hour and 47 Minutes,
AT ST. CATHARINE'S COLLEGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor size 13 in E.
P. F. WINDLEY (Jesus) .. 1—2 | W. T. COOK (Jesus) .. 3—4
H. NEILL (St. Cath.'s) .. 5—6
Conducted by H. NEILL.
First peal as conductor.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Aug. 29, 1957, in 1 Hour and 37 Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In two methods, being one extent of Plain Bob and Double Bob spliced, and six extents of Plain Bob. Tenor size 13 in E.
BRIAN G. WARWICK .. .. 1—2 | †JOHN A. ACRES .. .. 3—4
ERNEST MORRIS .. .. .. 5—6
Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

OBITUARY

MR. H. E. ROBERTS

The death occurred on August 24th of Mr. Herbert E. Roberts, of Dodleston, near Chester, aged 69 years.

He had been associated with St. Mary's, Dodleston, for the last 60 years, and took part in the first peal on the bells on Easter Sunday, 1930, which followed the augmentation of the bells from five to six a year earlier.

Ill health had prevented his taking part in the Sunday service ringing during the last two years, but up to that time he had been a loyal member of the local company and a member of the Chester Diocesan Guild. Despite this he maintained his interest in the affairs of his local tower and of ringers in general.

The funeral took place at Dodleston on Tuesday, August 27th, at which the local company was represented. A half-muffled quarter peal was rung as a last token of respect in the evening.

THE LADIES' GUILD

Sussex District

A meeting of the Sussex District was held at Southover, Lewes (10), on August 31st. The bells were rung to rounds, Triples, Major and Caters from 3 p.m. until 8 p.m. At 5 p.m. the customary break was made for tea, followed by some handbell ringing.

When the gentlemen resumed ringing, at 6 p.m., the ladies held their meeting. One new member was elected, Miss Janet Elphick (aged 11). Miss D. Lester (Hastings) was unanimously elected District secretary in succession to Miss K. Yeo, who is leaving Sussex in the near future for Kent.

The next meeting, subject to permission, will be held at All Saints', Hastings, in the afternoon, and Christ Church, Blacklands, in the evening, on November 9th.

Thanks are extended to all who helped make this meeting a success.

LEEDS & DISTRICT SOCIETY

Although the afternoon attendance was rather disappointing, probably due to the indifferent weather earlier in the day, the evening saw a considerable increase in numbers at the Society's monthly meeting held at Collingham on August 31st.

The very light ring of eight was fully occupied from being raised at 3 o'clock until they were lowered just before 9 p.m. Even during the break at tea-time the bells were kept going by the Clitheroe ringers, who had chosen this particular day for their outing.

After a very delightful tea they adjourned to another room for the business meeting. Two new members were elected and then followed a reply by the Vicar to a vote of thanks he had not heard! He spoke of the recent celebrations connected with the golden jubilee of the bells, and went on to say that at Collingham they believed they had in their bells something really good—something to be shared rather than kept to themselves.

Some discussion took place concerning the 'October' meeting. It was decided to hold this at St. Chad's, Headingley, on November 2nd, as Bramley would not be available, and the customary day, October 26th, was the day of the Snowdon dinner at Rotherham.

The next meeting will be held at Rothwell on September 28th.

BUCKLAND, SURREY.—On Aug. 29th. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Alison Read (first quarter) 1, E. G. L. Coward (cond.) 2, Margaret Brown 3, Ethel Clear 4, C. A. Read 5, B. Coward 6.

OUTINGS

GAINSBOROUGH AND DISTRICT

'Blazing June—all's in tune' is a fitting description of the annual outing of the Gainsborough District on June 29th.

This year the county of Staffordshire was visited, starting off with that most famous six at Hoar Cross, where some good Minor was rung without much difficulty. Next came St. Peter's, Marchington (6), with a tenor a mere third of the weight of the previous one. Here the bells seemed to lack mellowness.

The lovely eight at Uttoxeter followed, with hastily-snatched sandwiches on the way. Are the bells as good as Gainsborough's? Some thought they were, others not, but the graceful spire which Gainsborough lacks may have been in Uttoxeter's favour.

On to Cheadle, where Mr. Hall identified us on the outskirts and guided us to a spot from whence, with a minimum of walking, we could reach both towers. First the Roman Catholic Church, with its lofty spire seemingly trying to reach a higher point in the heavens than the Parish Church from a lower position in the town. The bells are a lovely eight, and whilst some rang the final touch here an advance party went to pull up the six at the Parish Church and to be welcomed by Mr. Roberts.

After an excellent tea came the good six at Mayfield, but Spliced Minor would not go. A call was made at Baslow to refuel, or rather replenish, our cooling systems and on the stroke of midnight most of us were home again.

NORFOLK AND SUFFOLK GRAMMAR SCHOOLS' OUTING

On August 21st the second summer tour was held, when a collection of ringers representing the towers of Barking, Beccles, Carlton Coalville, Ixworth, Mulbarton and Newmarket met at Brome. Here on the light five a 120 of Stedman Doubles heralded the arrival of Mr. F. B. Lufkin and his daughter who joined us for the tour.

The party rang at Yaxley (6, 10¼ cwt.), Stoke Ash (5, 1¼ cwt., where the bells were crying out for lubricant!), Thornham Magna (6, 10 cwt., where each bell was well equipped with a box and several spares, and where we experienced the only broken rope of the tour), Thorndon (6, 11 cwt.) and Eye (8, 22 cwt., where we were met by Mr. Claude Rush and another local ringer). At Eye some quite good ringing was experienced, and most of the party had to 'try the tenor.' After a reasonable lower on the back six we went our separate ways.

Methods rung were St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Osmund's, Grandsire, St. Peter's, Stedman and Plain Bob Doubles, Kent, Oxford, Cambridge, College, St. Clement's and Plain Bob Minor, Plain Bob Triples, Kent and Plain Bob Major.

The thanks of the team are extended to the incumbents and local ringers for the use of the bells, and apologies to K. G. Brown and A. Fitch, who waited for us at Wickham Skeith where we were unable to have the bells at the last moment, due to my own shortcomings.

L. N. M.

TONBRIDGE YOUNG RINGERS

Young ringers of the Tonbridge area held a cycling ringing tour on August 17th, ringing at Hadlow, East Farleigh, Barming, Wateringbury, Mereworth and East Peckham. Methods rung were Plain Bob, Oxford Bob, Grandsire and Stedman. Sincere thanks are offered to clergy and laymen who helped to make this little tour a big success.

AN ESSEX APPEAL

Mr. Robert C. Heazel, Master of the Essex Association, of Tye Green, Saffron Walden, Essex, is personally appealing on behalf of Little Horkesley Church, which has been rebuilt after destruction by enemy action.

The church is to become the home of a ring of five 'Miles Graye' bells, which have been removed from the redundant Church of All Saints, Colchester.

Owing to the shortage of money, plans have been prepared to hang the bells dead and use a chiming apparatus. The Essex Association of Change Ringers is using all its power to get the bells hung for ringing. The Little Horkesley Parochial Church Council are wholeheartedly in favour and would like this to become a possibility. In a parish of a little over 200 people they have raised £5,000 to supplement the payment by the War Damage Commission for the rebuilding of the church, and now feel that they have exhausted every avenue of possible income. The Association has promised a grant from its Bell Restoration Fund—they feel it is a worthy cause and are anxious to sponsor an appeal for help.

'Would you like to give a contribution or buy a rope? It is a unique opportunity to help and thereby let the sound of changing bells float over the surrounding countryside to proclaim that out of dust and ashes, from the darkness of apparent despair, there has risen a new tower from which iron tongues will send their message to the utmost parts of the earth,' concludes Mr. Heazel's appeal.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE

The meetings held at Hurworth, the pretty Tees-side village, have proved a great attraction in recent years. This must be due to the keenness of the local band, whose belfry is kept in fine condition, and the excellence of the tea, provided by the ringers' wives.

The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. L. Piper), and Mr. J. Brown (Ripon) was the organist. Over 30 members and friends sat down to tea. The vote of thanks to the Rector and his wardens was expressed by Mr. P. Rock, and special thanks to the ladies by Mr. F. W. Cooke.

The meeting that followed was the annual one, where Mr. T. Cooke (St. Cuthbert's, Darlington) and Mr. P. Rock were unanimously re-elected vice-president and hon secretary respectively. Mr. Piper, who had taken the chair temporarily, proposed to them a vote of thanks for their services during the preceding year. It was decided to send the District's compliments to the Association on its 80th birthday.

Ringing consisted of courses of London and Cambridge Surprise, touches of Bob Minor, Double Court, St. Clement's, Kent and Grandsire Doubles.

F. W. C.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

It can truthfully be said that the Marlborough Branch is truly rural. In a setting of this description the Branch met at Everleigh on August 24th. Noted peal ringers were among the visitors of both sexes and came from places from as far apart as Truro, Watford, Bodenham, Salisbury, Waltham Abbey, Sherborne St. John and Damerham.

The Rector (the Rev. Mr. Macnutt), during the service, welcomed everyone and requested all to sign the visitors' book. Tea was provided at the Crown Hotel, the ringers being the guests of a friend who wished to remain anonymous. The Central Council's president was also present, together with his daughter, Elizabeth, and to wind up a very pleasant time Mr. Sharpe gave an interesting account of the Central Council activities on its literary side.

T. A. P.

BONVILSTON, GLAM.—On Aug. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. F. R. Hartley 1, A. M. Coombs (cond.) 2, J. D. Woodman 3, E. J. R. Hartley 4, G. Stickland (first quarter) 5, J. Wallace 6.

BURGHFIELD, BERKS.—On Aug. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Joan Jolliff (first quarter) 1, A. Jolliff (first 'inside') 2, J. K. Morley (cond.) 3, B. Jolliff (first quarter) 4, J. Harmsworth 5, W. Johnson 6.

CAWTHORNE, YORKS.—On Aug. 25th, 1,320 Minor (720 Kent, 600 Oxford): W. Broadhead 1, H. Rusby 2, F. Cowling 3, G. Crompton 4, N. F. Moxon (cond.) 5, H. Mann 6. To commemorate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. N. F. Moxon.

DODLESTON, CHESHIRE.—On Aug. 27th, 1,260 Single Oxford Bob Minor: G. F. Sperring 1, G. Case 2, J. Hughes 3, J. W. Griffiths (cond.) 4, D. Clays 5, P. Swindley 6. Rung half-muffled to the memory of H. E. Roberts, a former member of the local company, on the evening of his funeral.

EXETER, DEVON.—At St. Thomas' Church, on Aug. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. J. Brenchley (first quarter) 1, W. Wills 2, F. Wills 3, Mrs. N. Mallett 4, C. Williams 5, W. Howe 6, E. W. Biffin (cond.) 7, N. Mallett 8. A 70th birthday compliment to E. W. Biffin.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.—At St. Michael's Church, on Sept. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. L. Howe (first quarter) 1, T. Mannering (first as cond.) 2, Miss F. A. Chantler (first 'inside') 3, M. W. Gilbert 4, M. E. Downs (first of Doubles) 5, J. E. Auld (first quarter) 6. For evening service.

MARESFIELD, SUSSEX.—On July 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Weller (first on eight) 1, J. Hart 2, R. Bennett 3, R. Billings 4, P. Ostley 5, C. Catt (first quarter) 6, A. Hart (cond.) 7, T. Brett 8. Rung by the local band in honour of the wedding this day of Miss B. Mitchell (secretary and treasurer) and Mr. W. Best. First of Triples on the bells.

MARHAMCHURCH, CORNWALL.—On Aug. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. J. Hicks 1, L. C. Duke 2, E. Ford 3, R. J. Hicks 4, C. E. Taylor (cond.) 5, F. J. Fry (first quarter) 6. Rung as a welcome to the new Rector (the Rev. W. Attwood Evans).

QUARTER PEALS

NORTHAMPTON.—On Aug. 18th, at the Church of St. Edmund, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. S. Roberts 1, Mrs. G. F. Roome 2, A. R. Jones 3, Miss J. A. Downing 4, R. G. Chater 5, J. C. Rainbow 6, G. F. Roome (cond.) 7, R. Brawn 8. Rung prior to morning service to mark the 25th anniversary of the Rev. Canon W. Denny as Vicar of this church.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.—On Sept. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Barker (aged 13, first quarter) 1, A. H. Bates 2, G. Coussins 3, W. Welling 4, A. Cross 5, R. Wawman (first quarter 'inside') 6, D. Stone (cond.) 7, I. MacRoberts 8. Rung as a farewell to the conductor, who is joining the Forces.

PRESTBURY, GLOS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Aug. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Rev. G. W. Ruming 1, Miss C. Lewis (first 'inside') 2, Miss W. Bird 3, M. Clifford 4, R. Dowdeswell (cond.) 5, F. Pendry 6. Half-muffled for E. J. Preece, Vicar's warden, who died August 20th.

RINGWOOD, HANTS.—On Aug. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. Baker (first quarter) 1, R. N. Marlow 2, Miss J. Gray 3, C. Pring (first on eight bells) 4, P. G. Morgan 5, R. T. Jones 6, L. F. Cobb (cond.) 7, W. E. Cheater 8.

RIPPLE, WORCS.—On Aug. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. H. Burrows (first quarter) 1, Miss P. F. Sprackling 2, M. Hawkes 3, N. E. Sprackling (first 'inside') 4, M. T. Sprackling (first as cond.) 5, E. Leach 6.

ROYDON, ESSEX.—On Sept. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Wright 1, R. Sams 2, W. Sams (cond.) 3, C. Sams (jun.) 4, B. Burton 5, J. Terry 6. Rung before Evensong in memory of Mr. C. Sams (sen.), who was for many years a sidesman at this church.

RUSHDEN, NORTHANTS.—On Aug. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Hodgkins 1, D. Priestley (cond.) 2, A. L. Priestley 3, B. Whitworth 4, T. G. Cox 5, C. Whitworth 6. On the back six. For evening service.

ST. LEONARDS, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 2nd, at Christ Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss C. Whitfeld 1, S. Bailey 2, Miss K. Stisted 3, G. S. Piper 4, E. F. P. Bryant (first of Doubles 'inside' and as cond.) 5, C. Hankinson 6.

SPRINGFIELD, ESSEX.—On Aug. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Myhill 1, Mrs. E. Crawley 2, M. Edwards 3, B. Brinkley 4, B. Bover 5, J. Crawley (cond.) 6. Rung for the marriage of L/Sergt. Geoffrey P. Sollars, of the 2nd Battalion Scots Guards, and Miss Sally S. Siseman.

STANDLAKE, OXON.—On Sept. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Valerie Lewis 1, E. Hill 2, Margaret Welch 3, Angela Kitto 4, B. J. Coggins 5, B. Costar 6. For the patronal festival.

STREATHAM, S.W.—On Sept. 1st, at St. Leonard's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Crowe 1, Mrs. R. Sanders 2, T. W. Welbourne 3, J. W. Chapman (cond.) 4, J. W. Rea 5, J. W. Euston 6, R. Sanders 7, M. Williamson 8. Rung in memoriam Reginald C. Cressey, steeplekeeper, Immanuel Church.

SUTTON-ON-HULL, YORKS.—On Sept. 1st, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: H. Rodmell 1, Miss J. Porter 2, T. Goodin 3, T. W. Thirkell 4, J. A. Broughton 5, R. Ducker (cond.) 6. Rung for Matins, and the return from Cyprus and National Service of J. A. Broughton.

UFFCULME, DEVON.—On Aug. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Taylor 1, G. Sparkes 2, S. N. Bristow 3, F. Caseley 4, Rev. H. F. Warren 5, W. Nurcombe 6, C. W. J. Tarr (cond.) 7, H. Taylor 8.

WALTON-LE-WOLDS, LEICS.—On Aug. 31st, 2,040 Doubles (four extents of Plain Bob and 13 extents of Grandsire): A. J. Poynor (first quarter) 1, B. S. Chapman 2, E. J. Jelley 3, R. S. Morris 4, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 5.

WEST RETFORD, NOTTS.—On Aug. 28th, 1,260 Minor (720 Single Oxford, 540 Plain Bob): Mrs. D. Metcalfe 1, C. Cook 2, R. Hobbs 3, T. Randall 4, D. McNeil (cond.) 5, H. Denman 6. A compliment to Miss Caroline Mudford, a ringer at this church, and Ramsay Frank Kimberley, whose marriage was solemnised earlier in the day.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. E. Barnett, of 10, King's Close, Crayford, writes: Regarding Mr. H. W. Barrett's claim to be unique in making ten visits to Stradbroke tower and ringing ten peals each on a different bell, may I say that more than 50 years ago Mr. John R. Sharman, now of Cogenhoe, Northants, paid 12 visits to the Waterloo tower, Quex Park, Birchington, rang 12 peals and a different bell on each occasion. How true the saying is 'There is nothing new under the sun.'

Miss Daphne R. Castell and Mr. Malcolm S. Cloke were married last Saturday at St. Michael's Church, Stanton Harcourt. Our congratulations. A peal in honour of the occasion was rung at Witney.

Mr. David Smith, of the Witney and Woodstock Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, is making a set of slides to show the correct way of handling. When ready, he is prepared to take them with his projector round the Branch.

Cambridge University Guild scored eight peals during their recent successful tour. Features of the week were Cambridge Surprise Royal at Bishop's Stortford, four methods Spliced Surprise Major at Great Dunmow, Yorkshire Surprise at Rayleigh and Cambridge Surprise at Rayne and Loughton.

The late Mr. George Preston, the revered captain of Christchurch Priory ringers, has bequeathed to the Priory the sum of £500, to be invested and the income used at the discretion of the Vicar and churchwardens for the benefit of the Priory Church, with the wish that it may if possible be used for the upkeep of the ringing chamber. The hope is expressed in the parish Newsletter that it may be possible to provide a permanent memorial to one whom so many remember with affection and gratitude.

It is often (wrongly) said that peal ringers have not time for other church work. Mr. James H. Musson, of Silk Willoughby, has the record of being a chorister for 44 years, a bellringer for 34 years and a member of the P.C.C. for 32 years. In addition he is rector's warden and a Sunday school teacher.

Miss Brenda Slark, who conducted her first quarter peal of Holt's Original Grandsire Triples on August 18th at Eltham would like to thank Mr. E. B. Crowder for all the help he has given her in learning to conduct.

Members of the Leicester Cathedral Company rang a peal of Stedman Cinques on August 31st without their Ringing Master, Mr. Herrick Bowley. Despite the fact that he had a 'night off' he could not resist listening to the peal.

An attempt to ring a quarter peal in honour of the wedding of Rex Agg and Anne Muirhead, who were married in Cheshire on August 17th, failed at Hitchin, Herts, where both bride and bridegroom are valuable members of the local team. The attempt at nearby Pirton was, however, more successful.

Mr. K. C. Fleming, of Marston Morteyne, Beds, writes thanking ringers in Worcestershire and Gloucestershire for a most enjoyable time spent ringing in their towers, and also, the young ringers of Staffordshire for inviting him to join them for two days of their fortnight's tour.

Messrs. Ralph G. Edwards and A. Pat Cannon, whilst on holiday at Bournemouth, paid a visit to Queen Camel, Somerset, where they received a warm welcome from the local captain, Mr. Fred J. Reeves, and several of his band. Ralph Edwards would like it recorded that, at long last, he has heard a tenor, by an old founder, which did not need recasting! Purdue's jewel is a masterpiece!

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A MEMORABLE 80th BIRTHDAY AT DURHAM

BIG GATHERING PERFORM ACT OF COMMEMORATION AND REDEDICATION

With a true sense of vocation, ringers of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association honoured the 80th anniversary of the formation of their Association at Durham on August 31st. Proceedings included Evensong at the Cathedral, an act of commemoration and rededication in the Song School of the Cathedral, and finally a dinner in the Great Hall of Durham Castle.

A SERVICE touch of Stedman Triples preceded Evensong. The service was sung by the choir of Stockton parish, owing to the Cathedral choir being on holiday, and included the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis, sung to settings by Stanford.

The sermon was preached by a friend of long standing of the Association—Canon R. T. Heselton, formerly of Stockton Parish Church. He traced the use of bells in this country throughout the ages, and mentioned how the 18th century was the golden age of bellringing, when England was known as a land of bells and many ringing societies were formed.

They met that day, he said, to honour the 80th anniversary of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association. Such a record of service was deserving of recognition of the Church, and he often wished that the spirit of fellowship that existed among bellringers could be brought into other sections of church work. 'The spread of the comradeship which you show in your team work would help tremendously in making known the message of the Kingdom of God.'

He would remind them that they were ambassadors. He remembered the captain of his first belfry team giving their motto to his ringers: 'Ears open, eyes open, feet steady and tongues tied.'

YOUR RINGING THE CODE OF CHURCHMANSHIP

'When ringing, remember that your audience is the townspeople. They don't know whether you are ringing Doubles, Triples, Minor or Major, but they do know when the bells sound in harmony and are pleasing to the ear, so see that your ringing is telling the code of your churchmanship. A touch well rung is far better than a peal struggled through with bells clashing and firing. You may say that you are ringing so and so, but the private opinion of townspeople is that you are making a terrible row. Your Association aims at promoting good ringing; I feel you should bring that into the Church's work.'

After the Blessing, a course of Grandsire Triples was rung by the president and three past presidents of the Association—Messrs. K. Arthur, J. Armstrong. W. N. Park and R. A. Gofton.

ACT OF THANKSGIVING AND REDEDICATION

Probably the most significant part of the day's proceedings was the act of thanksgiving and rededication, which took place in the Song School of the Cathedral where the Association was first formed on August 25th, 1877. About 100 ringers were present at this commemoration gathering. The president (Mr. K. Arthur) led the proceedings, and said that the commemoration was firstly to give thanks to Almighty God for those who founded the Association and those who, through the years, had maintained and extended its work; and secondly, to pray for the blessing of God upon its work now and in the years to come.

Thanksgivings were led by the Rev. D. N. Goldie, for the originators of bells and bellringing; for the donors of churches and bells; for those who founded the Association; for those who held office in the Association; for all ringers who have been content quietly to do their duty week by week and year by year.

Among those present was Mr. Bennett, of Winlaton, nephew of a founder member; and as an act of recognition a touch on handbells of Grandsire Triples was rung by Messrs. D. A. Bayles (present secretary), J. A. Brown (previous secretary), Mrs. Ranken and Mr. J. Brewster (peal secretaries past and present).

Prayers were offered by the Rev. H. P. Chappell (North Shields), and after the singing of the hymn 'Ringers of Christian England' the Blessing was pronounced by the Dean (the Very Rev. J. H. S. Wild).

THE DINNER

The Association was very fortunate in having the stately setting of the Great Hall of Durham Castle for the commemoration dinner. A company of 128 was present, and supporting the president and Mrs. Arthur on the top table were the Dean of Durham, the Provost of Newcastle (the Very Rev. N. M. Kennaby), Mr. E. A. Barnett (hon. secretary of the Central Council), Mr. D. A. Bayles (hon. secretary of the Association) and Mrs. Bayles, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Park and Miss P. Park, Mr. and Mrs. J. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. J. Brewster, Mr. F. Ainsley (hon. treasurer), Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Gofton, Mr. T. M. Cox and Mr. T. W. White.

In a welcome to the company, the president said that the response to the celebration had gone beyond all his most optimistic expectations. To the members of the committee this interest and loyalty was most gratifying, and came as a fitting reward to all their work of organisation.

'Today we are celebrating our 80th birthday as a diocesan association, and it is no mere platitude to say that this is an auspicious occasion. We are proud in the knowledge that we have a record of 80 years' continuous service to the churches in this locality, and are uplifted by the fellowship of rededication and conviviality experienced at this time.

'Some octogenarians attribute their advanced age to good beer, some to good wives, while others claim total abstinence as their recipe. One old gentleman, much married, used to attribute his long years to outside exercise—apparently whenever there was a flare-up between his wife and himself it was his custom to put on his hat and take a walk round the block, and he claimed to have covered thousands of miles in this way! We would, of course, claim an exercise of a different sort.

THE CONTINUAL LINK

'But I would suggest that one of the mainstays of our strength has been the continual link with the past through generations of families of ringers. I mentioned this afternoon that Mr. Bennett, of Winlaton, has a direct link through his uncle with the foundation of the Association, and in addition we are happy to welcome here tonight several other members who have links going back at least 50 years—Mr. Fred Sheraton, of Chester-le-Street, who joined in 1893; and he has earlier associations still through an elder brother. Then again, the brothers Park, of Darlington: Mr. Gofton, of Whitley Bay: Mr. J. A. Brown, now of Ripon, and Mr. T. Cox, of Middlesbrough, all come from a long line of faithful members.

'SPUR'

'In conclusion, I am wondering how many members have studied the aims of this Association recently? I was re-reading them. Briefly, the aims are to Secure . . Promote . . Unite . . . Reform. Now, taking the initial letter of each word, we have the word "Spur," which according to a dictionary definition means to goad, to urge onwards. I like to think that this has been the watchword of the Association throughout its history, and I commend it to the members of today as they go forward towards our centenary. Act through the Association and "spur" on the work of service to the church bells of these two dioceses.'

The toast of 'The Church' was submitted by Mr. D. A. Bayles, who reminded the gathering that their Association was only a very small part of the Church and it was axiomatic that the part could not be greater than the whole. The 80 years of the life of the Association was very insignificant in comparison with the life of the Church.

WORK AS CHURCHMEN

In reply, the Dean of Durham said their Association reminded them that laymen were full members of the Church, and the work that ringers do week by week in calling the parishioners to worship was work they did as churchmen. The craft which they practised was an English craft and one in which they took a quiet pride. This craft was not indigenous to any other country.

He noticed from their annual report that in addition to their weekly duty they had been ringing peals on special occasions at a number of churches, and he thought it must be most encouraging to a new incumbent on coming to his parish to be welcomed by a peal on the bells. It was indeed an act of welcoming fellowship.

The Provost of Newcastle also replied and said that they as ministers who were responsible for the life of the Church were grateful to the ringers for all they did. He hoped they would go on from strength to strength.

Mr. E. A. Barnett, in proposing the toast of 'The Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association of Change Ringers,' said it was a great honour to be with them on their 80th birthday celebration and to join with them at Evensong and in the act of commemoration of their founder members.

There were not many Associations that could go back further than theirs. There was the Yorkshire Association, and he believed that the Norwich Association and the Devon Guild were also older. They in Kent were 77, but they were lucky in having a foundation member still with them who was still an active ringer and rang a quarter peal on his 90th birthday.

FAMOUS NAMES

He thought on an occasion like that that one ought to refer to the famous names that had occurred in those years. The first that occurred to him was Joseph W. Parker, whose fame as a composer would never die. He was a practical ringer as well as a composer, and was a pioneer in the field of Spliced Surprise Major, in which he had no equal. Towards the close of last year he was asked to be godfather to the child of a friend of his. The other godfather came from Manchester, and the subject of ringing came up. He said: 'I have not seen any ringing for years.' His grandfather was Joseph W. Parker and his church was St. Ignatius', Sunderland.

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80th Birthday at Durham—Cont.

Another name was William H. Barber, but he did not know whether they could claim him as he was born in Worcestershire and spent a lot of his time in Birmingham. He was an extremely skilled, practical ringer, who performed some extraordinary feats. He called Parker's Odd Bob Peal on handbells blindfolded, and on another occasion called a handbell peal down a coalmine.

He would also like to mention the Gofton brothers. In 1920 they rang a peal of London Surprise on handbells, the only time it had been done by four brothers, and was something not likely to be repeated. Tom Gofton, when he died, had a tribute to his memory written in 'The Ringing World' by William Pye, and he thought that was the only occasion he wrote a tribute to any ringer.

MANPOWER—LOCAL ENTHUSIASM

Their president had said that the strength of an Association did not lie in its peal-ringing activities. The point was that peal-ringing, while very enjoyable, was not the main duty of a ringer. That was to turn up Sunday by Sunday and ring for the services of the Church. A suggestion had been made in 'The Ringing World' that a manpower committee be set up by the Central Council to see what could be done to stimulate interest in towers where there were no ringers. He thought that was a misguided conception of what the Council was for. He was certain that no pronouncement by any body of men, however eminent, would produce one more ringer in any tower. What was wanted was the touch of the local enthusiast. Wherever there was a strong band it was due to the enthusiasm of one or more members of the band. He thought it was up to them to see that their own towers were manned by their own efforts.

'May I offer you my congratulations on reaching this 80th birthday, and may I wish you every success in the future and express the hope that whether I am the secretary of the Council or not that I may be present at your 100th birthday.'

Mr. W. Norman Park, a past president of the Association, who replied, said at the time of the inception of the Association ringing had got into a state of disrepute and was much more secular than religious. The objects of the Association were to clean up a state of affairs that existed at that time and bring ringers more into touch with their churches. The Durham and Newcastle Association was one of the earliest to adopt these rules and to bind themselves to abide by the decisions of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers. They could look back on the past with some measure of pride on the heritage that had come down to them and was the result of the gentlemen to whom Mr. Barnett had referred.

THE SPIRIT TODAY

Their Association could pride itself on the spirit of its members when he told them that 20 ringers would visit a remote village in January and say Evensong together, it augured well and showed the solidarity of the Association as churchmen. They had 80 years to look back on, but they were not resting on the past but looking to the future, and they had a number of young men to whom to entrust the Association.

Mr. John Anderson, also a former president, gave the toast of 'The Visitors.' He mentioned Mr. Tom Cox, president of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association, who came from a long line of ringers; Mr. Peter Semmens, the secretary of the Association; Miss Killingley, of Richmond; Mr. Bill Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Brown, now of Ripon and formerly of Chester-le-Street.

Mr. Thomas M. Cox, who replied, said he felt far from a visitor as he knew many of them, and the few peals he had rung since the war had been rung with many members of their Association present that evening He would like to congratulate the officers and members of the committee who made that function possible. He wished them many more happy years of ringing and prosperity.

The toast of 'The Press, with particular reference to "The Ringing World"' was proposed by Mr. R. A. Gofton and acknowledged by the Editor, Mr. T. W. White.

The president proposed votes of thanks to the Dean and Chapter of Durham, Canon Heselton, the Provost of Newcastle; for permission to use the recording of the Cathedral bells, the Master of University College, and the hon. general secretary (Mr. Bayles) for his hard work in organising the event.

During the evening a tape-recording of the broadcast by Mr. K. Arthur was played, Paxton Lynn entertained with his magic and Mr. H. S. Nelson told stories old and new.

LAUGH WITH P. W. B.



HANDBELL PEAL WITHDRAWN

Dear Sir,—I wish to withdraw the handbell peal of Grandsire Caters rung at Oxford on June 20th ('Ringing World,' p. 444), as I have since found the composition to be false. I must apologise to the remainder of the band for failing to notice this before ringing the peal.—Yours faithfully,

D. H. NIBLETT.

Chipping Campden, Glos.

RADIO BROADCAST

The following radio broadcast in 'Week Ahead' was given by Mr. Kenneth Arthur in the Northern Region on August 29th.

In the history of ringing, 80 years is not a long time. Some of the older ringing societies, such as the Ancient Society of College Youths, of London, who ring the bells of St. Paul's Cathedral, were established before 1650, but this Association of ringers was one of the first of many kindred societies formed on a diocesan basis, and our pride is in the continuous loyal service to the belfries of the churches in this area. The inaugural meeting was held on August 25th, 1877, in the Song School of Durham Cathedral, and the Durham Association of Ringers was organised. At the time, belfry reform was greatly needed and the Association formulated as its aims—improving the conduct of ringers and the condition of bells and belfries, promoting the study of scientific change-ringing, and uniting the various companies of ringers for fellowship and stimulation of the art.

On Saturday we shall be meeting at our birthplace, Durham Cathedral, where a special form of Evensong will be sung, concluding with the ringing of handbells by the president and three past presidents. The bells of the Cathedral will be rung prior to the service by a representative company of ringers, and afterwards general ringing will take place, when various methods such as Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise will be rung. At 6 p.m. a special ceremony is to take place in the Song School to render thanks to Almighty God for those who founded the Association and to rededicate ourselves to the continuation of its work.

Following this, a dinner is being held in the Great Hall of Durham Castle, where nearly 130 ringers and friends will sit down.

Most lay people think of bell ringing as a violent exercise requiring lots of beef and muscle, but this is not necessarily so, and many of our most expert ringers are members of the weaker sex. The skill in ringing is more knack than strength, and power of concentration with a sense of rhythm are the additional adjuncts for a good ringer.

Thus our work as an organisation of the Church goes forward towards our centenary on the sound foundation of the faith of those ringers of yesteryear and strengthened by the pride of tradition and zeal of those who follow on today.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

RINGERS' ROLLS OF HONOUR

Dear Sir,—Several times I have been asked how one can get to see the Ringers' Rolls of Honour.

The two Rolls are housed in a glass-topped oak case in the long gallery immediately outside the library of St. Paul's Cathedral, London, and can be inspected without formality by anyone who goes into the long gallery.

To reach the long gallery it is necessary to go up the spiral stairway which leads to the whispering gallery and dome of the Cathedral.

Before climbing as high as the whispering gallery the visitor will find a doorway on his left. This is the entrance to the long gallery.

The case containing the Rolls is to be found at the end on the left-hand side of the gallery as you enter.

The Dean's verger informs me that the normal hours of the opening of the gallery to the public are from 11 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. on every day of the week except Sunday.

I sincerely hope that this information will make it easier for visitors to see the Rolls.

H. MILES,
Trustee of the Rolls.

Carbis Bay.

STEEL BELLS

Dear Sir,—A correspondent, writing about rings of four in Kent, expresses the hope that any that were steel bells had by now been lost. I would have thought that steel bells were better that none at all. Those I have heard have not been good, but not so bad as some bell-metal atrocities I have rung under. The chief objection is the excessive corrosion of the Naylor-Vickers product of the last century, which is bound to impair the tone.

However, I heard a broadcast of a new continental carillon, which sounded very fine, and was surprised to hear afterwards that they were steel bells. Could not the leading British founders apply their knowledge of metallurgy and tuning to producing steel bells that really were stainless and tuneful? Poor parishes would prefer this 'second quality' line to cracked and derelict bells.—Yours faithfully,

D. P. JONES.

Hitchin, Herts.

SPLICED DOUBLES

Dear Sir,—Spliced Doubles ringers may be interested in the following 120. It contains 12 different methods, the greatest number of doubles to a 120.

All the bobs are not in fourths place—Ellingham and Bedingham have no place bobs (according to the rules in the Central Council's 'Collection of Doubles Methods'). The single is in 123. Twelve extents available starting at different points.—Yours sincerely,

C. B. FYNES.

Stanwell, Middlesex.

	2 3 4 5
Huntspill	—2 3 5 4
Welford	5 2 3 4
Ellingham	—5 2 4 3
Braywood	4 5 2 3
Forncett	S. 5 4 3 2
Longworth	3 5 4 2
Bedingham	—3 5 2 4
St. Martin's	—4 2 3 5
St. Vedast	2 5 4 3
St. Osmund	—3 4 2 5
New Bob	4 5 3 2
St. Simon's	—2 3 4 5

Sixty is available making up quarter peal by missing bob at Huntspill and going on from St. Martin's.

63 YEARS' SERVICE AT WOODFORD

Dear Sir,—Recently a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Woodford, Essex, Parish Church as an act of thanksgiving for the completion of 63 years' service as a ringer by the local Ringing Master and steeplekeeper, Mr. Charles R. Morss. In addition Mr. Morss was the recipient of a substantial gift from the Rector, churchwardens and parishioners as a whole.

Even amongst ringers 63 years' service at one church is a remarkable occurrence. In this case it has covered something like a quarter of the life of the parish bells themselves, and they were put up by Richard Phelps way back in the reign of George I. It has included ringing for no less than five coronations and for great State occasions like the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria and the Relief of Ladysmith, which now seem but an echo of quite long ago.

Mr. Morss' chief interest in ringing has always been the maintenance of service ringing at his own church and the instruction and encouragement of beginners. In 1935, on the occasion of the Silver Jubilee of King George V. and Queen Mary, he had the gratification of standing in a peal of Grandsire Triples at Woodford in which the other members of the band had all been taught to ring by him. It was also the first peal ever rung by an entirely local band at Woodford.

Mr. Morss has been well known for many years in the South West District of the Essex Association. His many friends there, and elsewhere, congratulate him most heartily on his achievement and hope to see him still 'at the helm' for many years.—Yours sincerely,

J. A. WAUGH.

Woodford.

PORTSMOUTH CATHEDRAL AUGMENTATION

Dear Sir,—Visitors to the resort of Southsea (and others) who have enjoyed ringing at the Cathedral Church of St. Thomas of Canterbury in Old Portsmouth, may be interested in the following news.

At the close of last year, when college courses in ringing training at the Cathedral had focused attention on the need for major attention (the first for 45 years) to the ring of eight with its fine tenor, opportunity was taken to advise consideration of adding two new trebles; also of providing a 'security' access to the ringing chamber.

The Provost of Portsmouth (the Very Rev. E. N. Porter Goff) was very sympathetic towards these proposals, and the Cathedral Council has accepted them: with the proviso that the augmentation should not be a first charge upon the Cathedral funds.

So a 'Bell Augmentation Fund' has been opened, and contributions will be gratefully accepted from all those who are interested in this historic place of worship, and who view with pleasure past and/or future ringing while in Portsmouth. Donations should be sent to 'Bell "A" Fund,' Cathedral Office, St. Thomas' Street, Portsmouth.

The work is in the hands of Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, and includes the rehanging of the present ring of eight in new bearings and with new fittings, and the addition of two trebles. Ringing, of course, is being interrupted, but completion is promised by Christmas next.

The customary welcome will then again be extended to visitors to belfry and church. Date of dedication and re-opening will be announced in due course.—Yours very truly,

A. YORK-BRAMBLE.

THE DORSET TRAGEDY

Dear Sir,—As I read the different views concerning the Okeford Fitzpaine tragedy, I would not say it was due to laziness—far from it. I have wondered if the Rector did something to save the boy. We all know about children in the belfry and their delight, but I have not seen them in the bell loft. Perhaps the excitement of seeing the bells upside down, and those wheels, terrifying to some people, might have caused them to push forward. One man would be helpless to cope with many children in such a small space.

I remember my father telling me that when he learned to ring at Morpeth Watch Tower the bells were always left up. Then, however, the Ringing Master had the only key. Later it was decided to lower the bells. When ringing the market bell I have often thought how more effective it would be if it were set.

This sad affair in Dorset has come to the notice of many people. But one man in a belfry with children has no easy task, especially a church belfry with its winding stairs. I feel very sad about the accident.

JENNIE ARMSTRONG.

Morpeth.

LEAVING BELLS UP

Dear Sir,—I should like to add yet one more contribution to the controversy on whether bells should be left up or not.

I can remember our tower since 1911, and it has been the practice since then to leave the bells up on Sunday mornings when they will be wanted again to be rung for Evensong.

We realise the danger of bells in the upward position and all our ringers, when they first start learning to ring, have this instilled into them.

The second point is that we securely lock the belfry and the last ringer down keeps the key until Evensong.

In case of the unlikely event of the lock being forced open (it has not happened yet) a notice is conspicuously displayed in the ringing chamber to warn intruders of the danger. —Yours sincerely,

C. V. CADE.

Scothern, Lincoln.

2,000, NOT 200 TOWERS

Dear Sir,—The paragraph in 'Belfry Gossip' in the issue of 'The Ringing World' of August 30th, stating that I have rung in over 200 churches in England and Wales, should read 2,000 churches, including all Cathedrals, 10's and 12's. The informer to 'The Times' inadvertently dropped one of the '0's' — Yours sincerely,

ALAN E. HARTLEY.

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PEAL RINGING AT WAKEFIELD

By David Cubitt

(Continued from page 510)

September 2nd, 1808: On Monday morning last was rung at the parish church, in this town, a complete peal of 5088 changes, being the first peal of Treble Bob ever rung in that steeple, which was performed in three hours and nineteen minutes by the following persons, viz., 1, John Woodhead; 3, Robert Daff; 6, Benjamin Gill; 7, William Woodhead, of St. John's, Wakefield; 2, John Hudson; 4, Joseph Tebbs, who conducted the peal; 5, Wm. Preston, of Leeds, and 8, Mr. Grainger, one of the Society of College Youths, London.

January 6th, 1809: On Monday last was rung by the joint societies of Wakefield and Leeds ringers, at Sowerby, 5152 changes, in 21 courses, of that intricate method of new treble bob, in 3 hours and 3 minutes, conducted by Mr. Tebbs. It was rung over in a masterly stile by the following persons, viz. Messrs. Scott, Daff, Hudson, J. Woodhead, Preston, Gill, Wm. Woodhead, and Tebbs. The society of ringers from Halifax next attempted to ring a 5000 of the same method, who rung 2 hours and 15 minutes, and lost the peal. A set of ringers from Elland next, who lost their peal in about 30 minutes; and the last that entered the steeple were Birstal ringers, who rung a peal upon six bells. On Wednesday, was rung at St. John's Church, in this town, by the joint societies of Wakefield and Oldham, 5120 changes of Oxford treble bob, in 3 hours and 15 minutes, conducted by Mr. J. Newton. It was rung in a complete manner by Messrs. Newton, Scott, Daff, John Woodhead, Rigby, Clay, Wm. Woodhead, and Whitehead. Weight of the tenor bell 24 cwt. And on Thursday, at the Parish Church, in this town, was rung by the above persons, 5040 changes of Mr. Holt's trebles, in 2 hours and 45 minutes, conducted by Mr. J. Newton. Weight of the tenor bell 24 cwt.

('The Leeds Mercury,' of January 7th and 14th, 1809, reports the above: apparently the Oldham ringers were at Sowerby, but, not being a full band, did not ring: the peal of 5152 treble bob, conducted by Tebbs, was composed by him: Birstal ringers rang 720 Ringer's Delight. The weight of St. John's tenor, 24 cwt., is incorrect.)

August 18th, 1809: On Sunday morning last was rung at St. John's Church, in this town, by the Youths of that Steeple, a complete peal called Maidstone Bob Major, consisting of five thousand seven hundred and sixty changes, in three hours and thirty-two minutes, being the utmost extent in that method, having one hundred and twenty courses, one seven eight at home. The peal was composed by J. Tebbs, of Leeds, and called by Wm. Woodhead, of this town.

('The Leeds Mercury,' of November 4th, 1809, reports a prize-ringing at Bradford in treble bob methods. Only two teams entered: Halifax-and-Keighley joint and Wakefield-and-Leeds joint; each rang a half peal and the latter team took first prize.)

On February 1st, 1810, William Woodhead rang the second at Leeds in a peal of 5040 Bob Royal, conducted by Joseph Tebbs. The peal is noted in 'The Leeds Mercury,' of February 3rd that year.

The same paper, May 5th, 1810: On Tuesday se'nnight the Six Bell Prize Ringings being concluded at Barnsley, the Leeds and Wakefield Unions ascended the steeple, and gave a specimen of the art of eight-bell-ringing, and completely performed and correctly brought round a peal of new treble bob, consisting of 5280 changes, which was performed by the following persons, in 3 hours and 4 minutes; viz. S. Shirt, treble, J. Hudson, 2d; J. Scott, 3d; J. Woodhead, 4th; J. Tebbs, 5th; B. Gill, 6th; W. Woodhead, 7th; conducted the peal; and R. Daff, tenor.

('The Leeds Mercury' of the previous week gives the result of the prize-ringing referred to, when ten bands competed; Wath St. Ann's College Youths, who were first, and Holmfirth, who were second, each received a silver cup given by the Barnsley ringers.)

The issue of the same paper for June 29th, 1811: Ringing.—On Monday last, an excellent musical and well-toned peal of eight bells was opened at Staveley in Derbyshire; the tenor 20 cwt. The bells were opened by the independent company of ringers from Sheffield with Oxford treble bob to 400 changes, and then jumbled out; the Mansfield, Chesterfield, and St. Peter's company from Sheffield, each displayed their skill and brought round touches of grandsire tripples and bob major. But the inhabitants of the town and lovers of the art, were most agreeably and satisfactorily entertained by the Leeds and Wakefield union company, performing a peal of new treble bob method, consisting of 5184 changes, which was rung in a good style in 3 hours and fifteen minutes by John Scott, Treble; John Hudson 2d, John Woodhead 3d, Benjamin Gill 4th, William Preston 5th, Joseph Tebbs 6th, who composed and conducted the peal, William Woodhead 7th, and Robert Daff, tenor.

(According to Parnell, quoted by Ernest Morris in 'The History and Art of Change Ringing,' Sheffield ringers declared the peal false.)

'The Wakefield and Halifax Journal,' January 10th, 1812: On Friday last, was rung a complete and true Peal of Holt's Tripples, in three hours and twenty-two minutes, at St. John's Church, Wakefield, by seven of the society of ringers at that Church, and Mr. Peirce from Bristol, who rung the tenor. . . . Conducted by William Woodhead.

The same paper, December 31st, 1813: On Monday last, was rung in honour of the late Glorious Victories, at St. John's Church, Wakefield, a true and complete peal of J. Holt's tripples, in 10 courses, consisting of 5040 changes. It was executed with great precision and regularity, in three hours and three minutes. The whole was conducted by Mr. Wm. Woodhead.

(The 'late Glorious Victories' were, of course, those won against the French.)

'The Leeds Mercury,' September 3rd, 1814: On Monday last, a select party of ringers from Leeds and Keighley, met to pay a friendly visit at Otley, and struck off their musical peal of 8 bells into new Treble Bob, and rang a composition of Mr. Shipway's, of London, consisting of 12,320 changes, being the utmost extent of true changes hitherto composed, and the first peal of that length and in that method ever rung in the kingdom, and was correctly brought round in seven hours and 15 minutes by the following ringers, viz. John Hudson, Leeds, Treble; Thomas Fox, and Thomas Midgley, Keighley, 2nd; George Hattersley, Keighley, 3d; James Baldwin, and Joseph Whitaker, Leeds, 4th; John Blakey, jun., Keighley, 5th; John Blakey, sen., 6th; Wm. Woodhead, Wakefield, 7th; James Inman, Keighley, and Joseph Tebbs, Leeds, tenor. David Smith conducted the peal.

(The peal is given in Shipway's 'Campanalogia,' Pt. III, with a footnote that it was rung at Otley in 1814. Snowdon mentions the performance in his 'Treatise on Treble Bob,' Pt. I, but he did not know the names of all the ringers. Woodhead's participation in the peal is recorded on a peal board at Wakefield; but the date given there is August 27th, 1814, which was a Saturday. Wakefield ringers may have attended when three rings of eight were opened in the summer of 1815, at Liversedge, Huddersfield and Preston.)

The final quotation comes from 'The Wakefield and Halifax Journal,' of January 21st, 1814—the only reason for including it in this article, as it refers to an event in the previous century: A Ringing Anecdote.—On the 14th of May 1788, there were rung at Wakefield, by the society of ringers at that church, two different peals of trebles, consisting of 10,080 changes, in seven hours and one minute. This peal was rung with the greatest exactness and distinction; a performance never equalled in this kingdom, on bells of the same weight, the tenor being upwards of 24 cwt. What adds to the singularity of this performance, the ringers were two fathers, five sons, five brothers, four cousins, one uncle, and one nephew, yet no more than eight persons, and with only two sirnames.

Practice Nights at Portsmouth

Practice nights in Old Portsmouth seem to disturb some people. 'Campanologist' has written to the Portsmouth 'Evening News,' suggesting apparatus similar to that at St. Mary's Episcopal Cathedral being installed. His letter concludes:—

'We expect to hear the bells on Sundays, and the occasional well-struck, long peal on Saturday afternoons does not worry us unduly. But on practice nights it is a different story.'

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

South and West District

It was decided that for summer meetings, when many young members are away on holiday, it would be better to restrict meetings to evening ringing only. Accordingly, a meeting was held on July 20th at Stanwell, where during the evening the six bells, which are rather noisy inside the tower, were put to good use. The writer is given to understand that there is another 'ring of bells' in this village, where members found adequate refreshment after their labours.

On August 17th another evening meeting was held at Harlington, which attracted quite a respectable gathering—respectable in numbers as well as in general deportment! This handy light ring of eight was employed in a number of methods, although none seemed to go as well as Stedman. Two learners had some useful practice in a 'Flying Dutchman' type touch of Grandsire—the sort that never comes round, however hard the conductor tries!

W. T. C.

MR. COX AND BOYNE HILL

Dear Sir,—Mr. Tomsett quite rightly draws attention to my error in overlooking that Mr. Cox was a member of Boyne Hill service Surprise band. My sincere apologies to Mr. Cox for my oversight.

Our peal book records that Mr. Cox rang in eight peals at Boyne Hill, one of which was in the first peal of Cambridge Surprise on the bells, in 1909, conducted by George Martin, and rung by a local band. Mr. Cox rang the fourth and Charles Smith the fifth.

We at Boyne Hill are delighted that Mr. Cox is hale and hearty and still enjoys his ringing. We sincerely hope that he will do so for many more years.—Yours sincerely,

ERNEST E. GOSLING.

Maidenhead, Berks.

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY SUMMER TOUR

IN accordance with a unanimous decision at the A.G.M., the weather at the beginning of the U.B.S.C.R. summer tour was glorious. The majority of the 15 members on the tour cycled to the rendezvous in Bruton, Somerset, on the Friday in June, but a few, having noticed on a map a large brown patch between Bristol and Bruton, travelled luxuriously by rail. The bells here (6, 25 cwt.) were much admired, and a variety of Doubles and Minor methods were rung. The next tower was Wincanton (8, 15¼ cwt.), where the first peal for the Society was rung ten years ago. It was recollected with some discomfort that two tenth anniversary peal attempts made earlier in the term had failed. As a tribute to the first peal a touch of Grandsire Triples was conducted jointly by the two resident grandfathers of the Society.

After it had been discovered that the bells of Buckhorn Weston (6, 10¼ cwt.) were rather hard work, a great deal of interest was shown in the organ, the village shop and the test match commentary, filtering through the window of a nearby house. Despite this, Cambridge was fairly well rung. Some difficulty was experienced at Kington Magna (5, 16½ cwt.), since the bells were set at backstroke. After some rather original rounds, various Doubles methods were rung and some harsh words were used, referring to bands who did not vary speed of ringing with weight and 'go' of bells. After an excellent supper at Marnhull (Dorset) youth hostel, we joined two small boys in a lazy game of cricket. At close of play, a visit to the village saw the beginnings of two keen competitions which were to continue over the weekend, namely East v. West at darts, and males v. females at table skittles. Back at the hostel, darkness fell to the sound of Bob Minor (lapped) from the men's dormitory.

Ringing on Saturday began with the two ringable rings in Shaftesbury, and we were joined for the day by two old members and an Austin 7 of the same age. At Holy Trinity (6, 11¼ cwt.) the way into the tower was elusive and the party first filed, sheep-like, into two galleries, the organ loft and one or two empty rooms before unearthing the staircase. At St. Peter's, Shaftesbury (6, 18¼ cwt.), the bells were found to go extremely well, and London was well struck.

FISH AND CHIPS 17 TIMES

Lunch, of fish and chips 17 times, was followed by ringing on the light six at Motcombe. At Mere (8, 22¼ cwt.) a big wedding was in progress when we arrived, and the fashionably-dressed guests looked askance at the disreputable group seated on the grass verge opposite the west door. Having got up the tower, the bells were much admired, and some promising Bristol unfortunately came to grief in the last lead. The next tower fulfilled a long-standing ambition for those of the party who are interested in alphabets, but on the whole we found Zeals (6, 11¼ cwt.) rather disappointing. We continued to Bourton, but were unable to ring due to a death in the parish. At Slitton (5, 12 cwt.) St. Nicholas' Doubles were rung for obvious reasons.

After a highly-dangerous and law-breaking ride, with cyclists versus car, we came to Gillingham, where tea was eaten in the company of a 'dreaded box.' We were glad that Gillingham bells (8, 23 cwt.) were oiled immediately before we began ringing, but nevertheless, the back-enders found the ringing of the most standard methods somewhat exhausting.

'BLOOD AND THUNDER'

The night was again spent at Marnhull and Sunday started with ringing for Communion at the village church (6, 19 cwt.), and with two members who should have known better allowing the fourth to slip wheel. At Sturminster (6, 17¼ cwt.) we found a most pleasant ring which went well to all methods up to London. At lunchtime we were introduced to a legendary Somerset drink, which rejoices in the name of 'blood and thunder'—composition rough cider and vimto. This immediately became most popular, to the disgust of the confirmed beer-drinkers. No towers were available during the afternoon, and a hayfield provided the site for lunch, singing, hilarious country dancing and some unusual photographs. After a quick look round Sherborne Abbey, we went on to Yeovil (10, 40¾ cwt.) to join with the resident band in ringing for Evensong. The bells here were much admired and our visit was all too short. The night was spent at Martock youth hostel.

On Monday morning the men of the party were asked, for their hostel duty, to pull down a tree. After great limbering-up exercises in preparation for the great pine tree, they found that their subject was a dwarf apple tree. The pleasant ring (5, 12 cwt.) at Tintinhull was our first call, and here we found that the ringing room floor was an interesting inverted V-shape. Then we came to the melodious five at Ilchester (5, 11¼ cwt.), where we rang from cards the Ilchester Ringers' Changes, which were found to have a striking resemblance to Bob Minimus. After a long lunch break we continued to Marston Magna (6, 13¼ cwt.), and then to West Camel (5, 13¼ cwt.). Here a clapper, found propped up in a corner gave rise to momentary consternation, but it was later found to be a spare part.

All day we had been conserving our energy for the last tower of the tour, namely Queen Camel (6, 36¼ cwt.), and we made our way up to the tower with some trepidation. After raising in peal, we rang Grandsire Doubles, Plain Bob and Cambridge Minor, all of which were struck fairly well. We were most impressed by the tone and 'go' of the bells, and they formed a perfect ending to an excellent tour. The last ringing which took place was some rather sad Minor 'in hand' after the departure of the energetic ones, but before the Bristol-bound train arrived.

We must give our thanks to the secretary (Mr. David Heighton) for his most efficient arrangements, to the incumbents and tower captains for being so co-operative, and to the wardens of the Marnhull and Martock youth hostels for their patience and good cooking.

PUSH BIKE.

WEDDINGS

MR. D. R. BODEN—MISS M. PATRICK

Two well-known ringers and Sunday School teachers, Mr. David Robert Boden and Miss Maureen Patrick, were married at St. Mary and All Souls' Church, Bulwell, by the Rector, Canon G. R. Sprittles, on August 31st.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a white brocade dress, waist-length veil and carried a bouquet of gold and white roses. Attending her were Miss J. Patrick, her sister (also a ringer) and Miss P. A. Watson, a friend.

The best man was Mr. J. A. Boden, and the groomsmen Mr. G. Wilkes, Mr. R. Wilkes and Mr. J. Patrick. The bells were rung both before and after the service by local ringers and friends from the district. The reception was held at Grange Farm, Toton, and the honeymoon is being spent in South Devon.

A complimentary peal was rung at St. Mary and All Souls' Church later in the day.

P. P.

QUARTER PEALS

BELCHAMP ST. PAUL, ESSEX.—On Aug. 24th, 1,440 Treble Bob Minor (720 Kent, 720 Oxford): W. Martin 1, Miss R. J. Seabrook 2, W. Cutmore 3, O. Ballard 4, S. J. Twitchett 5, W. J. Ransom (cond.) 6.

BRIDGEND, GLAM.—On Aug. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 4, 6, 8 covering): C. E. Turner 1, T. E. Hiddins 2, W. F. Petty (cond.) 3, D. L. Hughes 4, C. A. Gerrish 5, H. Preece 6, I. W. Davies 7, D. Bryant 8. Rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to G. Howard Underhill, a member of this tower, who met with a fatal road accident.

CAVENDISH, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 1st, 1,440 Treble Bob (720 Kent, 720 Oxford): Miss R. J. Seabrook 1, O. Ballard 2, P. Mayle 3, S. G. Honeyball 4, S. J. Twitchett (cond.) 5, F. Kemp 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Harry Perkins, a former member of the Cavendish band.

ENMORE, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Walton 1, V. A. Hemming 2, D. K. Lane 3, D. Miller 4, C. Clarke 5, R. Short (cond.) 6. First quarter of Minor on the bells.

GOATHURST, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: D. K. Lane 1, D. Miller 2, J. Walton (first in method as cond.) 3, V. A. Hemming (first of Stedman Doubles) 4, R. Short 5, C. Clarke 6.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—On Aug. 4th, 1,440 Double Oxford Bob Minor: Jean Croft 1, S. H. Ashton 2, A. Harris 3, G. Cherry 4, P. W. Croft 5, F. W. Croft (cond.) 6. Also on Aug. 18th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Jean Croft 1, B. W. Lake 2, G. Cherry 3, L. Runnacles 4, F. W. Croft (cond.) 5, S. H. Ashton 6.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.—On Aug. 18th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: C. W. Pipe 1, A. Clarke 2, J. Bennett 3, C. R. Lovett 4, D. Buxton 5, F. J. Crapnell 6, R. W. Pipe 7, E. Pearce 8. For Evensong.

HALSTEAD, ESSEX.—On Aug. 25th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Miss H. G. Snowden 1, L. W. Wiffen 2, J. Warner 3, G. Snowden 4, C. Barker (first in method 'inside') 5, A. R. Syder 6, T. Earle (cond.) 7, A. Wiffen 8. First quarter on the bells since being recast and rehung. For Evensong.

MARK, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 17th, 1,256 Plain Bob Major: Miss J. Stevens 1, G. Marchant (first of Major) 2, Miss P. Stevens 3, C. Clarke 4, F. B. Comer (first of Major) 5, D. Miller 6, R. Short 7, J. Walton (first of Major as cond.) 8.

NESTON, CHESHIRE.—On Aug. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (840 Plain Bob and 420 Grandsire): Miss R. Bryan 3, L. E. Bryan 4, T. H. Norman 5, N. Hughes 6, A. J. Martin (cond.) 7, B. O. Carruthers 8. First quarter for all except the conductor.

PIRTON, HERTS.—On Aug. 27th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: A. C. Harris 1, L. Runnacles 2, B. W. Lake 3, S. H. Ashton 4, K. C. Timbury (cond.) 5. Rung as a compliment to Roy Head and Pat Wootton on their engagement, and to Rex Ary and Anne Muirhead on their marriage.

RYE, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 cover): M. Winter (first quarter) 1, Noreen Winter 2, Rosemary G. Hicks 3, A. J. Hicks 4, J. Small (cond.) 5, T. W. Longley 6, M. J. McRobbie 7, S. Skinner 8. For Evensong.

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DEATH

HURRELL. — On Aug. 31st, 1957, peacefully, Geoffrey John, 19 years, after short severe illness, of 16, Jubilee Cottages, Eltham, S.E.9. A member of St. John-the-Baptist, Eltham, band. 927

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MISCELLANEOUS

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.—We should be pleased to hear from ringers coming up to the University, or associated colleges, as freshmen this October. Please communicate with the secretary, Patrick J. Bird, 2, Court Drive, Wellington, Somerset. 793

PEAL CARDS & QUARTER PEAL CARDS can now be ordered at 5s. a set of 12, post free (minimum charge). Order and remittances must be sent with peal report. For quarter peals write separate copy in same style as peals.

MEETINGS

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Meeting at Goostrey on Saturday, Sept. 14th, *cancelled*. Next meeting, Nantwich, Saturday, October 19th.—W. Kerr, Hon. Sec.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Meeting at Chelford (6), Saturday, Sept 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Refreshments provided.—B. Corbishley, Branch Sec. 817

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, Old Brampton, Saturday, Sept. 14th, at 3 p.m. Please bring own food—cups of tea available.—A. B. Cooper. 816

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Northwold *cancelled*. Meeting instead at Walsoken on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Usual arrangements.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 949

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Dullingham, Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Balsham bells available after tea. 762

FOUR GUILDS FESTIVAL.—The Ladies' Guild (Southern Section), Guildford Guild (Farnham Branch), Oxford Guild (Sonning Deanery Branch), Winchester and Portsmouth Guild (Basingstoke District).—Meeting at Basingstoke on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Service in St. Michael's Church, 4.30 p.m. Tea (usual arrangements) 5 p.m. in the Church Cottage. Towers: Basingstoke—St. Michael's, 2.30 to 4.15 p.m., 6.15 to 9; All Saints', 2.30 to 4.15; Bramley, 2.30 to 4, 6.30 to 9; Overton, 2.30 to 4; Upton Grey, 2.30 to 4, 6.30 to 8.30; Odiham, 2.30 to 4; Deane, 2.30 to 4, 6.15 to 8.30; Sherborne St. John, 6.30 to 8.30 p.m.—J. Chesterman, Hon. Sec. 802

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—Quarterly meeting, Allensmore, Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. 799

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting, Saturday, Sept. 14th, Benington (note change in place), 3 p.m. T. J. Southam. 804

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Walmer, Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, 2s. per head.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 780

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—By-meeting at Bearsted on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5. Evensong 7.30 p.m.—R. L. Sills, Dis. Sec. 759

LADIES' GUILD.—West Midland District.—Meeting at Great Barr on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Diana Perrins, 153, Plank Lane, Water Orton, near Birmingham. 809

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Enfield, St. Andrew's, on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business.—T. J. Lock. 785

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Joint meeting with Oxford City Branch at Kidlington (8), Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. 780

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Meeting, St. George's, Fordington, Dorchester, Saturday, Sept. 14th. Usual arrangements.—Hayne, Sec. 792

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Practice meeting at Soberton, Saturday, Sept. 14th.—A. H. Sturgess, Hon. Sec. 811

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting at Henfield, Sussex, on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Ringing 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting after tea. Names for tea to Mr. F. Cruttenden, Henfield. Local ringers well be welcomed.—A. B. Peck. 796

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS.—271st anniversary, Sat., Sept. 21st. Bells (12) 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. (2s. per head). Names, not later than Tuesday, Sept. 17th, to C. D. Launder, Spring Cottage, Painswick, Stroud, Glos. Painswick Feast, Sunday, Sept. 22nd: ringing 2 p.m. and 5.15. 932

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—Quarterly meeting, East Coker, Saturday, Sept. 21st. Please notify for tea.—T. J. Setter, 109, Middle Street, Yeovil. 926

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Meeting, Easton-in-Gordano, Saturday, Sept. 21st, 5 o'clock.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 971

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Glaston Branch.—Evening meeting, Street, Saturday, Sept. 21st, 7 to 9 p.m.—W. Marsh. 960

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Luton District) and HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Western District).—A joint meeting will be held at Leighton Buzzard on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Linslade bells also after tea. Names or numbers, please, by Wednesday previous, to Mr. Whitney, 32, Mentmore Road, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard, Beds.—J. Good, K. Spavins, Dis. Secs. 794

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District.—Meeting at Exhall on Saturday, Sept. 21st, at 3 p.m. Astley bells available after tea. Tea 5 p.m. in Exhall Parish Room. Names to me, please.—D. A. Carpenter, Dis. Sec., 78, Earlsdon Avenue, Coventry. 970

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.—Joint Branch meeting at Crosthwaite, Keswick, on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30 p.m. Committee meeting to follow. Numbers for tea, by Sept. 18th, please, to J. W. Brownrigg, Hon. Gen. Sec., 14, Greta Hamlet, Keswick. 824

DEVON GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Stockland, Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business after. Names for tea by Sept. 17th to W. Webb, Oakwell, Millhead Road, Honiton. 800

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting on Saturday, Sept. 21st, at Teversal. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Cups of tea only 5 p.m.—B. A. Sollis, Hon. Sec. 940

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Spaldwick (6), Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Please bring own food—cups of tea provided.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 948

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch.—Meeting, Colerne (8), Saturday, Sept. 21st, 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to H. Heath, 89, London Road, Chippenham. 958

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Berkeley (10), Saturday, Sept. 21st, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Notify by Sept. 18th, Mary Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall. 943

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Bagshot (8) on Saturday, Sept. 21st, from 6 to 9 p.m.—C. J. Beadle, Hon. Dis. Sec. 936

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Wadhurst and Burwash *unavailable*. Meeting, Sedlescombe, Saturday, Sept. 21st, 2.30 p.m. Tea names by Thursday, Sept. 19th, to Miss D. Kent, Chittlebirch, Staplecross, Sussex.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, Harpenden, on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. District committee meeting 4. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea.—S. Huckle, Dis. Sec. 950

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Meeting at Earl Shilton, Leics (8), Saturday, Sept. 21st, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Sept. 17th to Mr. G. Newton, 26, Avenue South, Earl Shilton, Leics. Everyone welcome. 963

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Half-yearly meeting at Kendal Parish Church, Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30. Meeting 5.30 p.m. Names to N. Nightingale, 6, Kirkbarrow, Kendal.—N. M. Newby. 968

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—Meeting at St. Cuthbert's Parish Church, Lytham, on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells (8) rehung. Ringing from 1.30 p.m. Tea will be provided by the local ringers. Business meeting after tea.—John F. Turner. 967

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton Mowbray District.—Meeting at Long Clawson, Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Names for tea, by Wednesday, Sept. 18th, to Mr. E. Tinsley, Long Clawson, near Melton Mowbray. 929

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—A joint meeting of the Gainsborough and Lincoln Districts will be held at Saxilby on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells, afternoon and evening, Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify by Tuesday previous Mr. W. Cox, Trinity Cottage, Saxilby, Lincoln.—Geo. L. A. Lunn and C. Brown, Dis. Secs. 795

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District. — Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Sept. 21st, Clapham Common (R.C.), 2.45–4.30. Business 6, in vestry at All Saints', Wandsworth. Ringing 7.—Hutchings, (TUL 0800). 974

MAIDSTONE GRAMMAR SCHOOLS' SOCIETY.—Meeting at Boxley on Saturday, Sept. 21st, at 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30. Service 6 p.m. Please send names to Mr. W. C. Gosling, The Street, Boxley.—Pamela J. Butcher, Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meeting on Saturday, Sept. 21st, at Hampton, 3 to 5 p.m.; Sunbury, 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—Fredk. A. Finch. 956

NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS.—The annual meeting will be held at Leicester on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Ringing: All Saints' (8), Wigston Magna, 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.; St. Mary De Castro (8), Castle Street, 12 noon to 2 p.m.; Cathedral (12), 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4 to 5.45 p.m.; St. Margaret's (12), Church Gate, 1 to 2.45 p.m.; All Saints' (8), High Cross Street, 2 to 4 p.m.; St. John-the-Divine (10), Albion Street, 2 to 3.30 p.m. Business meeting, 3 p.m., at Police Headquarters, Charles Street. Dinner and social evening at Lord Mayor's Rooms, Waterloo Street, 6 p.m. Tickets (limited) 12s. 6d. each. Applications for tickets with remittance by Sept. 14th to C. H. F. Knight, Hon. Sec., 51, Oadby Road, Wigston Magna, Leicester. 772

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Uttoxeter on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea to be received not later than Wednesday, Sept. 18th, by E. Roberts, 26, The Crescent, Derby Road, Uttoxeter, Staffs.—E. H. Edge, Hon. Sec. 954

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Berks Branch.—Meeting at Aston Tirrold on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Please notify by Tuesday, 17th.—A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks. 782

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—W.W.H. Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Hinton Waldrist, Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, Sept. 18th, to R. F. J. Gilling, Branch Sec., Fernham, Faringdon, Berks. 939

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Quarterly meeting at South Perrott (6), Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea by Sept. 16th to Mrs. Pannell, 35, Clay Lane, Beaminster. 952

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Newark District.—Meeting, Saturday, Sept. 21st, South Collingham, 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. North Collingham 6 to 8.30 p.m. South Scarle if required. Service 4.30 p.m., South Collingham. Tea (3s. 6d.) for those who notify me by Tuesday previous.—W. L. Exton, Hon. Sec., 60, Albert Street, Newark, Notts. 790

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Debenham District.—Meeting on Saturday, Sept. 21st, at Stonham-Aspal. Bells (10) from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea not later than Sept. 19th.—W. J. Button, Dis. Sec. 789

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Sudbury District. — Meeting, Great Thurlow, Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Rev. E. S. B. Barnes, Great Thurlow, Haverhill, Suffolk.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Halesworth District.—Quarterly meeting, Southwold, Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names by 19th to Mr. R. S. Payne, Hotson Road, Southwold. 805

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting at Ockley and Capel on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Ockley bells 3 p.m. and Capel 6 p.m. Names for tea by Sept. 18th to Mr. A. Streeter, 4, Maple Road, Earlswood. 791

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Buxted (8), Saturday, Sept. 21st, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, 5 p.m., for those who advise by Sept. 18th Mr. E Eade, 2, Beacon View, Buxted, Uckfield, Sussex. 959

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Southampton District.—Quarterly meeting at Fawley on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Arrangements as usual. Important business to discuss. Names for tea by Sept. 17th to M. J. Butler, 8, St. Peter's Road, Southampton. 951

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch.—Annual meeting at Bromsgrove (10) on Saturday, Sept. 21st, at 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and business meeting. The Association's 75th birthday (founded at Bromsgrove 1882). Numbers for tea by 18th, please, or you may be unlucky.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge, Worcs. 814

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Next general meeting will be held at Norton, near Malton, on Sept. 21st. Bells available: Norton (8), 1.30-4 p.m.; St. Leonard's, Malton (8), 2.30-3.45 p.m. Both towers again available after meeting till 9 p.m. General Committee meet 3 p.m. in the Church House, Norton. Service in St. Peter's at 4 p.m., followed by tea and general meeting in Church House. Names for tea, by 19th, to Mr. H. Rowsby, Holmgarth, Park Road, Norton, Malton. The local company extends a hearty welcome to all. —L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Bradford 9. 791

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, West Hartlepool, Saturday, Sept. 28th. All Saints', Stranton (8), 11.30 to 12.30 and 2.30 to 4.30; St. Aidan's (8), 2.30 to 4.15; St. Oswald's (10), 7 to 9. Committee, All Saints' Vestry, 3.30. Service, All Saints', 4.30. Tea, St. Matthew's Hall, Elwick Road, 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by Sept. 25th to Mrs. K. Lawson, 169, Stockton Road, West Hartlepool 937

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dinner to be held at the Brunswick School Hall, Cambridge, Saturday, Sept. 28th, at 7 o'clock. Ringing arrangements: Great St. Mary's (12), 3 to 4 p.m.; St. Bene't's (6), 3 to 5; Old Chesterton (6), 3 to 4 p.m.; Great St. Andrew's (8), 5 to 6.30 p.m.; Roman Catholic (8), 5 to 6.30 p.m. Tickets (12s. 6d.) from H. S. Peacock, 8, Rosecrea Terrace, St. John's Street, Huntingdon. 969

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting at Elmdon (6) on Saturday, Sept. 28th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea at the King's Head, 5.15 p.m. Names, please, to G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 961

LADIES' GUILD.—Kent Branch.—Meeting at Rainham, Kent, Saturday, Sept. 28th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, Sept. 24th, to Miss E. Walker, Cozenton Farm, Berengrave Lane, Rainham. No name, no tea. Gentlemen cordially invited. —S. M. Dobbie, Hon. Sec. 942

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Whaplode, Saturday, Sept. 28th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Sept. 18th to Mr. H. Lawson, Station Road, Whaplode. 947

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Half-day outing to Loughborough District, Saturday, Sept. 28th. Coach leaves Burbage 12.30 p.m., Hinckley, Regent Street, 12.40, Sapcote Cross 12.55, Stoney Stanton Church 1.5, Earl Shilton Hollow 1.15. Ringing and tea arrangements are as given at the August meeting. Names must be given for certain by Tuesday, Sept. 24th, to Frank Measures, 58, Lychgate Lane, Burbage, Hinckley. Phone Burbage 516.—M Vernon, Dis. Sec. 953

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—Meeting, Louth (8), Saturday, Sept. 28th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by Sept. 25th to Mr. T. Avery, 18, Broad Bank, Louth. 964

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Monmouth Branch. — Meeting, Bedwellty, Saturday, Sept. 28th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business. Names for tea, please, to Mr. A. R. Price, 26, Greenwood Road, Blackwood, Mon. 945

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION — Meeting, Sept. 28th, Carlton Colville. Bells (5) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Pakefield bells (8) available after meeting. Names for tea, by Wednesday, Sept. 25th certain, please, to Mr. J. B. Gorrod, 47, Gorleston Road, Oulton Broad, Lowestoft.—P. Newstead, Branch Sec. 933

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rutland Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Empingham on Saturday, Sept. 28th, 3 to 8 p.m. Numbers for tea by Wednesday previous to Miss J. Hoy, 11, Ashwell Road, Oakham, Rutland 938

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northampton Branch.—Meeting at Cogenhoe, Saturday, Sept. 28th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Names for tea, by Tuesday previous, to Mr. R. Moore, Lyndhurst, Station Road, Cogenhoe, Northampton.—G. F. Roome. 925

RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD.—Provisional arrangements.—Autumn meeting, Saturday, Sept. 28th, at Swindon (Western Region). Ringing, St. Mark's, afternoon. Tea in Christ Church Hall for those who by Thursday let Mr. W. B. Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Rodbourne Cheney, Swindon, Wilts, know; and at Christ Church after tea—one of the finest 'Taylor' tens.—W. Frank Stenson, Crewe. 760

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD. — Northern Section.—Quarterly meeting at Llangattock, Crickhowell, Brecs, on Saturday, Sept. 28th, at 2.30 p.m. 931

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—Quarterly meeting, Sutton-on-Hull, on Saturday, Sept. 28th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 Tea 5 p.m. in Church Hall. Names, please, to Mr. C. R. Robinson, 22, Lime Tree Avenue, Sutton-on-Hull. Buses Nos. 32 and 34 from Hull (Paragon) Bus Station every 15 minutes.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec. 941

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Western District) and LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. —Joint meeting at Rothwell on Saturday, Sept. 28th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow tea. Names for tea by Tuesday, Sept. 24th, to Mr. T. W. Strangeway, 21 Haigh Avenue, Rothwell near Leeds.—A. E. Marsh, J. F. Hodson, Hon. Secs. 957

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The 20th annual dinner will be held in the Guildhall, Worcester, on Saturday, Oct. 5th, at 5.45 p.m. Tickets (8s. 6d. each) obtainable up to Tuesday, Oct. 1st, from dinner committee, Branch secretaries or general secretary. Bells available: Cathedral (12), provisionally, 3.30 to 5 p.m.; All Saints', (10), 3 to 5.30 p.m. —J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Cheltenham Road, Sedgeberrow, Evesham. Tel. Ashton-under-Hill 309. 946

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual dinner at Bollands, Chester, on Saturday, Oct. 12th, 6.30 p.m. (14s., juniors 12s.). Names by Sept. 30th, please.—J. Kingdon, 3, Grey Friars, Chester. 930

AN IMPROVEMENT

Dear Sir,—On page 533 appears a composition of 5,024 Plain Bob Major, by George Lewis, with a footnote to the effect that the second is never in 5-6. What a pity that such a fine composition should be marred by the second being in 5ths place from the W to the B (in three places). Enclosed is a composition which disposes of this defect.—Yours sincerely,

JAMES TOPP.

Frome, Somerset.

5,088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

By JAMES TOPP

23456	W	B	M	H	
34256				2	'A'
53246	—			3	'A'
56234	—		—	2	'A'
23564	—			—	'A'
23645					'A'
32456					'A' last call S
43256				—	'B'
23546	2			—	'B'
34265	—	—		2	'B'
32645	—			2	'B'
32564					'B'
23456					'B' last call S

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BELLS AT THE LIDO

THAT'S what comes of going abroad on one's own and insisting on a single room. You're sure to get one as far from the front of the hotel as can be.

It happened to me, and I found that my room looked on to the equivalent of a back yard. All the married couples had smashing rooms at the front with lovely views of Venice across the lagoon. The hotel was at the Lido—lagoon side.

We had arrived in Venice rather late, just in time to spruce up before dinner, and whilst I knew my room was at the back, it didn't seem worth while to make a full investigation. Perhaps as well, for I missed the night's anticipation of what happened in the morning.

'Came the dawn,' as the poets say, and then at ten past six I was suddenly brought to full life by the terrific clanging of a bell. First of all I thought it must belong to a town clock which somebody had thoughtfully disconnected for the night, but even town clocks don't chime a hundred and fifty. I jumped to the window—of course wide open for the heat—to find that I was within thirty yards of a belfry and on the same level.

As only one bell was dinning, I felt rather better, particularly as this one-legged chime ceased after about five minutes, so I turned in again with the idea of another hour or so.

Some hopes! The first ringer had, I was sure, been taking his turn as knocker-up, with the bell, for ten minutes later his pals arrived, and one after another got into their stride with four bells, big 'uns, too.

No Bob Majors, Grandsire Triples or things like that for these lads. They certainly hadn't read any good books on campanology, but gaily pulled the ropes as the spirit moved them, sometimes in procession but occasionally in unison. What a crash that was. Then suddenly they stopped and the world went quieter than I have ever known it.

This must be early Mass I felt sure, and should ease matters until after breakfast, so I settled down again. The ringers had no doubt gone to service in the church below, and all would be well.

As I said before: Some hopes!

At ten past seven we started again. I say we, because by now I felt that I had joined the team. Indeed I was near enough to give a helping hand should they want one, but I was never roped in. Perhaps they didn't know I was there and taking so much interest in their work.

By this time all thoughts of sleep had gone, so I crawled out of bed just in time for the end of the performance, and to prepare for the day ahead. I was half way through shaving when my four wide-awake Venetians set off again with one of their concerted pulls. Luckily it was a safety razor, or I should have cut my head off.

What I have told you happened on the Wednesday, so on Thursday morning I woke early waiting for the gang, or for a start, their number one. He came about two minutes late and I was thinking that I ought to nip round and give him a ring, when he forestalled me and rang up his pals. They must have lived near, by the short time it took them to get to their job, so it would have been easier for him to have knocked on their doors instead of ringing them up from the belfry.

We had a similar concert, with variations, as once I guessed that Giuseppe, or was it Antonio, caught his foot in the rope and spoilt the rhythm they had nearly got. That *was* a crash!

Every morning we went through the performance, and I really dreaded Sunday morning coming as I didn't know whether they would start earlier or make a sounder job of it. So when that morning arrived I was ready, bright and early, for Giuseppe, Antonio, Enrico and Pietro.

As the time came and passed with no bells, I began to get worried and hoped that my rope-tugging pals hadn't had one over the eight the night before, and were still sleeping. Six-thirty, seven, seven-thirty came, and believe it or not, not a cheep out of that belfry.

We left for Lugano early the following morning, so what happened to G, A, E and P I don't know.

H. FRANKLAND.

[*From 'Lister's Magazine.'*

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD 1957 TOUR

(ALL PEALS RUNG FOR THE GUILD)

HATFIELD BROAD OAK, ESSEX.

On Mon., Aug. 26, 1957, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

J. H. FIELDEN (St. Cath.'s)	*Treble*	H. NEILL (St. Cath.'s) ..	5
E. M. ATKINS (St. Cath.'s)	2	E. G. BENSON (St. Cath.'s)	6
F. B. COOKSON (St. John's)	3	A. R. HEPPENSTALL (Sel.)	7
R. LEIGH (St. Cath.'s) ..	4	C. W. WOOLLEY (Selwyn)	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTFORDSHIRE.

On Tues., Aug. 27, 1957, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 16¼ cwt.

J. H. R. FREEBORN (Clare)	*Treble*	F. E. ROBERTS (Selwyn) ..	6
SUSAN JACKSON (Girton)..	2	J. H. FIELDEN (St. Cath.'s)	7
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F. B. COOKSON (St. John's)	5	C. W. WOOLLEY (Selwyn)	*Tenor*

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by F. E. HAYNES.

STANSTED MOUNTFITCHET, ESSEX.

On Wed., Aug. 28, 1957, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5000 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt.

E. M. ATKINS (St. Cath.'s)	*Treble*	P. F. WINDLEY (Jesus) ..	5
B. WHITE (Queens') ..	2	H. NEILL (St. Cath.'s) ..	6
T. P. HEARN (Selwyn) ..	3	A. G. G. THURLOW (Sel.)	7
E. G. BENSON (St. Cath.'s)	4	W. T. COOK (Jesus)	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

GREAT DUNMOW, ESSEX.

On Thurs., Aug. 29, 1957, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, consisting of 2,496 London, 1,344 Bristol, 640 Cambridge and 608 Superlative, with 126 changes of method. Tenor 21¼ cwt.

A. R. HEPPENSTALL (Sel.)	*Treble*	F. E. ROBERTS (Selwyn) ..	5
SUSAN JACKSON (Girton) ..	2	W. T. COOK (Jesus)	6
C. W. WOOLLEY (Selwyn)	3	W. J. RIDGMAN (Queens')	7
S. E. DARMON (St. John's)	4	C. M. P. JOHNSON (Sel.)	*Tenor*

Composed by E. A. BARNETT. Conducted by C. W. WOOLLEY.

RAYNE, ESSEX.

On Thurs., Aug. 29, 1957, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being two 2,160's and one 720. Tenor 6¼ cwt.

E. M. ATKINS	*Treble*	R. LEIGH	4
H. NEILL	2	J. H. FIELDEN	5
E. G. BENSON	3	F. E. HAYNES	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

The first peal to be rung entirely by members of St. Catharine's College.

PLESHEY, ESSEX.

On Thurs., Aug. 29, 1957, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE DIOCESAN HOUSE OF RETREAT,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

A. R. HEPPENSTALL (Sel.)	1—2	H. NEILL (St. Cath.'s) ..	5—6
J. H. FIELDEN (St. Cath.'s)	3—4	W. T. COOK (Jesus)	7—8

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by W. T. COOK.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.

On Fri., Aug. 30, 1957, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16½ cwt.

M. M. PETERSON (Trinity)	*Treble*	P. F. WINDLEY (Jesus) ..	5
J. H. FIELDEN (St. Cath.'s)	2	B. D. PRICE (Emmanuel)..	6
H. NEILL (St. Cath.'s) ..	3	W. T. COOK (Jesus)	7
R. LEIGH (St. Cath.'s) ..	4	P. K. WILLIAMSON (Trin.)	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by J. H. FIELDEN.

LOUGHTON, ESSEX.

On Sat., Aug. 31, 1957, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18¼ cwt.

J. H. FIELDEN (St. Cath.'s)	*Treble*	A. R. HEPPENSTALL (Sel.)	5
P. F. WINDLEY (Jesus) ..	2	H. NEILL (St. Cath.'s) ..	6
SUSAN JACKSON (Girton)..	3	W. T. COOK (Jesus)	7
F. B. COOKSON (St. John's)	4	W. J. RIDGMAN (Queens')	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by J. H. FIELDEN.

A CHESHIRE TOUR

(ALL PEALS RUNG FOR THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD)

GAWSWORTH, CHESHIRE.

On Sat., Aug. 10, 1957, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11¼ cwt.

SHIRLEY HARRIS	*Treble*	C. KENNETH LEWIS	5
FRED DUNKERLEY	2	JOHN WORTH	6
BRIAN HARRIS	3	PETER LAFLIN	7
EDWARD JENKINS	4	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER ..	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

BOWDON, CHESHIRE.

On Mon., Aug. 12, 1957, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in F sharp.

*JAMES J. BLOWERS	*Treble*	TREVOR TAYLOR..	5
C. KENNETH LEWIS ..	2	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE ..	6
BERNARD GROVES	3	BRIAN HARRIS	7
ROBERT B. SMITH	4	EDWARD JENKINS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.
* First peal.

ECCLES, LANCASHIRE.

On Mon., Aug. 12, 1957, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in E flat.

*FRANK OSBALDISTON ..	*Treble*	*ROBERT B. SMITH	5
*BERNARD GROVES	2	C. KENNETH LEWIS ..	6
*BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE ..	3	EDWARD JENKINS	7
*TREVOR TAYLOR	4	BRIAN HARRIS	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.
* First peal in the method.

HYDE, CHESHIRE.

On Tues., Aug. 13, 1957, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 11 lb. in E.

*WILLIAM H. DOWSE ..	*Treble*	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE ..	5
†FRANK OSBALDISTON ..	2	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	6
GEOFF. D. FEARNEHOUGH	3	EDWARD JENKINS	7
ROBERT B. SMITH	4	BRIAN HARRIS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by BRIAN HARRIS.
* First peal of Surprise Major. † First peal of Surprise Major 'inside.'

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On Tues., Aug. 13, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.

Brian Harris	*Treble*	†Neil Bennett	5
Fred Dunkerley	2	C. Kenneth Lewis	6
*Bernard Groves	3	Derek Ogden	7
*Robert B. Smith	4	Edward Jenkins	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.
* First peal of Bristol. † First Surprise peal.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
On Wed., Aug. 14, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Thomas,
A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

*Mary Worth	*Treble*	Leslie Boumphrey	5
*Shirley Harris	2	Brian J. Woodruffe	6
*Bernard Groves	3	*Geoff. D. Fearnehough	7
Edward Jenkins	4	Brian Harris	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Edward Jenkins.
* First peal in the method.

BREDBURY, CHESHIRE.
On Wed., Aug. 14, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mark,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11¼ cwt., in G.

*William H. Dowse	*Treble*	C. Kenneth Lewis	5
Brian Harris	2	*Robert B. Smith	6
*Frank Osbaldiston	3	*Leslie Boumphrey	7
*Bernard Groves	4	Edward Jenkins	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.
* First peal in the method.

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.
On Thurs., Aug. 15, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In four methods, being two extents of Cambridge Surprise, one extent each of Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and two extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

Robert B. Smith	*Treble*	Derek Ogden	4
Shirley Harris	2	Trevor Taylor	5
Bernard Groves	3	Brian J. Woodruffe	*Tenor*

Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.
On Thurs., Aug. 15, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in E flat.

*Robert B. Smith	*Treble*	John Worth	6
Fred Dunkerley	2	Derek Ogden	7
*Bernard Groves	3	Leslie Boumphrey	8
John E. Bibby	4	Brian Harris	9
*Trevor Taylor	5	Edward Jenkins	*Tenor*

Composed by C. K. Lewis. Conducted by John Worth.
* First peal of Surprise Royal.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.
On Fri., Aug. 16, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter.
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 10 lb. in F sharp.

*Frank Osbaldiston	*Treble*	Edward Jenkins	5
*Bernard Groves	2	*Robert B. Smith	6
William A. Smith	3	Brian J. Woodruffe	7
Michael W. Crowder	4	Brian Harris	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. Wilde. Conducted by Brian Harris.
* First peal in the method.

A PEAL TOUR OF SOUTHERN IRELAND
(ALL PEALS FOR THE IRISH ASSOCIATION EXCEPT WHERE STATED)

DUBLIN.
On Sat., Aug. 17, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes.*
At the Cathedral Church of Christ.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 39 cwt. 2 qr. in B.

Arthur H. Reed	*Treble*	John Phillips	6
Wilfred Williams	2	Thomas J. Southam	7
Ronald F. Diserens	3	Derek P. Jones	8
William A. Theobald	4	Michael P. Moreton	9
Frank E. Darby	5	Peter Border	*Tenor*

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Wilfred Williams.
First peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal on the bells.

DUBLIN.
On Sun., Aug. 18, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. George,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. in E flat.

Donald G. Clift	*Treble*	Wilfrid F. Moreton	5
Frank E. Darby	2	Thomas J. Southam	6
Ronald F. Diserens	3	Noel J. Diserens	7
Peter Border	4	Derek P. Jones	*Tenor*

Composed by James W. Washbrook. Conducted by Peter Border.
First peal of London on the bells.

BRAY, CO. WICKLOW.
On Mon., Aug. 19, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 24 *Minutes.*
At Christ Church.
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 28 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in D.

Arthur H. Reed	*Treble*	Noel J. Diserens	5
Frank E. Darby	2	Peter Border	6
Derek P. Jones	3	Michael P. Moreton	7
William A. Theobald	4	Wilfred Williams	*Tenor*

Composed by Charles W. Roberts. Conducted by Wilfred Williams.

ARKLOW, CO. WICKLOW.
On Mon., Aug. 19, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Saviour,
A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in E.

Noel J. Diserens	*Treble*	Ronald F. Diserens	5
Donald G. Clift	2	Michael P. Moreton	6
Arthur H. Reed	3	Derek P. Jones	7
Thomas J. Southam	4	Wilfrid F. Moreton	*Tenor*

Composed by Charles W. Roberts.
Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.
First peal of Yorkshire on the bells.

ARKLOW, CO. WICKLOW.
On Tues., Aug. 20, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of St. Saviour,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in E.

Wilfred Williams	*Treble*	Thomas J. Southam	5
Arthur H. Reed	2	Derek P. Jones	6
William A. Theobald	3	Frank E. Darby	7
Ronald F. Diserens	4	Peter Border	*Tenor*

Composed by Charles W. Roberts. Conducted by Peter Border.

WEXFORD, CO. WEXFORD.
On Tues., Aug. 20, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 24 *Minutes,*
At the R.C. Cathedral Church of the Immaculate Conception,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 31 cwt. 1 qr. in D.

Donald G. Clift	*Treble*	Peter Border	6
Ronald F. Diserens	2	John Phillips	7
Frank E. Darby	3	Michael P. Moreton	8
Thomas J. Southam	4	Wilfrid F. Moreton	8
Noel J. Diserens	5	Wilfred Williams	*Tenor*

Composed by William Pye. Conducted by Wilfred Williams.
First peal on the bells.

BALLYMODAN, BANDON, CO. CORK.
On Wed., Aug. 21, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Consisting of 720 each of London and Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Double Court, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

Wilfred Williams	*Treble*	Michael P. Moreton	4
Peter Border	2	Noel J. Diserens	5
William A. Theobald	3	Wilfrid F. Moreton	*Tenor*

Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.
First peal in seven methods on the bells.

LIMERICK, CO. LIMERICK.
On Thurs., Aug. 22, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
At the Monastery of Mount St. Alphonsus.
A PEAL OF 5040 PUDSEY SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in E flat.

Donald G. Clift	*Treble*	Noel J. Diserens	6
Ronald F. Diserens	2	Wilfrid F. Moreton	7
Frank E. Darby	3	Derek P. Jones	8
Michael P. Moreton	4	Peter Border	9
Thomas J. Southam	5	Wilfred Williams	*Tenor*

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Wilfred Williams.
First peal of Pudsey Surprise Royal in Ireland.

LIMERICK, CO. LIMERICK.
On Fri., Aug. 23, 1957, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL AND PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 1 lb.

ARTHUR H. REED	*Treble*	PETER BORDER	5
WILFRED WILLIAMS	2	NOEL J. DISERENS	6
THOMAS J. SOUTHAM	3	DEREK P. JONES	7
RONALD F. DISERENS	4	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
First peal of London on the bells.

WATERFORD, CO. WATERFORD.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Fri., Aug. 23, 1957, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE BLESSED TRINITY.
A PEAL OF 5120 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. 1 lb. in E.

DONALD G. CLIFT	*Treble*	DEREK P. JONES	5
THOMAS J. SOUTHAM	2	JOHN PHILLIPS	6
MICHAEL P. MORETON	3	FRANK E. DARBY	7
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
First peal in the method on the bells.
Rung to commemorate the 85th anniversary of the first peal in Ireland, which was rung in this tower by the Ancient Society of College Youths on July 27th, 1872.

DUBLIN.
(St. Patrick's Cathedral Society.)
On Sat., Aug. 24, 1957, in 4 Hours,
AT THE NATIONAL CATHEDRAL OF ST PATRICK.
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 45 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in C.

DONALD G. CLIFT	*Treble*	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM	7
*ARTHUR H. REED	2	JOHN PHILLIPS	8
FRANK E. DARBY	3	DEREK P. JONES	9
RONALD F. DISERENS	4	PETER BORDER	10
NOEL J. DISERENS	5	MICHAEL P. MORETON	11
WILFRID F. MORETON	6	WILFRED WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.
* First peal of Cambridge Maximus.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

LIVERPOOL, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 31, 1957, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND ST. NICHOLAS.
A PEAL OF 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS
Tenor 41 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in C.

*JOAN CORDWELL	*Treble*	*NEIL BENNETT	7
*DEREK TAYLOR	2	ALAN WARD	8
*TERENCE T. JONES	3	NEIL D. LOMAS	9
*TREVOR TAYLOR	4	*GEOFF. D. FEARNEHOUGH	10
*DEREK F. YATES	5	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD	11
BRIAN A. TOMLINSON	6	DEREK OGDEN	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN REEVES. Conducted by DEREK OGDEN.
* First peal of Maximus. The ringers of 2, 4, 8 and 10 have now rung Plain Bob from Minor to Maximus.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 24, 1957, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED DOUBLE NORWICH AND DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR
Consisting of 1,920 Double Norwich and 3,360 Double Oxford, with 35 changes of method. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

VIVIEN BARNES	*Treble*	JOHN THOMAS	5
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON	2	RALPH HARRIS	6
MRS. J. THOMAS	3	PATRICK HARRIS	7
THOMAS W. LEWIS	4	*JOSEPH E. NEWMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by J. SEGAR. Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.
* 100th peal. The composition, produced by changes of method and calls at 'Home' only, is believed to be the first rung on this plan.
Rung in honour of the marriage of the Rev. J. O. C. Champion, R.N. (son of the Rev. F. C. Champion, Rector of Hinton), to Miss Ann Burston, which took place at St. Martin's, Worcester, earlier in the day.

DRAYTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 24, 1957, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt.

JOHN T. LOCKE	*Treble*	HENRY G. KEELEY	5
ROGER KEELEY	2	WILLIAM G. GIGG	6
RAYMOND P. SELWAY	3	*ALBERT W. DYER	7
JOSEPH T. BARRETT	4	WILLIAM E. TURNER	*Tenor*

Composed by J. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WILLIAM E. TURNER.
* First peal of Major.

TERRINGTON ST. CLEMENT, NORFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 24, 1957, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb.

TOM BUSH	*Treble*	T. A. BEVIS	5
*JOHN WILSON	2	M. R. REED	6
*GRAHAM J. MANN	3	WILLIAM ROSE	7
*MICHAEL GATHERCOLE	4	NORMAN V. HARDING	*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by NORMAN V. HARDING.
* First peal of Treble Bob Major.
Rung as a birthday compliment to John Wilson, and on the occasion of his engagement to Miss Rita Gagen.

DEVIZES, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Aug. 27, 1957, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19¼ cwt. in D.

JOE E. G. ROAST	*Treble*	*JAMES C. TAYLOR	5
WALTER E. WILKINSON	2	*DONALD E. COBB	6
DEREK C. JACKSON	3	ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD	7
*RAYMOND G. SMITH	4	ROGER O. FRY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.
* First peal in the method.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
On Fri., Aug. 30, 1957, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5056 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11¼ cwt.

ROSEMARY PARKINSON	*Treble*	NORMAN SMITH	5
PATRICIA BOURN	2	CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE	6
VICTOR J. C. WOOD	3	PHILIP DUNDERDALE	7
CHARLES CLEGG	4	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM THORNLEY. Conducted by CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE.
First peal in this variation by all the band except the conductor.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 31, 1957, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb. in A flat.

PHYLLIS M. MAYNE	*Treble*	GEORGE A. FLEMING	5
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY	2	CECIL W. PIPE	6
*PATRICIA M. CLARKE	3	ERNEST V. BLAKE	7
GEORGE E. SYMONDS	4	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES H. MARTIN. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
* 75th peal. The conductor has now rung peals in 100 different towers.
Rung in honour of the wedding of Alan Page to Muriel Pipe, which took place this day at Stonham Aspal.

STROUD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 31, 1957, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

*FRANK GARLAND	*Treble*	TREVOR PRITCHARD	5
G. LEONARD HEWITT	2	LESLIE ASTON	6
FRANCES T. WAITE	3	LESLIE BARRY	7
THOMAS WITTS	4	FREDERICK BLOWEN	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.
* First peal of Triples. The conductor's 40th peal on the bells.
Rung as a farewell peal to Miss D. H. Sheppard.

HOLLESLEY, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., Sept. 2, 1957, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 11 lb. in F.

ERNEST G. PEARCE	*Treble*	*GILBERT R. GOODSHIP	5
PHYLLIS M. MAYNE	2	JOHN R. MAYNE	6
PATRICIA M. CLARKE	3	ERNEST V. BLAKE	7
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY	4	CECIL W. PIPE	*Tenor*

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW. Conducted by CECIL W. PIPE.
* First peal in the method.

PHILLACK, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Sept. 2, 1957, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. FELICITAS, MATRON AND MARTYR.
A PEAL OF 5120 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in F.

*ARTHUR F. BURLEY	*Treble*	HAROLD WALKER	5
RUTH M. JACKSON	2	*DAVID N. PENROSE	6
*V. MARY MATTHEWS	3	PETER BORDER	7
REV. A. S. ROBERTS	4	ALAN CARVETH	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES W. SEDGLEY Conducted by PETER BORDER.
* First peal of Surprise. The first peal of Surprise on the bells.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Wed., Sept. 4, 1957, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

*DAVID H. BUXTON	*Treble*	HILDA G. SNOWDEN	5
*PATRICIA M. CLARKE	2	†FRANK B. LUFKIN	6
*RODERICK W. PIPE	3	CECIL W. PIPE	7
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY	4	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.
* First peal in the method. † 400th peal.
A 21st birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

MARTOCK, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Sept. 6, 1957, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 25 cwt.

FREDERICK A. STRICKLAND	*Treble*	WALTER H. POOLE	5
HERBERT W. PEARCE	2	ALBERT W. DYER	6
ROGER J. FOX	3	WILLIAM E. TURNER	7
RAYMOND P. SELWAY	4	WILLIAM G. TURK	*Tenor*

Conducted by RAYMOND P. SELWAY.
Rung as a welcome to the Rev. J. M. Cartwright, M.A., recently inducted Rector of Martock.

TOWEDNACK, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Sept. 6, 1957, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. TEWINNOCK THE CONFESSOR.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in A.

RUTH M. JACKSON	*Treble*	ALAN CARVETH	5
*P. RUTH HOSKEN	2	REV. A. S. ROBERTS	6
MARGERY A. BIRCH	3	DAVID N. PENROSE	7
V. MARY MATTHEWS	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
* First peal of Bob Major 'inside.'

CHIPPING CAMPDEN, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 7, 1957, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's variation of Middleton's. Tenor 24 cwt.

REGINALD WOODYATT	*Treble*	GEORGE E. EVENDEN	5
DONALD H. NIBLETT	2	GERALD C. HEMMING	6
CYRIL A. WRATTEN	3	DAVID BEACHAM	7
GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	4	THOMAS W. LEWIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY J. HEMMING.
The first peal on the bells.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 7, 1957, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, being 2,688 London, 1,056 Bristol and 672 each of Cambridge and Superlative, with 129 changes of method.
Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in E flat.

PHYLLIS M. MAYNE	*Treble*	GEORGE A. FLEMING	5
*RODERICK W. PIPE	2	JOHN R. MAYNE	6
PATRICIA M. CLARKE	3	CECIL W. PIPE	7
*TERRY EARLE	4	HILDA G. SNOWDEN	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JOHN R MAYNE.
* First peal of 'Spliced.'

HUGHENDEN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 7, 1957, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's One-part. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

WILLIAM H. EASTWELL	*Treble*	GLADYS E. BARKER	5
SYLVIA WILKINSON	2	SYDNEY M. BAILEY	6
DOROTHY R. FLETCHER	3	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM	7
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER	4	CHRISTOPHER WILKINSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM.
The conductor's first peal of Grandsire Triples as conductor.
Believed to be the first peal by a band of school teachers, all of whom are members of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Guild.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 7, 1957, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in A flat.

MARIAN H. MILLS	*Treble*	*ROY K. DUESBURY	5
ALAN R. ANDREWS	2	*GEORGE N. ORMAN	6
MICHAEL A. MILLS	3	†PERCY W. MILLS	7
EDWARD B. SMITH	4	‡URBAN W. WILDNEY	*Tenor*

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.
* 50th peal together. † First peal in method. ‡ 50th peal in this tower.

LONDON.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Sept. 7, 1957, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE JEWRY, NEXT GUILDHALL,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 24½ cwt. in E flat.

WILLIAM S. LANGDON	*Treble*	J. FRANK SMALLWOOD	5
HERBERT LANGDON	2	JOHN S. MASON	6
ALFRED B. PECK	3	JOHN PHILLIPS	7
GEORGE W. CECIL	4	JOHN E. CHILCOTT	*Tenor*

Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.
First peal on the bells.
A birthday peal for H. Langdon, W. S. Langdon and J. F. Smallwood.

SYSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 7, 1957, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Thurstans' Five-part. Tenor 15 cwt. 26 lb.

ROGER A. BREWIN	*Treble*	*DEREK M. SAWYER	5
MARY C. PAYNE	2	ERNEST MORRIS	6
F. KEVIN THOMPSON	3	B. STEDMAN PAYNE	7
ROYSTON WILMORE	4	ERNEST F. PAYNE	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.
* First peal on eight bells.

WHITWORTH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 7, 1957, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW.
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON	*Treble*	JAMES E. BURLES	5
GEORGE BRAITHWAITE	2	PHILIP H. HUDSON	6
HAROLD HAMER	3	ALAN CAPSTICK	7
L. CLEMENTS	4	NICHOLAS NEWBY	*Tenor*

Composed by T. DAY. Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

WITNEY, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 7, 1957, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. (approx.).

CYRIL H. KINCH	*Treble*	FRANK A. BARRETT	5
*CHRISTINE M. WOODWARD	2	GEORGE F. BURTON	6
DENNIS C. BOWEN	3	J. HOWARD FREEBORN	7
ERNEST TREAGUS	4	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal of Surprise.
Rung on the eve of the Feast of the Nativity. Also rung as a compliment to Daphne R. Castell and Malcolm S. Cloke, on the occasion of their marriage this day at St. Michael's Church, Stanton Harcourt.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

WILLINGHAM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 24, 1957, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being two extents of Ipswich, three extents of Norwich and two extents of Cambridge. Tenor 12¼ cwt. in F

HENRY C. FOSTER	*Treble*	DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS	4
*DONALD F. MURFET	2	WILLIAM SEEKINGS	5
HAROLD S. PEACOCK	3	MANSFIELD GINN	*Tenor*

Conducted by MANSFIELD GINN.
* First peal of Surprise.
A wedding compliment to Geoffrey A. Lucas (Ely District Ringing Master) and Margaret R. Jeeps, whose marriage took place at this church earlier in the day.

RUGELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Tues., Aug. 28, 1957, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Comprising three 120's each of Union, Plain Bob, April Day and Reverse St. Bartholomew, and ten 120's and ten 240's (Morris') of Grandsire, each called differently. Tenor 8¼ cwt. in G.

ERIC EDGINTON	*Treble*	STELLA HUGHES	3
ANNE M. WARD	2	ROGER L. NUTT	4
JOHN R. JOYNER	*Tenor*		

Conducted by JOHN R. JOYNER.
Rung on the back five after meeting short for Minor. A birthday compliment to the mother of the conductor.

ALLENSMORE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Sept. 2, 1957, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 11 cwt.

HENRY JOHNSON	*Treble*	JOHN E. LLOYD	4
DERRICK J. CLARKE	2	LESLIE D. YOUNG	5
TRACEY H. YOUNG	3	ARTHUR W. PREECE	*Tenor*

Conducted by TRACEY H. YOUNG.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. E. R. P. Pateshall, widow of the late Col. H. E. P. Pateshall, C.B., D.S.O.

WALSOKEN, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 4, 1957, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

S. J. HAW	*Treble*	MICHAEL GATHERCOLE	4
*FREDA P. GREAVES	2	M. ROLAND REED	5
GRAHAM J. MANN	3	NORMAN V. HARDING	*Tenor*

Conducted by NORMAN V. HARDING.
* First peal 'inside.'
Rung as a compliment to the Rev. T. Walters, M.B.E., on his appointment as Rural Dean of the Marshland.

WITCOMBE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 4, 1957, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 20 120's and 11 240's. Tenor 6¼ cwt.

FREDERICK BLOWEN	*Treble*	†WENDY BIRD	4
*CAROL EUSTACE	2	G. LEONARD HEWITT	5
LESLIE BARRY	3	LESLIE ASTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.
* First peal of Grandsire Doubles, and has now rung Doubles to Cinques. † First peal.

HORBLING, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Sept. 5, 1957, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of Single Oxford, two of Single Court and four of Bob Minor. Tenor 9 cwt.

D. HENRY METTAM	*Treble*	RONALD RUSSELL	4
BERNARD H. DALTON	2	WALTER WESTON	5
PERCY D. BALDOCK	3	JAMES H. MUSSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

HONINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 7, 1957, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 14 extents each of Plain Bob, April Day and Grandsire.
Tenor 8 cwt.

*WILLIAM R. MARSH	*Treble*	PERCY D. BALDOCK	3
WALTER WESTON	2	RONALD RUSSELL	4
JAMES H. MUSSON	*Tenor*		

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.
* First peal of Doubles.

PURTON, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 7, 1957, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Tenor 20 cwt. 14 lb. in C sharp.

ALAN F. LEE	*Treble*	ERIC SUTTON	4
ANTHONY R. PEAKE	2	VICTOR GRIFFIN	5
RAYMOND C. WESTNEY	3	ROGER O. FRY	*Tenor*

Arranged by REV. E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by VICTOR GRIFFIN.
First peal of Surprise as conductor and on the bells
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

REDBOURN, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 7, 1957, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of Netherseale, Ipswich, Norwich and Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

*D. JOSEPH GOODMAN	*Treble*	WALTER AYRE	4
JOYCE GOOD	2	KEITH B. GOOD	5
AUGUSTIN V. GOOD	3	WM. J. PUDDIFOOT	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.
* First peal in seven methods. The conductor's 725th peal.
A birthday compliment to Joyce Good, and also a birthday and wedding anniversary compliment to Joe Goodman (Mrs. Goodman included in the latter, of course): a welcome to Timothy Peter, grandson of the conductor.

RUMBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 7, 1957, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, ALL SAINTS AND ST. FELIX,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being four extents each of Stedman, Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas and Reverse Canterbury, six each of St. Martin's, St. Simon's and Plain Bob, and eight of Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt.

C. JACK GIBSON	*Treble*	†REGINALD J. DARCH	3
*PETER S. BEDFORD	2	EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	4
JOHN W. BLYTHE	*Tenor*		

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.
* First peal of Doubles. † First peal of Doubles in eight methods.

CAVENDISH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sun., Sept. 8, 1957, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven 720's: (1) London Surprise, (2) Wells Surprise, (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) St. Clement's and Double Oxford Bob, (5) Plain Bob, (6) Oxford T.B., (7) Kent T.B. Tenor 11 cwt. 21 lb.

PETER MAYLE	*Treble*	ALAN R. SYDER	4
ROSEMARY J. SEABROOK	2	FRANK B. LUFKIN	5
SAMUEL J. TWITCHETT	3	TERRY EARLE	*Tenor*

Composed by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCS.—On Sept. 5th. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Helen Wright (first quarter) 1, Joan Carter (cond.) 2, William Harrison 3, Arthur D. J. Goodwin 4, David Thompson 5, Frederick Shallcross 6.

BEDFORD.—At St. Paul's Church. on Sept. 1st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Helen Nevin 1, Avril Thackray 2, Jennifer M. Davies 3, Anne E. Amor 4, S. Foskett 5, P. J. Shipton 6, R. L. Piron 7, B. Pattison (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

BRAMSHOTT, HANTS.—On Sept. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Salter (14, first quarter) 1, J. Salter (first as conductor) 2, Angela Martin 3, J. McDermott 4, J. Clark 5, J. Queen 6.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.—At the Norman Tower, on Sept. 5th, 1,278 Grandsire Caters: A. E. Moore 1, A. W. Rolfe 2, C. Stannard 3, G. Jennings 4, L. Sharpe (first quarter) 5, W. Goodship 6, W. Stannard (cond.) 7, F. Buckle 8, P. Everett 9, H. Doel 10. Birthday congratulations to Mr. A. E. Moore (75) and Mr. F. Buckle (66).

CHISLEDON, WILTS.—On Sept. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Farmer 1, S. C. Archer 2, R. J. Johnston (cond.) 3, T. Pocock 4, R. Court 5, A. Bryant 6. For the treble ringer's 52nd wedding anniversary. First on the bells since rehanging.

CRANFORD, MIDDX.—On Sept. 8, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Maynard 1, Miss J. Richardson 2, P. Woodgyer 3, Miss B. Marchant 4, D. Fowles (cond.) 5, Miss S. Parker 6. For Evensong. Also as a farewell to Miss J. Maynard, who is leaving for Dartmouth, Devon.

EAST CROMPTON, LANCS.—On Sept. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. B. Hartley 1, W. T. Light (first 'inside') 2, R. Maher (first Grandsire Doubles) 3, D. Sanderson 4, J. T. Walmsley (first as conductor) 5, T. Ogden (first in method) 6. A farewell to the Rev. E. E. C. Smith, who is leaving this church to take the living of All Saints', Ripley, Derbyshire.

EASTON IN GORDANO, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Stitfall 1, S. Delve 2, Mrs. Simmonds 3, H. Carlsson 4, N. Coombs (cond.) 5, E. Light 6. Rung on the occasion of Mr. S. Delve's 70th birthday.

QUARTER PEALS

HANDSWORTH, BIRMINGHAM. — On August 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. L. Martin (first away from tenor) 1, A. R. Crump (first 'inside') 2, M. Hall 3, I. D. Thompson 4, A. N. Stubbs 5, P. M. Fleming 6. A first wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Michael Hall.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Sept. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Rankin 1, M. Bland 2, F. G. Richardson 3, R. Brown 4, A. J. Salisbury 5, D. Salisbury 6, F. V. Gant (cond.) 7, A. Ammerlann 8.

HUNTINGDON.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sept. 8th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: W. Ransome 1, D. E. R. Knights 2, E. J Parish 3, G. E. Crisp 4, H. S. Peacock 5, G. A. Lucas 6, S. Gilbert 7, M. Ginn (cond.) 8. For morning service.

KINGWESTON, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 8th, 1,260 Bob Doubles and Grandsire Doubles: J. Sinfield 1, A. Callow 2, June Gladman 3, F. J. White (cond.) 4, A. Bown 5.

LAUNTON, OXON.—On Sept. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. W. Ancil 1, D. Penn 2, J. Marriott 3, P. J. Steeples 4, F. Sharpe (cond.) 5, D. Jones 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Winifred E. Gregory.

LICHFIELD, STAFFS.—At the Cathedral, on Sept. 5th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: Diana J. Perrins 1, Ann R. Barr 2, C. M. Smith 3, W. J. V. Conduct 4, Joan Bedesford 5, J. E. Cawser 6, G. R. Hughes 7, J. B. Webb 8, D. Beresford (first of Stedman Caters as conductor) 9, P. Beresford 10. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memoriam Canon J. E. W. Wallis, Chancellor of the Cathedral, who was interred this day.

OLD MARSTON, OXFORD.—On Sept. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Peter B. May 1, Brian C. Machon 2, Alec Gammon 3, Michael Hallett 4, Roy H. Jones (cond.) 5. Rung for the wedding of Mr. Kenneth Jones to Miss Mavis Jones, the conductor's sister, which took place earlier in the day.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—At Emmanuel Church, on Sept. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Elizabeth Lyndon (Emmanuel, first quarter) 1, Mrs. A. Diserens 2, A. Diserens 3, G. Godard (Emmanuel) 4, H. H. Thomas (Emmanuel) 5, T. G. Myers (St. Andrew's) 6, F. E. Day (Emmanuel, cond.) 7, H. O. Thomas (Emmanuel) 8. A 36th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Godard, parents-in-law of the conductor.

ROCKWELL GREEN, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J .Kingscote (first quarter) 1, J. B. Morley (first of Doubles and method, cond.) 2, P. J. Bird 3, A. Cooke 4, W. Stevens 5, W. F. Slocombe 6.

SHOREDITCH, E.—At St. Leonard's Church, on Aug. 18th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: Miss M. Prockson 1, Mrs. R. F. Deal 2, A. R. Ling 3, W. Prockson 4, F. E. Hawthorne 5, B. F. Baker 6, C. A. Hughes 7, T. Earle 8, T. H. Francis (cond.) 9, J. R. Leeming 10. For Evensong.

SIDMOUTH, DEVON.—On Sept. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Joan Pollard (first quarter) 1, A. Mingo 2, B. Coles 3, H. Dyer 4, P. Davis (cond.) 5, E. Summers 6, K. Clarke 7, R. West (first quarter) 8. A farewell to Joan on leaving for college at Eastbourne.

WARMINSTER, WILTS.—On Sept. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Jones (first quarter) 1, L. Hawkins 2, A. Bull (first quarter) 3, N. Knee (cond.) 4, T. Mallard 5, P. Roynon 6. Rung as a compliment to the conductor and his wife on the birth of a son.

WICKHAMBREAUX, KENT.—On Sept. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. D. A. Chapman 1, S. White 2, D. A. Chapman (cond.) 3, D. Chatfield 4, S. Walter 5, B. J. Luck 6.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Sept. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Cox 1, A. Bishop 2, Anne Garnett 3, Susan Jacobs 4, P. Devenish 5, M. Sinden (cond.) 6, F. Corfield 7, E. Jacobs 8. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to the organist of this church, Mr. L. C. Morris, whose funeral was held earlier this day.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

After a lapse of over a year the name of Mr. H. Langdon reappears in the peal columns. Twelve months ago Mr. Langdon, whilst hurrying to Westminster Abbey to ring for the Battle of Britain service, slipped and fell heavily on his shoulder. The accident prevented him from taking part in active ringing for several months. An 80th birthday peal had been arranged last October for his brother, but this had to be postponed, and so the peal at St. Lawrence Jewry had to serve as a belated but none-the-less sincere birthday peal for William S. Langdon. Although in his 81st year, he rang his bell faultlessly.

Mr. Joseph E. Newman, of Hinton-on-the-Green, has just completed his first century of peals. Fifty of these have been rung at his home tower.

Mr. J. Lewis Cockey is leaving Winnipeg for Scotland. The state of his wife's health will not permit her to stand another winter in Canada. His new address is 6, Argyll Avenue, Stirling.

Mr. W. O. Haythorne, of Winchester, writes inquiring whether anyone has written a book on elementary change ringing, in Braille, which would assist a young and enthusiastic blind learner to study simple methods.

The Big Giant and Big Giantess-to-be have been visiting the land of the Piskies. After a successful peal attempt on the wild moorlands of West Penwith, the magical influences must have been at work, for the Senior Pisky's chariot (normally a most reliable vehicle) broke down in an isolated spot at the dead of night. However, the Little Elf managed to produce some adhesive plaster by which running repairs were effected, and the chief city of the land was reached in due course.

The nautical instincts of a member of the St. Peter's, Bexhill, band saved the company from incarceration at Benenden tower during an outing on September 7th. When the party came to leave they discovered the tower door locked, but the key was in the lock. With the aid of a spare bell rope he lowered himself through a window to the floor of the church and then calmly turned the key, thus liberating the party. Fearful visions of 'Nine Tailors' vanished in an instant.

At the age of 27 years and 5 months, Mr. Brian G. Warwick, hon. secretary of the Leicester Diocesan Guild, has completed 500 peals. He believes he is the youngest person to achieve this distinction. Mr. E. A. Barnett was six months older when he rang his 500th peal.

We regret to hear of the death at the age of 80 of Mr. Alfred Pratt, of Clifton, Beds, who was taken ill while on holiday at High Wycombe. His funeral was at High Wycombe on Sept. 10th. Of a jovial and friendly nature, he will be greatly missed at Clifton, where he was a regular Sunday ringer for many years.

The first peal has been rung at Chipping Campden, Glos. Mr. Geoffrey J. Hemming, who called the peal, was in an attempt on these old bells in 1934. He has written to Mr. Patrick A. Cannon, who is taking a band there in October, informing him that a good peal was rung (and it was a good peal). Hard lines, Pat!

The band who rang the quarter peal at Beaconsfield on Sunday evening, September 1st, would like to apologise to the visiting ringer who came into the belfry while it was in progress. They did not stop to give him a pull as the quarter had been specially arranged to enable a young member of the band to score her 'first in the method inside.'

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THOSE I REMEMBER

By ERNEST MORRIS

(Continued from page 564)

WITHIN two years of my joining the Midland Counties Association I was elected local secretary and, soon after, general hon. secretary, a position I held till the dissolution in 1945 into Diocesan Guilds. I followed Alfred Coningsby Wright, of Darley Dale—a good ringer and an excellent secretary. Later on, Alf C. W. composed a long length of Bristol Surprise, in which the 2nd never went above 4ths place. With the collaboration of F. H. Dexter, he extended it into a peal of 5,024 with the 2nd only 737 changes above 4ths. When we attempted the peal, with Harold J. Poole conducting, after the first course Alf set his bell and said: 'This is not my composition.' Dexter, in his colourful language, said: 'It blank well is—I have upended it' (or words to that effect). 'We can't have the 2nd sailing out behind at the last course.' We rang an excellent peal after that! Alf Wright rang exactly 100 peals, then, for some reason unaccounted for, left the art and is completely lost sight of.

FIRST PEAL ATTEMPT

As a youngster I wanted to call a peal and looked up Holt's 10-part. With a band of about my own age I tried this at Anstey. We got well beyond the halfway single, but in the reversed order of calling I got astray, so the peal was lost. However, the next week, at Melton Mowbray (that glorious Cathedral-like church), I tried again, and under the watchful eye of that fine old veteran, R. Henry Bartram, scored a very good peal.

The Bartram family is a well-known and respected one in the district, and at Buckminster I have seen memorials to them. In my genealogical researches I have found them in the 16th century. Old Harry would go anywhere for a peal, on any number up to 10 (there were no 12-bell towers here then), and for many years he led the Melton band with great zeal and success. His son, Ernest, is a grand ringer, too, but illness and other matters have kept him away for some time. I was delighted to meet him recently, when he came specially to Asfordby to greet me on my 1,700th peal.

A MILLIONAIRE PEAL RINGER

As general hon. secretary of the Midland Counties Association, I met many well-known ringers over a wide area. I recall one occasion of a meeting at Burton-on-Trent when the late Albert Ward, of Derby, said to me: 'Mr. W. W. Worthington particularly wants to meet you.' After my secretarial work was over, he (W. W. W.) was introduced to me in St. Modwen's belfry. He—looking down on me—(he was well over six feet tall) said: 'I meant the Ernest Morris who rings these bad-going tenors in outlandish places.' On my pleading guilty, he remarked: 'You have given me an awful shock. You are nothing like I imagined you. I expected a man about 60, broad of shoulder, with arms like the village blacksmith! Never mind, pick a good band and call me a touch of Stedman.'

Mr. Worthington rang 50 peals, but in later life was too busy making money (he was a millionaire) to ring peals, but he always had one day every year when he gathered together all his old Burton-on-Trent friends and had a tour of the surrounding district, ringing at churches he had either rung peals or given bells, and finishing up with a grand dinner at his lovely home—Maple Hayes, Lichfield. He died in November, 1949, and I attended his funeral service, afterwards conducting a muffled peal to his memory at Netherseal. He was president of the Midland Counties Guild and donor of over 20 bells to different churches.

I had the great pleasure of attending one of the above-mentioned ringing re-unions (thanks to Mr. John Oldham, of Loughborough Bell Foundry, taking me) and met a distinguished company. Among them were the Swinfields (father and son) and at the dinner Maurice Swinfield 'rang' a grand touch of Stedman Triples on the piano, called by that wonderful 'young-old' man, James George.

THE WEDNESDAY BAND

At that time the Derby and Burton ringers had a Wednesday band and rang a series of peals over a wide area, nearly always Stedman Triples, and Maurice Swinfield specialised in calling a different composition every time—he called over 100. I had the happiness to join in occasionally and called one or two with them, James George always on 7th if Triples, and the tenor if Major!!

Looking Back 50 Years

In his recollections of the Central Council in the last 50 years contributed to 'The Belfry,' Mr. E. H. Lewis writes:

'In the early days there were long discussions on theoretical aspects of ringing. One I very well remember. The Rev. H. Law James propounded the theory that Stedman really meant his method to be called what we call Erin, and that the quick sixes were bobs. He had modelled his 120 of Doubles on the old six-score of Grandsire, with every other six bobbed—just as every other lead in Roan's six-score of Grandsire Doubles is bobbed. The discussion was long and to most members very boring. Finally, Sam Wood, of Ashton-under-Lyne, proposed an amendment that 'Stedman be left as it was in father's time.' Sir Arthur Heywood, who was obviously anxious to close the subject, accepted the amendment and put it to the meeting, who passed it at once with a large majority and feeling of relief . . . .

'The best strikers among the clergy whom I remember were those who learnt to ring before they were ordained. One can imagine the reason.'

This 'Wednesday' band had among its regulars Charles Draper, of Derby, with his rosy cheeks, shaggy beard, flat hat, umbrella and all! He was a most lovable character and rang over 400 peals. He was for many years connected with St. Andrew's and St. Alkmund's Churches in Derby, but finished his career at Duffield, where he passed away in March, 1938, aged 73.

Another 'good lad' of this company was James Pagett, whose antics both within and without the belfry often dismayed the company. He was one of the few men who could ring two tower bells with ease and precision and, although he rang several quarters, never rang a full 5,000 this way. He once sent me what he called a new 'method' of producing a six-score of Doubles, which for a long time puzzled me, but like, all his 'leg-pulls,' turned out to be a disguised extent of Grandsire.

Joseph Bailey, of Long Eaton, was another of this company, and he could be found (when on duty) on the platform of Trent Station. James S. Hutchley was often roped in. He was of Loughborough and a good ringer of standard methods. He took part in the 13,400 Bob Major which I called there. He rang 220 peals, and passed away in March, 1937, aged 75.

TENOR SPECIALISTS

Often in these Stedman Triples peals the tenor was rung by John Curtis, of Ashby-de-la-Zouch—he could ring 'inside' if needed—and this recalls the fact that his father and he respectively rang the tenor at Staunton Harold private church to the last two peals rung on them (50 years apart), the last of which I had the honour to conduct.

One who we still have with us, but whose name we miss greatly, is Richard C. Belton, of Barwell. He took part in scores of these unusual compositions of Stedman—'What do you do now on Wednesdays, Dick?' Occasionally they got that enthusiastic Joseph W. Cotton to take part, and he (Joe) can tell the tale better than I about some of the peals with this delightful cosmopolitan band. They are all sadly missed.

ARTHUR CRAVEN

Although I never rang a peal with him, I met Arthur Craven many times at meetings in and around the Chesterfield area. He was an outstanding member of the Exercise—not so much as a peal ringer, but as a composer of great ability in both method construction and ordinary compositions. He died in 1930 at Sheffield. He and Arthur Knights were prolific in producing compositions, the latter keeping Chesterfield bells going week after week to different peals of Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Plain and Treble Bob Royal.

I recall on one occasion the late Joseph E. Sykes—'Uncle Joe' to everyone— had arranged to call one of Arthur Knights' special peals of Bob Royal. He invited me to be in it and, at a late moment asked me to call it, stressing the fact that it **must** be that particular composition (a multi-bob and single peal). When we were ready to start, Joe Sykes told Arthur Knights I was calling it, and he (A. K.) was so concerned that it **must** be this composition, made a mistake in the first course, so we started again and rang a most excellent peal. Mr. Knights rang well over 600 peals and had over 1,200 of his compositions rung. He died in 1939, aged 79 years.

SIX FOOT AND WHISKERS

'Uncle' Joe Sykes, mentioned above, was also called 'Six Foot and Whiskers,' owing to his long, scraggy figure and his little ginger 'nanny-goat' beard. He was a notable character who could—and did—talk and argue on any mortal subject. He was a good linguist and on this account was sent abroad to many different countries by his firm (gas plant installation). I first got in touch with him when he was in Belgium and he asked for 'pen friends' to write him. From that time onwards I had cards from him from all over the world as far removed as Canada and Manchuria, South Africa and the Continent. When here in England he invariably hunted out the ringers and arranged peals, his favourite method being 'Yorkshire Glory' (Kent Treble Bob) and he had an ambition to call every possible number between 5,000 and 6,000, and all must be by Arthur Knights. I rang in several of these. For his first peal of Doubles he travelled over 80 miles to get me to call it at Escrick, near York, while I was in the Army, in 1918. I have in my possession the very last message he wrote before his death, in Copenhagen in 1929.

(To be continued.)

Next week's issue of
'The Ringing World'
will be a special Irish Number
with photographs of towers of
Southern Ireland
and a
Descriptive and Entertaining Account
of the recent tour

ON HOLIDAY IN SCOTLAND

DOVE tells us of only 14 rings in Scotland and five of these are in two cities. It was not primarily a ringing tour, but bells could not be passed by.

The detached tower of All Saints', Inveraray, which owes its existence to the late Duke of Argyll, is visible for some distance although the church is hidden. The ten bells, cast by Taylors in 1920, are beautifully decorated with designs of vine and oak and a few changes on the Ellacombe chimes soon proved the beauty of tone.

The original intention was to join the tower to the church, presumably also enlarging the church, but of this there now seems little hope as the episcopalian congregation is very small and cannot support a full-time priest, and the tower itself is in need of repair. Instead of louvres the large windows of the bell chamber are filled with stone tracery so are much more open to the weather, and the floor below the bells has suffered in consequence; several of the rope bosses have fallen out of the rotten wood. Below, for one floor only, the walls are about five feet thick, and here in the narrow window apertures we found stalactite-like formations, some with corresponding stalagmites.

Inquiring for ringers, we were told that the last ringer died 'a year or two ago' but that the bells are chimed regularly. We were directed to Mr. Robert Morrison, who very kindly gave us permission to ring and chime as we liked to greet the pleasure steamer which was almost due to dock. There were no ropes; a peal band some time ago had brought their own, but a few spare chiming ropes solved the problem. With yards of stretch and a knot where the salley should have been, it was possible to raise three bells, including the tenor, which went up right side without checking.

FIVE AT OBAN

In search of something for Sunday morning we were directed to the newly-built R.C. Cathedral at Oban. Dove does not mention these five bells, which came from Italy some five years ago. They were presented by the late Marquis of Bute, but it was only 18 months to two years ago that funds were available to hang them. They are hung dead in a frame about 12 feet above the floor of the bell chamber, which is almost dark. As far as could be seen and felt there are no inscriptions. The tenor looks to be about nine cwt. Two very small boys went up and chimed them for about ten minutes.

As we arrived at Inverness hymn tunes were being played most expertly on the Ellacombe chimes for evening service. We met Mr. Davidson at the foot of the tower and he obtained permission for us to return later to ring. Very heavy ropes were too low and several stays were missing: in attempting to set a bell, mistakenly said to have a stay, the inevitable happened. The sound of the bells brought two more visitors to the tower. A few call changes were fairly well struck, but the bells did not go well.

Mr. Davidson, who has himself begun to learn to handle a bell, would be glad of help to get a band going. J.W. and M. W.



Detached Tower. All Saints' Church. Inveraray

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Western District at Dersingham

The quarterly meeting of the Western Branch, held at Dersingham on August 31st, was supported by 40 members and visitors from London, Bedford, Cambridge, Essex, Leicester, Lincoln and Suffolk.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. W. P. Tippin) and Mr. E. Greenacre read the lesson. Tea was prepared and served in the Church Rooms by the wives and friends of the local band.

At the business meeting the Vicar presided in the absence of the Rev. R. G. Dodson, Branch chairman, away on holiday. A letter from the local press relating to the nuisance of the bells at one of the Norfolk towers was read. This caused quite a long discussion, but it was agreed that no more action be taken and it was better for the subject to 'die a natural death.'

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar, the organist, and the ladies for arranging tea. The Vicar suitably replied.

The ringers then enjoyed more ringing on the tower bells, under the watchful eye of Mr. C. V. Ebberson, who did much in arranging methods to suit all tastes and capabilities.

The next interim meeting is to be held at Gressenhall on October 5th, and the quarterly meeting at North Creake on November 30th.

A CHESTER GUILD TOUR

THE Stockport Branch of the Chester Guild and the Manchester Branch of the Lancashire Association are both fortunate in having a goodly number of young ringers showing great promise, who for some time now have been attending the 'Surprise' practice at Hazel Grove. A week of peal ringing was arranged to enable them to ring peals in some of the methods they have been practising.

The week turned out to be quite successful, as all the peal attempted were 'scored.' One member of the party remarked at the conclusion that the report would look like the Milky Way, and that in some measure shows the progress that has been made in recent months.

Towers visited and methods rung can be seen in our peal columns, and the bells, in most cases, were not new to us. However, we were set about by all the usual snags of peal tours, and perhaps a few unusual ones. On Monday, for example, seven of us waited patiently for the eighth, who at that time was crossing the Channel, and it is doubtful if his thoughts reached Kent, never mind Yorkshire, so we were pleased to ring Bob Major, giving Jim Blowers, of the local band, a chance for his first peal.

A knocking on the door at Eccles made us think that not everyone in the town appreciated our efforts, so for their benefit we made the time as short as we could—at least that's one of the tenor-man's tales. Bredbury treated us to our one and only broken rope; however, a replacement was available, for which we were thankful, though it wasn't 'noted for easy handling and non-stretching.'

The highlight of the week was Cambridge Royal at Stockport St. Mary's, where peal attempts are few and far between. We were pleased to have Jack Bibby with us, and he has now rung peals on all the tens in the county. The week was rounded off with Double Norwich, and for the peal we welcomed Michael Crowder, of Barton-on-Humber, to the folds of the Chester Guild.

Despite the 'Milky Way,' some people managed to get away without a star, though one of these admitted he ought to have one—well, at least a dagger! It's the first time Ted Jenkins has rung Plain Bob and Oxford on a peal tour!

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A BOB AT HALF LEAD

Dear Sir,—After seeing the 5,152 Cambridge Surprise Major by Harry Poyner on page 584 of 'The Ringing World,' I was tempted to see what effect this type of bob has on Plain Bob Major. This is not original, no doubt, but it may interest someone.

The bob at the middle of the first lead (bob at ½) has the following effect:—

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64827153
68472513   BOB
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The bob has the same result as a bob at the end of the first lead (Wrong) but one complete lead is cut out, the tenors being in the position they occupy at the end of the second lead.

Hence a bob at ½ has the same effect as a bob at Wrong and cuts out one lead.

A bob at 1½ has the same effect as a bob at V. and cuts out one lead, etc.

A bob at 3½ has the same effect as a bob BEFORE but does not change the length of the course.

By using this type of bob, then, many touches may be shortened considerably.

W V. IV. M H may be called:—
½ V. IV. 5½ H which consists of 48 changes instead of 80.

Here are some short touches reduced by this method.

Original calling

80
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— — 45236
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— — 23456

New calling

48
½ V. IV. 5½ H 23456
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½ 3½ B 5½ H 23456
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—Yours faithfully,

ANDREW J. SALISBURY.

Hornchurch, Essex.

CUMBERLANDS v. COLLEGE YOUTHS AT CRICKET

Dear Sir,—The cricket match between the Cumberlands and the College Youths, which Cecil Ebberson recalls, was played on July 17th, 1914, at Mitcham Green, Surrey, when, to quote the report in 'The Ringing World,' 'the weather and everything else was perfect.' I was a Cumberland in those days, and we won the match by two runs—33 to 31—thanks largely to the Master (J. D. Matthews), who took six wickets for 18.

The teams, beside Jack Matthews and myself, were Robert Warner (the bellfounder), Cecil Matthews, Harold Burton, James Hunt, J. A. Trollope, D. Ellingham, J. C. Adams, A. S. Miller, W. Jakeman, Alfred W. Grimes, Herbert Langdon, Albert A. Hughes, Tom Faulkner (the Master of the College Youths), John W. Golding, Sedley J. Collins, H. J. Walton, E. Attwater, C. H. Auston (son of John Austin), R. N. Runham, A. S. Miller, H. Wagstaff (who took six Cumberland wickets for 7) and H. Gowlett. The ball was presented by Abraham G. Freeman, uncle of 'Tich' Freeman. Edith Parker (Mrs. G. W. Fletcher) was one of the scorers and her father umpired for us.

I myself have played one match since, but my son-in-law tells me that Bert Langdon and Bert Hughes both retired from the game after the match.—Yours. F. I. HAIRS.

No 'Impots' When Teachers Ring a Peal

Included in the school teachers' peal of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild on September 7th were Miss Kathleen Fletcher, who in recent times has made a name for herself at Bournemouth, and Mr. Sydney Bailey, who came from South Wales to teach at High Wycombe.

The conductor informs us that he didn't have to set anyone the imposition of writing out 100 times the plain course of Grandsire Triples!

The peal was duly rung without a hitch—except when the treble once tried to make thirds!

THE CHELMSFORD MEETING

Dear Sir,—If Mr. Humphriss was present at the Chelmsford meeting he is obviously writing with his tongue in his cheek, and if he was not present he is in no position to assess the merit or otherwise of any contribution to any debate no matter from which source.

Should he be sufficiently interested in what I have said and will let me have his address I will send him the actual details, prepared before I left for Chelmsford, although the salient points are contained in my previous letter to you on this subject.—Yours faithfully,

BERNARD C. ASHFORD.

9, Bowling Green Lane,
Stourbridge.

MR. T. CULLINGWORTH'S PEAL TOUR

Dear Sir,—I should like to congratulate Mr. Tom Cullingworth and his party, with special reference to Mark Lancefield, for the very high standard of striking they maintained during their tour of Surrey and Sussex. As they recorded much of their ringing on a tape-recorder, I was able to hear the ringing as clearly as if I had been outside the tower. Their striking was absolutely first-class, and an example to all. It can be equalled, but certainly not excelled. They also set a standard of method ringing which will take a lot of beating. Well done, everyone!—Yours, A. PATRICK CANNON.

MR. F. B. LUFKIN'S 400 PEALS

Mr. Frank B. Lufkin, of Bocking, has now rung 400 peals, of which he conducted 248. They have been rung in 136 towers for 20 Associations. The list includes two long-length peals—a 9,000 and a 12,740. Details are appended:—

TOWER BELLS

Doubles.—Grandsire 3 (conducted 2), 2 methods 1 (1), 4 methods 1 (1).

Minor.—1 method 20 (13), 2 methods 4 (3), 3 methods 13 (12), 4 methods 15 (14), 5 methods 8 (8), 6 methods 3 (3), 7 methods 14 (10), 8 methods 1 (1), 9 methods 1, 10 methods 2 (1), 11 methods 1 (1), 14 methods 1 (1), 17 methods 1 (1), 19 methods 1 (1), 24 methods 1 (1), 26 methods 1 (1), 30 methods 1 (1), 35 methods 1 (1), 40 methods 1 (1), 42 methods 1 (1).

Triples.—Grandsire 18 (11), Stedman 5 (3).

Major.—Plain Bob 44 (34), Double Bob 1 (1), Pershore 1, Winchester 1, Longney 1 (1), Marlborough 1 (1), Hedingham 1 (1), Kent 32 (27), Oxford 9 (6), Oxford and Kent 3 (3), Cambridge 1 (1), Double Norwich 22 (11), Little Oxford 1 (1).

Surprise Major.—Cambridge 21 (9), New Cambridge 1 (1), Yorkshire 10 (2), Superlative 5, Bristol 5, London 7, Belgrave 3, Lincolnshire 3, Ipswich 2, 2 Spliced 1 (1), 6 Spliced 1, 10 Spliced 1, one each of Painswick, Pudsey, Ashtead, Boveney, Chiltern, Norfolk, Withyham, Rutland, Ealing, Southwell, Berkshire.

Caters.—Grandsire 12 (12), Stedman 9 (4).

Royal.—Plain Bob 18 (14), Little 2 (1), Erith Little 1, Kent 11 (8), Oxford 2 (2), Cambridge 2 (1), Cambridge Surprise 10 (4), New Cambridge 1 (1), Albanian 1 (1), Lindsey 1 (1), Yorkshire 3, Belgrave 1, Prittlewell 1.

Cinques.—Grandsire 3 (2), Stedman 7.

Maximus.—Plain Bob 1, Kent T.B. 2 (1).

HANDBELLS.—Minor in 1 method 4.

Total 400 (248).

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

On August 31st the Northern District arranged a meeting at Kelvedon. In this 14th century tower hangs the heaviest ring of six bells in Essex, with the Festival of Britain bell as the tenor. These bells were made good use of during the afternoon and evening. The Rev. T. Everett conducted the service in the absence of the Vicar, who was on holiday.

Tea was served in St. Mary's Hall by Mrs. Eady and the Mothers' Union. Afterwards the business meeting was presided over by the Rev. T. Everett, supported by Miss H. G. Snowden (District Master) and Mr. R. C. Heazel (Master of the Association). It was reported that the five bells from All Saints', Colchester, were to be rehung at Little Horkesley and further money was still required. Funds are also needed to rehang Kelvedon bells. Great Bardfield was chosen for the next meeting in November.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Rev. T. Everett, Mr. J. Elliott and Mrs. Eady.

BOUGHTON ALUPH

Dear Sir,—I must take the opportunity to thank Mr. P. N. Bond for his correction to my note on Boughton Aluph bells. They were five in number, not four, as I thought when writing, and I had also forgotten about the final disposal of the bells as scrap. Were they scrapped? Another interesting detail connected with this church is that it was one of the stopping places for pilgrims on the pilgrims' way to and from Canterbury. This track passed through Eastwell Park, not far from Eastwell Church. Charing was the next stopping place on towards Winchester.—Yours truly,

GEORGE H. HEAD.

Hanworth, Mddx.

AMONG THE FOURS IN NORTH BEDFORDSHIRE

Spurred on by a sense of adventure and by recent correspondence in 'The Ringing World,' an intrepid party of four of St. Paul's, Bedford, young ringers 'sallied' forth into the wilds of North Bedfordshire on August 20th. A trusting father lent the band his car, and hence a prompt start at 9 a.m. was made for the first tower, St. Mary's, Oulton, which recently appeared in these columns with the first quarter on the bells. As the tour was strictly impromptu we were not surprised to be unable to get the tower until the Vicar returned to give permission.

We then pushed on to our next tower-to-be, St. Mary's, Poddington, right up in the topmost corner of the county, where the Vicar gave us a hearty welcome. The bells (tenor about 9 cwt., 37in. diam.) were all on one level in what appeared to be a pretty stout frame only just under the spire. After a great deal of adjustment and replacement of the ropes the bells were rung up very gingerly. All the clappers turned out to be very loose and much in need of rebushing. When J. B. L. rang the tenor up—after superhuman efforts to reach the balance—he was rewarded by the bell setting deeper and deeper and deeper. Later investigations revealed the absence of a slider. However, the bells were eventually 'beefed' into action for a few (few!) rounds and call-changes. With some oil and a little attention to the bearings, these tuneful and mellow bells could become quite a ringable set. A list of jobs considered necessary to be done to the bells was presented to the Vicar, who promised to have something done. He then gave us a very interesting history of the church.

At the Church of St. Lawrence, Wynnington, the bells were found to be totally derelict except for possibly the third and tenor. The bells, mostly more or less without wheels, are hung high under the spire in three tiers, although the treble is unhung and stands on the floor at the bottom of the tower in the ringing chamber-cum-brush cupboard. The treble, cast by W. Blews, of Birmingham, in 1873, appears never to have been hung. The second and third are of note as they are both pre-Reformation bells. The tenor is in the region of 16¼ cwt. and very savagely chip tuned. It appeared, by the sound of things, that the five bells were definitely not in a scale!!

Lunch was next on the list—being taken at Newton Bromswold. Unfortunately the church was locked so no 'grab' was made. St. Mary's, Yeldon, were known to be ringable and so the Vicar was tackled, who was no doubt a little perturbed to have a motley collection of ringers asking him for his bells when he had only been three days in the parish! However, the local tower captain saved the day, and the bells, rung from the ground floor, were raised in peal. The bells are a musical four although with rather a shallow tone. They are all pretty old, treble 1717, second 1660, third 1617, the tenor, a very fine William Watts alphabet bell of 1610, weighing 7½–8 cwt., being hung in a frame installed around 1880. On the first really ringable bells of the day, Plain, Reverse and Double Bob Minimus was brought round in fine style. The long pull and unguided ropes provided a few anxious moments but all was under control soon.

Our final visit was to Carlton, where we hoped that by now we could get permission. After a tour of the village and being directed to the Old Vicarage we finally located the Vicar and were given a warm welcome. We found the bells very musical and tuneful, although a little strident in tone. As they are rung in a steel frame put in by Gillett and Johnston about 1929 the 'go' is all that can be desired. At the same time the bells were retuned. They are a very old ring—treble 1602, second 1868, third pre-1520 and cast by Thomas Newcombe of Leicester, and the tenor, cast by J. Saunders of Reading about 1540 (weight 9 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in A flat, diam, 38in.). Altogether a really pleasing handy ring which would make a grand five or six. Again our usual Plain, Reverse and Double Bob was skilfully accomplished, and the bells lowered in peal. With many thanks to the Vicar we turned the car for Bedford to deliver everyone (surprisingly) safe and sound at the end of a highly entertaining and successful 'grab.'

P. J. S.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

The summer meeting of the Society took place at Elford on August 31st. Those who have the idea that Staffordshire is a county made up of industrial areas would do well to visit this delightful village and the beautiful countryside surrounding it. The tree-lined approach to the fine parish church is most imposing.

Having in mind the somewhat remote situation of this village near Tamworth, the attendance at the meeting—68—was most gratifying. The Vicar (Rev. W. J. Bower) and his churchwardens gave the visitors a warm welcome. Unlimited ringing to suit all tastes during the afternoon and evening, a well-attended service with some hearty singing, followed by a bountiful tea served in the Village Hall, and a typical country hostelry in the village in which to partake of further refreshment before leaving for home, helped to make the meeting most enjoyable and one to remember.

Following tea, thanks were expressed to Rev. W. J. Bower and his wardens, organist, lady helpers and members of the local band for their efforts towards the success of the meeting. The bells, a ring of six with a 7 cwt. tenor, were easy to handle but not too musical outside the tower.

The next meeting of the Society will be a joint one with the Northern Branch of the Worcestershire Association at Kinver on October 19th.

SWANSEA & BRECON GUILD

Southern District

The small attendance at the quarterly meeting held at Gorseinon on August 31st was compensated by the pleasant and satisfactory ringing throughout the afternoon. The two ringers from St. Albans, we are sure, enjoyed their ringing before continuing their journey to Cardigan.

The service at 4 p.m. was conducted by the Vicar (Canon Sydney Morris) and afterwards about 25 sat down to an excellent tea in the Church Hall.

At the business meeting, which was presided over by the Vicar, it was agreed to hold the annual meeting of the District in December, and the other two meetings alternately at the same place as the Llandaff and St. David's Guild meetings. One new member was elected. Sketty was proposed for the December meeting.

We were pleased to see Mr. Chris Hawkins, the St. David's general secretary, at the meeting. He has made a rapid recovery since his illness, and we hope he will continue to improve in health. Mr. John T. Williams proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar and organist. Ringing continued until 7.45 p.m.

J. A. H.

CYCLING IN ESSEX

As a variation to the usual coach and car outings, the Walthamstow ringers, augmented by friends from Woodford, Bedford and Waltham Abbey, enjoyed (endured?) a cycling tour round a number of village towers in deepest Essex, sampling rings from five to twelve.

Getting off to a cheating start by putting the cycles on a train to Bishops Stortford, the first tower, Great Hallingbury, was reached in comfort and provided a difficult and unrewarding five, in which the treble ringer stands enmeshed, spider-like, amid a tangle of chiming ropes. Hatfield Broad Oak brought us the only octave of the day, a most pleasant one, where Bill Dowler joined us, having valiantly cycled from Hitchin after missing his connection from Bedford, via Cambridge, to Stortford. The last tower of the morning was Matching (5), whence we repaired to a picnic lunch on the spacious and charming green.

The afternoon's first call was at Moreton, a pleasing six, where the writer had a time-wasting contretemps when attempting to utilise an unstable five-barred gate as a mounting stone, and we were joined by the ebullient L**n*l W***s, who provided a diagram of a method to be learned, the name to be announced after it was rung. The day, incidentally, provided those more used to ten bells with opportunities to try out for the first time St. Martin's, St. Simon's and other Doubles methods, which provided much enjoyment and interest.

Bobbingworth (6) bells are rung from the open porch. Another fine Essex red-brick tower at North Weald yielded a further six, then on to Epping for tea, amid a wealth of the lowest beetle-ridden beams seen on any outing.

Cutting across Epping Forest we reached Epping Upland (6) and attempted L. W.'s unnamed method. The first unsuccessful attempt contained so many gaps that the more facetious members of the party might have suggested a name and would, in fact, have been right for, following a completed course, Lionel announced the name—Cumberland Bob!

A final half-hour's ring at Waltham Abbey's 12 concluded a very pleasant day, following which the party enjoyed until too late an hour the hospitality of Michael Austin's house. Our thanks are due to Robert Chapman for the success of the first outing he has organised, and to incumbents and others for the use of their bells.

IN THE CHEDDAR VALLEY

A party of ringers from Nailsea, Backwell, Long Ashton, Bristol, Uphill and the R.A.F. at Locking enjoyed a half-day outing in the Cheddar Valley on August 31st.

The fine eight at Wedmore were first visited, followed by the six at Wookey, where the fifth ringer hides behind the clock and where a good course of London Minor was brought round. Next came the eight at St. Cuthbert's, Wells, where both tower and bells were greatly admired, although perhaps we did not do justice to the latter.

Following tea at The Olde Gate-house Hotel, overlooking the Cathedral Green (which can be recommended), the party then moved on to Dinder, also with a large clock in the ringing chamber. Two separate courses of Norwich Surprise Minor were rung here.

The final call was at Rodney Stoke, where due to the enthusiasm of the local ringers, assisted by Mr. Wickham, of Cheddar, three of the four bells have recently been rehung on new headstocks and ball-bearings supplied by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. We rang Plain, Double, and Erin Minimus, Grandsire Doubles without a treble, and most difficult of all, it seemed, some call-changes conducted by one of the local band.

M. J. H.

WEDDINGS

At Trowbridge

Mr. F. Slatford, assistant secretary, Salisbury Diocesan Guild, and Miss Doreen Turnbull, of Trowbridge, were married at Holy Trinity Church, Trowbridge, on September 7th in the presence of a large congregation, including many ringers. The choral service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. K. R. S. Rintoul) and Mr. J. Flay was the organist.

The bride was given in marriage by Mr. John Sitch, her brother-in-law, and was attended by Miss Shirley Stevens and Miss Elizabeth Sitch, her niece. The best man was Mr. Lawrence Hitchens.

As there are no bells at the church, North Bradley ringers, under Mr. P. Harding, rang handbells as the happy couple left the church. The reception was held at Wingfield House, after which Mr. and Mrs. Slatford left for their honeymoon.

The many presents included a cheque from the general committee of the S.D.G.R. (the Guild general secretary, Mr. W. C. West, was present to represent the Guild) and a barometer from the bridegroom's fellow ringers at North Bradley.

Mr. and Mrs. Slatford will reside at The Haven, 35, Westbury Road, Yarnbrook, near Trowbridge.

At Willingham

The wedding took place on August 24th at Willingham Parish Church of Mr. Geoffrey A. Lucas, District Ringing Master of the Ely District, and Miss Margaret R. Jeeps, an honorary member of the Ely Association. The ceremony was conducted by the rector (Canon F. Bywaters), and the bridesmaids were the two young daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Mansfield Ginn. Mr. Peter Lucas, the bridegroom's brother, carried out the duties of best man and the ushers were Messrs. R. E. G. Jeeps (England international scrum-half), the bride's cousin, and D. E. R. Knights (Ely District secretary).

As the bridal couple left the church the bells were rung by members of the local band and friends, and immediately after their departure for a honeymoon at Bournemouth a peal of Surprise Minor was rung by members of the Association, its success being reported to the bridegroom by telephone. D. K.

THE LADIES' GUILD

Central District

A meeting of the Central District was held at the Church of Immanual and St. Leonard's, Streatham, on August 31st. Ringing commenced at Immanual at 3.45 and various methods were rung including some Surprise.

We should like to express our thanks to the Rev. Mr. Rowdon, who kindly conducted the service in the absence of the Vicar. Tea was held in the Church Hall and was followed by a business meeting. Our thanks go to Mrs. Collins, who provided an excellent tea.

Nine members were present and were more than grateful to the 15 or so visitors who came along to support them. After tea, ringing continued at St. Leonard's.

The next meeting will be on November 30th at Twickenham. H. T.

GREAT HOLLAND, ESSEX.—On Sept. 9th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: D. West 1, Mrs. P. Mills 2, Miss H. Stewart 3, Miss M. Mills (cond.) 4, L. Sharp 5, W. Rouse 6, D. Welham 7, U. Wildney 8.

RUGBY, WARWICKS.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Sept. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. Murden 1, W. Vann 2, S. Osborne (cond.) 3, A. Barlow 4, P. Howitt 5, R. Gibbons 6, J. Underwood 7, C. Underwood 8. Rung for Matins, and as a wedding compliment to the Rev. and Mrs. P. R. Henwood, who were married at Stoneleigh on August 31st.

OUTINGS

SOMERTON, SOMERSET

This year's outing will be remembered especially for the beautiful drive in bright sunshine along the coast road between Weymouth and Lyme Regis.

On September 7th, ringers from Somerton and round about, joined by two friends from Bedfordshire, rang between them a total of 40 bells, which they found nicely hung in six solid little square grey towers in Dorset—no, one was pebble-dash, not grey. The morning started 'lightly' with ringing from the ground floor at Evershot (6, 9¼ cwt.) and Preston (6, 12¾ cwt.), the small church serving the large holiday caravan site.

After lunch at Weymouth the coach proceeded to Wyke Regis (8, nearly 17 cwt.), where some 6-bell ringers enjoyed one of their rare chances to ring Triples and Major. Down in the churchyard cameras were produced, and some group photos taken round the lychgate. At Abbotsbury (6, 12¾ cwt.) ringers can look down from the gallery into the whitewashed nave: the only regret here was that time did not allow a visit to the swannery.

Then tea at Bridport, and on to the best tower of the day, Lyme Regis (8, 10¼ cwt.), where the bells run round so smoothly that one is tempted to think that no effort is needed on the part of the ringers. The day's ringing ended at Broadwindsor (6, about 14 cwt.), where a short touch of Cambridge was successfully brought round.

The party would like to thank the incumbents and captains of towers.

House Rating Reduced Because Of Bells

Mr. W. R. Honey and Mrs. E. P. Honey, of 1, Church Road, Gosport, had their rating assessment reduced from £70 gross value to £65 gross value by Gosport Valuation Court because of the bells of Alverstoke Church.

Mr. Honey told the court that the house faced the church. He said:—

'We hear the chimes night and day. The bells are rung at 8 every morning and for one-and-a-half hours' practising every Friday evening.

'Friends who have stayed with us all complain that they cannot sleep in the front rooms because of the bells.'

The appellants also complained that the road was used as a car park by churchgoers.

In suggesting a reduced assessment, the Deputy Valuation Officer (Mr. N. H. Jones) said: 'I don't like church bells myself, but they have been there some years—and so has Mr. Honey.'

BALDOCK AND NORTON

Totternhoe's light eight were the first bells for the Baldock and Norton bands' half-day outing on August 31st. Those who were not ringing could either watch the soaring gliders or examine some maps and archives of the parish and St. Giles'.

We went to Leighton Buzzard, with its heavy ten, then on to the outskirts of Woburn, where the Birchmoor Arms provided a very satisfying meal. The 24 cwt. octave at St. Mary's was much enjoyed: Double Norwich went particularly well. Bristol was attempted at the last tower for the day, Maulden, but unfortunately was not successful. Everyone agreed that even the dull weather had not spoilt a pleasant outing. J. S.

QUARTER PEALS

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Margaret E. Perry 1, Pamela R. Gough 2, S. W. Brown 3, I. C. Forrest 4, H. W. Brown (cond.) 5, M. W. Stephenson 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of a much-loved ringer, George A. Steele, who rang in this tower for 64 years, and died on September 1st at Eythorne, Kent, aged 85 years.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On Aug. 25th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: H. Wingrove (cond.) 1, Dorothy Fletcher 2, M. Broadley (first in method) 3, Kathleen Fletcher 4, J. Harrison 5, W. Edwards 6, D. Lamb 7, A. Bridges 8. For Evensong. Also on Sept. 1st, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: H. Wingrove (cond.) 1, Dorothy R. Fletcher 2, Kathleen E. Fletcher 3, G. Swift 4, J. Harrison 5, W. Edwards 6, D. Lamb 7, A. Bridges 8. For morning service. Also 1,264 Plain Bob Major: H. Wingrove (cond.) 1, Ann Shiels (first 'inside') 2, Kathleen Fletcher 3, D. Lamb 4, J. Harrison 5, J. Meads 6, Dorothy Fletcher 7, A. Bridges 8. For Evensong.

CARLTON, BEDS.—On Sept. 4th, 1,272 Bob Minimus: Mrs. S. Smith 1, Rodney Walker 2, Albert Franklin 3, Peter Wakeman (cond.) 4.

CHURCH KIRK, LANCS.—On Sept. 10th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Charles Clegg 1, Geoffrey Salmon (first quarter) 2, Leslie Leonard 3, J. Barry Pickup 4, Fred Read 5, Laurence J. Williams (cond.) 6.

KINGTON ST. MICHAEL, WILTS.—On Aug. 29th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: G. C. Weeks 1, T. Gray 2, A. F. Lee 3, R. A. Southwood 4, R. O. Fry (cond.) 5, P. W. Weeks 6.

SAWLEY, DERBYSHIRE.—On Sept. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. I. Simpson 1, Miss L. Turner 2, Mr. T. W. Robinson 3, Mr. A. Hickton 4, Mr. J. Harvey 5, Mr. W. E. Simpson (cond.) 6, Mr. R. Newsum (cover) 7. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Miss D. Ostick, daughter of Mr. B. Ostick, choirman of this church; also a compliment to the mother of the ringer of the second, on the birth of a son.

SCARBOROUGH, YORKS.—On Sept. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ed. Hudson (Ripon) 1, T. H. Taffender (London) 2, F. Dewey (Boston) 3, Wm. Hudson 4, H. Spencer 5, G. W. Frayne 6, B. Sutton (cond.) 7, Geo. Beach 8. For Evensong, and as a farewell to G. W. Frayne, who is leaving Scarborough for Banstead.

TALGARTH, BRECONSHIRE.—On Sept. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Vera M. Powell 1, Walter Chick 2, James W. Murphy (first quarter) 3, William G. Smith 4, David H. Bennett (cond.) 5, John Parry 6. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Smith on the occasion of their silver wedding.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.—On Aug. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, on handbells: R. A. Southwood 1-2, R. O. Fry (cond.) 3-4, A. F. Lee (first on handbells) 5-6.

WESTBURY, WILTS.—On Sept. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Ingram 1, Miss G. Masters 2, Mrs. F. Penn 3, D. Jones 4, T. B. Holloway (cond.) 5, F. Penn 6, R. Newton 7, A. Grist 8. A farewell compliment to Miss G. Masters who is leaving the tower for Oxford.

WILMSLOW, CHESHIRE.—On Sept. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: N. D. Lomas 1, J. Wheadon 2, M. Jillian Brierley 3, E. Cribley (first of Minor) 4, S. Sage 5, D. Mottershead (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

WOTTON UNDERWOOD, BUCKS.—On June 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Ewers (first quarter) 1, A. Hodges 2, Margaret Rand (first quarter 'inside') 3, F. W. Thorpe 4, H. G. Rand (first quarter 'inside') 5, W. Ayris (first quarter) 6. Non-ringing conductor, V. G. Phillips. Rung as a wedding compliment to Colin Ayris, son of the tenor ringer, who is captain of the local band, and Shirley Rolfe.

WORTH, SUSSEX.—On Aug. 31st, 1,259 Grandsire Doubles: G. F. Prosser 1, A. B. Stoner 2, R. J. Elliott (cond.) 3, A. H. Coote 4, A. E. Laker 5, J. T. Laker 6. Rung on the 90th birthday of Miss Mary Nix, a local resident, who has done much for local ringers, and who for many years ran the 1st Worth Scout Troop. All except the conductor are ex-Scouts.

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HARRIS—HICKS.—The engagement is announced between Dorothy Louise, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hicks, 12, Woodbury Road North, Stourport-on-Severn, and William Donald, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Harris, 18, Worth Crescent, Stourport-on-Severn. 982

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OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—Any ringer coming up to Oxford next term as a freshman is invited to attend a business meeting in the Old Bursary, New College, on Tuesday, Oct. 15th, at 8.15 p.m., or to contact the secretary, R. N. Pittman, Pembroke College. 1008

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.—Will all ringers starting at Manchester University next October and who are interested in joining the University Guild please write to Miss Carol Eustace, 10, Two Hedges Road, Bishop's Cleeve, Cheltenham, Glos. 1003

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—St. John-the-Baptist.—Restoration work to the tower has been completed and ringing will restart on Sunday, Sept. 22nd. Sundays, 10.15 and 5.45; Wednesdays, 8 p.m. 988

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MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting at Henfield, Sussex, on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Ringing 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting after tea. Names for tea to Mr. F. Cruttenden, Henfield. Local ringers well be welcomed.—A. B. Peck. 796

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS.—271st anniversary, Sat., Sept. 21st. Bells (12) 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. (2s. per head). Names, not later than Tuesday, Sept. 17th, to C. D. Launder, Spring Cottage, Painswick, Stroud, Glos. Painswick Feast, Sunday, Sept. 22nd: ringing 2 p.m. and 5.15. 932

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Spaldwick (6), Saturday, Sept. 21st, Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Please bring own food—cups of tea provided.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 948

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Bagshot (8) on Saturday, Sept. 21st, from 6 to 9 p.m. —C. J. Beadle, Hon Dis. Sec. 936

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Wadhurst and Burwash *unavailable*. Meeting, Sedlescombe, Saturday, Sept. 21st, 7.30 p.m. 935

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, Harpenden, on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. District committee meeting 4. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea. —S. Huckle, Dis. Sec. 950

LADIES' GUILD. — Midland District. — Meeting at Earl Shilton, Leics (8), Saturday, Sept. 21st, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Everyone welcome. 963

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District. — Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Sept. 21st, Clapham Common (R.C.), 2.45–4.30. Business 6, in vestry at All Saints', Wandsworth. Ringing 7.—Hutchings, (TUL 0800). 974

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION — Meeting at Sunbury on Saturday, Sept. 21st, 6 to 8.30 p.m. Hampton arrangments cancelled.—F. A. Finch. 1004

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Hinton Waldrist, Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. 939

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Quarterly meeting at South Perrott (6), Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. 952

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Sudbury District. — Meeting, Great Thurlow, Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Rev. E. S. B. Barnes, Great Thurlow, Haverhill, Suffolk.

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Buxted (8), Saturday, Sept. 21st, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, 5 p.m., 959

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch.—Annual meeting at Bromsgrove (10) on Saturday, Sept. 21st, at 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and business meeting. The Association's 75th birthday (founded at Bromsgrove 1882).—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge, Worcs. 814

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION — Northern District. — Practice meeting, All Saints', West Ham (10), Wednesday, Sept. 25th, 7 to 8.30 p.m. Note time. A good attendance requested. Everyone welcome.—Bullock, Sec. 995

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Practice meeting, Winscombe, Saturday, Sept. 28th. Bells (8) 5 p.m.—E. C. Wickham. 984

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at Dunham Massey, Altrincham, Saturday, Sept. 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. For tea please advise Mrs. C. K. Lewis, 6, Princes Road, Altrincham.—C. K. Lewis. 1010

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—St. Andrew's, Bebington, Saturday, Sept. 28th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, free, for those notifying by Wednesday previous.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 1009

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Derby District.—Monthly meeting, Stanton-by-Dale, Saturday, Sept. 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Please make own tea arrangements. All welcome.—Vivienne M. Horton, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1011

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. —Meeting at Thorne, Saturday, Sept. 28th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Cups of tea available from 5 p.m. Business meeting. Ringing until 9 p.m. Next meeting, Arksey, Saturday, Oct. 19th.—G. Watson, Sec. 1012

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, West Hartlepool, Saturday, Sept. 28th. All Saints', Stranton (8), 11.30 to 12.30 and 2.30 to 4.30; St. Aidan's (8), 2.30 to 4.15; St. Oswald's (10), 7 to 9. Committee, All Saints' Vestry, 3.30. Service, All Saints', 4.30. Tea, St. Matthew's Hall, Elwick Road, 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by Sept. 25th to Mrs. K. Lawson, 169, Stockton Road, West Hartlepool.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dinner to be held at the Brunswick School Hall, Cambridge, Saturday, Sept. 28th, at 7 o'clock. Ringing arrangements: Great St. Mary's (12), 3 to 4 p.m.; St. Bene't's (6), 3 to 5; Old Chesterton (6), 3 to 4 p.m.; Great St. Andrew's (8), 5 to 6.30 p.m.; Roman Catholic (8), 5 to 6.30 p.m. Tickets (12s. 6d.) from H. S. Peacock, 8, Rosecrea Terrace, St. John's Street, Huntingdon. 969

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District — Meeting at Elmdon (6) on Saturday, Sept. 28th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea at the King's Head, 5.15 p.m. Names, please, to G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 961

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Winchcombe (6), Saturday, Sept. 28th, 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by Sept. 24th.—Mary Bliss, Beech Pike, Cheltenham. 996

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — North Forest Branch. — Meeting at Churcham, Saturday, Sept. 28th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea at Rectory 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. Mack, Churcham Rectory. 1017

HEREFORD GUILD.—Bromyard District. —Quarterly meeting at Bredenbury, Saturday, Sept. 28th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Reservations for tea early, please, to R. L. Price, 18, New Road, Bromyard. 944

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—Combined practice, Stokesay, Saturday, Sept. 28th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Teas.—G. Randle, Ashford, Ludlow. 893

LADIES' GUILD.—Kent Branch.—Meeting at Rainham, Kent, Saturday, Sept. 28th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m Names for tea by Tuesday, Sept. 24th, to Miss E. Walker, Cozenton Farm, Berengrave Lane, Rainham. No name, no tea. Gentlemen cordially invited. —S. M. Dobbie, Hon. Sec. 942

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Farnworth, Saturday, Sept. 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Evensong 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., free, provided names are sent by previous Wednesday to Thornley, 50, Carlton Street, Farnworth, Lancs. 979

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Meeting at Groby on Sept. 28th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to reach me before Wednesday previous at 117, Church Lane, Anstey, Leics. — W. A. Lacey, Dis. Sec. 1014

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Whaplode, Saturday, Sept. 28th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. 947

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—Meeting, Louth (8), Saturday, Sept. 28th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by Sept. 25th to Mr. T. Avery, 18, Broad Bank, Louth. 964

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Monmouth Branch. — Meeting, Bedwellty, Saturday, Sept. 28th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business. Names for tea, please, to Mr. A. R. Price, 26, Greenwood Road, Blackwood, Mon. 945

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Sept. 28th, Carlton Colville. Bells (5) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Pakefield bells (8) available after meeting. Names for tea, by Wednesday, Sept. 25th certain, please, to Mr. J. B. Gorrod, 47, Gorleston Road, Oulton Broad, Lowestoft.—P. Newstead, Branch Sec. 933

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester and District Branch.—Annual meeting at Souldern, Saturday, Sept. 28th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, Sept. 23rd.—C. Kinch, 3, Causeway, Bicester. 977

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Hitcham (6), Sept. 28th, 3.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify me by 24th. — W. Butler, 17, Forest Road, Windsor. 1016

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rutland Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Empingham on Saturday, Sept. 28th, 3 to 8 p.m. Numbers for tea by Wednesday previous to Miss J. Hoy, 11, Ashwell Road, Oakham, Rutland. 938

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD (Kettering Branch) and LADIES' GUILD (Beds and Northants Branch).—Joint meeting, Saturday, Sept. 28th, at Burton Latimer. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Tea and meetings 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Sept. 25th, to B. S. Cope, 228, Barton Road, Barton Seagrave, Kettering.—Anne E. Amor. 978

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD (Kettering Branch) and LADIES' GUILD (Beds and Northants District).—Joint meeting at Burton Latimer (8) on Saturday, Sept. 28th. 997

RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD.—Autumn meeting, Swindon, Western Region, Saturday, Sept. 28th. Ringing: St. Mark's (8), 2—4; Christ Church, 5.30—7.30 p.m. Tea (for those who notify by Thursday, Mr. Bertram Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Rodbourne Cheney, Swindon, Wilts) at Christ Church Hall, 4.30 p.m. All ringers welcome. 976

SALISBURY GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Swanage, Sat., Sept. 28th. Ringing from 2.45 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by 25th to J. Davis, 13, Sandbanks Road, Parkstone. Kingston in evening. 998

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Combined practice at St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Wednesday, October 2nd. Bells (12) available 6.30 to 8 p.m. All very welcome!—P. N. Bond, Hon. Sec. 975

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Saxmundham District. Meeting at Tunstall (ringing 2.30 p.m.) and Blaxhall (ringing 6.30 p.m.) on Saturday, Sept. 28th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—A. R. Bridges, Dis. Sec. 1000

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Meeting, Saturday, Sept. 28th, Ewhurst (5). No. 84 bus, Hastings to top of lane (two-hourly), better than No. 12. Special efforts for our newest tower, please. Names to H. Reynolds, Sec., 10, Eastern Avenue, Polegate. 1005

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—Quarterly meeting, Sutton-on-Hull, on Saturday, Sept. 28th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 Tea 5 p.m. in Church Hall. Names, please, to Mr. C. R. Robinson, 22, Lime Tree Avenue, Sutton-on-Hull. Buses Nos. 32 and 34 from Hull (Paragon) Bus Station every 15 minutes.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec. 941

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Western District) and LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Joint meeting at Rothwell on Saturday, Sept. 28th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow tea. Names for tea by Tuesday, Sept. 24th, to Mr. T. W. Strangeway, 21, Haigh Avenue, Rothwell, near Leeds.—A. E. Marsh, J. F. Hodson, Hon. Secs. 957

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Bedford District) and OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (North Bucks Branch).—Joint meeting on Saturday, Oct. 5th, at Bromham. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. Tysoe, The Post Office, Bromham, Bedford.—Phyllis Gray, Hon. Dis. Sec. 986

DEVON GUILD.—N.E. Branch.—Meeting, Hemyock, Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea for those who notify by Sept. 28th D. W. Hart, 1, Broadway, The Square, Hemyock. Visitors welcome.—W. H. Ware, Hon. Sec. 823

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting at Wivenhoe on Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea by Wednesday, Oct. 2nd, please, to Mr. E. Sparling, Winton, Rectory Road, Wivenhoe, Colchester. 999

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual Jasper Whitfield Snowdon commemoration dinner will be held at the Co-operative Restaurant, Westgate, Rotherham, on Saturday, Oct. 26th, at 6.40 p.m. Tickets (11s. each) by Oct. 19th, from Mr. J. J. L. Gilbert, 56, Glencoe Road, Sheffield, 2, or District secretaries (if ordering in numbers, please give all names). Ringing during the day at the Parish Church (10), Whiston (8), Eastwood (8), Rawmarsh (8) and Thrybergh (6), the times to be published later. Anyone desiring a peal attempt Friday evening or Saturday morning please write to Mr. Gilbert in good time. Accommodation will be arranged for those who contact the undermentioned as soon as possible. There will be ample seating, good entertainment and a great welcome for all visitors.—N. Chaddock, Organising Sec., 17, Herringthorpe Grove, Broom, Rotherham, Yorks. 991

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — S.W. quarterly meeting, South Benfleet, Oct. 5th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea, please, to Mr. C. L. Matson, 75, St. Mary's Road, South Benfleet. 1015

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—S.W. Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Plympton St. Maurice, Saturday, Oct. 5th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by Sept. 30th to T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Sereet, Plymouth. 989

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Annual general meeting at Ashford on Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Oct. 2nd to Miss M. Jones, 30, Park Road, Ashford.—C. T. H. 994

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Annual District meeting on Saturday, Oct. 5th, at Tonbridge. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea (2s.) 5 p.m. Names for tea, with cash, please, by Tuesday, Oct. 1st, to Mr. W. Dobbie, 13, Baltic Road, Tonbridge. 1007

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire District.—Meeting at St. Giles', Lincoln, Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, Oct. 1st, to Mrs. Metham, Cornwall House, Ravendale Drive, Lincoln. 985

LADIES' GUILD.—North-Eastern District.—Meeting at Christ Church, North Shields, on Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea 4.30. Service 6 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday, Oct. 3rd, to Mr. R. Gray, 38, Alma Place, North Shields. All ringers welcome. 981

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Branch.—Autumn meeting, Saturday, Oct. 5th, at Swerford (5). All ringers welcome.—J. Keyte, Charlbury. 993

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Autumn meeting at Stanton Harcourt (6), Saturday, Oct. 5th. Ringing at Southleigh (8) 2 p.m., Stanton Harcourt 2.15, Northmoor (6) 6.30. Service at 3.45 p.m. Tea reservations by Sept. 30th to David Smith, Merryfield, Witney. All very welcome. 987

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Towcester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Lois Weedon, Saturday, Oct. 5th. Names for tea by Tuesday previous.—W. A. Yates, 4, Bannerlands, Dadford, Buckingham. 1001

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting at Nottingham on Saturday, Oct. 5th. St. Mary's bells (10) available 3 to 5 p.m. St. Peter's (10) from 6 p.m. Tea and business meeting, St. Mary's Institute, 5 p.m. Names by previous Wednesday to Mr. W. Nichols, 179, Eltham Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham.—C. W. Towers. 980

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Meeting at Exning, Saturday, Oct. 5th, at 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at Lakeman's, Newmarket. St. Mary's, Newmarket, bells from 6 p.m.—E. M. Peachey, Dis. Sec. 1013

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The 20th annual dinner will be held in the Guildhall, Worcester, on Saturday, Oct. 5th, at 5.45 p.m. Tickets (8s. 6d. each) obtainable up to Tuesday, Oct. 1st, from dinner committee, Branch secretaries or general secretary. Bells available: Cathedral (12), provisionally, 3.30 to 5 p.m.; All Saints', (10), 3 to 5.30 p.m.—J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Cheltenham Road, Sedgeberrow, Evesham. Tel. Ashton-under-Hill 309. 946

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—50th anniversary dinner will be held in St. Mary's Hall, Coventry, on Saturday, Oct. 12th, commencing at 6.15 p.m. Stoke, St. Michael's and All Saints', Allesley, bells will be available from 2.30 p.m. All tickets have been sold. Will anyone wishing to take part in peals during the morning please write me at 8, Orchard Crescent, Coventry, or phone Greyfriars 474.—J. L. Garner-Hayward. 992

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Annual dinner, Picture Room, Shirehall, Chelmsford, Saturday, Oct. 12th, 6.15 p.m. for 6.45 p.m. Cordial invitation to Cathedral Evensong at 4 p.m. Cathedral bells available immediately afterwards. Dinner tickets (12s. 6d.) from F. V. Gant, 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch, Essex. Accommodation strictly limited—early application advisable; stamped addressed envelope, please.—F. V. G. 1002

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual dinner and social at Co-op Café, High Street, Leicester, Saturday, Nov. 2nd, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets (price 10s. 6d.) available from District secretaries or from undersigned. Visitors welcome. Ringing arrangements (including morning tower and Cathedral) later.—B. G. Warwick, 12, Dorothy Avenue, Glen Parva, Leicester. 1006

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THE CALL OF IRELAND

THIS issue of 'The Ringing World' is very much an Irish number. Mr. Donald G. Clift has not only written an entertaining account of the 600-mile journey covered by Mr. Wilfred Williams' peal-ringing tour in Southern Ireland, but provided an excellent series of photographs, six of which are reproduced in this issue. The story of their achievements—the warmth of hospitality received from Irish ringers and the beauty of much of the country traversed—is an encouragement to those members of the Central Council who are doubtful about making the long journey to Dublin next Whitsun. It will be recalled that the decision to visit Dublin was only carried at Chelmsford by 59 votes to 51, and there were about 40 abstentions—probably from members who were uncertain about making the journey. For the Council meeting to be effective and its decisions to command the respect and confidence of the Exercise as a whole, it is essential that an attendance of much larger than 60 should be recorded.

The affiliation of the Irish Association with the Central Council dates back to 1902, and the contribution to the art of change-ringing by the Association's first secretary, Gabriel Lindoff, is outstanding. As a composer, there have been few his peer, and his compositions of London run into five figures! Among the new methods which he has presented are Erin, Dublin Court and Rochester. In St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, where for many years he was instructor, there is a brass plate to his memory. He died on November 7th, 1941, having served the Association for 43 years as hon. secretary and as president in 1934–5.

Apart from Dublin, Bray and Arklow were centres of change-ringing in those early days, and it was at the last named tower that J. W. Washbrook was the inspirer of many noteworthy performances. The Emerald Isle has for years been a happy hunting ground for English ringers. The first peal in Ireland was rung by a band of College Youths at Waterford Cathedral on July 27th, 1872. It was Holt's Original, called by James Pettit, the band consisting of W. Cooter treble, James Pettit 2, R. Hayworth 3, G. Muskett 4, C. Lee 5, M. A. Wood 6, A. Haywood 7, W. Greenleaf tenor. The next year in the same tower another peal was rung for the Ancient Society (Grandsire Triples). In it stood a 14-year-old Waterford boy, Richard R. Cherry, who was destined in years to come to be the champion of change-ringing in Ireland. He left Waterford to study law in Dublin, and eventually rose to the highest positions in his profession of Attorney General and Lord Chief Justice of Ireland. Richard R. Cherry, K.C., was a natural choice to be the first president of the Irish Association. Such was his affection for ringing that despite his prominent position as Lord Chief Justice he was to be found at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, on practice nights. To St. Patrick's Cathedral he presented two trebles in 1909, and on these bells he rang the eleventh to a peal of Grandsire Cinques on January 14th, 1911, which was the first 12-bell peal ever rung outside of England.

To Mr. Williams' party goes the honour of adding another 'first' in the history of the Irish Association by a peal of Pudsey Surprise Royal. The illuminated peal book of the Association is freely sprinkled with names of ringers famous in English ringing. These include the Revs. F. E. Robinson and C. W. O. Jenkyn, James George, George, William and Ernest Pye, J. H. Cheeseman, Ben Knights, William Fussell, Bertram Prewett, W. Keeble, J. Simpson, Frank Bennett, James Bennett, C. T. Coles, E. Duffield, Harold Poole and Rupert Richardson. Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, as Miss Edith Parker, had the honour to be the first lady to ring and also conduct a peal in Ireland—Stedman Caters at Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin, on August 1st, 1927.

No touring party has visited Eire in recent years without availing themselves of the services of Mr. F. E. Dukes, who has been secretary of the Irish Association since 1941, having previously been assistant secretary for three years. Upon Mr. Dukes' shoulders will fall the responsibility of organising the programme next Whitsun. An object of the Irish Association when it was founded read: 'That the Society shall be a bond of unity between all ringers in Ireland for the promotion and study of scientific change-ringing.' Despite political differences the Irish Association embraces Northern Ireland. The Northern Branch has been functioning since 1927; it elects its own officers and carries on as an independent unit. Mr. J. T. Dunwoody will doubtless share in the welcome, and nothing would give him greater pleasure than to arrange for members of the Council to visit Northern Ireland and meet some of the keen bands of ringers in his towers. The Central Council treasures its Irish representatives, and while at times they do not always see eye to eye with each other they both impart a sparkle of wit which is refreshing to the somewhat stolid English outlook.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Sept. 14, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 25 cwt.

FRANK E. HAYNES	*Treble*	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	7
MURIEL REAY	2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	8
ALBERT WALKER	3	DAVID A. CARPENTER	9
BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY	4	JOHN PINFOLD	10
FRANK W. PERRENS	5	HENRY H. FEARN	11
GEORGE E. FEARN	6	RALPH G. EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

TEN BELL PEALS

NOTTINGHAM.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Sat., Sept. 7, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 35 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in C.

*MICHAEL W. CROWDER	*Treble*	FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD	6
FREDERICK G. HOOPER	2	GEOFFREY R. PARKER	7
MRS. F. G. BLOOMFIELD	3	*WILLIAM E. EXTON	8
JACK L. MILLHOUSE	4	WALTER NICHOLS	9
CHARLES E. BROWN	5	JAMES W. RAITHBY	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal on ten bells.
A wedding anniversary peal for Mr. and Mrs. Richard Pearce, of Los Angeles, U.S.A.

NORWICH.
THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.
On Tues., Sept. 10, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, MANCROFT,
A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 37 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in C.

*G. MCKAY (King's)	*Treble*	P. P. BROWN (Nrthn. Poly.)	6
D. N. LAYTON (Imperial)	2	J. ARMSTRONG (Lon. Hosp.)	7
N. D. ROBINSON (King's)	3	P. GRAY (Imperial)	8
JOAN GRAY (Inst. of Edn.)	4	D. BERESFORD (King's)	9
A. F. THIRST (Imperial)	5	R. E. PRICE (U.C.H.)	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by DENIS N. LAYTON.
* First peal of Stedman Caters.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 14, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 29 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in D flat.

TREVOR TAYLOR	*Treble*	JACK BARKER	6
JAMES S. WEBB	2	DEREK OGDEN	7
PETER LAFLIN	3	LESLIE G. WATKINS	8
BRIAN A. TOMLINSON	4	GEOFFREY D. FEARNEHOUGH	9
CHARLES BELL	5	DEREK TAYLOR	*Tenor*

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by DEREK OGDEN.
Rung for the diamond jubilee of the church.

WEST HARTLEPOOL, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 14, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb.

KENNETH LAWSON	*Treble*	GEORGE S. DEAS	6
CHARLES MCGUINESS	2	HARRY SHORT	7
J. ALAN AINSWORTH	3	*JOHN CLOUSTON	8
THOMAS M. COX	4	ROLAND PARK	9
W. NORMAN PARK	5	*GORDON R. WALLACE	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR ARTHUR P. HEYWOOD.
Conducted by KENNETH LAWSON.
* First peal on ten bells. First peal of Stedman as conductor.
A 30th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. Short.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

GAWSWORTH, MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Aug. 30, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt., approx.

*STUART ELLISON	*Treble*	†WILLIAM H. DOWSE	5
*JOHN R. KENNETT	2	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	6
FRANK OSBALDISTON	3	WILLIAM A. SMITH	7
BERNARD GROVES	4	ALAN MCFALL	*Tenor*

Composed by H. HOWLETT. Conducted by ALAN MCFALL.
* First peal. † First peal of Plain Bob Major. First peal of Major as conductor.

EARDISLAND, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 31, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in G.

JOHN J. STANIER	*Treble*	REGINALD WOODYATT	5
*SHIRLEY PARSONS	2	*CYRIL A. WRATTEN	6
LESLIE EVANS	3	*DAVID BEACHAM	7
IVOR GOULTER	4	GEORGE E. EVENDEN	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. CORRIGAN. Conducted by GEORGE E. EVENDEN.
* First peal of Kent Major. First peal in the method as conductor.

EXETER, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., Aug. 31, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, HEAVITREE,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 26 cwt. in E flat.

GEORGE S. LUXTON	*Treble*	BRIAN PIDGEON	5
NORMAN MALLETT	2	GEORGE SKINNER	6
FRANK WILLS	3	FREDERICK WREFORD	7
*CYRIL E. DENSHAM	4	ARTHUR MITCHELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK WREFORD.
* First peal.
Rung in honour of the marriage this day of Brian G. Marchant and Eileen F. Skinner, daughter of the sixth ringer.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 31, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours,*
A PEAL OF 5280 KENT & OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Liversedge variation. Tenor 12 cwt. 10 lb. in F sharp.

*JOHN R. KENNETT	*Treble*	MRS. GLADYS RICHARDSON	5
†FRANK OSBALDISTON	2	ALEX RICHARDSON	6
‡WILLIAM H. DOWSE	3	‡JOHN H. ALLEN	7
§WILLIAM A. SMITH	4	§BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † 25th peal. ‡ First peal of Treble Bob 'inside.' § 50th peal together. First peal in this variation by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.
Rung specially as a wedding compliment to Elizabeth M. Bagshaw, a ringer at Christ Church, Burbage, and George Barton.

WELLINGTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 4, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in E.

JEAN MOORE	*Treble*	PATRICK J. BIRD	5
*ARTHUR H. REED	2	DAVID T. NORTH	6
JAMES B. MORLEY	3	WILLIAM F. SLOCOMBE	7
STANLEY N. BRISTOW	4	WILLIAM G. GIGG	*Tenor*

Composed by J. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by JAMES B. MORLEY.
* 175th peal for the Association.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Audrey North.

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BATLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Sept. 5, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 10 cwt.

VERNON BOTTOMLEY	*Treble*	HAROLD B. SCHOFIELD	5
MRS. H. B. SCHOFIELD	2	*BRIAN J. WYLDE	6
M. VIVIEN COPPING	3	*DAVID ATKINS	7
*MAURICE J. THURMOTT	4	†J. HENRY FIELDEN	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. HENRY FIELDEN.
* First peal of Cambridge Major. † 100th peal.

BRAMLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 7, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

ALEXANDER E. MARSH	*Treble*	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	5
GORDON BENFIELD	2	J. FREDERICK MILNER	6
HOWARD SCOTT	3	WILLIAM H. JACKSON	7
*MRS. A. E. MARSH	4	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
* First peal in the method. The first peal of Surprise on the bells.

DULVERTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 7, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Firker's Twelve-part (seventh observation). Tenor 17 cwt.

*JAMES E. BREWER	*Treble*	†PATRICK J. BIRD	5
†PAMELA BELLAMY	2	§DAVID T. NORTH	6
‡JAMES B. MORLEY	3	WILLIAM G. GIGG	7
ARTHUR H. REED	4	WILLIAM F. SLOCOMBE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM G. GIGG.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Triples. ‡ First peal in the method. § 25th peal. First peal on the bells since 1933.

HEADCORN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 7, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt.

*STANLEY G. PONTING	*Treble*	‡THOMAS E. SONE	5
GEOFFREY PEARSON	2	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD	6
†OLIVE M. BOULDEN	3	JOHN R. COOPER	7
CRAWFORD T. HILLIS	4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by THOMAS CULLINGWORTH.
* First peal of Surprise. † 25th peal. ‡ 200th peal of Surprise.

PETERSFIELD, HAMPSHIRE.
NON-ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 7, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

*A. ROWLAND TYSOE	*Treble*	S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT	5
MARION J. PARKER	2	†E. WINIFRED KEYS	6
*ALEXANDER PAGE	3	FREDK. W. BURNETT	7
*E. KEITH JORDAN	4	ROGER BALDWIN	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by ROGER BALDWIN.
* First peal of Surprise Major. † 125th peal. 50th peal as conductor.

WINSCOMBE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 7, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 19 cwt.

EDWARD C. WICKHAM	*Treble*	HAROLD L. PARFREY	5
MRS. H. L. PARFREY	2	LEONARD DERRICK	6
CEDRIC J. A. BROWN	3	GEORGE PRESCOTT	7
*MARJORIE LEGG	4	†WALTER DAY	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.
* 75th peal † First peal.
Rung following the wedding of Raymond Hart, ringer at Kewstoke, and Barbara Brean, chorister and Sunday School teacher, of Winscombe.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 7, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND THOMAS OF CANTERBURY.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 25¼ cwt. in D.

MIRIAM A. HIGDON	*Treble*	JOHN S. BARNES	5
EDWARD GREENACRE	2	GEORGE A. COOKE	6
GEORGE T. BUNNING	3	NORMAN V. HARDING	7
CECIL V. EBBERSON	4	TONY OWEN	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by TONY OWEN.
Rung by members of the West Norfolk Branch, by invitation of the Church authorities, to commemorate the 850th anniversary of the founding of the Abbey.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Sept. 8, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE SAVIOUR,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. in E.

*ARNOLD MOSS	*Treble*	†ALAN CAPSTICK	5
*DAVID YOUNG	2	ALAN SHARPLES	6
†NORMAN SMITH	3	HAROLD HAMER	7
‡DEREK BUTTERWORTH	4	JOSEPH THORNLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD HAMER.
* First peal. † 50th peal for the Lancashire Association. ‡ First peal 'inside.'
Rung as a farewell tribute to the parish priest (Rev. Fr. A. E. Barton), a great friend to all ringers, who leaves this parish for a hospital chaplaincy in Sheffield.

WALESBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Sept. 8, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 14 lb. in F sharp.

JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM	*Treble*	MRS. F. G. BLOOMFIELD	5
*MICHAEL W. CROWDER	2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	6
LOUIS WILLDERS	3	GEOFFREY R. PARKER	7
GILES C. GALLEY	4	FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* 50th peal.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., Sept. 9, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours* 55 *Minutes,*
AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5056 ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in G.

J. NEVILLE PARKIN	*Treble*	JOHN PINFOLD	5
DIANA PERRINS	2	ERIC E. SPEAKS	6
BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY	3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	7
NORMAN J. GOODMAN	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.

DARTFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
On Mon., Sept. 9, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Washbrook's variation. Tenor 18¾ cwt.

ARTHUR G. MASON	*Treble*	JOHN L. MORRIS	5
PETER F. BORER	2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	6
JAMES M. BAILEY	3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	7
CYRIL S. JARRETT	4	GEORGE KENWARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Merritt (both of the local band) on the birth of a son.

ENDERBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Sept. 9, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. in G.

MRS. PHYLLIS POOLE	*Treble*	ERNEST MORRIS	5
JOSEPH W. COTTON	2	†RICHARD F. PRIME	6
MRS. P. J. STANIFORTH	3	JOHN A. ACRES	7
*JACK P. KESTERTON	4	ERNEST J. JELLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW. Conducted by JOHN A. ACRES.
* First peal. † 25th peal.
Rung as an 80th birthday compliment to Mrs. H. G. Jenney.

HEENE, WORTHING, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 11, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Botolph.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Thurstans'. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

George Francis	*Treble*	Leonard Stilwell	5
Albert W. Bond	2	William Rogers	6
Henry C. Weaver	3	Raymond P. Wood	7
Richard Wilson	4	Stanley G. White	*Tenor*

Conducted by William Rogers.
First peal in the method as conductor.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Sept. 11, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

G. Ronald Edwards	*Treble*	Ernest J. Jelley	5
Joseph W. Cotton	2	John A. Acres	6
*Cecilia D. Cowley	3	Brian G. Warwick	7
Mrs. Phyllis Poole	4	Brian S. Chapman	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Brian G. Warwick.
* First peal of Surprise 'inside.'

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Sept. 12, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew.
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 28 lb.

John Hall	*Treble*	Ronald Chafer	5
C. Aubrey Harrison	2	Michael Crowder	6
*Richard Hall	3	Jack Bray	7
Arthur Tomlinson	4	Harry Hall	*Tenor*

Composed by W. Ayre. Conducted by Jack Bray.
* First peal on eight bells 'inside.' The tenor ringer has now 'completed the circle.'
Rung as a farewell to the Rev. F. Woodford, who recently left after 3½ years as assistant priest of this parish.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Sept. 12, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF 5024 EDGWARE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

C. Edward Lankester	*Treble*	Brian D. Threlfall	5
Mrs. T. J. Lock	2	*Alick Cutler	6
Thomas J. Lock	3	Alfred J. House	7
John R. Mayne	4	Richard F. B. Speed	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by John R. Mayne.
* 250th peal. First peal in the method. The ringer of the seventh has now rung 100 peals on this bell, and he has also now rung peals in 100 different Surprise Major methods.

NEWTON ABBOT, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Fri., Sept. 13, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary, Wolborough.
A PEAL OF 5000 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt.

E. Maurice Atkins	*Treble*	William Simmonds	5
*Elizabeth M. Yardley	2	Norman Mallett	6
*Heather Hood	3	*Brian Pidgeon	7
Frederick Wreford	4	William J. Ridgman	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by E. Maurice Atkins.
* First peal in the method. The ringer of the sixth has now 'circled the tower.'

KNEBWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 14, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Mary-the-Virgin and Thomas-a-Becket,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

Geoffrey C. Bagley	*Treble*	*Edwin G. Buck	5
Mrs. T. J. Lock	2	Jack S. Dear	6
G. William Critchley	3	*Richard J. Castledine	7
Claudia A. Critchley	4	*Colin Harwood	*Tenor*

Composed by Charles W. Roberts.
Conducted by G. William Critchley.
* First peal in the method.
Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Miss Barbara Marks, a ringer at this church, to Mr. Louis Baycock, a ringer at North Mimms.

EDGWARE SURPRISE MAJOR
58—56, 4—56—38, 14—14, 3, 16—16, 7.
2nds place lead. 4ths place bob. Tipler's F19/M.

SIX BELL PEALS

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., July 30, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 24 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 6½ cwt.

Frederick Watson	*Treble*	*Shirley Burton	4
*Mrs. Phyllis Poole	2	George A. Charlton	5
Ernest Morris	3	Arthur E. Rowley	*Tenor*

Conducted by Arthur E. Rowley.
* First peal of Kent T.B. Minor.
Rung for the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. F. Watson.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Sept. 2, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents of Cambridge Surprise, two of Oxford T.B., two of Kent T.B. and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

Frederick Watson	*Treble*	Arthur E. Rowley	4
Mrs. Phyllis Poole	2	John Acres	5
Ernest Morris	3	Joseph Wm. Cotton	*Tenor*

Conducted by Arthur E. Rowley.
Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. W. C. Killer (secretary to the P.C.C.) and Mrs. Killer.

BOXLEY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 4, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin and All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's College Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

*Monty W. Gilbert	*Treble*	†Maurice E. Downs	4
Geoffrey Pearson	2	John R. Cooper	5
Crawford T. Hillis	3	Thomas Cullingworth	*Tenor*

Conducted by Thomas Cullingworth.
* First peal. † First peal in seven methods.

CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 7, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Thomas-a-Becket.
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

*Merita V. Braddock	*Treble*	William H. Dowse	4
Robert Smith	2	Arthur Hibbert	5
Brian J. Woodruffe	3	Alan McFall	*Tenor*

Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.
* First peal of Treble Bob.
Rung as a wedding compliment to the Vicar (Rev. R. C. Austin) and Mrs. Hilda M. Tandy, who were married at St. Mary's, Felpham, Sussex, on August 30th.

CRANFORD, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 7, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Dunstan.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt.

Frank C. Price	*Treble*	Dennis R. Randall	4
Peter J. Woodgyer	2	Derek Fowles	5
William H. Coles	3	William T. Cook	*Tenor*

Conducted by William T. Cook.
A farewell to the Rev. Christopher Byron, M.A., rector since 1950, on his appointment as senior chaplain of St. Thomas' Hospital.

EAST SUTTON, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 11, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in eight methods, viz.: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Oxford Treble Bob, (3) Kent Treble Bob, (4) Double Oxford Bob, (5) St. Clement's College Bob, (6) Oxford Bob, (7) Plain and Double Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

*Monty W. Gilbert	*Treble*	*Maurice E. Downs	4
Geoffrey Pearson	2	John R. Cooper	5
Crawford T. Hillis	3	Thomas Cullingworth	*Tenor*

Conducted by John R. Cooper.
* First peal in eight methods. First peal in more than two methods as conductor.

LANGLEYBURY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 11, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 WEARMOUTH SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout.
Tenor 8 cwt. 13 lb. in A.

*WILLIAM WENBAN .. .. *Treble*		*KENNETH R. DUNSTAN ..	4
†JOAN M. WILCOCKSON ..	2	†JOHN R. MAYNE	5
DENNIS LAUD	3	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
* 50th peal together. † 50th peal together. First peal in the method on the bells, and by all the band.

RUSHTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Kettering Branch.)
On Wed., Sept. 11, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

*MURRAY A. COLSON .. *Treble*		ALAN FROST	4
PHILIP DAVIES	2	BRIAN AUSTIN	5
RAYMOND IDLE	3	DAVID W. JAMES	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID W. JAMES.
* First peal. First peal of Minor as conductor.

RADLEY, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Sept. 12, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being an extent each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

*SUSAN ALEXANDER .. .. *Treble*		†RUTH S. HODGSON	4
*DAPHNE J. POLLARD	2	*CHRISTINE M. WOODWARD	5
MARIE R. CROSS	3	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal in seven Minor methods. † First peal in seven Minor methods 'inside.'
Rung as a thankoffering for the 16 years of ministry in this place of the Rev. J. V. Pixell, he having recently resigned the benefice. Also to mark the 43rd wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. A. Cross.

STISTED, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Sept. 13, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being one extent each of London, Wells, Durham, York, Surfleet, Beverley and Cambridge. Tenor 10 cwt. in A.

JOHN WARNER .. .. .. *Treble*		WALTER ARNOLD	4
BRIAN J. HOWARD	2	*FRANK B. LUFKIN	5
ALAN R. SYDER	3	TERRY EARLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by TERRY EARLE.
* First peal in seven Surprise Minor methods.

CORSCOMBE, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 14, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 17 cwt.

HERBERT W. PEARCE .. *Treble*		H. DENNIS W. BISHOP ..	4
*MARTIN D. BISHOP ..	2	JOSEPH T. BARRETT	5
SIDNEY W. WHITE	3	WILLIAM E. TURNER	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM E. TURNER.
* First peal in the method.
Rung to mark the 75th anniversary of the founding of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

EATON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 14, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being three extents of Single Oxford Bob and four of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb.

JULIET OWEN .. .. .. *Treble*		J. HARRY COOK	4
JOHN MORRIS	2	FREDERICK J. WILLIAMS ..	5
JOHN E. COOK	3	ROLAND H. COOK	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROLAND H. COOK.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. John Morris for the birth of their daughter; also a first birthday compliment to John, son of the Vicar (Rev. G. S. D. Turner) and Mrs. Turner.

HANDBELL PEALS

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Sept. 8, 1957, *in* 1 *Hour and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT 24, DOYLE AVENUE, HILSEA,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Double Plain Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor size 7 in D.

S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT ..	1—2	ROBIN G. LEALE	3—4
		ROGER BALDWIN	5—6

Conducted by ROGER BALDWIN.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Sept. 10, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor size 15 in C.

*JOHN A. ACRES	1—2	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ..	5—6
MRS. P. J. STANIFORTH ..	3—4	ALFRED BALLARD	7—8
		PETER J. STANIFORTH ..	9—10

Composed by EDW. C. GOBEY. Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.
* First peal of Surprise Royal on handbells.

HORSFORTH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 14, 1957, *in* 1 *Hour and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT PADMAR, 146, BROADGATE LANE,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being six extents each of St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Martin's, St. Simon's, Grandsire and Plain Bob. Tenor size 11 in G.

D. MARGARET HAWLEY ..	1—2	EDWARD M. BRADLEY ..	3—4
		J. MARTIN THORLEY	5—6

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.

THE GLOUCESTERSHIRE TOUR

(ALL PEALS RUNG FOR THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION)

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON, WARWICKSHIRE.
On Sun., Aug. 18, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE YOUTH HOSTEL, ALVESTON,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents (four callings). Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

*BERNARD GROVES	1—2	*ALAN MCFALL	3—4
		BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE ..	5—6

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE. Witness: JOHN H. ALLEN.
* First peal of Minor on handbells. First peal on handbells as conductor.

CHILDSWYCKHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
On Mon., Aug. 19, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In 21 methods: (1) Wragby, St. Albans, Neasden and Charlwood Delight; (2) Willesden, College Bob IV, Old Oxford and Newdigate Delight; (3) College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk, Ockley and Morning Star Treble Bob; (4) Oxford, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure, Sandal and Capel Treble Bob; (5) Cambridge Surprise; (6) Kent Treble Bob; (7) Plain Bob; 27 changes of method.
Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

*MICHAEL W. CROWDER .. *Treble*		ROBERT B. SMITH	4
†FRANK OSBALDISTON ..	2	ALAN MCFALL	5
BERNARD GROVES	3	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.
* First peal in 21 methods. † First peal in 21 methods 'inside.'
The most Minor methods yet rung to a peal for the Association.

SANDHURST, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
On Sat., Aug. 24, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in F sharp.

*BERNARD GROVES .. .. *Treble*		MICHAEL W. CROWDER ..	5
*FRANK OSBALDISTON ..	2	*ROBERT B. SMITH	6
*†WILLIAM H. DOWSE ..	3	*ALAN MCFALL	7
*CAROL EUSTACE	4	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE ..	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.
* First peal in the method. † First peal of Major 'inside.'
Rung on the Feast of St. Bartholomew.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Diana M. Gough 1, Pamela R. Gough 2, B. K. Turnbull 3, H. W. Brown 4, A. I. Johnson 5, S. W. Brown (cond.) 6. Rung to celebrate the christening of Lynne Mary Turnbull at this church, those taking part include father, godfather and two uncles.

BARKINGSIDE, ESSEX.—On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. Nelson (first of Minor) 1, L. Prior (first of Minor) 2, I. Attwater 3, J. McPhail 4, J. Barrance 5, H. Neill (cond.) 6.

BARTON SEGRAVE, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 12th, 240 Plain Bob, 1,020 Grandsire Doubles: V. Headland 1, D. Edwards 2, C. R. Baxter 3, L. A. Dunmore (first quarter) 4, P. G. K. Davies (cond.) 5. Rung for commencement of Church Week in the parish.

BATTLE, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (on the back six): Miss E. M. Foot 1, A. D. V. Hunt 2, Miss K. Stisted (cond.) 3, H. Ballard 4, G. A. Masters 5, G. Prodger 6.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.—On Sept. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Tharby 1, Audrey M. Bailey 2, H. M. White 3, R. Hayden 4, H. Watts 5, H. Bird 6, F. Bird (cond.) 7, T. Camp 8. An 86th birthday compliment to Mr. William T. Prior, and also a welcome home from Canada to Miss Audrey M. Bailey.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At the Church of St. Peter, on Sept. 8th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: G. North 1, W. A. Riddington 2, Betty Stephenson 3, A. W. Gravett 4, A. W. Bond 5, C. W. Riddleston 6, J. H. Lilley 7, E. K. Jordan 8, F. W. Burnett 9, F. J. Lewis (first on ten bells) 10. Rung as a farewell to the Curate (Rev. M. L. Godden), on his appointment as Vicar of St. Helen's, Hangleton, Hove.

BUSHLEY, WORCS.—On Sept. 2nd, 1,440 All Saints' Doubles: Albert Halling 1, Martyn Hawkes (first quarter as conductor) 2, Pauline Sprackling 3, Michael Sprackling 4, David Beacham 5, Geoffrey Burrows 6. First quarter in the method by all the band.

CLIFTON, BEDS.—On Sept. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Dilley 1, Sheila Percival 2, J. Hulme 3, G. Mayes 4, Jill Mayes 5, J. Church 6, P. Tompkins (cond.) 7, T. Dilley 8. First of triples 'inside' for 2 and 3. Rung half-muffled as a last tribute to Alfred Pratt, for many years a regular Sunday service ringer, who was interred this day.

FARNWORTH, LANCS.—On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Patricia Lees 1, D. Young 2, A. Moss 3, A. Lomas 4, J. Thornley 5, O. Davies 6, N. Tompkins (cond.) 7, H. Prescott 8. Rung to celebrate the 131st birthday of the Parish Church.

FRIEZLAND, YORKS.—On Sept. 8th, 1,320 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: J. Smith 1, F. White 2, J. Burgess 3, A. J. Bennett 4, L. Dawson (cond.) 5, A. Farrand 6. Also on Sept. 9th, 1,320 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: H. B. Schofield 1, G. Perrin 2, C. Henshaw 3, L. Dawson (cond.) 4, J. Burgess (ringing on behalf of H. Nutt) 5, A. Farrand 6. Each rung as au revoir to friend, tower captain and conductor, Mr. L. Dawson.

GREAT AMWELL, HERTS.—On Sept. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. C. Blay 1, C. E. Hayter 2, C. Springham 3, R. A. Berry 4, H. A. Fyson (first as cond.) 5, C. A. Pawsey 6. Rung as a farewell to Howard Fyson, who is emigrating to Australia.

GREAT DALBY, LEICS.—On Sept. 9th, 1,260 Double (480 each Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob, 300 Grandsire): A. E. Hinman 1, D. Cooper (first 'inside') 2, H. T. Bonshor (cond.) 3, Miss R. Tyler 4, C. E. Cooper 5.

HAILSHAM, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss S. Ford (first quarter) 1, Miss Matthews 2, Miss E. Burley 3, E. Breed (cond.) 4, H. Goldsmith 5, A. N. Robinson 6.

HEDDINGTON, WILTS.—On Sept. 9th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: F. Walker 1, Miss B. Hacker 2, Miss R. Maundrell 3, W. Hacker (cond.) 4, T. Davidson 5, H. White 6. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. P. Walker, a member of the local band.

HOLLOWAY, N.—On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Dennis 1, Miss D. A. Deverell 2, R. Newman 3, J. Payton 4, R. H. Begrie (cond.) 5, H. W. Barnard 6. For evening service and for those couples whose weddings took place in the church during the past year.

QUARTER PEALS

HONITON CLYST, DEVON.—On Sept. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (first quarter of Holt's Original): D. Callard 1, G. E. Retter (cond.) 2, Mrs. G. E. Retter 3, A. G. Betts 4, E. E. Retter 5, L. K. Dawe 6, W. Reeks 7, E. Morgan 8. Rung for the wedding of Miss Valerie Salway and Mr. Duncan Pyne.

HURST, BERKS.—On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Froome 1, C. A. Eele 2, B. C. Castle 3, R. J. Castle (first 'inside') 4, R. K. Rivers 5, A. Rivers 6, Mrs. B. C. Castle (cond.) 7, W. Austin 8. Rung as a farewell to Anthony Rivers, who left on September 25th for service abroad.

KENWYN, CORNWALL.—On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. G. J. Edwards 1, Miss P. R. Hosken 2, Miss M. A. Birch 3, Miss V. M. Matthews 4, A. F. Burley 5, H. Harper 6, R. A. Southwood (cond.) 7, D. N. Penrose 8. Rung as a mark of respect for the ordination as deacon at Coventry this day of the Rev. Geoffrey Harper, a former ringer at Kenwyn.

LEICESTER.—At the Cathedral, on Sept. 8th, 1,323 Stedman Cinques: H. B. Bowley (cond.) 1, Mrs. P. J. Staniforth 2, Mrs. P. Poole 3, R. Prime 4, D. D. Dutton 5, H. G. Jenney 6, J. A. Acres 7, S. Burton 8, S. A. Jesson 9, W. J. Root 10, P. J. Staniforth 11, E. C. Turner 12.

LONDON.—At St. Giles-in-the-Fields, on Aug. 25th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: J. Rea 1, Miss S. Sherwood 2, J. A. Hales 3, M. Williamson 4, A. Lewry 5, J. Hales 6, C. Nichols 7, J. Euston (cond.) 8. For Evensong. Also on Sept. 1st, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: J. A. Hales 1, Miss S. Sherwood 2, A. W. Coles 3, W. G. Wilson 4, J. Hales 5, G. A. Parsons 6, F. C. Shorter 7, J. W. Euston (cond.) 8. For the patronal festival. Also at St. Olave's, Hart Street, on Sept. 8th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Belcher 1, W. T. Cook 2, F. E. Darby 3, H. Neill 4, W. Williams 5, D. R. Randall 6, John Phillips (cond.) 7, B. K. Lunn 8.

LYNEHAM, WILTS.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss B. Hacker 1, Miss R. Maundrell 2, R. March 3, W. Hacker 4, J. Taylor (cond.) 5, R. Barry 6. First of Minor 1, 2 and 6. Rung to mark the 75th anniversary of the formation of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

NORWICH, NORFOLK.—On Sept. 10th, at St. John-de-Sepulchre, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Harte 1, Miss M. McFarlane 2, Miss E. Layton 3, Mrs. P. Latchford (cond.) 4, Mrs. M. Thirst 5, Miss M. Floyer 6, Miss B. Thompson 7, Mrs. R. Armstrong 8. Also on Sept. 10th, at St. George's, Colegate, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: S. Richardson 1, M. Layton 2, D. Jackson 3, J. Seager 4, D. Martin 5, D. Latchford (cond.) 6.

PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Thomas of Canterbury, on Sept. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. York-Bramble 1, A. Lawry 2, F. W. Burnett 3, E. K. Jordan 4, R. H. R. Parker 5, S. Kathleen M. Knight 6, R. Baldwin (cond.) 7, A. H. Hoodless 8. The last quarter peal to be rung on the bells before rehanging and augmentation.

PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Doubles (420 Grandsire, 480 Reverse Canterbury and 360 Plain Bob): B. Burrough 1, V. Phillips 2, J. M. Clements 3, D. Mitchell 4, G. Francis (cond.) 5.

READING, BERKS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sept. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. G. Byng 1, W. Rose 2, Helen M. Brant 3, R. H. Begrie 4, D. E. Cobb 5, W. Newton 6, N. J. Diserens (cond.) 7, V. T. Cherrill 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Percy Dyke, former captain of this tower and Branch Ringing Master.

ST. LEONARDS, SUSSEX.—At Christ Church, on Sept. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. T. Grice 1, G. Ridd 2, J. Ridd 3, S. Bailey 4, G. S. Piper 5, E. F. P. Bryant (cond.) 6, C. Hankinson 7. First quarter in method for 2, 3, 4, 6 and 7.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. King 1, F. J. Lambert 2, J. H. Edwards 3, A. Hoad 4, A. Smith 5, J. Harris 6, W. H. Hoad (cond.) 7, A. B. Allcorn 8. To commemorate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Allcorn.

SHARESHILL, STAFFS.—On Aug. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Burges 1, G. Bradbury 2, Miss L. Butler 3, A. Armstrong 4, H. Butler 5, J. Allen (cond.) 6. Also on Sept. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss D. Hessbrook 1, H. Butler 2, C. McKenzie (first 'inside') 3, M. Mullard 4, J. Allen (cond.) 5, M. Butler 6. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. E. R. Roe, who was instituted Vicar of this parish on August 23rd.

SOUTHGATE, N.—On Sept. 12th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. G. Cross (cond.) 1, Mary Piper 2, Ann Aldridge 3, S. G. Peck 4, M. Stanyon 5, R. Motton 6, J. Wallman 7, C. Aldridge 8. First quarter of Major for 2, 3, 5 and 6. Rung to mark the birth of a grand-daughter to R. Motton, and the wedding of Miss F. Miller, a member of the band, which took place earlier in the day.

STANMORE, MIDDLX.—On Sept. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. Carless (first quarter) 1, Joan Wilcockson 2, Margaret Mesley 3, A. Wenban 4, R. Stoddard 5, E. J. Leversuch (cond.) 6.

STANWELL, MIDDLX.—On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: C. Burgess 1, C. B. Fynes (cond.) 2–3, K. Hawthorn 4, M. Lane 5, P. Spackman 6. First quarter for all.

STAPLEFORD, CAMBS.—On Aug. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Dean 1, K. Willers (cond.) 2, D. Sibson 3, E. H. Finch 4, A. Hurst 5, D. White 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Walter Hoffet, for many years a regular service ringer at this church.

STONE, STAFFS.—On Sept. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Kane 1, Mrs. G. Rowley 2, L. Bowden 3, I. Poole 4, W. Buckley 5, C. Templeton 6, C. Young (cond.) 7, A. Purslow 8. Rung for the wedding of Mr. R. Herbert, son of Preb. Herbert, Rector of this church.

STONEY STANTON, LEICS.—On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Joan Fisher 1, N. L. Walker 2, R. Richardson 3, J. Vernon 4, A. M. Lindsey 5, J. H. Bailees 6, M. Vernon (cond.) 7, G. Vernon 8. First quarter for 1 and 8. Rung half-muffled by members of the service band in memoriam Mrs. Manwaring, sister of the patron of the living.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—On Sept. 15th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: F. Sykes 1, A. J. N. Boyack 2, H. Rumens 3, F. C. Maynard 4, B. Downes 5, C. T. W. Coles 6, E. E. Holman 7, D. Hewitt 7, R. J. Chapman (cond.) 9, M. J. Hayes 10. For Evensong, and the 70th birthday of Mr. H. Rumens.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): R. Pickering (first quarter) 1, B. Burrough 2, Miss V. Phillips 3, E. Fossbury 4, G. Francis (cond.) 5, P. Goacher (first quarter) 6, K. Burchell 7, I. Brookshaw (first quarter) 8. Rung after the induction of the Rev. M. G. Daniel.

WARSOP, NOTTS.—On Sept. 8th, 1,440 Treble Bob Minor (720 Cambridge Surprise and 720 Oxford): J. T. Rooke 1, Miss M. Johnson 2, R. Lucas 3, G. Challans 4, F. Flint 5, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 6. Also on Sept. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss N. Wilcox 1, J. T. Rooke 2, R. Lucas 3, Miss M. Johnson (first as cond.) 4, F. Flint 5, H. T. Rooke 6.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Sept. 15th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: A. Bishop 1, J. Tomsett 2, Anne Garnett 3, Susan Jacobs 4, P. Devenish 5, F. Corfield 6. Rung for Battle of Britain Sunday.

WINCANTON, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. Naylor (cond.) 1, T. Sanger 2, E. Wadman 3, R. Crago 4, D. Lee 5, D. Hoare 6, V. Savage 7, A. White 8. Rung for the wedding of Miss Doreen Turnbull and Mr. Frederick Slatford, who were married at Trowbridge, Wilts, this day.

WINFORD, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 12th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Monica Fray 1, D. G. Yeo 2, L. Derrick 3, J. Brain (first of Minor 'inside') 4, D. E. Cobb 5, M. J. Horseman (cond.) 6. An engagement compliment to David Yeo and Gillian Slack, of Long Ashton.

WINGFIELD, NORFOLK.—On Sept. 14th, 1,440 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: G. Filby 1, C. Brown 2, F. Flatt 3, A. Lawes 4, A. Flatt 5, G. Filby, jun. (cond.) 6.

WINSHILL, STAFFS.—On Sept. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. M. Henley 1, Valerie Smith 2, P. Brittain 3, J. O'Neil 4, F. G. Fretwell 5, A. G. Foster 6. A farewell to the Vicar (the Rev. G. L. Vigar), who is leaving the parish.

LETTERS

PEALS OF SPLICED CAMBRIDGE AND SUPERLATIVE QUESTIONED

Dear Sir,—I should like to draw attention to the arrangement for Spliced Superlative and Cambridge given in the Central Council Collection as follows:—'Call each course C S C S C S C, true to compositions for Superlative with no bells reversed in 5-6.' Unfortunately, this qualification is insufficient to ensure truth, and only peals of Cambridge with the tenors together would appear to be true to this arrangement: the Cambridge leads unfortunately running false against themselves. The arrangement required to run true to the 'no bells reversed in 5-6' qualification is S C S C S C S, and as far as I can see from peal reports, these arrangements have been rung in fairly even proportions. Perhaps conductors would care to check back and see whether they have rung the false arrangement, and the easiest guide seems to be to notice whether more Cambridge was rung than Superlative. I am sorry to be stirring up so much mud, but I have not heard of or seen any statement correcting this error in a widely-used Collection, though evidently quite a few conductors have appreciated it for some time now.

While on the subject I should like to query the superiority of Bristol with 6th place bobs, recently averred in your columns. The mere fact that all the courses with the 6th at home, and 4, 5 and 6 in 5-6 are rung full, seems of little value when considering that the wrong leads of the courses 3 4 6 2 5 and 4 2 6 3 5 contain as much music as the 65's at the Homes, for instance: and, apart from anything else, the tenors are on the front 22 times compared with the customary 14 or 15 in a 4ths place bob composition. Surely the 'lengthening lead' properties of Bristol are its main attraction?. Also, perhaps I have odd tastes, but to me Cambridge Royal is infinitely superior to Yorkshire (also the Major) by virtue of the very fact that the coursing order is broken below the treble!

Beating a hasty retreat,—Yours,

STEPHEN IVIN.

Houghton Conquest.

FOUR-BELL TOWERS IN HERTFORDSHIRE

Dear Sir,—There are very few fours in Herts, and this is the list and their condition as far as I can ascertain:—Brent Pelham (7 cwt.), probably ringable; St. Mary's, Stanstead Abbotts, St. Andrew's (new church), chiming only: Wadesmill (6 cwt.), unringable (treble pre-Reformation, tenor by John Deir, 1580): St. Giles', Wyddial (11 cwt.), probably ringable but obstructed by organ (second and third probably 14th century). The three (5 cwt.) at Lilley are ringable.—Yours faithfully,

D. P. JONES.

Hitchin.

WHEN SPLICING

Dear Sir,—Perhaps ringers who splice their own bell-ropes would find this tip useful: After unwinding the rope ready for splicing, bind each of the three strands with cellotape for about two inches from the end. This keeps the ends from fraying and makes threading much easier.—Yours, etc.,

H. BUTLER.

Shareshill, Staffs.

'NINE TAILORS'

Dear Sir,—While listening to the third instalment of the B.B.C. production of Dorothy Sayers' 'Nine Tailors,' I was interested to hear what I took to be a slip on the part of John Thomason as the Rev. Theodore Venables. Talking of the path of the tenor in Kent Treble Bob Major, he described it as moving directly from 6ths to 4ths, before dodging in 5-6 down—by no means an uncommon occurrence in actual practice! However, on checking with my own copy of the book I find the error to be the printer's. As this is a first edition copy, the misprint must have been overlooked by the proof reader and perpetuated in later editions and by the B.B.C.

Presumably Mr. Harold Pitstow's services were limited to the actual ringing involved rather than extending to those of a 'technical adviser' to the producer.—Yours sincerely,

CYRIL A. WRATTEN.

Cheltenham.

THE MAJOR PROBLEM

Dear Sir,—Mr. Philip Gray's letter on the above subject goes right to the core of what should be the greatest concern of all ringers and Associations—the problem of the silent, undermanned and jangling towers, and he deserves credit for his challenging.

In estimating the number of towers which are adequately rung at half, I think he is, if anything, being over-generous.

I agree entirely with him that the Council should now set up a committee to investigate the problem and issue a report with a view to bringing about an enthusiastic drive to build up the strength and efficiency of Sunday service bands. If these are flourishing, all other aspects of ringing will also flourish

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BELFRY GOSSIP

London University Society made September 8th a memorable day for Norwich, when a peal and two quarter peals were rung simultaneously on the bells of the city. It is said on that particular evening no part of the city was free from the activities of the Society. One of the quarter peals was by an all-ladies band, and although it needed three attempts the length was eventually well and truly rung.

Mr. Geoffrey Harper, a former ringer at Kenwyn, Cornwall, was ordained deacon at Coventry on September 15th.

Mr. B. P. Morris, Master of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers, has been appointed postmaster of Ashbourne, Derbyshire. He expects to take up duty there early in October.

Bramley, Leeds, is Mr. W. Eric Critchley's unlucky tower. At last, at the fifth attempt, he has rung a peal on the bells. Incidentally, this was Bramley's first peal of Surprise, unusual for a Yorkshire 8-bell tower.

Mr. Brian Austin points out that it is no longer the select band of ringers who have rung Cambridge from Minor to Maximus, as he is now a member of it by a peal at Rushton on September 11th.

The first peal conducted by Edward F. P. Bryant (14) at Sedlescombe, Sussex, was followed by a happy tea party, arranged by Mr. and Mrs. E. Fellows, who are thanked by the band for their hospitality.

Without advice, the Vicar of Bardwell, Suffolk, bought a set of ropes in the market at Bury St. Edmunds. The huge sallies they had caused them to stick in the floor above. The opinion of Suffolk ringers, transported by Mr. Arthur Rolfe, who visited the tower recently, was that these bells could be rung well with good ropes.

A quarter peal of Stedman Cinques was rung on the bells of Leicester Cathedral on September 8th as an 80th birthday compliment to Mrs. Jenney, wife of Mr. Harold G. Jenney, a highly respected member of the Cathedral band and president of the National Police Guild of Ringers.

Mr. Shirley Burton has rung peals of Kent Treble Bob from Minor to Maximus.

The ringers of the peal of Plain Bob Major at Bolton on September 8th would like to record their sincere gratitude to Mrs. Young, mother of the second ringer, who afterwards kindly provided the band with refreshments.

The two bells at Clanfield, Hants, dating from 1448 and cast by Roger Landon, are to be quarter turned and rehung on ball-bearings. Both were hung in the original 14th century church at Clanfield which was pulled down in 1878 and the present church built on the site.

A peal attempt was made at Spalding on September 7th, which was to have been in honour of the wedding of Mr. W. A. Dobbs and Miss J. Drury, also in honour of the birth of a daughter to the Rev. and Mrs. R. W. H. Nind, assistant curate at Spalding Parish Church, and also a birthday compliment to the conductor. Perhaps too many celebrations are not good for peal ringers?

A get-together by friends from Sudbury, Clare and Whepstead, Suffolk, and Sawston, Cambs, on September 7th, resulted in a very pleasant excursion. Towers visited were Stretham (6), Wilburton (6), Haddenham (6), Willingham (6) and Cherryhinton (5). London was an excellent touch at Stretham and Haddenham, with the assistance of a Cambridge contingent en route to the Ely meeting, whose company was much enjoyed.

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'The blue hills of Ireland
I see in my dreams,
The high hills of Ireland
the glens and the streams;
In sunlight and shadow
in weal and in woe,
The sweet vision haunts me
wherever I go.'

IN defiance of superstition, 13 ringers journeyed to Ireland on August 17th for the sixth annual tour, organised by Wilfred Williams. This year we were pleased to re-welcome Messrs. Jim and Ronald Diserens after an interval of five years, and Tom Southam, who seems to have adopted the habit of every other year. Making their first tour with us were Frank Darby—making our complement of bell-hanging friends up to two—and John Phillips, of whom more later.

The advance guard descended on Dublin by way of an Aer Lingus dawn flight from London. Ten braved the rigours of an all-night crossing from Holyhead, while your chronicler, as usual the last to arrive, flew from Cardiff, his late arrival being greeted by the strains of 'Happy Birthday' (obviously prearranged), making an immediate celebration necessary where the boat was duly launched.

Our headquarters for the first and last parts of our tour was the historic Four Courts Hotel, which four centuries ago was known as the 'Angel Inn.' Dean Swift lived and wrote many of his poems in this establishment.

Our first peal attempt took place at Christ Church Cathedral, where we received a warm welcome from Billy Lynch and Fred Dukes. We had been led to believe that the bells at Christ Church were a real 'handful,' but despite the fact that eight of the band had travelled all night, a good peal of Cambridge Royal was brought round, the man from Coventry showing off his 14½ stone to advantage on the 39¼ cwt. tenor. Those not ringing attended a meeting at St. John's, which had been specially arranged by Fred Dukes, and where we were all kindly entertained to tea by the Irish Association.

On Sunday morning the fine ring at St. Patrick's Cathedral placed at our disposal, and after a warm welcome from members of St. Patrick's Cathedral Society, we rang an excellent course of Cambridge Maximus, followed by two courses of Stedman Cinques. Mr. R. S. F. Murphy, P.C. (president of the Irish Association), who rang the tenor to the first peal on these bells, declaring that in all his 57 years' association with this tower he had never heard the bells rung better. Following this we were all elected honorary members of the St. Patrick's Cathedral Society, a gesture which we much appreciate.

We also rang again at St. John's, receiving a warm welcome from the local band. The ascent to the ringing chamber here is by means of an open spiral staircase of some 50 to 60 ft., and proved most unnerving to one member who is averse to high places. After lunch we wended our way to the Church of St. George, a fine Wren-like structure, where an excellent peal of London was rung: F. E. D. reaching the 300th milestone, and 'Mr. Chips" his 50th this year. After this peal we were most kindly entertained by Mr. R. S. F. Murphy.

While waiting for the church to be opened we were the object of much interest from the windows of an adjacent nurses' home, a number of the band offering to give up their places in the attempt. It was observed, however, that the windows were strangely empty after three hours' ringing. The evening was spent ringing handbells in a room specially set aside for us. Here we were joined by Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Roberts, who were holidaying in Dublin.

Early Monday morning we left Dublin in three cars on our journey south, stopping at Christ Church, Bray, for our first attempt of the day. On this magnificent eight—surely one of the best in the four countries—a good peal of Bristol was rung, though not without incident as after 20 minutes the tucks suddenly flew out of the fourth rope, which left our senior bell-hanging friend ringing for two leads with his hands virtually tied together. We now understand that he is claiming to be the only ringer to perform the 'Leaf Test' during a peal. During the ringing the original 'Belfryman' holidaying nearby paid us a visit, and it was interesting to have his comments on some excellent ringing.

PEALS AT WASHBROOK'S TOWER

During the afternoon we enjoyed a journey through lovely scenery, passing on our right the Wicklow Mountains, and arriving shortly afterwards at Arklow, with its magnificent church on the hill overlooking the sea and dominating this beautiful scene. A grand ring of bells here, and the many peal boards in the ringing chamber testify to the prowess of the late J. W. Washbrook as a ringer of two bells. Here with Wilf II at the helm we rang one of the best peals of the week.

While this peal was in progress the 'Governor,' in company with our two bellhangers, drove to Wexford. The bells at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception—a very fine ring installed by Gillett and Johnston in 1931—are seldom rung, and though permission had been granted for a peal attempt we had also been informed that the third was unringable. It was therefore entirely due to the work put in during this visit that the peal attempt next day was made possible.

Monday night was spent at Redmonds Hotel, Gorey, a sleepy country town with no street lighting, and where the name of Redmond was unusually predominant. The events which followed dinner are probably best described in the following lines:—

'Any draught?' queried Jack, with tongue in throat,
But the answer from Madam gave little hope.
So down Gorey's street that dusky night,
Jack set out on mission bright.
Up the road and over the hill
Followed at length by Border and Bill.
Others, too, joined in the quest,
Echoing their cries with the utmost zest.
From shop to bar the searchers wound,
But the familiar Red Triangle just couldn't be found,
The calling of 'Time' caused Jack to give in,
He'd missed his paragon, found Phœnix the thing.

THE FIRST PEAL AT WEXFORD

Tuesday saw us on the road early, as with two peal attempts we should cover something like 150 miles before reaching Cork that night. Back again to Arklow, a prompt start was made for Bristol, a first-class peal resulting. The sound of the bells brought many visitors to the church all full of praise for the excellence of the ringing. There is no doubt that the two best peals of the week were rung at this tower, the striking in both being of a high standard. With sandwiches to eat in the cars, the journey to Wexford was covered in record time, and with the advance party already having the bells up, Cambridge Royal was soon rolling out from these fine bells, the first peal on them being duly rung. An excellent meal, then the

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The tourists outside St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, after ringing the peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus (left to right): W. A. Theobald, M. P. Moreton, A. H. Reed, D. G. Clift, W. Williams, D. P. Jones, T. J. Southam, P. Border, J. Phillips, W. F. Moreton, N. J. Diserens, R. F. Diserens and F. E. Darby

TOWERS OF SOUTHERN IRELAND



The Cathedral Church of the Immaculate Conception, Wexford



Christ Church, Bray



St. Mary's Cathedral, Limerick



St. Saviour's, Arklow ('Washbrook's Tower')



Cathedral of the Blessed Trinity, Waterford

IRISH PEAL TOUR—Cont.

now rare 'Red Triangle' locating Jack, and we started on our 113-mile journey to Cork, reaching this most hospitable city at a late hour by way of Waterford, Dungarvan and Youghal.

A VISIT TO ST. FIN BARRE'S CATHEDRAL, CORK

Despite the lateness of our arrival on the previous evening, everyone reported early on Wednesday morning, and after wishing the 'Governor' happy birthday, the 'top brass' set out for Bandon, where a peal in seven methods were rung on the noisy six. Those not ringing looked around Cork and paid a visit to the lovely Cathedral of St. Fin Barre. We had originally been granted permission to attempt a peal on the eight which hang in the north-west tower of this building, but the 'go' of the bells during the last six months had made it necessary to call in the services of Messrs. John Taylor and Co., and the bells are now awaiting shipment to the foundry. We were, however, able to see the bells and ring on the fine set of handbells in the ringing chamber. We were also shown around the Cathedral, which is built in French early pointed Gothic, and much admired the nave which is lined with red Cork marble, also the wonderful decoration of the floor, walls and ceiling of the chancel, which symbolises Paradise. Later that morning 'Mr. Chips' chimed Grandsire Triples on Shandon bells; but an attempt to see the heavy eight at St. Mary's R.C. Cathedral proved fruitless.

In the afternoon the 'rabbits' drove to Doneraile, where at St. Mary's we were welcomed by Billy Evans, who in his own words described himself: "Forty-five years an Irishman, but be-Jasus born within the sound of Bow Bells.' After Canon Osborn had wished us luck, a start was made on the pleasant six for Cambridge Minor, but after three excellent 720's we experienced our first and only failure of the week. This was a great disappointment as it would have enabled Jack to complete the sequence from Minor to Maximus. Our disappointment was soon forgotten when Billy Evans introduced us to Tommy O'Donnell, the landlord of the local hostelry and a famous Irish footballer of 45 years ago. His bedtime stories were many and varied, and had we chosen could have remained there indefinitely, for we certainly saw no observation of licensing hours in those country places.

Back in Cork that evening the 'Governor's' birthday was well celebrated, the final act resembling a scene from Samson and Delilah, but with the aid of a well-known phrase our Samson preserved that shaggy mop, and Delilah departed much chastened.

A VISIT TO BLARNEY CASTLE

Early on Thursday morning we said goodbye to Ireland's most hospitable city and started our journey to Limerick, calling en route at Blarney for a visit to the castle and its famous stone; but none of the party could be persuaded to hang backwards over a 70ft. drop to kiss the stone—perhaps there were too many cameras in evidence.

FIRST PEAL OF PUDSEY ROYAL IN IRELAND

After an early lunch we assembled at the Monastery of Mount St. Alphonsus, where we were made welcome by The Brethren; also meeting us were Mr. David Benson (president of the Mount St. Alphonsus ringers) and George Bingham (hon. secretary, Southern District, I.A.C.R.). The preliminaries completed, this glorious Taylor ten were soon going to Pudsey Royal, a good peal, the first in Ireland, being rung. At the conclusion of the peal we were entertained to a most wonderful tea by the Limerick ringers, presided over by the Lord Bishop of Limerick (the Rt. Rev. E. C. Hodges) and Mrs. Hodges; also present were the Dean of Limerick (the Very Rev. M. J. Talbot) and Mrs. Talbot, Mr. J. A. Haydon (president of St. Mary's Cathedral Ringers), Mr. Cyril Galbraith (chairman, Southern District, I.A.), Mr. George Bingham, Mr. G. H. Ellis (Ringing Master, Southern District, I.A.) and Mr. David Benson (president of the Mount St. Alphonsus Ringers).

The Dean, in welcoming us to Limerick, said that he hoped we would enjoy the bells at St. Mary's Cathedral as much as we had enjoyed those at Mount St. Alphonsus. They were proud of their bells at St. Mary's, which were reputed to have been cast by the celebrated Perdue brothers.

In a very witty speech the Lord Bishop welcomed us to the loveliest part of the diocese. It was famous for many things, including a little fighting when necessary. [Much laughter.]

Mr. Cyril Galbraith welcomed us on behalf of the Southern District, I.A.C.R., and expressed the hope that some of us would return to Limerick when the Central Council meet in Dublin next year. On behalf of the tourists Wilfrid Moreton made a suitable reply, expressing our thanks for their wonderful hospitality.

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IRISH PEAL TOUR—Cont.

After indulging in some handbell ringing, a move was made to Desmonds Hotel, where we enjoyed a social evening with the Limerick ringers, our senior bellhanging friend coming into his own for the first time on this tour.

Promptly at 8.45 a.m. on Friday we presented ourselves at the Cathedral, the Dean receiving us in the ringing chamber and remaining to see the start. These fine-toned bells, which run anti-clockwise, were soon going to London with almost faultless precision, an excellent peal being rung. After this we faced an 80-mile drive to Waterford, and we are very grateful to Cyril Galbraith for his fine gesture in providing us with the sandwiches which we found in the cars on descending from the tower.

A COLLEGE YOUTH PEAL

Waterford was reached in good time after a delightful run through glorious countryside, during which we passed through the town of Tipperary (singing at the top of our voices) and skirting the Galty Mountains via Cahir and Clonmel.

At the Cathedral of the Blessed Trinity we were met by the Rev. A. P. Stanley and Mr. E. Kelly, who extended a warm welcome. The tower of this Cathedral, built in the English classic style of the 18th century, houses a fine eight originally by Mears, and has past links with the Ancient Society of College Youths, for it was here 85 years ago that James Pettit called Holt's Original, which was the first peal in Ireland. We therefore decided to commemorate this anniversary by ringing a College Youth peal, which was duly brought round, though not without incident as we were unable to lock ourselves in due to work taking place inside the roof of the Cathedral, and had an audience on the gallery overlooking the ringing chamber almost throughout the peal, with its consequent effect on our concentration.

After the peal, Mr. and Mrs. Baldwin met us, and we much appreciated the handbooks which were presented to us by Mr. Harris. It was a tired but happy band which reached Dublin late that night after another 100-mile drive, during which we passed through Castlecomer, the site of Ireland's only coalmine.

THE FINAL DAY

Saturday brought us to our last day, and to the highlight of the tour—a peal attempt at St. Patrick's. The morning was spent in shopping and buying presents, some of which were undoubtedly peace-offerings. So 12.45 saw us wending our way to St. Patrick's, there being a short wait for some who had paid a visit to the Guinness Brewery. However, promptly at 1.15 the bells were away to the tune of Cambridge Maximus, and as others had done before, the composition was Lindoff's.

Perhaps it was due to the tension created by the knowledge that we wanted to score here more than anywhere, coupled with a week of late nights, that our ringing did not have the same edge as the excellent course rung on the previous Sunday; nevertheless, a good peal was rung, Arthur Reed earning all the medals for a near-faultless performance in his first 'touch' in the method. We were pleased to hear the comments of the listeners on descending the tower, and after posing for photographs spent a convivial hour with the locals in a 'local.'

The hour for our goodbyes came all too soon, though due to a gale those departing by boat had their departure delayed for more than an hour, while those flying to London arrived in record time ahead of a following wind. Your chronicler was not so lucky. His plane, rocked about by a 50 m.p.h. gale, was unable to land at Cardiff, but after what seemed an eternity managed to get down at Bristol with everyone on board much the worse for wear. So ended our most happy and successful tour to date, the memories of which will haunt us always.

THANKS AND IMPRESSIONS

This report cannot be completed without spotlighting some of the things which impressed us most.

First. Our sincere thanks to Messrs. Fred Dukes and George Bingham for the work they put in during the last 12 months, without which this tour would not have been possible.

Second. To the Limerick ringers for their hospitality, may I be forgiven for lifting the words of another writer. Ringers' hospitality is proverbial, but Irish ringers' hospitality is hospitality 'par excellence.'

Our thanks also to the Church Authorities for their ready permission to ring, and to all the other ringers who met us, always on time and with everything in readiness.

Three. The fine state of preservation of all the churches, and the wonderful stained glass in them, and last but by no means least, the quality of the bells.

Thank you, Ireland: we shall certainly hope to return one day. D. G. C.

BEVERLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

Younger ringers had no difficulty in handling the light and easy-going bells of St. Patrick's Church, Patrington, when the Beverley and District Society held a meeting there on September 14th.

A short service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. F. B. Crook), who welcomed the Society. An excellent tea was served in the Hildyard Arms Hotel, followed by the business meeting, with the president (Mr. A. E. Sellers) in the chair. All present joined in giving the president their best wishes for his 80th birthday, which he was to celebrate the following Tuesday.

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OBITUARY

MR. G. DOWLING

With the deepest regret, the Beverley and District Ringing Society record the passing of Mr. George Dowling, of Beverley, one of its oldest and most respected members.

He learned to handle a bell at St. Augustine's Church, Hedon, at the age of 12, but afterwards moved to Hull and then Withernsea, joining the band of ringers at both places. Whilst ringing with the Hull Holy Trinity band he was a pupil of Mr. Charles Jackson.

Mr. Dowling joined the Yorkshire Association in 1908, and rang in 31 peals for the Association. It is believed he also rang several more outside the District, but of which there is no record. During the first world war he joined the Royal Artillery, and for a period was in the anti-aircraft branch defending London, where he made many friends among the city's ringers.

He moved to Beverley in 1939, and became a member of the Minster band, where he rang up to the time of his death. In later years he spent many of his evenings helping bands of learners in the District, and many a struggling youngster has been glad of his help and guidance, which was never sought in vain.

On the day of the funeral at Beverley a touch of Grandsire Caters was rung as a last token of respect, and at Bridlington Priory Church, where he did so much to teach the local band, a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung.

MR. G. A. STEELE

Mr. George Steele followed his father-in-law, Nicholas Stredwick, as verger and sexton of St. Leonard's, Aldrington, and served in this capacity for 42 years before retiring to Eythorne in 1954. These were the only two vergers since the restoration of the church in 1878.

He held the record for the longest service of any bellringer in Aldrington belfry, being 64 years, including many years as captain and also as secretary of the band. How many ringers he taught, no one knows; but there are many who owe to him their interest in this form of service to the Church. The standard of ringing in our own tower is the result of his efforts and enthusiasm. His personal interest in the progress of the young ringers, his youthful outlook and fine sense of humour moulded a band to be proud of.

Mr. Steele was a member of the Sussex County Association since 1895, and rang three peals, including the first by a local band, which was of Bob Minor, fully muffled in memory of Queen Victoria on February 2nd, 1901. George rang the third bell of our six when the Aldrington band rang the first peal of London Surprise Minor ever to be rung in Sussex.

The influence of George Steele had its impact on many of us. His example of churchmanship and sincerity, of loyal service and love of St. Leonard's was such that won the admiration of all who worked with him.

The bells were rung half-muffled at his funeral on September 6th by members of Aldrington, Ditchling and Brighton towers. A half-muffled quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles had been rung in grateful memory by the local band on the previous Tuesday. S. W. B.

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A Tour in the County's Winding Lanes

HARDLY more than 30 miles from London City is the village of Pleshey, not far from Chelmsford, once a place of note, when it was dominated by the Castle of the Bohuns —but 'Where is Bohun? Where is Mowbray? Where is Plantagenet? They are intombed in the urns and sepulchres of mortality.' As for the castle, apart from some earthworks, 'Perierunt etiam Ruinæ!' Pleshey is now a peaceful village reached by a narrow winding lane that seems to lead nowhere.

Thoughts such as these, however, did not trouble members of the Cambridge University Guild when they came to Pleshey on Sunday, August 25th, for their 41st annual tour; and the peace of the village was shattered by the incongruous collection of vehicles that brought them there—ranging from the smooth Prefect to the 1933 London taxi that has featured in these pages before, known as 'Ichabod.' Our headquarters were at the Diocesan Retreat House, where we were extremely well looked after. A feature of the Retreat House is that every room has a name such as 'Charity,' 'Faith' or 'Light'—so that one member was 'Resting in Peace,' another was in 'Love' while a third had the name of his room changed by a practical joker to 'Total Abstinence,' so that he had difficulty in finding his room on the first night.

Some began the tour by ringing with the local band at Chelmsford for evening service, while others sampled the minor five at Pleshey. Later a small party set out to find a place with the unlikely name of Chignall Smealy, where there was reputed to be an inn called the Pig and Whistle. In this tour of discovery, however, they were unsuccessful, so returned to Pleshey, where the handbells were soon produced and a course of Stedman Cinques rung.

Monday's ringing started at Great Waltham, where a touch of Spliced Surprise nearly came round. By the time we reached Little Waltham 'Ichabod' had proved its sterling qualities by getting a puncture, as well as having to be watered every few miles. Its usefulness, however, became apparent on the way to Chelmsford for lunch, as the four passengers were able to ring handbells en route. The first peal of the tour was scored in the afternoon at Hatfield Broad Oak, where E. M. Atkins called Double Norwich. Meanwhile the rest of the party had fun finding Matching Church: one car ended up in a farmyard.

It was at this point that the admirably arranged programme was first side-tracked: as the week went on it was completely disregarded. Cambridge has a reputation for producing individualists, and when over 20 individualists all have different ideas about where to ring what, the wise organiser discreetly retires and lets them get on with it. This afternoon it was decided to include Harlow Common in the tour, and this was arranged with such speed that the party were just leaving Matching as Gilbert Thurlow arrived. After Harlow Common bells (and ice-cream) had been sampled, we rang on the heavy six at High Easter. As if this were not enough ringing for one day, the tower-snatchers had to invade the local practice at Braintree after supper, while four members attempted a handbell peal, which was soon lost, as some were ringing Plain Bob Major, while the more conservative were ringing Bob Major. It was during this evening that the mathematical element started wondering what the connection is between 6, 28, 496 and 8,128. The writer's suggestion that the answer can be found in 'Wisden' was received with contumely, and we believe this vital question is still unresolved.

GILBERT PLAYS MARBLES

On Tuesday morning Frank Haynes called a peal of Cambridge Royal at Bishop's Stortford, while the non-pealers cursed the organiser for sending them to Manuden, where the five bells, cast by Miles Graye, are in a wildly original scale. However, the amateur bellhangers found work to do, and Gilbert Thurlow had a game of marbles with a young spectator. At the next tower, Farnham, everyone was baffled by the third, so we soon left in high dudgeon and lunched in Stortford. The tower-snatchers were then kept happy by a visit to the roughish five at Great Hallingbury, and the peal band joined the rest at Sawbridgeworth, where, by way of a change, the bells were rough-going, and where we were mystified by the clock-hammer.

The last official tower of the day was Waltham Abbey, where a notice said that the Guild were going to ring 'twelve peals.' In spite of this, we scarcely did justice to the 12 bells. After so much rough stuff, and after a fresh contingent of tower-snatchers from London had rung at Pleshey, we had the annual meeting. (Cambridge University Guild, by the way, is one of the few organisations known to the writer which has two annual meetings.) At this meeting we had a report on the progress made in collecting money for the Great St. Andrew's, Cambridge, bell fund, concerning which we believe more is to be written shortly. We also heard the staggering news that after ten or more years' 'Great Argument About it and about,' the Guild History Supplement is actually being printed.

By Wednesday the peal-grabbers were also dissatisfied with the programme, and coerced the organiser into arranging an extra peal, with the result that a band went to Stansted Mountfichet in the morning, where E. M. Atkins called a peal of Little Bob. We hear that the conductor nearly stopped the peal halfway through when, looking round the ropes, he thought the coursing order was wrong—but remembered just in time that the bells are arranged anti-clockwise! Meanwhile the programme offered ringing at Boreham and Galleywood for the non-pealers; but some were dissatisfied with only two towers in one morning, and snatched Broomfield, where the six bells hang in a round tower, and Little Baddow. Such deviationism was, perhaps, only to be expected, when it is realised that some half-dozen of the more ardent 'Snatchers' had been thrown together (almost literally) in Brian Price's van, where they sat on a garden seat and three chairs borrowed from the Retreat House.

In the afternoon the programme was adhered to for a short while, when Widford and Writtle were visited. The eight bells at Writtle were especially admired. After this came the highlight of the tour, an attempt for a peal of Stedman Cinques at Chelmsford Cathedral: and it is sad to have to relate that after two and a half hours' quite good ringing the treble rope broke. Before this happened, Chris. Johnson, on the 10th, had done a strange thing: he caught the loop of his rope on the edge of the box, and somehow managed to tie a knot in it! After he had done this twice, and shortened his rope-end by nearly two feet, he showed characteristic resourcefulness in climbing on to a bench behind the box, where he was just able to reach the back-stroke by dint of ringing with one finger through the loop at the rope-end. Altogether a most remarkable performance. While these antics were in progress, the fanatics added a triangular tower to their round tower (if you follow) by joining in the local practice at Maldon. When all had safely returned to Pleshey, some maniacs rang handbells, including what was probably the first course of Great Big Bob Minor.

MILK FOR THE 'CATS'

It is always asserted that the Cambridge Guild's tours are not peal-ringing tours; yet the sober fact remains that on Thursday, August 29th, no fewer than three peals were rung by the Guild. In the morning Chris. Woolley called four Spliced Surprise at Great Dunmow, while the 'profanum vulgus' rang at Felsted and Stebbing: for a wonder both these towers were on the programme, and there were no divergences. In the afternoon the majority visited the beautiful villages of Thaxted (where the bells match up to the rest of the village) and Finchingfield (where they don't). Meanwhile it had been found that there were six members of St. Catharine's College on the tour; so these six resolved to show the 'Selwynites' that Selwyn isn't the only college when it comes to ringing (a select few know that it isn't either of these that really counts, but Jesus College)—anyway a peal of Cambridge Minor was quickly arranged for the 'Cat's men' at Rayne, and E. M. Atkins was again the successful conductor. The six 'Cats' were suitably rewarded for their labours: on coming out of the tower they found six saucers of milk, appropriately inscribed by Brian Price, awaiting them. Tower-bell ringing for the day finished at Great Bardfield, but in the evening, while the saner members were being guided round the ruins of Pleshey Castle, four fools rang a handbell peal of Bob Major. To the conductor's chagrin, this came round exactly at closing time!

On Friday those travelling in Paul Williamson's car survived his 'Grand Prix' style of driving and all rang at Great Baddow, where Gilbert Thurlow was able to inspire confidence in the verger as to our bona-fides. A peal of Yorkshire was then called at Rayleigh by Henry Fielden, and those not in the peal amused themselves with the Guild's old friend 'Boatrace Delight' (Cambridge in front, Oxford behind) at South Benfleet. The tower-snatching element, game to the last, then persuaded the rest to visit Leigh-on-Sea. In the afternoon we joined saner holiday-makers and went to Southend: ringing took place at Prittlewell, where a course of Double Norwich Caters staggered round, and at Thorpe Bay.

It might be thought that, having reached the end of the official programme and worn themselves out in so doing, members would have gone quietly home. But no: rumour spoke of a practice that evening at Brentwood: and thither many members duly went—perhaps by this time they felt lost without a bell-rope to prop them up! After this not a few of the party were accommodated for the night by Hugh Neill, the organiser (to whom, in spite of what has been said above, we are all extremely grateful for making such excellent arrangements)—and the peace of Ilford was disturbed by the ringing of handbells to changes and tunes. Finally, on Saturday morning, a peal of Cambridge was scored at Loughton, called by Henry Fielden, and so ended a hectic but rather wonderful week.

W. T. C.

KELVEDON, ESSEX.—On Aug. 4th, 1,320 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: J. Papworth 1, J. Elliott (cond.) 2, A. Beckwith (first quarter) 3, Miss W. M. Elliott 4, C. Burton 5, A. R. Elliott 6. Rung for the 39th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. J. Elliott.

CAMPANOLOGY AFLOAT

Tour of Norfolk Broads

The Norfolk Broads being a very popular holiday resort, it is not surprising that during August Bank Holiday week two five-berth cruisers should be manned by a party of bell-ringers.

Nine of the party from the villages of Yelvertoft and Lilbourne left Rugby station early on the Saturday morning and reached Oulton Broad in the early afternoon. Provisions, handbells and ale aboard, the party were under way by 4 o'clock and proceeded to Burgh Castle, where a 'Bellringer's Guide to the Inns of Britain' would have proved useful. The boats were moored here for the night, which proved a restless one for nearly all aboard.

Sunday morning found the boats heading for Great Yarmouth, where a further member was added to the party from Caston. There being no bells at present in Yarmouth, and little by way of amusement open on a Sunday morning, the party cast off earlier than scheduled, thus forfeiting ringing at Winterton for evensong. By tea time the low bridge at Potter Heigham was being navigated, and a suitable mooring was found on the other side for the night. Some members of the party preferred refreshment, whilst others walked to the parish church with its three bells, two of which are pre-Reformation.

Monday was spent on Horsey Mere and Hickling Broad, and it was not until Tuesday that Catfield, the first tower, was reached, where the crew were met by the Rev. E. Lillingston (president of the Norwich Association) and Mrs. Lillingston, and Ted and Ella Chapman, from Pakefield. The five bells were soon set ringing to methods varying from Plain Bob to Stedman Doubles. The next stop was Ludham, two hours distant, where the 22 cwt. tenor of the ring of five was raised at the fourth attempt, three ringers attaching themselves to the rope for the final effort, others having either fallen off the box or just given up in bewilderment. After ringing, the tower captain gave permission for the bells to be lowered in peal.

Coltishall, with its six bells, was reached that evening, ready for ringing there first thing next morning. Although they had received bellhangers' attention in 1951, the bells seemed a little out of tune. Within an hour of leaving Coltishall the party invaded Wroxham, where some local ringers and one from Watford awaited them. It was difficult to believe that the bells had not been touched by a bellhanger since last century.

SPOTLIGHTS ON MIDNIGHT RINGERS

Malthouse Broad proved the resting place for the cruisers that afternoon and evening, and was a place of much activity both silent and noisy. Silent in the way that four youths manœuvred a cruiser full of young ladies into the weeds at the water's edge at the dead of night: noisy because handbells were rung joyously for some reason on deck at midnight, resulting in an array of spotlights being directed on to the performing campanologists from neighbouring vessels.

Before ringing at Ranworth, a conducted tour of the wonderful church was given by the Vicar (Rev. Mr. Everard), who also exhibited the priceless Ranworth Antiphoner. The six bells were rehung by Alfred Bowell, of Ipswich, in the late 1930's, and a cracked pre-Reformation bell was recast at the time.

A quick trip to Barton Broad and back, and Acle was reached, where the ringers were met by Mr. Lidbetter (84 and still ringing). Since the round tower had not been thought strong enough to house the six bells, a new steel tower was constructed inside, independent of the walls, to form a seat for the bellframe. Here a touch of Cambridge Surprise came to an untimely end after two minutes' ringing and ten minutes' hopeless struggling. After the two-mile walk back to the boats, certain members of the party indulged in merriment, resulting in a loud and rather blurred solo rendering of 'Kiss me goodnight, sergeant-major,' sounding over the water in the early hours.

The cruisers passed through Yarmouth and across Breydon Water on Friday afternoon and moored at St. Olave's. After tea the party started the two-mile walk to Haddiscoe, where Mr. Bussey awaited them and assisted in ringing the light five.

One hour's run on Saturday morning and they were back on Oulton Broad, and the boats returned to base. Ted Chapman's car became a taxi, and before catching the 12.40 train to Rugby, the party enjoyed ringing on the beautiful eight at Pakefield. Here a 704 of Plain Bob Major was rung, to the satisfaction of at least one ringer, and a more satisfying or more inspiring church could not have been found with which to end the tour.

Thanks are due to those who helped make the holiday a success: Dawn Elson for hiring the cruisers and for organising the party generally; John Barnes for the ringing arrangements; Ted Chapman for unlimited use of his car, and Peter Westerman for spontaneous entertainment.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Devizes Branch

Guild members from many towers in the Salisbury Diocese, together with members from Chippenham, Horsham and Worthing, and 15 members of a party from Hatfield (Herts), who were spending a holiday touring Wiltshire, ringing peals at various towers, attended the Guild meeting at Bromham on September 5th. The Rector (the Rev. J. F. Collins) conducted the service in church, with Mr. A. T. Weeks (Branch chairman) reading the lesson, and Miss H. M. Webb as organist. Tea followed at the Greyhound Inn, and the chairman welcomed all the visitors. Votes of thanks were accorded to the Rector and organist and to Mr. G. Minty, captain of Bromham tower. Ringing continued till 8.30 p.m.

Record Length of Yorkshire

Last Saturday, at the Loughborough Bell Foundry, a peal of 14,560 Yorkshire Surprise Major was rung in 7 hours. This is the longest length yet rung in the method and was conducted by the composer, Stephen Ivin. The peal will be credited to the Bedfordshire Association. Congratulations to all concerned.

WEDDINGS

At Stonham Aspal, Suffolk

A well-known member of the Suffolk Guild, Miss Muriel Pipe, was married at the Church of SS. Mary and Lambert, Stonham Aspal, on August 31st, to Mr. Alan Page, of Pettaugh, who has been organist at Stonham Aspal for the past four years. The service was fully choral, and a former Vicar (the Rev. Mr. Greenway) officiated.

The bride, given away by her father, wore an ankle-length gown of white-figured lace over net. Miss Edna Clements and Miss Pamela Beal were bridesmaids, and Mr. K. Page, of Oxford, brother of the bridegroom, best man.

As the bride entered and left the church, Stonham Aspal bells were rung, but unfortunately a peal attempt for Yorkshire Surprise Major on the bells later in the day was unsuccessful. Wedding presents included an electric copper from the Helmingham ringers, and the bride's colleagues gave dessert spoons.

At Warmley, Glos

On September 14th the captain of the Warmley ringers, Mr. Paul Garnet King, was married to the tower secretary, Miss Barbara Jean Rogers, at the Church of St. Barnabas, Warmley.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a nylon lace dress with a full-length veil, and was attended by her sisters, Cynthia, Pauline and Diane, and the bridegroom's sister, Elyn.

Many ringing friends were present and the bells were rung before and after the service. Two peal attempts came to grief during the evening, a fact which many local ringers attribute to the excellence of the reception.

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ENGAGEMENTS

FRANCIS—MASON. — The engagement is announced between George Francis, of Itchingfield, Sussex, and Vivian Mason, of Barns Green, Sussex. 1020

MORETON—ROPER.—The engagement is announced between Wilfrid Farrington, elder son of the Rev. Canon and Mrs. H. A. Moreton, of The Close, Hereford, and Madeline Joan, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Roper, of Adderbury, Banbury, Oxon. 1039

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MISCELLANEOUS

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.—Will all ringers starting at Manchester University next October and who are interested in joining the University Guild please write to Miss Carol Eustace, 10, Two Hedges Road, Bishop's Cleeve, Cheltenham, Glos. 1003

READING UNIVERSITY SOCIETY. — We shall be pleased to welcome any ringers coming up to the University as Freshers. Please contact the secretary, Lucy Allen, St. Andrew's Hall. Will all ringers please note that future practices at St. Giles' will be on Thursdays, commencing Oct. 3rd. 1051

SOUTHAMPTON UNIVERSITY GUILD extends a warm welcome to Freshers coming up to the University in October and invites them to join in their activities. Please contact J. L. Queen (hon. secretary), c/o The University, Southampton. 1037

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Axbridge Branch.—Owing to tower repairs at Winscombe the practice meeting advertised in last week's issue for the 28th will now be held at Burnham-on-Sea. Bells (8) 5 p.m. —E. C. Wickham. 1036

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at Dunham Massey, Altrincham, Saturday, Sept. 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. For tea please advise Mrs. C. K. Lewis, 6, Princes Road, Altrincham.—C. K. Lewis. 1010

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—St. Andrew's, Bebington, Saturday, Sept. 28th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. — Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 1009

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Derby District.—Monthly meeting, Stanton-by-Dale, Saturday, Sept. 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Please make own tea arrangements. All welcome.—Vivienne M. Horton, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1011

A Reminder

The first issue of the new quarter starts next week. Subscriptions should be sent without delay to Mr. J. E. Jeater, Greystones, Cusgarne, Truro, Cornwall, without delay. Rates: quarterly 7/6, half-yearly 14/6, yearly £1 8s.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dinner to be held at the Brunswick School Hall, Cambridge, Saturday, Sept. 28th, at 7 o'clock. Ringing arrangements: Great St. Mary's (12), 3 to 4 p.m.; St. Bene't's (6), 3 to 5; Old Chesterton (6), 3 to 4 p.m.; Great St. Andrew's (8), 5 to 6.30 p.m.; Roman Catholic (8), 5 to 6.30 p.m. Tickets (12s. 6d.) from H. S. Peacock, 8, Rosecrea Terrace, St. John's St., Huntingdon.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting at Elmdon (6) on Saturday, Sept. 28th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea at the King's Head, 5.15 p.m. Names, please, to G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 961

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch. — Thornbury (8), Sept. 28th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15.—T. T. Walters, 17, Newlands Avenue, Coalpit-Heath, Bristol. 1034

HEREFORD GUILD.—Bromyard District. —Quarterly meeting at Bredenbury, Saturday, Sept. 28th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Reservations for tea early, please, to R. L. Price, 18, New Road, Bromyard. 944

LADIES' GUILD.—Kent Branch.—Meeting at Rainham, Kent, Saturday, Sept. 28th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Gentlemen cordially invited.—S. M. Dobbie, Hon. Sec. 942

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester and District Branch.—Annual meeting at Souldern, Saturday, Sept. 28th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m.—C. Kinch, 3, Causeway, Bicester. 977

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Hitcham (6), Sept. 28th, 3.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify me. —W. Butler, 17, Forest Road, Windsor. 1016

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD (Kettering Branch) and LADIES' GUILD (Beds and Northants Branch).—Joint meeting, Saturday, Sept. 28th, at Burton Latimer. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Tea and meetings 5 p.m. —Anne E. Amor. 978

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Meeting at Orston, Notts (6), Saturday, Sept. 28th, at 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. K. Foster, Chapel Street, Orston, Notts. 1019

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Saxmundham District. Meeting at Tunstall (ringing 2.30 p.m.) and Blaxhall (ringing 6.30 p.m.) on Saturday, Sept. 28th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—A. R. Bridges, Dis. Sec. 1000

SURREY ASSOCIATION (Northern District) and GUILDFORD GUILD (Guildford District).—Combined meeting at Guildford, Sept. 28th. Holy Trinity and St. Mary's bells 3 to 4.15. Service S. Nicolas' 4.30. Tea in S. Nicolas' Hall 5.15. Holy Trinity and S. Nicolas' bells after.—W. Parrott and M. Collins, Hon. Secs. 1021

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division. —Meeting, Saturday, Sept. 28th, Ewhurst (5). No. 84 bus, Hastings to top of lane (two-hourly), better than No. 12. Special efforts for our newest tower, please. Names to H. Reynolds, Sec., 10, Eastern Avenue, Polegate. 1005

SURREY ASSOCIATION (Northern District).—Combined practice at Christ Church, Epsom, on Wednesday, Oct. 2nd. All welcome. 1022

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Combined practice at St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Wednesday, October 2nd. Bells (12) available 6.30 to 8 p.m. All very welcome!—P. N. Bond, Hon. Sec. 975

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Kingstone, Saturday, Oct. 5th. Usual arrangements. Notify for tea to J. T. Locke, School Street, Drayton. 1043

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Bedford District) and OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (North Bucks Branch).—Joint meeting on Saturday, Oct. 5th, at Bromham. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. Tysoe, The Post Office, Bromham, Bedford.—Phyllis Gray, Hon. Dis. Sec. 986

CHESTER GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch. —A meeting will be held at Stretton on Saturday, October 5th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. 1030

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Southern District.—Next meeting at Butlers Marston on Saturday, Oct. 5th at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 and tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Oct. 2nd, please. — H. M. Windsor, The Bakery, Long Itchington, near Rugby, Warks. 1044

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Quarterly meeting, Chesterfield, Oct. 5th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. S. Scattergood, 797, Sheffield Road, Sheepbridge, Chesterfield. — A. B. Cooper. 1056

DEVON GUILD.—N.E. Branch.—Meeting, Hemyock, Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea for those who notify by Sept. 28th D. W. Hart, 1, Broadway, The Square, Hemyock. Visitors welcome.—W. H. Ware, Hon. Sec. 823

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting at Wivenhoe on Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea by Wednesday, Oct. 2nd, please, to Mr. E. Sparling, Winton, Rectory Road, Wivenhoe, Colchester. 999

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — S.W. quarterly meeting, South Benfleet, Oct. 5th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea, please, to Mr. C. L. Matson, 75, St. Mary's Road, South Benfleet. 1015

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—S.W. Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Plympton St. Maurice, Saturday, Oct. 5th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by Sept. 30th to T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Sereet, Plymouth. 989

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Practice meeting at Crondall (6) on Saturday, Oct. 5th, from 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by previous Wednesday, to Mrs. L. Mellins, The Borough, Crondall, Farnham.—C. J. Beadle, Hon. Dis. Sec.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kington District.—Meeting, Lyonshall, Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. **Names, early, please,** to J. Preece, Lea Lodge, Staunton-on-Arrow, Leominster. 1035

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—St. Ippolyts, Oct. 5th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in the School. Special method: Trinity Sunday T.B.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 1028

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Ashford District.—Annual general meeting at Ashford on Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Oct. 2nd to Miss M. Jones, 30, Park Road, Ashford.—C. T. H. 994

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Annual District meeting on Saturday, Oct. 5th, at Tonbridge. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea (2s.) 5 p.m. Names for tea, with cash, please, by Tuesday, Oct. 1st, to Mr. W. Dobbie, 13, Baltic Road, Tonbridge. 1007

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire District.—Meeting at St. Giles', Lincoln, Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, Oct. 1st, to Mrs. Metham, Cornwall House, Ravendale Drive, Lincoln. 985

LADIES' GUILD.—North-Eastern District.—Meeting at Christ Church, North Shields, on Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea 4.30. Service 6 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday, Oct. 3rd, to Mr. R. Gray, 38, Alma Place, North Shields. All ringers welcome. 981

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next Blackburn Branch meeting will be at St. Peter's, Burnley, on October 5th. Ringing at 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided 5 p.m. Meeting to follow.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 1049

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Lancaster Branch.—Practice meeting at Whittington-in-Lonsdale, Saturday, Oct. 5th. Ringing 2.30-7.30. Please bring own tea; cups of tea provided.—R. F. Eccles, Branch Sec. 1058

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch.—Meeting, Newton-le-Willows, Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., only for those notifying, by Oct. 2nd, Mr. J. Mawdesley, 51, Birley Street, Newton-le-Willows.—M. E. Ridyard. 1041

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD and LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Loughborough District). — Meeting at Coleorton, Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in Schoolroom. 1045

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Interim meeting at Gressenhall on Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. Names for tea to G. Bunning, Gressenhall, East Dereham.—C. Tovell, Branch Sec. 1055

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Branch.—Autumn meeting, Saturday, Oct. 5th, at Swerford (5). All ringers welcome.—J. Keyte, Charlbury. 993

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Autumn meeting at Stanton Harcourt (6), Saturday, Oct. 5th. Ringing at Southleigh (8) 2 p.m., Stanton Harcourt 2.15, Northmoor (6) 6.30. Service at 3.45 p.m. Tea reservations by Sept. 30th to David Smith, Merryfield, Witney. All very welcome. 987

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—A practice will be held at Pangbourne on Saturday, Oct. 5th, at 6 p.m.—R. G. Burton. 1040

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting at Thornby, Oct. 5th. Service and tea at Cold Ashby. Both towers available. Names for tea to me by Tuesday previous.—W. J. Kinchin, Hon. Sec., Main Street, Yelvertoft, Rugby. 1053

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Woodford (6), Oct. 5th. Usual arrangements. Names for teas Tuesday previous, please.—L. Witten, 4, Johns Street, Thrapston, Northants. 1047

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Quarterly meeting, Solihull, Oct. 5th. Bells (10) available 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Meeting in Parish Hall, Mill Lane, at 6 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea.—G. E. Fearn, Hon. Sec. 1023

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Devizes Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Melksham (8), Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service and tea. Names for tea to S. Cockell, 19, Craybourne Road, Melksham, Wilts. 1032

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting at Nottingham on Saturday, Oct. 5th. St. Mary's bells (10) available 3 to 5 p.m. St. Peter's (10) from 6 p.m. Tea and business meeting, St. Mary's Institute, 5 p.m. Names by previous Wednesday to Mr. W. Nichols, 179, Eltham Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham.—C. W. Towers. 980

SURREY ASSOCIATION (Southern District) and SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Northern Division).—Combined practice on Saturday, Oct. 5th. Reigate bells 3 p.m., and Redhill 6 p.m. Names for tea, by Oct. 2nd, to Mr. A. Streeter, 4, Maple Road, Earlswood. 1029

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Meeting at Exning, Saturday, Oct. 5th, at 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at Lakeman's, Newmarket. St. Mary's, Newmarket, bells from 6 p.m.—E. M. Peachey, Dis. Sec. 1013

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Quarterly meeting, Old Alresford, Saturday, Oct. 5th. Very important business. Usual arrangements.—R. F. Brewer, Dis. Sec. 1062

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The 20th annual dinner will be held in the Guildhall, Worcester, on Saturday, Oct. 5th, at 5.45 p.m. Tickets (8s. 6d. each) obtainable up to Tuesday, Oct. 1st, from dinner committee, Branch secretaries or general secretary. Bells available: Cathedral (12), provisionally, 3.30 to 5 p.m.; All Saints', (10), 3 to 5.30 p.m.—J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Cheltenham Road, Sedgeberrow, Evesham. Tel. Ashton-under-Hill 309. 946

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.—The first practices of the Michaelmas Term will be: St. Andrew's (8), Wednesday, Oct. 9th, at 8 p.m.; St. Bene't's (6), Thursday, Oct. 10th, at 8 p.m. All Freshmen welcome. 1059

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—50th anniversary dinner will be held in St. Mary's Hall, Coventry, on Saturday, Oct. 12th, commencing at 6.15 p.m. Allesley bells available from 2.30 p.m. All tickets have been sold. Will anyone wishing to take part in peals during the morning please write me at 8, Orchard Crescent, Coventry, or phone Greyfriars 474.—J. L. Garner-Hayward. 992

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Annual dinner, Picture Room, Shirehall, Chelmsford, Saturday, Oct. 12th, 6.15 p.m. for 6.45 p.m. Cordial invitation to Cathedral Evensong at 4 p.m. Cathedral bells available immediately afterwards. Dinner tickets (12s. 6d.) from F. V. Gant, 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch, Essex. Accommodation strictly limited—early application advisable; stamped addressed envelope, please.—F. V. G. 1002

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chertsey District.—Meeting, Old Woking (8), Saturday, Oct. 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names **essential** for tea, by Wednesday, Oct. 9th, to Mr. D. Munday, 92, High Street, Old Woking. 1027

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—A meeting will be held at Great Gaddesden on Saturday, Oct. 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea, by Wednesday, Oct. 9th, to Mrs. Robinson, 7, Gade Valley Cottages, Great Gaddesden. No names, no tea.—J. Good, Dis. Sec. 1038

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Annual meeting, Canterbury, Saturday, Oct. 12th. St. Dunstan's bells available from 2.30. Service in this church at 4.15 p.m.: preacher, the Bishop of Dover. Tea 2s. per head. Numbers for tea, enclosing cash, please, together with any nominations for District officers, must reach me not later than first post, Wednesday, Oct. 9th.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 1050

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Annual meeting at West Malling, Saturday, Oct. 12th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea at 5 for those who send names to Mr. P. Carter, The Ringers, West Malling. 1033

LADIES' GUILD. — Southern District. — Quarterly meeting, Aldershot (8), Saturday, Oct. 12th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, by 9th, please, to Miss S. Tate-Mitchell, 121, Roberts Road, Aldershot. 1025

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Meeting, Byfield, Saturday, Oct. 12th. Names for tea, by Tuesday previous, to Mr. F. Hutt, Knowle Cottage, Byfield, Rugby. — F. W. Hancock. 1054

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual dinner will be held at the Stoke Hotel, Stoke Road, Guildford, on Saturday, Oct. 19th, at 6 for 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 15s. each, are obtainable from Mr. R. H. Mills, 35, Fowler Road, West Farnborough, Hants. The latest date for applications is first post, Monday, October 14th. Cheque or postal order, made payable to R. H. Mills, should accompany all applications, together with a stamped (3d. after Sept. 30th) addressed envelope. 1024

LADIES' GUILD. — Forty-fifth anniversary dinner on Saturday, Oct. 19th, at the Fanmakers' Hall. Tickets 15s. 6d. each. Only a few left. Please apply at once if required to Miss D. Colgate, 30, Buckhurst Avenue, Sevenoaks. 1060

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Sudbury District. — Supper and social at Lavenham, Oct. 26th. Tickets (price 5s. 6d. each) now available from Miss R. J. Seabrook, 31, Callis Street, Clare. Please note: No tickets will be sold after Oct. 19th. 1061

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Preliminary Notice.—Annual dinner, Saturday, Nov. 9th, at Castle Hotel, Tamworth, at 6 p.m. Tickets 11s. each.—Fred Bennett. Pool House Road, Wombourn, near Wolverhampton. 1031

LATE NEWS

We regret to announce the passing of Mr. Percy Dyke, Ringing Master of the Reading Branch, while at work on September 4th. Quarter peals to his memory were rung at Shiplake and St. Mary's, Reading, on Sept. 8th.

Stoke St. Michael bells will not be available on Oct. 12th when the Coventry Diocesan Guild dinner is held.

BROMLEY COMMON, KENT.—At St. Luke's Church, on Sept. 8th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. Lyddiard 1, G. Kite 2, C. W. Phillpot 3, Miss H. Thoday (first in method) 4, Miss H. Oakshett 5, P. Spice 6, D. Kirby 7, M. F. Oakshett (cond.) 8. For morning service.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION
Northern District

London Surprise Minor was the first ringing at Barley, when the Northern District began a meeting there on September 7th. Leaving a band ringing Cambridge Surprise, three others went on to open Barkway's octave, where the meeting was to continue. Here the reverse applied; whole-pull Bob Minimus to start with until, one by one, more ringers came and the standard methods could be rung.

After an excellent 'ringers-size' tea at the Cross Keys, a short business meeting was held. St. Ippolyts was chosen for the next meeting on October 5th, with Trinity Sunday Treble Bob as the special method. J. S.

BEDFORDSHIRE YOUNG RINGERS

A party of young ringers from Kempston, Bedford, Woburn, Felmersham and Harrold spent an enjoyable day in North Bucks on August 31st.

Ringing took place at Great Horwood, Winslow, Beachampton, Stony Stratford, Leckhamstead, Buckingham and Maids Moreton.

Methods rung included London, Stedman, Kent, Grandsire, Little and Plain Bob and several Spliced Doubles methods.

At Buckingham the party was joined by one of our number engaged on National Service, as well as two local ringers. B. G.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On Sept. 6th, 1,316 Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original): R. Clarke 1, E. J. Coode 2, J. Sims 3, K. Small 4, Miss B. Slark 5, E. B. Crowder (cond.) 6, B. Aldridge 7, F. Mounce 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam A.C.1 G. J. Hurrell, R.A.F., a member of the band, who passed away August 31st after a short illness.

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TOUR STORIES

OCTOBER has arrived, and outings and tours are over for another year. Many of these delightful experiences have been published in our columns; others remain to be dealt with by the Editor, and still more are in the process of composition! So popular is this form of holiday among young ringers today that unless tours are dealt with in an abbreviated form either editorial blue pencil or a brief reference is all that can be given. This is particularly unfortunate as some are admirably written, witty and entertaining.

A 2,000-word story of a fortnight's tour in six counties, by 'S.H.', which started on July 28th by ringers who assembled in the Black Country was, indeed, one of happiness. The narrative begins more or less in the 'Archer' country. There was the thrill of a peal attempt at Hinton-on-the-Green, the failure of which was forgiven by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas, who refreshed the participants with food and drink. Then came the steep hills of the Cotswolds; the loss of two of the party through snapped handlebars; Tredington remembered for its wooden tower and a vicar who supplied orangeade and biscuits; and a drowsy ride through South Worcestershire to Overbury with all its buildings of the same yellow sandstone.

There were other memories—of washing up 200-odd pieces of crockery with the same water at Malvern hostel; a peal attempt at Earl's Croome abandoned after an hour's ringing, when the conductor put the observation bell in the hunt; and a dip in the Severn. Sun and hills can be fatiguing, as was experienced when on the beautiful ride through the Forest of Dean, and ringing suffered in consequence. Perhaps those who met the party at Ruardean and St. Briavels will take this into consideration. Wisely, a rest day was provided with boating and swimming in the Wye at Symond's Yat, before a heavy day on the Sunday. 'Merciless hills' was a telling phrase in the report, but there was a reward afterwards when Bishop and Mrs. Bevan gave the 16 members tea in the Vicarage at Woolhope.

'The happy wanderers' had visitors to join in their ringing: Henry Fearn at Hereford to participate in Yorkshire Surprise; Mr. R. Warrilow, sen., of Stafford, at Kington, and the Rev. E. G. Benson to ring Cambridge Major with them at Presteign. A crooked wheel on the treble at Staunton-on-Arrow provided amusement. With Leslie Evans and Wilfrid Moreton, six of the party rang a peal of Lincolnshire Surprise Major at Eardisland, and a footnote missed from 'The Ringing World' report was that it was the first minus a skirt for three and five! Not all the travelling was under pleasant circumstances. From Church Stratton it rained and rained, but 'everyone safely dripped into Wilderhope Manor hostel, the lonely, haunted manor house situated on the wilds of Wenlock Edge.' The last tower of the tour was All Saints', Broseley, and on a beautiful eight there was a good finish with Grandsire Triples and a good fall, catching queens very well.

Summarised, 'there were towers where we were usually made welcome, hostels where we were usually not; Hereford cider, country which was always changing, and good, varied company.'

Another of these ringing tours on the Editor's desk is one of Devon and Cornwall, supplied by 'B. B.' and 'F. L.', which started on August 31st when two parties left Reading and Cheltenham and found their way, complete with bicycles, by train to Hayle. The Sunday evening's ringing was at Carbis Bay, with the Rev. A. S. Roberts and the local band, and also visitors from Coventry and York. At Helston on Monday, two of the girls were sent to buy food for supper while the remainder of the party made an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Bob Major, which was lost after two hours through a miscall. Later in the day at Landewednack, the most southerly church in England, Peter Bond joined the party. Night was spent at Mullion hostel, a disused golf club house on a cliff top, and while the ten cooks were preparing supper, one remembered that the tomatoes were still out on the golf links in the rain, having been forgotten in the scramble to the hostel.

Cornwall is a county of saints, and there is a fascination to the reader at visiting such towers as St. Anthony-in-Meneage (an excellent eight), St. Gluvias (a reasonable eight), St. Gorvan (6), St. Ewe (a really good six) and St. Martin-by-Looe (a pleasant six). There were only two fine days in this week, and one of the memories was crossing Dartmoor in rain, wind and fog, to ring at Buckland-in-the-Moor. The report tells of the almost unspoilt village of Lustleigh, where the six bells require seven ringers—one to hold the spare 3ft. of rope of the fifth and sixth! A really mountainous lane ending in a grass track and an equally mountainous descent of 1 in 5½ led to Christow, where a ringer whose identity to 99.95 per cent. of our readers is hidden under the name of 'George,' rang in his 600th tower and his 100th this year. This was celebrated by his calling a touch of Spliced Minor. The tour finished with ringing for Sunday morning service at St. Thomas', Exeter.

TEN BELL PEALS

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 7, 1957, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes.
At Christ Church.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

Edward Jenkins	*Treble*	John Worth	6
Peter Laflin	2	Brian Harris	7
Basil Jones	3	Leslie Boumphrey	8
*Robert Smith	4	Joseph W. Whittaker	9
C. Kenneth Lewis	5	Neil D. Lomas	*Tenor*

Composed by J. A. Burford. Conducted by John Worth.
* First peal of Surprise Royal away from treble.

WREXHAM, DENBIGHSHIRE.
THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 18, 1957, in 3 Hours and 36 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Giles,
A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 25 cwt.

Henry O. Baker	*Treble*	Robert W. Hinde	6
John W. Griffiths	2	Donald Coombes	7
Frederick R. Evans	3	*John M. Capper	8
William Cathrall	4	Christopher Gudgeon	9
Alfred Lea	5	Dennis H. B. Millward	*Tenor*

Composed by E. C. Shepherd. Conducted by John W. Griffiths.
* First peal of Grandsire Caters.
Rung to inaugurate the celebrations for the centenary of the Borough of Wrexham.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 21, 1957, in 3 Hours and 34 Minutes,
At the Cathedral Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 37 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in D flat.

Kenneth Lawson	*Treble*	George S. Deas	6
Charles McGuiness	2	Denis A. Bayles	7
Enid Softley	3	Roland Park	8
Charles N. Lea	4	J. Alan Ainsworth	9
John A. Brown	5	W. Norman Park	*Tenor*

Composed by Sir Arthur P. Heywood.
Conducted by Kenneth Lawson.

STEPNEY, LONDON, E.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 21, 1957, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Dunstan.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qr. in C sharp.

*Dennis C. Bowen	*Treble*	James Wallman	6
Mrs. T. J. Lock	2	Alfred J. House	7
Claudia A. Critchley	3	John R. Mayne	8
†Henry G. Weedon	4	William T. Beeson	9
G. William Critchley	5	Thomas J. Lock	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by John R. Mayne.
* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Royal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

STAVELEY, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 31, 1957, in 3 Hours.
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb.

*Ruth Dickinson	*Treble*	Frederick A. Adams	5
*Mary E. Barlow	2	Dennis Cooper	6
Sam Scattergood	3	Harold Wagstaffe	7
A. Percival Knights	4	Wilfred L. Robinson	*Tenor*

Composed by W. P. Whitehead. Conducted by Wilfred L. Robinson.
* First peal of Major.

PENDLEBURY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Sept. 10, 1957, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
At Christ Church,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Day's Six-part. Tenor 13¼ cwt. in F sharp.

Alan Jacks	*Treble*	Alfred Lomas	5
Ronald Bagnall	2	Brian Rothwell	6
Norman Tompkins	3	Peter Crook, sen.	7
Joseph Thornley	4	*William Thornley	*Tenor*

Conducted by Norman Tompkins.
* First peal. First peal as conductor.
Rung to celebrate the birth of a son (Stephen) to Mr. and Mrs. R. Bagnall.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Sept. 12, 1957, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Thomas,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In 12 methods, being 960 each of London and Rutland and 320 each of Bristol, Cambridge, Crag, Eastcote, Lincolnshire, New Gloucester, Pudsey, Superlative, Wembley and Yorkshire, with 139 changes of method. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

James Fernley	*Treble*	Brian Harris	5
Fred Dunkerley	2	Leslie Boumphrey	6
Edward Jenkins	3	Peter Laflin	7
Basil Jones	4	John Worth	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. Pritchard. Conducted by John Worth.

CHURCHILL, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD SOCIETY.
On Sat., Sept. 14, 1957, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's transposition. Tenor 11 cwt.

Walter F. Judge	*Treble*	Michael J. Hallett	5
Fredk. A. H. Wilkins	2	Francis A. White	6
Edwin G. Moore	3	Frank A. Barrett	7
Christine M. Woodward	4	J. Richard Chaundy	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frank A. Barrett.
First peal of Stedman Triples as conductor. First peal of Stedman Triples on the bells.

FRINDSBURY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 14, 1957, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

Ruth A. Highley	*Treble*	Albert Dunk	5
Terence Barton	2	Ronald C. Burns	6
Ralph Bird	3	George Kenward	7
Harry Springate	4	Cyril S. Jarrett	*Tenor*

Composed by James Topp. Conducted by Cyril S. Jarrett.
Rung in honour of the 21st birthday of Miss Jennifer Highley, sister of the treble ringer, and also a member of the local band.

HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 14, 1957, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Being 1,312 Bristol, 1,280 London, 1,280 Cambridge and 1,280 Superlative, with 112 changes of method, and all the bells doing all the work of each method. Tenor 17 cwt.

William B. Cartwright	*Treble*	David Beacham	5
Clifford Skidmore	2	*George E. Evenden	6
Susan Jackson	3	Reginald Woodyatt	7
Sidney T. Holt	4	Norman J. Goodman	*Tenor*

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Sidney T. Holt.
*First peal of Spliced Surprise.

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THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
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On Sat., Sept. 14, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt.

Fred Hodgson	*Treble*	*John Hogg	5
Dorothy Hogg	2	Bert Sutton	6
Sedman H. Steel	3	Frederick Seager	7
John J. Taylor	4	Harold Walker	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. Mertin. Conducted by Harold Walker.
* First peal of Major. First regional peal for the Guild.
Rung on the middle octave.

NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS, LANCASHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 14, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb. in D.

Albert E. Thompson	*Treble*	Vivienne M. Horton	5
Patricia A. M. Forster	2	Harold Taylor	6
Robin G. Turner	3	Denis R. Carlisle	7
Gordon A. Halls	4	Derek P. Jones	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Gordon A. Halls.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 14, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Botolph.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's No. 2 variation. Tenor 16¼ cwt.

Frederick J. Cullum	*Treble*	Dennis Hall	5
Jennifer M. Highley	2	*George J. Butcher	6
Albert E. Beaney	3	*Peter F. Borer	7
James M. Bailey	4	†Derrick Wilkinson	*Tenor*

Conducted by George J. Butcher.
* 25th peal together. † First peal.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Jennifer M. Highley, and also to Jenny and Peter Borer on their engagement.

RADCLIFFE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 14, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Blessed-Virgin.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Taylor's Six-part. Tenor 15 cwt. 6 lb. in F.

John F. Wood	*Treble*	Geoffrey S. Mills	5
*David Young	2	Peter Crook, sen.	6
*Arnold Moss	3	Joseph Thornley	7
Harold Parkinson	4	†Harold E. Percival	*Tenor*

Conducted by Peter Crook, sen.
* First peal of Grandsire. † First peal.
Rung as a welcome to the new parish priest (Rev. William Robert Davies), inducted the previous evening.

TOTTERNHOE, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 14, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Giles.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 9¾ cwt.

*Mrs. J. G. Newman	*Treble*	Frank J. Cook	5
John W. Sinfield	2	Ernest J. Munday	6
R. John Scott	3	James G. Newman	7
Frederick J. Plummer	4	William G. Sear	*Tenor*

Conducted by James G. Newman.
* First peal. First peal in the method as conductor.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Mon., Sept. 16, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Helen.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
F. H. Dexter's No. 1 variation of Thurstans' Four-part.
Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in E.

*John Acres	*Treble*	†Arthur J. Marriott	5
Ernest W. Rawson	2	Peter J. Staniforth	6
Ernest J. Jelley	3	Joseph W. Cotton	7
Fredk. F. Milner	4	John Curtis	*Tenor*

Conducted by Joseph W. Cotton.
* 400th peal. † First peal in the method.
Rung as a farewell peal to Canon H. D. Hanford, Vicar of the parish for 26 years.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., Sept. 16, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
At the Roman Catholic Cathedral of St. Chad.
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in F.

Harry Boswell	*Treble*	Norman J. Goodman	5
Diana J. Perrins	2	John Pinfold	6
Bryan D. A. Woolley	3	Henry H. Fearn	7
H. David Holland	4	George E. Fearn	*Tenor*

Composed by Geoorge Baker. Conducted by George E. Fearn.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Sept. 16, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Lawrence.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.

*Freda Oldershaw	*Treble*	John G. Ames	5
†Frank Taylor	2	‡A. Roy Withyman	6
Ronald C. Noon	3	Stanley E. Bennett	7
Philip J. L. Purslow	4	*†Thomas H. Charlton	*Tenor*

Composed by J. Carter. Conducted by Ronald C. Noon.
* 25th peal together. † 25th peal together. ‡ First peal in the method.
Rung in honour of the wedding of J. Thomas Ward and Sylvia P. Darkin, ringers at the above church, who were married on September 14th.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Sept. 18, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 21 *Minutes,*
At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

Cecilia D. Cowley	*Treble*	Ernest J. Jelley	5
Ernest Morris	2	*Brian G. Warwick	6
John A. Acres	3	†Harold Marcon	7
Mrs. Phyllis Poole	4	G. Ronald Edwards	*Tenor*

Composed by Ernest W. Tipler (No. 31).
Conducted by Brian G. Warwick.
* 100th peal on the bells. † First peal in the method. 100th peal of Surprise as conductor.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Sept. 19, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5024 HARROW SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in A.

B. Clare Webster	*Treble*	H. George Hart	5
Elsie K. Hart	2	William Wenban	6
Alick Cutler	3	John R. Mayne	7
Joan M. Wilcockson	4	Dennis Knox	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by John R. Mayne.
The first peal in the method.

MILES PLATTING, MANCHESTER, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Sept. 19, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 22 lb. in G.

Derek Taylor	*Treble*	Peter Watson	5
Joan Caldwell	2	Trevor Taylor	6
*Gillian Bridgeford	3	Derek Ogden	7
Peter Schofield	4	Allan Ward	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Trevor Taylor.
* First peal of Major.
Rung as a farewell to the ringer of the fifth, on the eve of his departure to Tripoli to serve with H.M. Forces.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Sept. 19, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Ebbe.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

Frank A. Barrett	*Treble*	Charles Coles	5
Philip Walker	2	Donald H. Niblett	6
*Ruth S. Hodgson	3	Francis A. White	7
Christine M. Woodward	4	William H. B. Wilkins	*Tenor*

Conducted by Donald H. Niblett.
* First peal in the method.

HARROW SURPRISE MAJOR
—58—4, 58—58, 36, 12—14, 3—14—1.
2nds place lead. 4ths place bob. Tipler's F60/1.

BOCKING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 21, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18¼ cwt.

MRS. H. W. MOORE	*Treble*	H. WALTER SMITH	5
HENRY PRATT	2	FRANK B. LUFKIN	6
ROBERT J. LINDSELL	3	JACK H. BRETT	7
ALBERT WIFFEN	4	ALAN R. SYDER	*Tenor*

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.
250th peal as conductor. Albert Wiffen has now 'circled the tower' three times.

CROSS STONE, TODMORDEN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept 21, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

ROGER LEIGH	*Treble*	*PETER SCHOFIELD	5
*ROGER MAHER	2	†GEOFFREY S. MILLS	6
*J. BARRY PICKUP	3	‡DAVID GILBERT	7
*JOHN P. PARTINGTON	4	NORMAN SMITH	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by NORMAN SMITH.
* First peal in the method. † 25th peal. ‡ First peal on eight bells. First peal in the method as conductor.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 21, 1957, *in* 7 *Hours exactly,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 14560 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in B.

PHILIP MEHEW	*Treble*	*ALAN J. FROST	5
DEREK P. JONES	2	DENNIS KNOX	6
BRIAN BLADON	3	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	7
DONALD H. NIBLETT	4	STEPHEN IVIN	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.
Witnessed by G. RONALD EDWARDS and VIVIENNE M. HORTON.
* First peal of Yorkshire. The longest length yet rung in the method.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

MILES PLATTING, MANCHESTER, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Aug. 21, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 22 lb. in G.

DEREK OGDEN	*Treble*	HAROLD LONYON	4
*GILLIAN BRIDGEFORD	2	DEREK TAYLOR	5
NEIL BENNET	3	TREVOR TAYLOR	*Tenor*

Conducted by TREVOR TAYLOR.
* First peal of Minor.

MAULDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION
On Thurs., Aug. 29, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Comprising seven extents: (1) London, (2) Wells, (3) Surfleet and Beverley, (4) Durham, (5) York, (6) Norwich, (7) Primrose and Cambridge. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr.

AVRIL THACKRAY	*Treble*	ROBERT L. PIRON	4
STEPHEN IVIN	2	JAMES G. NEWMAN	5
C. EDWARD JEFFRIES	3	ANDREW C. SINFIELD	*Tenor*

Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.
Rung for Maulden Feast; also as a farewell to Avril Thackray, on her leaving for college at Leicester.

MILNTHORPE, WESTMORLAND.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 31, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different 720's. Tenor 11 cwt. 14 lb.

GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE	*Treble*	*ERIC PEPPER	4
BERYL MAYOR	2	EDWIN JENNINGS	5
LAWRENCE D. CLEMENT	3	†ALAN CAPSTICK	*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWIN JENNINGS.
* First peal on an 'inside' bell. † 50th peal. First peal on the bells.

DUNSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Sept. 12, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores (four callings). Tenor 8 cwt. 8 lb.

WALTER J. BLACK	*Treble*	*LAURENCE H. HOWARD	3
LEONARD G. THOMPSON	2	LOUIS WILLDERS	4
		JOHN R. WORSDALL	*Tenor*

Conducted by LOUIS WILLDERS.
* First peal. The ringer of the treble has now rung a peal in the church in which he was baptised.

SAXMUNDHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Thurs., Sept. 12, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Plain Bob and Oxford Treble Bob, and three extents of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

JACK PILGRIM	*Treble*	*ALAN R. BRIDGES	4
RAYMOND PECK	2	C. JACK GIBSON	5
PETER S. BEDFORD	3	EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWIN T. CHAPMAN.
* First peal in three methods.

WINDRUSH, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Sept. 13, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 12 extents of Plain Bob (four callings) and 30 of Grandsire (ten callings). Tenor 8 cwt.

MICHAEL TUCKWELL	*Treble*	WILLIAM A. GODWIN	4
MRS. W. A. GODWIN	2	JOHN DOWDESWELL	5
PETER W. BARTLETT	3	GILBERT W. BURGE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. GODWIN.

HADDISCOE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 14, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being six extents each of Huntspill, New, Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas', St. Martin's, St. Simon's and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.

GEORGE T. BUSSEY	*Treble*	JAMES W. FORDER	3
GODFREY G. WALPOLE	2	EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	4
		ERNEST A. LONG	*Tenor*

Conducted by GODFREY G. WALPOLE.
First peal of Doubles as conductor.
Rung in honour of the marriage of Miss Helen M. C. Henry, of Haddiscoe Hall, and Mr. Henry C. Cordeaux, which took place at this church prior to this peal. Also as a compliment to Mr. G. T. Bussey, who has been a ringer at this church for 40 years.

HITCHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 14, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 LIGHTFOOT SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout.
Tenor 6 cwt. 11 lb. in B flat.

PHYLLIS M. MAYNE	*Treble*	JOAN M. WILCOCKSON	4
*B. CLARE WEBSTER	2	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN	5
WILLIAM WENBAN	3	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
* First peal. First peal in the method by all the band, in the diocese, and for the Guild.

MOTCOMBE, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 14, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being three extents of Single Oxford and four extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 8¼ cwt.

J. RALPH	*Treble*	A. E. WOODS	4
*MISS I. FANNER	2	W. SHUTE	5
*MRS. D. WRIGHT	3	J. POWESLAND	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. SHUTE.
* First peal. For the Guild's 75th anniversary, and believed to be the first peal of Minor on the bells.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 14, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt.

Gilbert Cowlin	*Treble*	*John Roffe	4
*Joan Parker	2	William Barker	5
*Michael Parker	3	John H. Bluff	*Tenor*

Conducted by John H. Bluff.

* First peal.

RIPPINGALE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 14, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.

Walter Weston	*Treble*	Ronald Russell	4
*William R. Marsh	2	†Ben Boyfield	5
Percy D. Baldock	3	James H. Musson	*Tenor*

Conducted by James H. Musson.

* First peal of Plain Bob and first 'inside.' † First of Plain Bob.

SEDLESCOMBE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 14, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

*Margaret A. Wilson	*Treble*	‡Katherine J. Stisted	4
†Daphne F. Lester	2	§Eric A. Fellows	5
Leslie W. Jarvis	3	*Edward F. P. Bryant (14)	*Tenor*

Conducted by Edward F. P. Bryant.

* First peal. † First of Minor. ‡ First of Plain Bob Minor. § First of Minor 'inside.' First peal as conductor.

THRYBERGH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield and District Society.)
On Sat., Sept. 14, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Leonard.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

Ronald Birch	*Treble*	Norman Chaddock	4
Cyril Rusby	2	H. David Holland	5
Susan Chaddock	3	Ian M. Holland	*Tenor*

Conducted by Ian M. Holland.

First peal of Cambridge Minor by all except ringer of fourth. First of Surprise as conductor.

HOLKHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Sept. 15, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Withiburga.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 19½ cwt.

*Cecil V. Ebberson	*Treble*	*Tony Owen	4
Herbert Laskey	2	Walter Ford	5
John R. Smith	3	William R. Catchpole	*Tenor*

Conducted by John R. Smith.

* 25th peal together. Rung for Battle of Britain Sunday.

ASHBRITTLE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Sept. 16, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

*Francis John Smith	*Treble*	Phyllis L. M. Norman	4
Stanley N. Bristow	2	Joan L. Taylor	5
Margaret S. N. Alderman	3	William A. J. Knight	*Tenor*

Conducted by William A. J. Knight.

* First peal of Minor. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. P. Ralph Bowman, Rector of Ashbrittle.

CASTLEACRE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 18, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Kent Treble Bob and two each of Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 10¼ cwt. in G.

*Freda P. Greaves	*Treble*	Ernest H. Mastin	4
Leslie W. Houghton	2	Norman V. Harding	5
†Michael Gathercole	3	Richard E. Price	*Tenor*

Conducted by Richard E. Price.

* First peal in four methods. † First peal in four methods on an 'inside' bell.

HARSTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 18, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 9½ cwt.

Eustace W. Bullman	*Treble*	†T. Reginald Dennis	4
Charles W. Cook	2	William J. Ridgman	5
*Derek E. Sibson	3	John G. Gipson	*Tenor*

Conducted by William J. Ridgman.

* First peal of Surprise. †300th peal.

Rung to mark the 20th anniversary of the first peal on the bells.

HOLYWELL, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 18, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being an extent each of London, Wells, Beverley, Surfleet, Ipswich, Norwich and Cambridge. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

*Lucy Allen	*Treble*	*Donald E. R. Knights	4
George E. Crisp	2	*Geoffrey A. Lucas	5
*Harold S. Peacock	3	Mansfield Ginn	*Tenor*

Conducted by Mansfield Ginn.

* First peal in seven Surprise methods.

CHILCOMPTON, SOMERSET.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Thurs., Sept. 19, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of one 720 each of Kent T.B., Cambridge, St. Clement's, Double Court, Single Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 20 cwt.

Edward J. Chivers	*Treble*	George W. Massey	4
W. John Phippen	2	*Ernest E. Bray	5
Ronald G. Beck	3	Gwilym Salmon	*Tenor*

Conducted by Ronald G. Beck.

* First peal in seven Minor methods. The treble ringer has now 'circled the tower.'

BOURNE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 21, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Abbey Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

Albert E. Larkinson	*Treble*	Cecil Wade	4
Albert E. Scott	2	Leonard C. Blanchard	5
Frederick W. French	3	James W. Haw	*Tenor*

Conducted by Cecil Wade.

Rung to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the first peal on the bells, a peal of 5,040 Plain Bob Minor, rung on Saturday, September 21st, 1907. Also an 80th birthday compliment to Arthur I. Holmes, of Edenham, who rang the fifth in the 1907 peal.

WATERINGBURY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 21, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb.

Eric J. Brunger	*Treble*	*†Brian E. Jeffrey	4
*Margaret A. Ladd	2	George Fry	5
*†John T. Mannering	3	Stanley Jenner	*Tenor*

Conducted by Stanley Jenner.

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

HANDBELL PEALS

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Sept. 15, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
At 12, Dorothy Avenue, Glen Parva,
A PEAL OF 5028 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR

In four methods, consisting of 3,296 Plain Bob, 848 Little Bob, 656 Double Bob and 228 Gainsborough Little Bob, with 288 changes of method. Tenor size 16 in B.

Brian G. Warwick	1—2	John A. Acres	5—6
Ernest Morris	3—4	*Brian S. Chapman	7—8

Composed by F. Nolan Golden. Conducted by Brian G. Warwick.

* First peal of Spliced 'in hand.'

ILFORD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 18, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
At 33, Courtland Avenue,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 13 in E.

Mrs. J. Bray	1—2	Jack Bray	5—6
William T. Cook	3—4	Hugh Neill	7—8

Composed by Frank Bennett. Conducted by Jack Bray.

ABSON, GLOS.—On Sept. 14th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: B. Angell 1, G. Spoules 2, D. Pennal 3, T. T. Walters 4, J. Spoules 5, H. Ferris (cond.) 6. Rung after the wedding of Mr. P. G. King and Miss B. J. Rogers, of Warmley, Glos.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob Doubles: Linda M. Forrest 1, I. C. Forrest (first in method 'inside') 2, Valerie Mepham 3, R. D. Brown (first in method as cond.) 4, H. W. Brown 5, Pamela R Gough 6. Rung to welcome Andrew Douglas, born on August 28th, son of Pamela and Douglas Linington, former ringers in this tower.

ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH, LEICS.—On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Johnson 1, T. Beadsmoore 2, J. Curtis 3, J. Benniston 4, A. Marriot 5, A. Woodvine 6, H. Beadsmoore (cond.) 7, J. Bradford 8. Rung for harvest festival, also a tribute to the Rev. Canon H. D. Hanford, who is retiring after 26 years as Vicar.

BARTON SEGRAVE, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Cooper (first quarter) 1, A. Loasby (first quarter) 2, W. Hulme 3, L. A. Dunmore 4, P. G. K. Davies (cond.) 5. For evening service.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On Sept. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Wingrove 1, Dorothy Fletcher 2, Kathleen Fletcher 3, Ann Shiels 4, J. Harrison (cond.) 5, W. Edwards 6, A. Bridges 7, M. Broadley 8. To celebrate the birth of Stephen James Wingrove, grandson of the treble ringer. Also on Sept. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Wingrove (cond.) 1, Gwen Reeves (first 'inside') 2, Dorothy Fletcher 3, Kathleen Fletcher 4, J. Harrison 5, D. Lamb 6, A. Bridges 7, J. Meads 8. To celebrate the birth of Andrew Lamb, son of the ringer of the 6th.

BLUNSDON, WILTS.—On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Doubles (720 Grandsire and 540 Plain Bob): A. R. Peake (cond.) 1, B. S. Sheppard 2, W. H. Trueman 3, J. West 4, Miss A. Pettiford 5, Mrs. A. R. Peake 6. First quarter 4 and 6. For harvest festival.

BRAMPTON, HUNTS.—On Sept. 15th, 1,320 New Bob Doubles: J. W. Allen 1, Lucy Allen 2, Maureen Allen 3, E. J. Whiting 4 R. Baker (cond.) 5. First quarter in method for all. Rung on Battle of Britain Sunday.

BRENTFORD, MIDDLX.—On Sept. 9th, 1,299 Doubles (480 Plain Bob and 819 Grandsire): Margaret Westcott 1, S. J. Haines (first of Doubles) 2, J. D. Rock 3, C. Bloomer 4, Dr. D. J. Neal Smith (first of Doubles as cond.) 5, Gillian Neal Smith 6. First quarter for 1 and 4.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.—On Sept. 13th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. W. Furbank 1, H. Turner (cond.) 2, J. H. Sitch 3, R. N. Pittman 4, A. Pryke 5, L. H. Turner 6, B. C. Hines 7, H. Flanders 8.

BROMLEY COMMON, KENT.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: P. Spice 1, G. Kite 2, Miss H. Oakshett 3, D. Kirby 4, J. Lyddiard 5, D. Martin 6, J. W. Smith 7, M. F. Oakshett (cond.) 8. First in method for 4, 6 and 7. Rung for morning service.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—At the Parish Church, on Sept. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. J. Lewis (sen.) 1, A. Painter 2, Peter J. Lewis 3, B. Wakefield 4, F. J. Lewis (jun.) 5, E. H. Jefferies 6, W. H. Hayward (cond.) 7, P. Morgans 8. For evening service and also for the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Jefferies. Also on Sept. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. J. Lewis (sen., cond.) 1, F. J. Lewis (jun.) 2, P. J. Lewis 3, B. Wakefield 4, E. H. Jefferies 5, P. Morgans 6, W. H. Hayward 7, P. Wakefield (first on light) 8. Rung to mark the 51st anniversary of the opening of the Bingham Public Library.

CLIFTON-REYNES, BUCKS.—On Sept. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Angela Grainger (cond.) 1, K. Garner 2, B. Grainger 3, K. C. Fleming 4, P. Newing 5, I. N. Pett 6.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.—At St. John-the-Baptist Church, on Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: A. Miles 1, G. Jennings 2, M. Tilbury 3, B. Slaughter 4, R. Elliott 5, S. Arnold 6, E. Roberts (cond.) 7, M. Jennings 8. For Evensong and to mark the service of ordination held this day at St. Richard's Church.

DARTFORD, KENT.—On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Janet M. Bailey (first quarter) 1, H. Hoverd 2, Mrs. J. M. Hall 3, J. M Bailey (first in method) 4, F. E. Walker 5, A. G. Hall 6, D. L. Hall (cond.) 7, H. E. Audsley 8.

QUARTER PEALS

DYRHAM, GLOS.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Penfold 1, Miss W. Pennal 2, B. W. Angell (cond.) 3, P. Overbury 4, V. Jones 5, A. Salmon 6.

EXETER, DEVON.—At the Cathedral, on Sept. 22nd, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: R. H. Drewett 1, F. Wills 2, H. P. Burton 3, C. T. Williams 4, C. E. Densham 5, L. K. Dawe 6, C. C. Deem 7, C. P. Yates 8. J. L. S. Glanvill (cond.) 9. F. Wreford and A. Mitchell 10. For Evensong.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. W. Denyer 1, Miss M. Wells 2, Mrs. C. W. Denyer 3, Miss R Hide 4, S. Meadows 5, R. North 6, E. J. Wells (cond.) 7, A. C. Beadle 8. A farewell to Wren Wells, who flies to Malta shortly.

FRINDSBURY, KENT.—On Sept. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (480 Bob and 780 Grandsire): Miss R. Highley 1, S. T. Jarrett 2, R. C. Burns 3, J. C. S. Benson 4, C. S. Jarrett (cond.) 5, L. B. Dobbie 6. Rung as a farewell to Pte. J. C. S. Benson, R.A.S.C., leaving for Germany.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—At the Church of S. Nicolas, on Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (on the front six): Monica E. Collins 1, Joan K. Beazley 2, Shelagh R. Collins 3, F. Oldroyd 4, Eileen M. Turner 5, Ann M. Cox (cond.) 6. Rung for the ordination of Rex Davies as deacon to this church, and for harvest festival; also as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. Wheeler 1, R. Hayden 2, S. Carter 3, L. Cordell 4, H. Bird 5, E. Rochester 6, W. Aley (cond.) 7, J. Aley 8. Rung as a compliment to Miss Janet Clark (daughter of Mr. S. Clark, ringing master at this tower), and Mr. Kenneth Percy on their wedding day.

HEVERSHAM, WESTMORLAND.—On Sept 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Joan Grisedale (first quarter) 1, Beryl Mayor 2, P. Handley 3, L. Clements 4, G. Braithwaite (cond.) 5, F. Bolton 6. A 17th birthday compliment to Joan Grisedale.

HOUGHTON, HUNTS.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Doubles (consisting of 120 each of All Saints', St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Plain Bob, April Day, 480 Grandsire and 180 Stedman): Dorothy Robinson 1, Lucy Allen 2, D. E. R. Knights 3, H. S. Peacock 4, R. F. Baker (cond.) 5. Rung as a compliment to the Rev. J. W. Ward upon completion of 21 years as Rector of the parish.

KINGWESTON, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Bob Doubles and Grandsire Doubles: A. Callow 1, E. C. Eades 2, Stella Allen 3, F. J. White (cond.) 4, A. Bown 5. Rung in honour of the diamond wedding on September 20th, of Mr. and Mrs. William Israel Look.

LANE END, BUCKS.—On Aug. 14th, 1,440 Bob Minor: F. E. Wilshaw 1, Joan Wilcockson 2, Joan Beesley (first 'inside') 3, A. D. Cook 4, R. Leale (cond.) 5, G. Parker 6.

LAUNCELLS, CORNWALL.—On Sept. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Cann 1, H. Stacey 2, Edna Everest (cond.) 3, H. Trewin 4, H. Heard 5, Dilys Smith 6. Rung as a compliment to the two lady ringers on their first visit to Cornwall.

LEWISHAM, S.E.—On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. E. M. Bagworth 1, J. Dafters 2, June Mead (first in method) 3, E. Jones 4, A. Bagworth 5, M. S. Bagworth (cond.) 6, F. P. Mead 7, R. Boyce 8. Rung as a compliment to James Rooke and Corinne Stacey on their engagement.

LITTLE HOUGHTON, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 16th, 1,260 Doubles (120 Union, 120 St. Simon's, 120 London, 240 Plain Bob, 120 Canterbury, 120 Chase, 240 Old, 180 Grandsire): C. Merritt 1, M. Blason 2, J. Kightley (cond.) 3, L. Battison 4, A. Ford 5. Rung to commemorate the christening of the tower keeper's grand-daughter.

MILTON-NEXT-SITTINGBOURNE, KENT. — On Sept. 8th, 1,260 Doubles (360 Bob and 900 Grandsire): R. C. Burns 1, G. Kenward 2, C. S. Jarrett (cond.) 3, A. Dunk 4, T. Barton 5, L. B. Dobbie 6. Rung as a wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Dobbie, and also a farewell to Mr. L. Dobbie on joining H.M. Forces.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. G. Keeley 1, A. J. Scott 2, W. H. Poole 3, Mrs. C. W. Powell 4, Canon C. C. Cox 5, G. S. Morris 6, C. W. Powell (cond.) 7, R. Keeley 8. Rung to mark the 75th anniversary of the founding of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

RICKMANSWORTH, HERTS.—On Sept. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Aslett (first quarter) 1, I. P. Hart 2, M. Hatchett 3, Mary G. Carnochan (first in method) 4, D. R. Bartholomew (first in method) 5, D. C. Bartholomew (cond.) 6. Rung with beste wishes to the treble ringer, who is leaving the district for college.

ROTHERSTHORPE, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (240 each of Grandsire, Reverse Canterbury, April Day, Old and 300 Plain Bob): R. D. Brown (first quarter) 1, E. Billings 2, R. V. Baker (cond.) 3, J. C. Rainbow 4, M. R. Bennett 5.

SPRINGFIELD, ESSEX.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Myhill 1, B. Brinkley 2, A. Shadrack 3, M. Edwards 4, E. J. Runter 5, R. Thrift (cond.) 6. An 81st birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At Christ Church, on Sept. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Wright (first quarter) 1, G. W. Townsend 2, T. Townsend 3, W. W. T. Daniell 4, R. G. Townsend 5, A. G. Wells (first of Triples as cond.) 6, E. Sutton 7, E. Vincent 8. For Evensong.

TWINEHAM, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Packham 1, G. A. Packham 2, F. F. Godsmark 3, C. H. Wickens (cond.) 4, K. C. Knight 5. Rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to Mrs. Creswell-Gee, wife of a former Rector, and one of the first lady ringers of the tower in 1912.

UPPER CLAPTON, E.—At the Church of St. Matthew, on Sept. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (with tenor covering): J. M. Steele (first in method) 1, Mrs. D. Neal 2, Miss N. Hales 3, J. Hales 4, R. K. C. Wilkings 5, D. Neal (cond.) 6, J. A. Hales 7. Also on Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. M. Steele 1, Mrs. D. Neal 2, J. A. Hales 3, J. Hales 4, R. K. C. Wilkings 5, D. Neal (cond.) 6. For the patronal festival.

WARMLEY, GLOS.—On Sept. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. G. King 1, Miss S. Lewis 2, A. W. Gibbs 3, Miss B. J. Rogers 4, Miss R. Webb 5, Miss M. P. Gay (first quarter) 6. Alternate 120's conducted by ringers of 3 and 5. Rung for morning service and as a 21st birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

WAVENDON, BUCKS.—On Sept. 16th, 1,260 Bob Minor: A. E. Butcher 1, Rev. C. E. Wigg 2, B. Grainger 3, P. R. Andrews (first 'inside') 4, Angela Grainger (first of Minor as cond.) 5, P. Newing 6. Rung for the birthdays of Mrs. C. E. Wigg and the conductor.

WELLINGTON, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Jarman 1, Mrs. D. North 2, I. Hughes (first of Triples 'inside') 3, G. Walford (cond.) 4, G. Salter 5, C. Webber 6, D. North 7, C. Baker 8. For harvest festival.

WINTERTON, LINCS.—On Sept. 10th, 1,260 Bob Minor: Mrs. H. Hall 1, Mrs. R. Chafer 2, R. Hall 3, R. Chafer 4, J. Hall 5, H. Hall (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam H. R. Marshall.

WISBECH, CAMBS.—At St. Mary's on Sept. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. Barnes (first quarter) 1, G. Sharpe 2, J. Bird 3, G. Mann 4, L. Harvey (cond.) 5, J. Brown 6. Rung as a farewell to the treble ringer, who joined the R.A.F. the following day.

WOBURN, BEDS.—On Sept. 13th, 1,260 Minor (720 Spliced Little and Plain Bob, 540 Plain Bob): B. Stapleton 1, R. Churchill 2, Angela Grainger 3, I. Pett 4, B. Grainger 5, P. Newing (cond.) 6, K. Fleming 7, F. Bloxham 8. Rung with 7 and 8 covering.

WOOL, DORSET.—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Leak 1, E. Williams 2, H. Runyard 3, A. Dorey 4, M. Hatch (cond.) 5, J. Williams 6. Rung to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the rehanging of the bells on September 31st, 1907.

YEOVIL, SOMERSET.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, on Sept. 22nd, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Mrs. H. Gaylard 1, L. Parris 2, R. Moore 3, T. E. Marks 4, G. Galyard 5, R. J. Fox 6, J. Looker 7, H. J. Gaylard 8, T. J. Setter (cond.) 9, D. Corrie 10. For Evensong and as a farewell to Donald Corrie, who is leaving the district.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

Newark District

North and South Collingham were chosen for the Newark District meeting on September 21st. Ringing in the afternoon was at St. John-the-Baptist's, South Collingham, and at 4.30 the bells were lowered in peal prior to a short service of prayer conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. G. L. H. Douglas-Lane).

After tea at the King's Head Hotel the Vicar presided at a short business meeting, when a joint meeting with the Lincoln Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild at Brant Broughton on November 16th was confirmed, and Newark selected for the annual District meeting on January 18th. The collection for the Bell Repair Fund was 11s. 8½d.

After moving a vote of thanks to the Vicars of North and South Collingham, Mr. Midwinter asked that a proposition be forwarded to the annual meeting that copies of 'The Ringing World' containing the secretary's report of the meeting be purchased by the Guild and forwarded to the Vicars concerned.

The company then proceeded to North Collingham, where many Doubles and Minor methods were rung up to 8.30 p.m. Several ringers also rang the bells of St. Helen's, South Scarle, during the evening. W. L. E.

THE NORWICH ASSOCIATION ASSOCIATION

Thirty-six ringers attended the South Norfolk Branch meeting at Saxlingham on September 14th, when the service was conducted by the Association's president (the Rev. H. G. Lillingston) and the lesson read by Miss B. Mutimer. The next meeting will be held at Thetford on October 26th.

THE LADIES' GUILD

West Midland District

Inclement weather may have reduced the numbers at the meeting at Great Barr, but the small ringing room was comfortably full throughout the afternoon and evening.

The six bells were rung alternately to Doubles and Minor in a great variety of methods. Contributions by ladies' bands were 120 of Stedman and a course (almost) of

A service was conducted by the curate, followed by tea provided by the parish.

Western District

A quarterly meeting of the Western District of the Ladies' Guild was held at Malmesbury on September 14th, when about 50 members and friends were present. Ringing was enjoyed in a wide variety of methods, from rounds to Cambridge Major and included an all-ladies' touch of Stedman Triples. It was a real privilege and pleasure to attend the service in Malmesbury Abbey.

Grateful thanks are due to Mr. H. Blacker and his helpers for the very warm welcome accorded to the Ladies' Guild on this occasion.

M. J. de J.

STOKE BISHOP, BRISTOL.—On Sept. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. J. Gray 1, N. Buckland 2, Miss E. Brocklehurst 3, Dr. R. Brocklehurst 4, W. Naylor 5, P. Gray (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

TILEHURST, BERKS.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. G. Fevre 1, H. W. Hunt 2, W. Lewington 3, A. Haines 4, K. Chambers 5, A. Fevre 6, W. Marsh (cond.) 7, G. Runham 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam P. J. Dyke, who rang for practice with the band on September 3rd, the day before he died.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

St. Albans District

Harpenden was chosen for the September meeting of the District and proved to be one of the best-attended meetings for some time.

The Rector (the Rev. Peter Bradshaw), who came to Harpenden in May, said he was pleased to have taken his 'first-ever' ringers' service. Tea, which followed, was served in the Church Hall by the local band, and we were sorry that another engagement prevented the Rector from having a 'ringer's tea'!

A business meeting followed, the District Ringing Master (Mr. G. Dodds) carrying out the duties of the secretary, who, unfortunately, had influenza. The chair was taken by Mr. S. Hoare, of Watford. New members were elected and the meeting closed with votes of thanks to the Rector, the organist (Mrs. G. Dodds) and those who had prepared tea.

Forty ringers were present and methods rung during the afternoon and evening ranged from rounds to Spliced Surprise. M. A. C.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

A quarterly meeting of the East Devon Branch was held at Stockland on September 21st; the attendance was small, there being just one or two from each tower. The methods rung were Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Bob Minor.

The service was conducted by the Rev. P. L. Camp, and at the business meeting Mr. G. C. Woodley took the chair. It was arranged to hold the next quarterly meeting at Awliscombe on January 12th and also a practice meeting at Shute on October 8th.

Replying to a vote of thanks, which included local ringers' wives, the Rev. P. L. Camp said how pleased he was to have the Guild meeting at Stockland. C. W.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The 50th anniversary of the first peal on the bells of Bourne Abbey was marked by a peal in the same method on September 21st. The treble was rung by Mr. Albert E. Larkinson, son of the treble ringer in the first peal. The peal was an 80th birthday compliment to Mr. Arthur I. Holmes, of Edenham, who rang in the original peal.

Three generations took part in a quarter peal at Cirencester on September 15th—Mr. F. J. Lewis, sen. (76), Mr. F. J. Lewis, jun. (44) and Master Peter J. Lewis (14).

Mr. S. J. Haines, of Wigston Magna, enjoyed his four-weeks business trip in Middlesex and Surrey. Through 'The Ringing World' he thanks the ringers who made him so welcome, and especially Dr. and Mrs. Neal Smith.

Mr. James M. Bailey, one of the Bailey brothers of Leiston, Suffolk, rang in the first quarter peal of his granddaughter, Miss Janet M. Bailey, at Dartford, Kent, on September 15th. It was Mr. Bailey's first quarter of Grandsire Triples.

Although Mr. Jack Myhill is a Nonconformist, he has been a regular attendant for many years at All Saints' Church, Springfield, Essex, to ring for Sunday morning service. A sure ringer and good striker, the band, on the occasion of his 81st birthday, wish him the best of health and happiness in the future, as in the past.

Because of the funeral of Mr. Clement H. Taylor, at Chelford, Cheshire, that afternoon, the Macclesfield Branch meeting fixed for September 14th at that tower, was cancelled. The hon. secretary apologises to those ringers who turned up and were disappointed. Mr. Taylor, a life member of the Chester Guild, had been a ringer at Chelford for 70 years.

During his two years of National Service Mr. K. Williams, of Pelsall, Staffordshire, rang at 123 towers. Through our columns he thanks the ringers concerned for the privilege, and particularly those of Patrington, where most of his service took place. Among the towers were York Minster, Beverley Minster, Selby Abbey, Bath Abbey, Leicester Cathedral, Warwick and Leominster.

The time taken in the peal of Grandsire Doubles at Allensmore (page 606) was 2 hours and 47 minutes, and not as printed.

A reader asks for a printed form of service for the dedication of bells. Copies should be sent to the Editor.

Correction to peal at Grundisburgh (page 605). Mr. Roderick Pipe has rung a peal of London Surprise previously but this was his first in the method as conductor.

We regret to hear that Mr. F. W. Richardson, of St. John's, Deptford, is in Sandbrook Ward, King's College Hospital, Denmark Hill, London. His wife is also in hospital at Lewisham.

The Wayland Agricultural Show, Norfolk, was held at Watton this year on September 11th. The show included for the first time a church stand, and in the morning, at the request of the Church authorities, handbells were rung by ringers from East Harling and Caston.

Mr. C. W. Cook rang in the peal at Harston, Cambridgeshire, on September 18th, to mark the 20th anniversary of the first peal on the bells. He and Mr. T. R. Dennis are the only survivors of the first band. This was Mr. Cook's first peal since his accident in 1951. After the peal the Vicar of Harston provided a dinner for the peal band and his local ringers, who are being trained by Mr. Cook.

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SIXTY YEARS A RINGER AT WARWICK



ONE of the four founder members of the Coventry Diocesan Guild, which is holding its 50th anniversary dinner at Coventry on October 12th, is Mr. William Collett, who has been a ringer at St. Mary's, Warwick, for 60 years. He is photographed here with the Rector (the Rev. Joseph McCullock) and the Mayor (Ald. E. R. Bartlett) in the ringing chamber where he has given such magnificent service to the church.

Mr. Collett's long service was honoured at a gathering at the Church Hall, Warwick, on September 4th, when the Rector extended to him the thanks of the church.

Mr. F. W. Perrens, president of the Coventry Diocesan Guild, said that young ringers could have no better example than Mr. Collett. Men might have rung more changes than he, but few could match his record of faithful service. It was men like Mr. Collett who were the backbone of the ringing organisation.

Previous to the gathering in the Church Hall a delightful ceremony had taken place in the ringing chamber, at which the Mayor of Warwick had, on behalf of the parishioners, presented Mr. Collett with a cheque, and said how delighted he was to be called upon to perform such a memorable ceremony. He thought such faithful service must be almost unique, and added his own congraulations and those of the Mayoress, who was also present. The band who rang in the peal on July 1st then rang a touch of Grandsire Triples. A peal board commemorating this peal was dedicated by the Archbishop of Warwick (the Venerable Malcolm Parr) and a framed photograph of the board was presented to Mr. Collett.

Mr. Collett, who is in his 80th year, is still a very active ringer and a most regular attender at all Sunday service ringing. In his thanks to the church dignitaries and parishioners he said that he owed much to Mr. E. W. Adams (who was at the presentation) as he had first taught him to ring a bell. He did not claim to be the oldest bellringer in the district. He said it had been a labour of love, and he hoped he would be spared to carry on for many years to come.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Members of the Dorchester Branch at their autumn meeting at Fordington on September 14th received with regret an announcement from Mr. J. H. Hayne that he did not wish to continue as hon. secretary and treasurer, a post he had held for 11 years, after the annual meeting fixed for January 18th at St. Peter's, Dorchester. The chairman (the Rev. S. P. Rowcroft) and Mr. J. W. Rose both expressed regret at this decision, but thanked Mr. Hayne for giving the Branch ample time to find a successor.

Subject to confirmation, a by-meeting will be held at Charminster in November. Fortnightly practices arranged by Mr. H. J. Ford (Ringing Master) and Mr. J. W. Rose (Deputy Master) are: Upwey, October 19th; Frampton, November 2nd; Wyke Regis, November 16th; Martinstown, November 30th; St. Peter's, Dorchester, December 14th; Buckland Newton, December 28th; Abbotsbury, January 11th.

The chairman thanked the Vicar (the Rev. E. B. Brooks) for conducting the Guild service and his welcome and address. The Vicar, in reply, said he especially wished to thank the lady organist and the ladies who had worked to hard to provide an excellent tea.

14,560 Yorkshire Surprise Rung at Loughborough

Overnight Decision Following Illness

On Saturday, September 21st, by kind permission of Mr. Paul L. Taylor, a peal of 14,560 Yorkshire Surprise Major was rung at the Bell Foundry Campanile, Loughborough, which is the longest peal in the method and also believed to be the longest peal on these bells.

Unfortunately, the Decisions of the Central Council concerning notice to be given in 'The Ringing World' were disregarded, the facts being as follows:—

At the time when notice should have been sent in the writer was in bed for a week with an attack of influenza, and it was then that intentions of going for a long peal were abandoned, though the band still intended to spend the day at Loughborough and ring an ordinary peal there.

However, when the band met in Leicester on Friday evening, they decided that only a doctor's certificate would be sufficient to excuse the writer from attempting the 14,000! Accordingly we agreed to go ahead with the original plans and hope for leniency after the event should we prove successful.

Now that the peal has been rung we can only say that we did not consider it fair to alert the whole Exercise for an event which would in all probability never take place, and hope that the peal will be accepted as, at any rate, an unofficial record.

Accordingly it was in a fairly jocular frame of mind that we started at 10.40 a.m. Missed dodges here and there are, of course, inevitable, but these were received with, if anything, rather an excess of levity, which, however, is conducive to good feeling among the band, desirable in an ordinary peal, essential in a long one.

'Rounds' was greeted by a jubilant blast on the horn of the car, where Ronald Edwards and Vivienne Horton had been sharing our suspense during the last few courses; also Paul Taylor, who later entertained a ravenous band to supper—much appreciated.

Besides this, our thanks go out to him for the superb arrangements at the Foundry (including a complete renovation of the ropes 'just in case'); to the Leicester ringers for a very pleasant evening on Friday; and from the conductor to Richard Speed for checking the composition.

Also, we should like to associate Bryan Pattison with the attempt—he was prevented from taking part by the well-known vicissitudes of Service life, but we hope to have him with us next time, as most of our appetites have now been whetted for more. S. I.

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By STEPHEN IVIN

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PIPE'S PILGRIMS' TOUR No. 7

In and Around Wessex

THE Half Moon Hotel, Sherborne, was headquarters for the seventh 'Pipe's Tour,' from August 4th to 10th. On the journey from Grundisburgh Green many of the party were picked up at St. Paul's Cathedral, and ringing took place at Fordingbridge, Downton and St. Thomas', Salisbury. At Fordingbridge the party met the incumbent, the Rev. Mr. Verity, a former rector of Grundisburgh, and his family, which was a happy reunion.

Monday's programme consisted of ringing at Huish Episcopi, Ditcheat, Evercreech, Shepton Mallet and Milborne Port. Some of us found the name of the first tower difficult to pronounce, and this gave others a little amusement. The bells are a pleasing ring, hung in a beautiful tower so typical of Somerset. Ditcheat, of course, needs no recommendation, but I wonder how many readers know the inscriptions on these magnificent bells. They are named after the Fruits of the Spirit: Treble, Love; 2, Joy; 3, Peace; 4, Long Suffering and Gentleness; 5, Goodness; 6, Faith; 7, Meekness; tenor, Temperance. We had an excellent lunch at Evercreech, accompanied by Mr. Harry Sanger, and afterwards spent a full two hours ringing on these lovely bells. The last two towers for the day were both old-style rings, and Milborne Port bells were not to easy to ring. During the day Cambridge and Yorkshire Royal were rung, together with Cambridge, Superlative, Yorkshire, Rutland, Bristol, Kent, Double Norwich, Stedman and other methods and also, not forgetting two ladies' touches, Stedman Triples and Grandsire Caters.

Gillingham was the first tower on Tuesday morning, followed by Mere. Lunch was at Frome, after which we rang on this rather heavy, mellow ring of eight. We were met by Mr. G. W. Massey, who then accompanied us to Trowbridge. We all enjoyed our ring here on this very musical light 12. Two half-courses of Cambridge Maximus were rung and also Kent, Grandsire and Stedman, as well as some touches on the back eight and ten. Here Mr. E. E. Speake met us: he had travelled down specially that day to ring on this, his last 12 in England and Wales. After one touch he left to return home! After tea we rang at St. John's, Devizes, and Westbury, the latter being magnificent bells, and the belfry is beautifully kept.

A CHRISTIAN VIKING'S COFFIN

Wednesday's journey took us towards the coast: Blandford, Poole, Wareham, Swanage and Kingston. Cambridge and Yorkshire Royal were rung at Poole, together with a course of Antelope Doubles. This latter was suggested because our lunch here was at the Antelope Hotel. The history of Wareham Church goes back to A.D. 700: to the same Saint who founded the church at Frome. Two items of interest were, firstly, the only six-sided lead font in existence, and, secondly, a stone coffin of an early Christian Viking, made in the shape of a boat. At Swanage the 'youngsters' (all under 26) rang a touch the five-spliced. There was time for a glimpse of the sea before tea. Kingston bells were lovely, better, I thought, outside than in. Double Norwich, Spliced, Duffield, Yorkshire, Kent, etc., were rung here, and afterwards a visit was paid to Lulworth Cove.

At Bridport, on Thursday morning, we were met by Canon C. C. Cox. He rang a course of Yorkshire with us. Beaminster was the next tower, and Crewkerne followed lunch. At both these towers were enjoyable bells. In the afternoon we visited Taunton. The party divided to ring at St. Mary's and St. James'. The 12 bells in St. Mary's wonderful tower proved quite a handful, as the movement is considerable. But we managed, and we were very pleased to have an opportunity to ring here. Our return to Sherborne was by way of South Petherton. This is the tallest central octagonal tower in England, and there is a ring of eight with the tenor somewhat flat! This is not so noticeable, however, when the bells are rung to Major. We arrived at Sherborne a little late, but there was sufficient time for all to ring what we wanted. These bells always give me a thrill, and I thought they were improved by the loss of the counterbalance on the tenor clapper.

RAIN CHANGES PLANS

Friday was to have been our day by the sea but the dismal morning caused us to change our plans. After ringing at Dorchester we managed to arrange an extra ring at Wyke Regis. Here the oldest possible band rang a touch in response to the challenge set by youth at Swanage. After lunch at Weymouth we proceeded by the coast road towards Lyme Regis, and succeeded in obtaining permission to ring at Whitchurch Canonicorum. Tea was taken at Lyme and then we headed towards Yeovil. The tenor here is a truly extraordinary bell for her age, and the bells were soon going to Stedman and Cambridge.

Upon our return to the hotel a presentation was made to Jim Pipe and his wife for their kindness in arranging the tour, and also to the driver, who showed such a close interest in our ringing during the week.

Saturday was the day of our return. Before reaching Amesbury we ran out of fuel! So we arrived just when we should have been leaving, and we all managed to ring in one touch of rounds by swapping ropes after the style of an 'excuse me' dance! Lunch at Reading was followed by a ring at St. Mary's. Then came Slough, where the bells are a nice light 10, and finally, after tea, Stoke Poges: we finished with a touch of Spliced.

The Curfew tolls the knell of parting day,
The old red coach winds slowly o'er the lea,
The Pilgrims homeward wend their weary way,
And leave the bells and G. and A. D. B.

When the coach left London it was again only half-full. They say that the last part of the journey is very depressing. I have never experienced it, so I cannot say. 'PILGRIM.'

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PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

Bishop's First Meeting With His Ringers

A long-cherished ambition of the Towcester Branch of the Guild was realised on September 7th when it acted as host to members of the Guild on the occasion of the summer festival.

The day assumed greater interest and importance when it became known that the Lord Bishop of the Diocese would attend and preach the sermon during the usual service. The little church at Green's Norton was full to capacity and the congregation took its part and blended its voice with that of the choir, all being beautifully led by the organist.

The Guild form of service was conducted by the Guild president (Canon G. F. Turner). The Rev. G. H. Hales (Rector of Green's Norton) read the lesson. Also present and robed were clergy from Towcester, Potterspury and Lichborough.

The Bishop spoke of his pleasure at seeing so many of the younger generation of both sexes taking up the art of ringing and urged them to carry on so doing all their lives. He said that sometimes there might seem to be an inadequate amount of gratitude extended to ringers for the amount of work they did for the church, but in reality the clergy were always grateful to ringers.

A local committee of ladies had provided a handsome tea in the British Legion Clubroom, which, however, could not hold everyone at the same time and a second sitting for a few had to be arranged.

There was no business to dispel the highly social atmosphere which prevailed, but the occasion was one of importance inasmuch as it was the first time that either the Bishop or the president had had the opportunity to speak to the Guild as a body. A warm welcome was given to both, who thus became known to quite a few for the first time.

Mr. Morris, Guild Ringing Master, in a short speech, thanked the many who had done so much for the day's success: the Rector of Green's Norton for the use of his church and bells, the choir and organist, Mr. A. Mansfield for all the local arrangements so admirably carried out, the local branch for the ringing arrangements during the day, and the incumbents of those parishes whose bells were at the ringers' disposal, and the towerkeepers who maintain them.

Towers open for ringing were Gayton, Pattishall, Cold Higham, Towcester, Blakesley, Braddon, Lichborough, Paulerspury, Potterspury, Cosgrove, Passenham, Alderton, Grafton Regis, Stoke Bruerne and Wicken.

With one exception these are either five- or six-bell towers, and after tea the organisers of three buses checked up on times to avoid depositing 100 people at a five-bell tower at the same time. Happily, this was achieved and several hours of ringing were enjoyed. This gathering, if not a record for numbers, must rank very high as upwards of 200 members and friends were estimated to be present.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE IRISH NUMBER

Dear Sir,—Congratulations on your Irish number. Many prominent peal ringers are mentioned in the list of 'tourers' who crossed to Ireland over a number of years, yet I was sorry to note the omission of a well-known gentleman who was not only a capable peal ringer but a keen worker for the Irish Association in its early years, viz., Mr. Alexander Tailyour, who was in charge of Lord Carysfort's estate at Arklow. Messrs. Tailyour and Washbrook devoted a lot of time in maintaining a half-pull band for service ringing at Arklow, and for six years they had regular assistance from two members of my family, who walked three miles each way for practices and services. Two other members of the family also assisted during their frequent visits to Ireland, viz., my elder brother and myself, and during the six years (1904-9) I paid over 24 visits to the Emerald Isle, took part in but seven peals, yet I shall remember with gratitude the splendid work of Alexander Tailyour, whose quiet, effective and sincere service to ringers and ringing helped the Irish Association in its early days.—Yours sincerely,

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Addlestone, Surrey.

IN BRAILLE

Dear Sir,—If 'The Ringers' Handbook' (6-bell edition) would do, Mr. Haythorne's friend should be able to borrow a Braille copy of it from the Students' Library at the R.N.I.B. (Great Portland Street).

As the transcription was done by a member of our tower (Steep), need I say how pleased we should all be if this blind friend could ever come over and have a ring with us, as we live not so many miles away. (We have a nice and very easy six.) The only reason the 7- and 8-bell portion of the book was not transcribed also was because it seemed (to the sighted reader) rather formidable, since the changes have of necessity to be written across the page instead of down it! — Yours sincerely,

(MISS) CECILY ROBERTS.

Steep, Petersfield.

Dear Sir,—Mr. W. O. Haythorne, of Winchester, may be interested to know that about two years ago I received a request from the Royal Institute for the Blind for permission to print 'The Ringers' Handbook' in Braille. This, of course, was gladly given. — Yours faithfully,

MARY POWELL.

Langford Budville, Som.

NYLON BELL ROPES?

Dear Sir,—Are there such things as nylon bell ropes on the market?

We have nylon this, that and the other but I've yet to see an advertisement for nylon ropes.

Would it be possible, or would they be too costly?—Yours faithfully,

R. F. BAKER.

Brampton, Huntingdon.

PRAYER BEFORE SERVICE RINGING

Dear Sir,—When ringing for Evensong in Kingscliffe Church, Northants, early in September, I was surprised to hear the Rector (who is one of the ringers) saying a short prayer before we raised the bells.

This custom might, with advantage, be repeated in other churches, I think.—Yours,

C. M. ORLEBAR.

Mayfield, Sussex.

Note.—We know of many churches where this is observed.—Ed.

A NEW TERRITORIAL ASSOCIATION

Dear Sir,—Over a year ago a Society of Church Bellringers was formed to help the large number of learners in our district. Since our formation the Society has expanded considerably, so it has been decided that the Society should now become a territorial association and steps are now being taken to do this.

As towers in Derbyshire and Leicestershire are affected we will be named 'The South Derbyshire and North Leicestershire Association.'—Yours sincerely,

J. E. COLLINS,
Hon. Secretary.

8, Lockington Road, Hemington, Derby.

THE NEW BEAT

Dear Sir,—If the ringing of a syncopated course of Cumberland Bob on the recent Essex cycling tour was intended as an allusion to the striking of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, then I think that both the writer and 'the ebullient L**n*l W***s' have rather misunderstood the efforts of the younger ringers of this Society to introduce a new rhythm into ringing. After all, the idea of a regular beat with a gap only every handstroke lead has by now been almost played out.

Despite opposition from many of the older ringers, who get the idea that we cannot strike properly, this new beat has caught on well and has left its mark on the hit parade in the well-known 'Cumberland Gap.'—Yours sincerely,

JOHN L. MORRIS.

Orpington, Kent.

A ROUND TABLE PEAL ATTEMPT

Dear Sir,—I am trying to get a band together to attempt a peal for Round Table, but so far I have met with little success, receiving only three replies to a letter published in 'News and Views,' the Round Table national magazine. This suggests that either there are very few ringers in the Movement or that Tablers don't read their magazine as thoroughly as they ought.

In the hope that they may read 'The Ringing World' more thoroughly, may I ask, through the courtesy of your columns, that any Tablers—or ex-Tablers—who are interested in making an attempt should get in touch with me?—Yours truly,

V. T. A. BOASE.

5, The Willows, Wallasey, Cheshire.

BARNSLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

When the Barnsley District Society met at All Hallows', Kirkburton, on September 14th, towers represented were Bradford, Batley, Cawthorne, Darlington, Ecclesfield, Friezland, Huddersfield, Lightcliffe, Ossett, Shelley, Wakefield and the local company. The afternoon's ringing was from 3.15 to 4.30, when an excellent tea was served in the Church School.

The president (Mr. Noel F. Moxon) was in the chair for the business meeting, and proceedings started with an act of remembrance for Mr. Harry Haigh, of New Mill, who had been a ringer for about 60 years. The members stood in silence.

Two new members—Mrs. Cynthia Lockwood and Rodney Pagden—were elected, and New Mill was selected for the next meeting on October 12th. The president moved a vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and to the local ringers for making the necessary arrangements. Mrs. Cynthia Lockwood responded on behalf of the local ringers. Good use was made of the bells in the evening.

OBITUARY

MR. PERCY J. DYKE

The tower of St. Mary's, Reading, has sustained a severe loss by the passing of Mr. Percy Dyke at the age of 63 years. He collapsed and died suddenly whilst at work at the Reading Signal Works of the Western Region, British Railways.

Mr. Dyke, who was Ringing Master of the Reading Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, learned to ring at Abingdon at an early age and was at one time under the late Mr. Edgar Humfrey there. He had rung peals in various methods from Double Norwich and Stedman Cinques. His genial character will be sadly missed by his many friends both in the Oxford Guild and elsewhere.

The funeral service was held on September 10th at St. Mary's, conducted by the Vicar, and the Guild was represented by the Branch chairman, the deputy Branch chairman and Mr. N. J. Diserens.

A quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at St. Mary's on September 8th, with the bells half-muffled, and a peal in remembrance was attempted at Mortimer but unfortunately lost due to a shift course after an hour and a half.

A. D.

MR. CLEMENT H. TAYLOR

The death occurred on September 11th, after a short illness, of Mr. Clement H. Taylor, aged 80, of Chelford, Cheshire. His devoted membership of this church included 70 years as a ringer, for 30 years of which he was tower captain. Though he seldom ventured further than Grandsire Doubles, he was a shining example in other ways. During his first 62 years as a ringer he never missed and was never late for church or ringing, and it was only failing health which forced him to miss more and more frequently during the remaining years.

Mr. Taylor was also parish clerk and a life member of the Chester Guild until his death. He was a chorister for 64 years, and at various times throughout his life occupied every possible church office, including sexton.

Of the many ringers he taught five of the six who were bearers at his funeral were his pupils. After the service, held on September 14th, two courses of Grandsire Doubles were rung over the grave by representatives of the Macclesfield Branch, and on the following Wednesday a peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung in his memory by the Sunday service band.

MR. FREDERICK SHINGFIELD

The death occurred on August 2nd at his home at Rocklands, Norfolk, of Mr. Fred Shingfield, captain of the Rockland All Saints' company. Fred, whose health had been failing for some years and who had recently undergone several operations, was aged 72 years.

Although he was not a keen peal ringer he rang three for the Norwich Association, which he joined in March, 1910. Fred was regular in his attendance for service ringing, and when the Rockland company ceased to meet he became one of the Caston band.

The funeral was held at Rockland St. Peter's Church on August 6th, and was attended by ringers from Rockland and Caston.

HORRINGER, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Standard (cond.) 1. A. Moore 2. F. Cooper 3. P. Everitt 4. D. Rowlands 5. G. Jennings 6. W. Goodship 7. H. Byford 8. Rung half-muffled following the memorial service to the Marchioness of Bristol.

STANWELL, MIDDLX.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Spliced Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob Doubles: K. Hawthorn 1. C. B. Fynes (cond.) 2-3. L. Burgess 4. M. Lane 5. P. Spackman 6. For Evensong.

SOME SEPTEMBER OUTINGS

BEXHILL-ON-SEA, SUSSEX

Mention has already been made in 'Belfry Gossip' of the Bexhill ringers being locked in the tower at Benenden during their outing on September 7th into Kent. The party of 23 included the Divisional Ringing Master and other enthusiasts from local towers.

Rolvenden was the first tower visited and after the adventure at Benenden, sickness in the village prevented Biddenden bells from being rung, but the tea at the Chequers Inn was excellent. Some of the best ringing of the day took place at Smarden. A church that will be most vividly recalled as the tour becomes but a happy memory is that of Little Chart. Built to replace the ancient church destroyed during the war, it occupies a new site in the village. To the devout churchman and ringer it stands as an oasis in the desert of modern 'silent' churches around.

Darkness was gathering as we departed for our last tower, Frittenden, and as the final touch of Stedman Triples rang out the darkness was complete. So, too, was our day of pleasant memories. Our thanks go out to those tower captains who stood at their porches to receive us, and to the incumbents for so kindly allowing us to come and ring out our message. C. E. V.

BURES, SUFFOLK

Bures and District's tenth annual tour on September 7th was into Surrey, necessitating a 6.30 a.m. start and reaching home at 1.15 a.m. Trafalgar Square and Piccadilly Circus at 11 p.m. were a wonderful sight.

Towers visited were Holy Trinity and S. Nicolas, Guildford, Godalming, Farnham (where the bells are similar to the visitors'), Yorktown and Bagshot. A grandstand view of the Farnborough Air Show was provided on the Hog's Back, and at Farnham the company had the pleasure of ringing for a newly-wedded couple.

Methods rung during the day included Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Double Norwich Court Bob, Superlative, Cambridge, Yorkshire, London and Bristol Major, Grandsire Caters and Little Bob Royal.

TEWKESBURY DISTRICT

For many ringers in the Tewkesbury District the highlight of the year is their annual outing in September, and this year's—on the 14th—came well up to expectations. Thirty-seven ringers attended and after an early start they travelled by coach to Bibury, where an hour's stop gave everyone the chance of a ring.

The other places visited were mostly in Wiltshire and Berkshire, in unspectacular and pleasant enough country, and an hour's ringing was enjoyed at each. They were Highworth and Lambourn before lunch, Childrey and Buckland before tea, and Bampton in the evening.

The most rewarding halt was at Buckland, where the visitors were welcomed by the minister, and looked round his large and well-kept church (having an unusual south transept decorated with mosaics) before ringing what proved to be the best-going and sweetest-sounding bells of the day.

The outing was an undoubted success and, as Mr. T. Steward, of Tirley, pointed out in a short speech of thanks over tea, this was due entirely to the efforts of the Ringing Master of the Tewkesbury Branch (Mr. E. T. Newbury, of Beckford), who had chosen the tour, made all the arrangements and ensured that everyone had a fair share of ringing at each of the towers visited.

NORTH WEALD

Ringing was confined to one tower when St. Andrew's, North Weald, ringers had their outing on September 7th, the party of 30 consisting of only 14 ringers.

Leaving home at 7.15, Banham Church, Norfolk, was reached at 10.40. Ringing continued for 1 hour and 20 minutes, methods rung including Cambridge, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob Minor and Doubles, Grandsire Doubles and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure. The 'go' of the bells was very different from that at North Weald; the fifth was difficult to strike According to a local ringer of years ago, when the bells were rehung the matter was reported to the bellhangers, who gave instructions to change the clapper round; this was never done.

The rest of the day was spent at Cromer, and home was reached at midnight.

PRESTBURY, GLOS

Prestbury, Glos, bellringers and friends had a very enjoyable afternoon and evening on September 21st on the bells of Eldersfield, Bromsberrow, Dymock, Newent, Hartpury and Corse, having half an hour at each, with tea at Newent. Methods rung included Grandsire, Plain Bob, Stedman, Kent, Oxford and Cambridge; rounds were also rung at each tower for the several learners. Thanks are due to the incumbents for permission to ring in these churches, which proved to be of great interest to the non-ringing friends as well as to the ringers, who found all the bells to their liking. C. R.

SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP

Shepton Beauchamp ringers had a very successful outing to North Somerset and Bristol. Towers selected were Shepton Mallet (8), Clutton (6), Clifton (8), St. James', Horsefair (10), Wraxall (8), Yatton (8). Wraxall's were regarded as the best eight of the day, and Grandsire Caters at St. James' the best method. Home was reached at midnight. Thanks are extended to all incumbents.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH

The Twerton-on-Avon ringers, accompanied by some friends, held their annual outing on September 14th, being favoured with sunny weather, which showed the Gloucestershire countryside at its best.

The first ring was at Dursley (8, tenor 19½ cwt.), where the party were met by Messrs. Attwood and Chamberlain. An hour's ringing was enjoyed from the ground floor ringing chamber. Another pleasant ground-floor ring followed at Longney (8, tenor 11 cwt.).

A good tea was provided at the Saracen's Head Hotel, Gloucester. Ringing followed at St. Mary-de-Crypt (8, tenor 14 cwt.), where three members of the local band joined in a touch of Stedman Triples. A course of Cambridge Major came round in grand style. At the last tower, Bisley (8, tenor 16 cwt.), the party were met by members of the local band. These bells have to be heard from the outside to be appreciated as an octave, as the two trebles are hung above the others and are almost inaudible from the ground-floor ringing chamber. The journey home was enlivened by some really good singing led by friends from Bristol University.

Thanks are due to the incumbents, to the local ringers who provided the welcome, to Mr. Leslie Barry for arranging the tea and the Gloucester tower, and to Mr. Roger Fry for his usual first-class arrangements.

A. F. L.

YOUNG RINGERS' TOUR OF GLOUCESTERSHIRE

A party of young ringers, meeting at Buxton, had an enjoyable tour of Gloucestershire. Between Saturday, August 17th, and Tuesday, August 27th, they cycled 470 miles, rang in seven counties and at 64 towers. Though Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Grandsire predominated, also rung were: Little Bob (Minor to Royal), Stedman (Doubles to Caters), Cambridge (Minor, Major and attempt at Royal), 30 different Minor methods, 10 Doubles including Carter's and Erin, Double Norwich Court Bob, Superlative, Bristol, Yorkshire and Gloucestershire Surprise Major.

There were three peals rung during the week. The first was a handbell peal on August 18th in the men's dormitory of the Youth Hostel at Stratford-on-Avon. The second peal on the following day at Childswyckham was memorable; it was in 21 methods and broke the 67-year-old record of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association. A moderate peal of Little Bob Major was rung at Sandhurst. An attempt for a peal of Gloucester Surprise Major at Longney failed after a change-over and a miscall.

Among the highlights of the week were the 12 at Evesham, where Kent Treble Bob Royal and Maximus, Grandsire Caters and rounds were rung. By turning in the tenor to three leads of Bristol here, the Ringing Master fulfilled one of his few ambitions in ringing. At St. Mary's, Cheltenham, the party rang Little Bob Royal, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Royal and their stable method on higher numbers—Grandsire Caters. At Stroud Mr. E. T. Newbury joined in three leads of Oxford Treble Bob Royal, the best Royal of the tour. But the tower of the tour was Painswick (12) with its spotlessly clean belfry and excellent bells, which were rung to Oxford Treble Bob Maximus, Double Norwich Court Bob and, of course, Grandsire Caters. Painswick Surprise Major failed after three attempts.

Here is a typical day from our correspondent's report:—

'The red sunrise on Friday forecast bad weather, and did it rain? In the morning we rang a course of Norwich on the lovely six at the Cathedral of the Forest, Newland, then visited Staunton, another six in the centre of the church. Our first course of Yorkshire was accomplished on the fast-going eight at Monmouth. Then on to Ross, whose grand octave went best to Double Norwich, and Weston-under-Penyard (6), where we had a short but good ring. The Youth Hostel for the night was Mitcheldean, and again the wardeness gave us a lively evening. Ruardean (8) was the tower after supper, and the view from here over the Wye Valley was magnificent.'

The programme on Sunday included service ringing at Tewkesbury Abbey, Worcester, Claines, Wychbold, Stoke Prior, Bromsgrove (for evening service) and Chaddesley Corbett.

After ringing on the 12 at St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, on the second Monday the party were kindly entertained to refreshment at a fellow-ringer's home. Later that day they were in Derbyshire, having grabbed Shareshill (6), Cannock (8), Abbot's Bromley (a minor five), Uttoxeter (8) and finally Doveridge (5). The night was spent at Ilam Youth Hostel after plunging down a one in three hill.

Thanks are accorded to incumbents, youth hostel wardens for their tolerance and those who met the party.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.—On Aug. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Miss F. P. Greaves (first on ten bells) 1, Mrs. C. Critchley 2, W. J. Holloway 3, S. Elsey 4, M. Gathercole (first on ten bells) 5, G. W. Critchley 6, E. H. Mastin (cond.) 7, L. W. Houghton 8, N. V. Harding 9, W. Rose 10.

DOWN ZUMMERZET WAY

A, B, C, D and E decide to go for a peal of Doubles at a rather 'off the beaten track' 5-bell tower. All are members of a well-known ringing society (not affiliated to the Central Council), and decide that a peal of mixed Doubles will look well alongside the Stedman Cinques and Cambridge Maximus in the Society's peal book!

D writes to the rector who resides in an adjoining parish, and who 'hopes they get the peal, will be very pleased to have them and if not away, will make a point of meeting them.' D also circulates a broadsheet giving details of the methods to be rung. Both C and E turn up at D's practice night to get a bit of practice in.

As the projected peal is on a week-night a 'near six' start is essential. B and D both finish work at five and can arrive at the appointed time without trouble. E, popularly reputed to do no work at all, always gets Wednesday afternoon off, and will no doubt get there first. A also leaves work at five, but due to the fact that his daily journey is by a combination of car, boat and bus, does not anticipate being able to get back across the ferry before 5.30. However, when exhorted to sneak out five minutes early and drive like a madman along the straight bits, he thinks he can arrive by 6.15. C, who has a motor-bike, decides to be picked up by A in case it rains.

On the appointed night, B and D arrive well to time and are mildly surprised that E has not forestalled them. A and C duly arrive (C having brought his portable radio 'just in case we don't get it,' as the first instalment of the 'Nine Tailors' is to be broadcast at 8.30.

A deadline of 'before six-thirty' is fixed for E's arrival, and meanwhile E experiments with the harmonium which is the sole means of musical accompaniment in this lovely old church. So 6.30 arrives, and still no E. A conference is called and E's qualities of punctuality and reliability are emphasised. It is felt that perhaps these same excellent qualities do not attach themselves to E's van! After discussion, B departs to telephone her brother to come for a quarter instead. This he agrees to do and will arrive in about an hour. Having let the bells down (it being an unlockable ground floor ringing chamber) A, B, C and D then adjourn to the nearby 'Ring of Bells' for a late tea of bread, cheese and cider. The landlord's three bells hung over the counter are duly admired. Two of these are obviously of the 'made in Birmingham' variety, and the other was at one time almost certainly a sanctuary bell.

Half way through an impromptu darts match the sound of a bell being pulled up is heard, and thinking that B's brother has arrived and is getting impatient, all hurry back to the tower. Upon arrival, they find a gentleman who turns out to be the local captain giving some instruction to his latest recruit. Explanations follow and it seems that the rector has failed to notify the local band of the proposed peal, and that they have all arrived for their first practice of the autumn. The 'locals' are insistent that the quarter peal shall go on while the visitors are equally insistent that the practice should not be upset. It is discovered that one of the local ringers has learnt to ring Grandsire Doubles while away at college and that another used to be able to hunt the treble. A very enjoyable mixed practice then ensues until C suddenly remembers his radio and the 'Nine Tailors.' Everyone present seems keen to listen to this, so with volume suitably modified to suit the ecclesiastical surroundings, all settle down to listen. All are agreed that, despite the intense groaning which occurs every time the bells are pulled off and the fact that the record peal mysteriously starts off in changes, the broadcast is very good. The bells are then quickly lowered after a very enjoyable evening, to be rounded off with a social hour in the aforementioned 'Ring of Bells.'

Not a remarkable story perhaps, but one which does prove that next to our Sunday service ringing, the so-called 'freemasonry of ringing' and the welcome accorded when more isolated places are visited, is perhaps one of the most pleasant aspects of our craft. The local band, who at the moment are not change ringers, all strike their bells and handle their ropes well. They are keen to obtain some change-ringing literature, and several back copies of 'The Ringing World' have been sent to them. May they progress as they deserve to do.

'D.'

WHITHER SHALL WE GO? . . . THE FOREST OF ARDEN

The northern edges of the Forest of Arden meant cycling anything from ten to 40 miles on Monday, August 19th, and perhaps leaving home at 7.30 a.m. Such was the fate of the Gnosall and Stafford representatives who spent a day with Cannock, Handsworth and Walsall ringers looking for fresh towers in Warwickshire.

The first 'grab' was Hampton-in-Arden—a pity the bells are not as beautiful as the village. Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob; and we were consulting the programme, trying to decide how to fill in a gap caused by Barston bells being out of action. Honiley was 'discovered,' and after numerous 'phone calls we eventually contacted the Vicar, to whom we are most grateful for letting us ring his splendid little five at such short notice.

Berkswell Church has many outstanding features, but none as outstanding as the organ in the ground floor ringing room, about four-fifths of which it fills! The tenor being almost hidden from the fifth and very near one and two can cause confusion if not chaos, even in Grandsire Doubles.

A tour of Coventry's outskirts brought us to Corley, where we abandoned a towerless building as a chapel and could not find the church anywhere. The towerless edifice did, however, turn out to be Corley Parish Church, of unknown dedication, and then someone noticed a slight bump in the roof which, it was discovered, holds bells. The necessary pews removed, we had a real 'snatch and grab'—usually someone else's sally. Bells down, and another day on new ground was over. 'More, more, I prithee, more.'

S. H.

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD

About 30 ringers attended the Archdeaconry of Halifax Guild meeting at Mirfield on September 7th. The Vicar, who conducted the service, thanked the Guild for their visit, and Mr. P. Birkett thanked the local ringers, the Vicar, and the ladies who had provided a most enjoyable tea. Miss Sheard, the tower secretary, replied on their behalf. Several members enjoyed handbell ringing before returning to the tower. Ringing included Minor on light and heavy sixes, Cambridge and Yorkshire Major and Little Bob Royal. A good lower in peal at 9 p.m. concluded a successful meeting.

A. W. B.

The peal at Edgware reported on page 620 was Mr. Alick Cutler's 250th peal for the Middlesex County Association.

FARNBOROUGH'S MISSION BELL DEDICATED

In connection with the Guildford Diocesan Guild Mission in April, 1956, the Farnborough (Hants) band planned to ring a quarter peal on each day of the Mission and also on the four 'follow-up' days. At the final practice the second bell split around the crown in almost two pieces and was held by a broken stay. The five bells were, however, rung for each service.

With the help of the Church Ladies' Guild nearly £100 was raised for recasting the bell. The work was entrusted to Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and the bell has been inscribed: 'With thanksgiving for our Mission, April, 1956, Rev. Canon F. B. Hutchinson, B.A., B.Sc., Rector. Recast, Mears, 1957.' (The Mission, conducted by Canon Bryan Green, of Birmingham, was attended by nearly 1,000 people on each of the ten nights.)

The recast bell was set up in a frame by the ringers close to the font, where it remained for a week for the congregation to see it, and it was dedicated on Sunday, September 22nd. The captain (Mr. G. S. Joyce) requested the rector to dedicate the bell, and rang it three times. After the dedication the bell was handed to the officers for safe-keeping (captain: vice-captain, Mr. R. H. Mills; secretary, Miss M. Finel; tower keeper, Dr. W. W. Wright).

The congregation of about 400 included 20 local ringers, the Guildford Guild being represented by Mr. W. Shepherd (vice-president) and Mr. J. Brackley.

The day after the dedication the bell founders hung the bell with the assistance of ringers as labourers, and it was ready for the usual Monday night practice.

The Farnborough ringers are proud that for the last six years at least they have rung without fail for three services each Sunday, with two additional Communion services on High Feast days. There are always two pews reserved for the ringers at one of the Sunday morning services and they are always full. The church is always so full that unless the ringers reserve their seats they are unable to find one.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

Meeting at Long Clawson

The Melton District held a meeting on September 21st at the lovely old church of St. Remigius, Long Clawson, in the Vale of Belvoir. The bells, a heavy ring of five (tenor 19¼ cwt.), hung in a central tower with a long draught of rope, are rung from the choir stalls. They are a bit of a handful and only one peal has ever been rung on them. This was conducted by Mr. Ernest Morris just after the first world war, when the treble was rung by Mr. William Smith, of Turramurra, N.S. Wales, who was a native of Long Clawson.

Some good ringing was heard during the afternoon until 4.30, when a short service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. A. Wilcock), who gave a warm welcome to the ringers. An excellent tea was provided in the School Room by the Mothers' Union.

After the usual business meeting the bells were rung again to a wide variety of methods, the striking being very good. It was a great joy to Mr. Edw. Tinsley, the veteran captain, to hear his bells rung in such a way and to be able to take part.

DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.—At St. Cuthbert's Church, on Aug. 25th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: E. Mashiter 1, Miss P. Dawse 2, Miss B. Cooke (first 'inside') 3, Mrs. R. M. Cooke 4, T. Senior 5, D. Newton 6, T. Hill 7, T. Cooke (cond.) 8. Rung on the 80th anniversary of the Durham and Newcastle Association. Also an 80th birthday compliment to Mr. L. W. Venus, ringer at this church for many years.

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BUTLER.—On September 27th, 1957, at Princess Christian's Maternity Home, the gift of a son—Richard William—to Audrey and William Butler, of 17, Forest Road, Windsor. 1080

DEATH

FARRANT, Frederick, of 17, North Street, Martock, aged 84, passed away on September 23rd. For many years captain of Martock ringers and 42 years secretary of Ilchester Deanery Branch. 1063

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MISCELLANEOUS

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—There will be no practice on Tuesday, Oct. 8th and Tuesday, Oct. 15th, at Spalding. 1092

MAULDEN, BEDS.—Weekly practice will commence on Wednesday, Oct. 9th, at 7.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—M. J. Lockey, Hon. Sec. 1078

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MEETINGS

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Quarterly meeting, Chesterfield, Oct. 5th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. S. Scattergood, 797, Sheffield Road, Sheepbridge, Chesterfield. — A. B. Cooper. 1056

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting at Wivenhoe on Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. 999

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — S.W. quarterly meeting, South Benfleet, Oct. 5th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea, please, to Mr. C. L. Matson, 75, St. Mary's Road, South Benfleet. 1015

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—S.W. Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Plympton St. Maurice, Saturday, Oct. 5th. Usual arrangements. 989

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting for Oct. 5th at Crondall **is cancelled.**

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—St. Ippolyts, Oct. 5th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in the School. Special method: Trinity Sunday T.B.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 1028

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Ashford District.—Annual general meeting at Ashford on Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m.—C. T. H. 994

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Annual District meeting on Saturday, Oct. 5th, at Tonbridge. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea (2s.) 5 p.m. 1007

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD and LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Loughborough District). — Meeting at Coleorton, Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in Schoolroom. 1045

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Interim meeting at Gressenhall on Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. Names for tea to G. Bunning, Gressenhall, East Dereham.—C. Tovell, Branch Sec. 1055

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Branch.—Autumn meeting, Saturday, Oct. 5th, at Swerford (5). All ringers welcome.—J. Keyte, Charlbury. 993

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Quarterly meeting, Solihull, Oct. 5th. Bells (10) available 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Meeting in Parish Hall, Mill Lane, at 6 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea.—G. E. Fearn, Hon. Sec. 1023

SURREY ASSOCIATION (Southern District) and SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Northern Division).—Combined practice on Saturday, Oct. 5th. Reigate bells 3 p.m., and Redhill 6 p.m. 1029

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Winchester District. — Quarterly meeting, Old Alresford, Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. at the Village Hall.—R. F. Brewer, Dis. Sec.

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION. — Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station) on Monday, October 7th, at 7 p.m.—T. J. Lock. 1089

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Practice, St. Mary's, Lambeth Bridge, 7.30 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 7th. Meeting, Saturday, Oct. 12th, All Saints', West Ham, E., 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business 5.15 p.m., Church Hall. Further ringing 7.30 p.m. Names for tea, please.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth, Middx. Tel.: ISL 3921. 1103

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.—The first practices of the Michaelmas Term will be: St. Andrew's (8), Wednesday, Oct. 9th, at 8 p.m.: St. Bene't's (6), Thursday, Oct. 10th, at 8 p.m. All Freshmen welcome. 1059

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Combined practice at Blechingley on Wednesday, Oct. 9th, at 7.30 p.m. All welcome. 1081

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at New Mill, Saturday, Oct. 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Bring your own food.—J. W. Buxton. 1076

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Cutcombe, Saturday, Oct. 12th. Numbers for tea essential by 8th.—A. R. Tudball, 3, West Close, Dunster. 1087

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at All Saints' Church, Weston, Bath, on Saturday, Oct. 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea essential to Mr. S. S. Woodburn, 16, Lynfield Park, Weston, Bath. 973

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Quarterly meeting, High Littleton, Saturday, Oct. 12th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. Gait, Glenview, High Littleton, near Bristol. 1065

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Pawlett, Saturday, Oct. 12th. Bells 2.30 p.m. and after meeting till 7. Service 4. Tea 4.30 p.m. (please advise). Huntspill, 7.15 to 9 p.m.—R. Short, Chilton Trinity. 1097

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Eaton Socon on Saturday, Oct. 12th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—L. H. Bywaters, Dis. Sec. 1067

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Chesterfield District), LADIES' GUILD and SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Joint meeting, Bolsover, Saturday, Oct. 12th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Names for tea *must* be sent to A. B. Cooper, Wickstead, Rectory Lane, Duckmanton, Chesterfield. 1057

DEVON GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch.—Buckfast Abbey, Buckfastleigh, Saturday, Oct. 12th. Names for tea required.—A. L. Bennett, Cornerways, Buckfastleigh. 1071

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Mayfield (8), Saturday, Oct. 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. at Star Cellar Café. Names must be sent by 10th to W. Kitchenside, 3, South Street. Look up Erin Triples.—C. A. Bassett. 1077

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION and CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD. — A joint meeting will be held at Longstanton (8) on Saturday, Oct. 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—B. Cookson, Master; D. E. R. Knights, Dis. Sec. 1088

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Annual dinner, Picture Room, Shirehall, Chelmsford, Saturday, Oct. 12th, 6.15 p.m. for 6.45 p.m. Cordial invitation to Cathedral Evensong at 4 p.m. Cathedral bells available immediately afterwards. Dinner tickets (12s. 6d.) from F. V. Gant, 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch, Essex. Accommodation strictly limited—early application advisable; stamped addressed envelope, please.—F. V. G. 1002

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Swindon Branch. — Highworth (8), Saturday, Oct. 12th. Names for tea to Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Swindon. Tel. 3936. 1072

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chertsey District.—Meeting, Old Woking (8), Saturday, Oct. 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names **essential** for tea, by Wednesday, Oct. 9th, to Mr. D. Munday, 92, High Street, Old Woking. 1027

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—A meeting will be held at Great Gaddesden on Saturday, Oct. 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea, by Wednesday, Oct. 9th, to Mrs. Robinson, 7, Gade Valley Cottages, Great Gaddesden. No names, no tea.—J. Good, Dis. Sec. 1038

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting, Saturday, Oct. 12th, at Northaw (6). Names for tea, please, to W. Foote, 16, Burleigh Way, Cuffley, Herts. 1106

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Annual meeting at West Malling, Saturday, Oct. 12th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea at 5 for those who send names to Mr. P. Carter, The Ringers, West Malling.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Annual meeting, Canterbury, Saturday, Oct. 12th. St. Dunstan's bells available from 2.30. Service in this church at 4.15 p.m.; preacher, the Bishop of Dover. Tea 2s. per head. Numbers for tea, enclosing cash, please, together with any nominations for District officers, must reach me not later than first post, Wednesday, Oct. 9th.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 1050

LADIES' GUILD. — Southern District. — Quarterly meeting, Aldershot (8), Saturday, Oct. 12th, 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Names for tea, by 9th, please, to Miss S. Tate-Mitchell, 121, Roberts Road, Aldershot. 1025

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at St. Mary's, Walton, on Saturday, Oct. 12th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. Jackson, 77, Bedford Road, Liverpool, 4.—T. E. Radcliffe. 1075

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—Meeting at Eccleston, Saturday, Oct. 12th. Names for tea, please, by 9th to Mr. W. W. Hunter, The Bridge, Eccleston, Chorley.—L. Walmsley. 1018

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—Practice meeting, Bowness, Saturday, Oct. 12th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names to F. Wilson, Woodside, Bank Road, Windermere.—N. M. Newby. 1094

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at St. Mary's, Church Road, Hendon (five minutes from Hendon Central Station, or buses Nos. 83 and 143 pass by at Hendon Garage), on Saturday, Oct. 12th, at 3 p.m. Service, tea and business meeting.—T. J. Lock. 1068

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Keele on Saturday, Oct. 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, Oct. 9th, to P. Jackson, Post Office, Keele, Newcastle, Staffs. Committee meeting 4 p.m.—E. H. Edge, Hon. Sec. 1089

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — The autumn meeting will be held at High Wycombe on Saturday, Oct. 12th. Business meeting in the Oakley Hall 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30. Service in the Parish Church 5.15 p.m. Ringing arrangements: West Wycombe and Hughenden, both 11.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. Evening ringing as stated on the agendas available at the meeting. Names for tea by Wednesday, Oct. 9th, to Mr. A. E. Cox, 21, Wordsworth Road, High Wycombe, Bucks.—M. R. Cross. 1079

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—The annual meeting of the Branch will be held at Newbury on Sat., Oct. 12th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Please send names for tea to Mr. H. T. E. Curtis, 67, Kings Road, Newbury. 1084

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Notts District.—Meeting at Warsop (6), Saturday, Oct. 12th. For tea please notify by 8th Mr. H. T. Rooke, 9, York Terrace, Warsop, Mansfield.—H. Denman. 1101

SURREY ASSOCIATION (Northern District) and KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Lewisham District).—A combined meeting will be held at Banstead on Saturday, Oct. 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Bells after. Names for tea by Thursday previous to Mrs. G. R. Parsons, 4, Brookside, Carshalton.—W. Parrott, A. Hill, Hon. Secs. 1100

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—Practice meeting at Shipley (2.30 to 4.30) and Itchingfield (6.30 to 8.30) on Saturday, Oct. 12th. Tea 5 p.m. and service 6 p.m. at Itchingfield. Names for tea by previous Tuesday to G. Francis, Hook Cottage, Itchingfield, Horsham.—W. L. Weller. 1073

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Evesham on October 19th (by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. Canon J. Charles Jones. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Please send names for tea, by Oct. 16th, to J. L. Garner-Hayward, 8, Orchard Crescent, Coventry. 1042

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual dinner will be held at the Stoke Hotel, Stoke Road, Guildford, on Saturday, Oct. 19th, at 6 for 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 15s. each, are obtainable from Mr. R. H. Mills, 35, Fowler Road, West Farnborough, Hants. The latest date for applications is first post, Monday, October 14th. Cheque or postal order, made payable to R. H. Mills, should accompany **all** applications, together with a stamped (3d. after Sept. 30th) addressed envelope. 1024

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—Meeting at Bacup St. Saviour on Saturday, Oct. 19th. Tower open 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5. Meeting in tower 6 p.m.—J. Porter, Branch Sec. 1096

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Meeting, Billesdon, Saturday, Oct. 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in School 5 p.m. Names by the previous Wednesday to Mr. J. G. Geary, 1, Leicester Road, Billesdon. 1104

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Benington on Saturday, Oct. 19th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea in the Parish Hall 5 p.m. Names for tea to me by Monday, Oct. 14th.—W. E. Clarke, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston. 1091

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch. — Half-yearly meeting, Heckington, Oct. 19th. Bells (8) afternoon and evening. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., at the Nag's Head, for those who notify, by Tuesday previous, Mr. A. Dixon, Elm Cottage, Kyme Road, Heckington, Sleaford. 1070

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION and OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Preliminary notice.—Joint meeting and social at St. John's, Hillingdon, Saturday, Oct. 19th. Further details next week.—F. Finch and W. Butler. 1085

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Buxton (6) on Saturday, Oct. 19th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service. Tea 5 p.m. Lamas bells if required. Names for tea by Wednesday, 16th, to Mr. W. R. Catchpole, Birds Place Farm, Buxton, Norwich. 1093

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Steeple Aston (6), Saturday, Oct. 19th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Please notify H. L. Roper, Adderbury, Banbury, Oxon. 1090

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Irchester, Saturday, Oct. 19th. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please.—A. Bigley, Hon. Branch Sec., 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough. 1102

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Oct. 19th, Wilton. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at Grey Dawn Café. Dinton also available in evening. Names for tea, please, to Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 1086

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD and WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Northern Branch). — Joint meeting at Kinver, October 19th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea, not later than Wednesday, Oct. 16th, to Fred Bennett, Pool House Road, Wombourn. 1066

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Annual Jasper Whitfield Snowdon Dinner, Rotherham, Saturday, Oct. 26th, 6.40 p.m. Tickets, 11s. each, from J. J. L. Gilbert, 56, Glencoe Road, Sheffield, 2. Full details of ringing later. Requests for accommodation as soon as possible to N. Chaddock, 17, Herringthorpe Grove, Broom, Rotherham, Yorks. 1098

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A dinner will be held at the Angel Hotel, Tonbridge, on Saturday, Nov. 2nd. Tickets (price 10s. 6d.) from District secretaries or from Miss Colgate, 30, Buckhurst Avenue, Sevenoaks. 1095

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Winchester District.—Preliminary notice.—The sixth annual dinner of the District will be held on Saturday, Nov. 23rd, at the Westgate Lodge Hotel. 1083

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JASPER AND WILLIAM SNOWDON

JASPER SNOWDON, second son of the Vicar of Ilkley, was born over a hundred years ago, rang his first peal in 1871, and rang his first peal as conductor (Minor in seven methods) in 1872. He was largely responsible for the establishment of the Yorkshire Association in 1875 and was unanimously made its first president, a position which he held until his untimely death at the age of 41 in 1885.

At the tenth annual meeting of the Association in 1885, held at Sheffield and attended by *over 300 members*, Jasper was presented with a travelling bag and an illuminated address as a tangible acknowledgment of his great services to the Association and showing the tremendous esteem in which he was held. Members left the meeting looking forward in joyful anticipation of their next gathering under their beloved president, due to be held at Rotherham in January, 1886. But this was not to be, for six weeks after the Sheffield gathering Jasper was taken ill with Russian influenza and, despite the best medical skill, died on Monday, November 16th, 1885.

Jasper had a fine physique, unbounded energy, and a genial and generous nature. His contribution to the cause of ringing need not be detailed here. His literary talent is well known and his valuable textbooks, revised or re-written, continue to be a valuable aid to ringers today.

Jasper's tragic death was a severe blow to the Exercise, but the Yorkshire Association were fortunate in having his brother, William, to succeed him and finish off the work he began. William, aided by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, completed textbooks prepared by Jasper and, with the help of his wife, continued their publication.

William Snowdon served the Yorkshire Association as president for 25 years, and was noted for his regular and punctual attendance for Sunday service ringing. He was a perfect gentleman and always held that 'ringing makes all men equal.'

In this spirit the Yorkshire Association will, on October 26th, 1957, at Rotherham, gather together for the 25th time to honour the memory of these former stalwarts and other worthy past officers of the Association. In recalling the past, those attending will be reminded of the services rendered by present officers and feel inspired to devote themselves to the even greater tasks which lie ahead, in order that the Exercise may maintain its position in these difficult times. NORMAN CHADDOCK.

A GAME OF CHANCE

THIS is a humble story compiled by a humble ringer, but it is meant to show how items, however small, and arising out of chance, can be made very enjoyable, especially when you get kind and generous co-operation from the clergy—in this particular case a Devon country parson.

On a recent Saturday morning the writer received a visit from a colleague who, with four others, were on their way to a Branch meeting in another part of the county. A query was raised as to whether a tower could be procured on the return journey in the evening, and after selecting a country 5-bell tower as a possibility, and a suitable time, things were left at that.

It was nearly an hour after the suggested time that the 'wanderers' returned, and some doubt was expressed as to whether it was too late to do anything, but it was decided to carry on with the plan, and on the writer being taken aboard, the tower in question was reached in ten minutes. The vicar was first interviewed, and he advised us to see the local captain, in fairness to his ringers, although it was quite in order with him. The skipper, unfortunately, was not at home; on our return to the tower the vicar had arrived in person to give us access to the belfry.

Here we had a perfect rise, and a first-rate six-score of Grandsire Doubles was rung with the bells well up. The vicar afterwards remarked that this was the best half-pull ringing he had heard on his bells, but he did not think that half-pull ringing sounded very well on five bells only. Another six-score was rung with the bells a little lower, which pleased the vicar rather more, and then we had an equally perfect fall in peal.

All this was done in the space of 25 minutes, and we expressed our great appreciation to the vicar for allowing us to ring despite the lateness of the hour. It was certainly most enjoyable, one of the visitors remarking that he had never rung in a 5-bell tower before.

We then dispersed to our respective homes, the writer having a lovely three-mile walk home in perfect moonlight, through country by-roads, not forgetting to walk through a private drive, across two fields belonging to a farm, and finally down a rather rugged lane—this on the whole being a perfect end to a week's leave. A. L. B.

TEN BELL PEALS

BECCLES, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 5, 1957, in 3 Hours and 36 Minutes.
AT THE CAMPANILE OF THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5075 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in C sharp.

*MARIAN H. MILLS	Treble	BRIAN J. HOWARD	6
†ROSEMARY SEABROOK	2	FRANK B. LUFKIN	7
ROBERT E. LESTER	3	ALAN R. SYDER	8
†KENNETH G. BROWN	4	TERRY EARLE	9
*TREVOR N. J. BAILEY	5	†URBAN W. WILDNEY	Tenor

Composed by RICHARD F. DEAL. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.
* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Caters.

ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield and District Society.)
On Wed., Sept. 18, 1957, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 34¼ cwt. in C sharp.

*PHILIP WALKER	Treble	†CYRIL RUSBY	6
MILTON FOWLER	2	†JOHN N. D. CHADDOCK	7
†SUSAN CHADDOCK	3	FRED FISHER	8
†MRS. N. CHADDOCK	4	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	9
IAN HOLLAND	5	‡NORMAN CHADDOCK	Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.
* First peal. † First peal of Plain Bob Royal. ‡ 250th peal.
A wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Norman Chaddock.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

HARWELL, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Sept. 5, 1957, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 16½ cwt.

DOUGLAS JORDAN	Treble	HENRY BISHOP	5
PETER DAVIES	2	WILLIAM GILKS	6
JAMES BLOND	3	ROBERT BLOND	7
CLAUDE CORDEROY	4	WILLIAM CORDEROY	Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT BLOND.

BRENCHLEY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
On Wed., Sept. 11, 1957, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 GAINSBOROUGH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17½ cwt.

MARK S. LANCEFIELD	Treble	GEOFFREY PEARSON	5
THOMAS E. SONE	2	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD	6
CRAWFORD T. HILLIS	3	JOHN R. COOPER	7
COLIN A. TESTER	4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by THOMAS CULLINGWORTH.
The first peal in the method for all the band and for the Association.

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION
On Sat., Sept. 19, 1957, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 18½ cwt.

*BRIAN STAPLETON	Treble	†KENNETH G. SPAVINS	5
STEPHEN J. IVIN	2	SIDNEY FOSKETT	6
*ROBERT CHURCHILL	3	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES	7
EDMUND J. HOBBS	4	‡DEREK C. HALL	Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.
* First peal on eight. † First of Triples. ‡ First peal.
Rung for the 90th birthday of Canon Rust, who is the oldest member of the Bedfordshire Association.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Sept. 20, 1957, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes.
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6½ cwt. in B flat.

MRS. PHYLLIS POOLE	Treble	J. FREDERICK MILNER	5
GERALD C. HEMMING	2	JOHN A. ACRES	6
GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	3	ERNEST J. JELLEY	7
ERNEST W. RAWSON	4	G. RONALD EDWARDS	Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by GEOFFREY J. HEMMING.

BECKINGTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 21, 1957, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation.)
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in E.

*ANNE FEAR	Treble	ERIC C. WADMAN	5
RONALD G. BECK	2	DAVID T. ROBERTSON	6
W. JOHN PHIPPEN	3	ERNEST E. BRAY	7
GEORGE W. MASSEY	4	L. ALAN FEAR	Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE W. MASSEY.
* First peal.
Rung as a farewell to Squadron-Leader G. W. Massey, who will be stationed at Malta for the next 2½ years.

HANDSWORTH, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Sept. 21, 1957, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

J. NEVILLE PARKIN	Treble	JOHN PINFOLD	5
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	2	BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY	6
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN	7
H. DAVID HOLLAND	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	Tenor

Composed by W. BARTON. Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.

HANSLOPE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 21, 1957, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's variation of Middleton's. Tenor 22 cwt.

SYDNEY M. BAILEY	Treble	ARTHUR NEWTON	5
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER	2	JOHN D. KAPE	6
DAVID CORNWALL	3	ANTHONY E. COX	7
ROLAND BIGGS	4	WALTER LEE	Tenor

Conducted by WALTER LEE.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 21, 1957, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In 16 methods, being 640 London, 320 each of Bristol, Cambridge, Crag, Eastcote, Lincolnshire, Lindum, New Gloucester, Pudsey, Superlative, Rutland, Wembley, Wadsworth, Yorkshire, and 160 each of Watford and Uxbridge, with 139 changes of method. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

ERNEST BOUMPHREY	Treble	EDWARD JENKINS	5
BRIAN HARRIS	2	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	6
C. KENNETH LEWIS	3	PETER LAFLIN	7
BASIL JONES	4	JOHN WORTH	Tenor

Composed by A. J. PRITCHARD. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

OVERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 21, 1957, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in A flat.

W. GEOFFREY HAIR	Treble	BRIAN G. WARWICK	5
FRANCIS R. LOWE	2	BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	6
ARTHUR E. ROWLEY	3	ERNEST J. JELLEY	7
JOSEPH W. COTTON	4	JOHN M. JELLEY	Tenor

Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER (No. 21).
Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
Francis R. Lowe has now 'circled the tower.'
Rung for the Festival of St. Matthew, Patron Saint of this church.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 21, 1957, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 48 lb. in G.

THOMAS R. SIMMONS	Treble	GEORGE SAYER	5
STANLEY W. COPLING	2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	6
ARTHUR G. BASON	3	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN	7
NOLAN GOLDEN	4	HENRY TOOKE	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

PORT SUNLIGHT, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 21, 1957, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

HENRY O. BAKER	*Treble*	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	5
JOHN DEAN	2	ROBERT W. HINDE	6
GEORGE F. SPERRING	3	JOHN T. TILSTON	7
FRED HARTMAN	4	ALEXANDER J. MARTIN	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by HENRY O. BAKER.
Rung to commemorate the 106th anniversary of the birth of the first Viscount Leverhulme, founder of Port Sunlight.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Sept. 22, 1957, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

HAROLD BLAKE	*Treble*	RAYMOND G. LOFTY	5
HENRY TOOKE	2	THOMAS E. SPIGHT	6
NOLAN GOLDEN	3	ARTHUR G. BASON	7
WILLIAM CLOVER	4	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
Rung to mark the ordination of the rector's son, Alan Richard Heawood, who was ordained deacon by the Lord Bishop of Manchester in his cathedral church that day.

BUSHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 25, 1957, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-APOSTLE,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

*BRIAN BLADON	*Treble*	JOHN R. MAYNE	5
JOAN M. WILCOCKSON	2	RALPH BIRD	6
FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW	3	BRIAN D. THRELFALL	7
†KENNETH R. DUNSTAN	4	*A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
* 50th peal together. † 50th peal for the Association.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Sept. 27, 1957, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5056 HEREWARD BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11¼ cwt.

ROSEMARY PARKINSON	*Treble*	ROGER LEIGH	5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	2	CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE	6
PHILIP DUNDERDALE	3	NORMAN SMITH	7
J. BARRY PICKUP	4	ERNEST J. GOWER	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE H. BEEVOR (arr.). Conducted by NORMAN SMITH.
First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association on tower-bells.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Sept. 27, 1957, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

ARTHUR G. MASON	*Treble*	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	5
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	2	SIDNEY J. WOODCOCK	6
*H. MICHAEL WILLIAMSON	3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM	7
RALPH BIRD	4	JOHN L. MORRIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.
* First peal of Surprise.
Rung for the Harvest Thanksgiving Festival.

ALDERSHOT, HAMPSHIRE.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 28, 1957, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-THE-ARCHANGEL.
A PEAL OF 5088 WELLINGTON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 10 lb. in A.

DUGALD MACPHERSON	*Treble*	FREDERICK R. SCOTT	5
MRS. G. W. CRITCHLEY	2	WILLIAM T. BEESON	6
EDWARD J. BRAGG	3	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM	7
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	4	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Composed by E. W. TIPLER. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
The first peal in the method (Tipler's C 17/1).
Rung for the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels.

BEAMINSTER, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 28, 1957, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's No. 2 variation. Tenor 26½ cwt.

RAYMOND P. SELWAY	*Treble*	WILLIAM G. GIGG	5
REV. CANON C. CAREW COX	2	WILLIAM E. TURNER	6
ARTHUR H. REED	3	G. STEDMAN MORRIS	7
HARRY G. KEELEY	4	JOSEPH T. BARRETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by G. STEDMAN MORRIS.
Rung for the Festival of St. Michael and All Angels, and the 25th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Barrett.

BROUGHTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 28, 1957, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation). Tenor 10 cwt.

JAMES DICKINSON	*Treble*	WILFRED BOLTON	5
LAWRENCE CLEMENT	2	JAMES E. BURLES	6
GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE	3	ALAN CAPSTICK	7
*ERIC PEPPER	4	ARNOLD JACKSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN CAPSTICK.
* First peal on eight bells. First peal as conductor.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 28, 1957, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 29 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb.

*FREDA P. GREAVES	*Treble*	T. A. BEVIS	5
TOM GREENACRE	2	M. R. REED	6
GRAHAM J. MANN	3	JOHN WILSON	7
MICHAEL GATHERCOLE	4	NORMAN V. HARDING	*Tenor*

Composed by THOS. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by NORMAN V. HARDING.
* First peal on eight bells.
Rung as a compliment to the Rev. J. E. Mostyn-Jones, on his 90th birthday.

NORTH MYMMS, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 28, 1957, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's variation of Middleton's. Tenor 13 cwt.

*ADRIAN R. SHERLOCK	*Treble*	THOMAS J. LOCK	5
MRS. J. B. ANDREWS	2	PETER J. COLES	6
†PATRICIA DOORN	3	WILFRID G. WILSON	7
ERIC EDMONDSON	4	JAMES WALLMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS J. LOCK.
* First peal of Surprise. † First peal in the method.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. John E. Lofty, member of the local band, and Miss Rosemary M. Grist, both choristers at this church, for their wedding, which took place earlier this day.

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WEM, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 28, 1957, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt.

Bessie A. Carter	*Treble*	Edward V. Rodenhurst	5
F. Hector Bennett	2	Frederick G. Beddow	6
Frederick A. H. Catlell	3	Clifford A. Barron	7
Mrs. C. A. Barron	4	*Ernest F. Willcox	*Tenor*

Composed by John E. Burton. Conducted by Ernest F. Willcox.
* 25th peal. First in method as conductor.
Rung for the marriage of the deputy Ringing Master of the Association (Mr. Henry Douglas) to Elizabeth Margaret Daziel, of Castle Douglas, Scotland; also the silver wedding anniversary of Frederick G. Beddow, ringer of the sixth.

WOMBOURN, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Sept. 28, 1957, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Benedict Biscop.
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES
Parker's Six-part (No. 13). Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb.

*Michael J. Austin	*Treble*	Barnabas G. Key	5
Ernest Stitch	2	Albert D. Collins	6
†Ronald Chafer	3	Howard Howell	7
George L. Roobottom	4	Charles Eyre	*Tenor*

Conducted by Barnabas G. Key.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal in the method.
Rung as a compliment to the Rev. W. Bennett on his ordination and appointment as curate to the above parish.

COLEMAN'S HATCH, SUSSEX.
THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.
On Sun., Sept. 29, 1957, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
At the Church of The Holy Trinity.
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

Margaret A. Ladd	*Treble*	Stanley G. Ponting	5
George Fry	2	Colin A. Tester	6
Eric J. Brunger	3	Ernest J. Ladd	7
Edward J. Jenner	4	Bernard V. Collison	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. Barker. Conducted by Ernest J. Ladd.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the tenor ringer.

HERNHILL, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Sept. 29, 1957, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael.
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. in A flat.

Albert J. Dunk	*Treble*	Thomas E. Sone	5
*Terence Barton	2	Ralph Bird	6
†George Kenward	3	Philip Mehew	7
Brian Bladon	4	†A. Patrick Cannon	*Tenor*

Composed by A. P. Heywood. Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.
* First peal of Double Norwich. † 25th peal together.
Rung by invitation of the Vicar (Rev. A. H. Davies) to commemorate the Patronal Festival.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

ALFRETON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE SOUTH DERBYSHIRE & NORTH LEICESTERSHIRE ASSN.
On Wed., Sept. 18, 1957, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Martin.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 22 extents (eight callings) Reverse Canterbury, 18 extents (four callings) Plain Bob, and two extents Grandsire.
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.

Clive Walklate	*Treble*	*W. Arnold Morley	4
Peter Bellamy-Knights	2	Reginald J. Stretton	5
David K. Walklate	3	Edward H. Willows	*Tenor*

Conducted by David K. Walklate.
* First peal of Doubles.

BATHAMPTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 21, 1957, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

*Robin S. M. Stubbs	*Treble*	‡Michael Rose	4
Robert E. Beck	2	†Eric Naylor	5
†George J. Hawkins	3	David Hoare	*Tenor*

Conducted by Eric Naylor.
* First peal of Surprise. † 25th peal together. ‡ First peal in the method 'inside.'

SOUTH MARSTON, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 21, 1957, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Consisting of 42 extents in 42 methods, each having its own plain course, being two extents each of Fundenhall, Haddiscoe, Harpley, Ockham S.C.; one extent each of Reverse Plain Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Broughton S.C., Chesham S.C., Chipstead S.C., Oakley S.C., Itchingfield S.C., Hascombe S.C., Thornborough S.C., Longford S.C., Uffington, Stowe Place, Datchet, St. Alphage, St. Andrew, St. Gregory, Union, St. Faith's S.C., St. Julian, Reverse New Bob, Reverse Huntspill, Reverse St. Vedast, Westminster II Bob, St. Nicholas', St. Simon's, New Bob, Plain Bob, Grandsire, Reverse Canterbury and Stedman, and one spliced extent each of Blackburn Place and St. Hilary, Huntspill and St. Vedast, Winchendon Place and St. Remigius, St. Martin's and St. Osmund. Tenor 12 cwt.

Peter Minchin	*Treble*	*Eric Sutton	4
Victor Griffin	2	Anthony R. Peake	5
Raymond C. Westney	3	Thomas R. Collins	*Tenor*

Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.
* 75th peal. The greatest number of methods to a peal by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.

GREAT IOTHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Sept. 22, 1957, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter.
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR
In 14 methods in seven extents, viz.: (1) Berwick and Hexham, (2) Chester and Munden, (3) York and Durham, (4) London and Wells, (5) Beverley and Surfleet, (6) Ipswich and Cambridge, (7) Lightfoot and Wearmouth. Tenor 7 cwt. 11 lb. in B flat.

Mary Dowsett	*Treble*	Brian J. Howard	4
Ernest E. S. Johnson	2	Dennis A. S. Symonds	5
Howard W. Egglestone	3	Joe E. G. Roast	*Tenor*

Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.
First peal in 14 Surprise methods on the bells.

SHIPBOURNE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Sept. 23, 1957, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Giles.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

Janet French	*Treble*	Bernard V. Collison	4
*Olive D. Couchman	2	Luther J. Honess	5
Ernest J. Ladd	3	Colin A. Tester	*Tenor*

Conducted by Colin A. Tester.
* First peal 'inside.'
A birthday compliment to Miss J. French.

BUXTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Sept. 24, 1957, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of St. Clement's, two each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12¼ cwt. in F sharp.

*Herbert G. Smithson	*Treble*	Arthur S. Brothers	4
Walter C. Medler	2	A. Frederick Boyce	5
John R Smith	3	William R. Catchpole	*Tenor*

Conducted by William R. Catchpole.
* First peal in four methods.
Rung to commemorate the 300th anniversary of the hanging of the first four bells in this church. The precise date in 1657 is not known.

NEWINGTON-NEXT-SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Sept. 24, 1957, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Kent Treble Bob and Single Oxford Bob, and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

*Laurence Mitchell	*Treble*	Edward C. Barton	4
*Hazel V. Dadson	2	George Kenward	5
William A. Wood	3	George A. Naylor	*Tenor*

Conducted by George A. Naylor.
* First peal in three methods.
Rung for the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Huntley, who were married in this church on September 24th, 1932, and who now reside at Borden.

HIGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Wed., Sept. 25, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in A flat.

Walter D. Bailey	*Treble*	Dorothy K. Saunders	4
Allen W. Cansdale	2	Kenneth G. Brown	5
*Winifred Wheeler	3	Bernard W. Fairhead	*Tenor*

Conducted by Bernard W. Fairhead.

* First peal of Minor 'inside.' First peal as conductor.

WINWICK, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 25, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF 5040 ST. SIMON'S DOUBLES

Four callings. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in G sharp.

*E. Mervyn Alderman	*Treble*	William J. Ridgman	3
Donald E. R. Knights	2	Lucy Allen	4
Harold S. Peacock	*Tenor*		

Conducted by Harold S. Peacock.

* First peal. A welcome to the Rev. Peter Weir, as Rector of Hammerton-with-Winwick.

BRAMPFORD SPEKE, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Thurs., Sept. 26, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter.
A PEAL OF 5040 REVERSE ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (four callings). Tenor 5¼ cwt.

*Tony Carter (14)	*Treble*	Cyril Savage	4
Sidney Skinner	2	John Quick	5
L. Kenneth Dawe	3	*Harry Luxton	*Tenor*

Conducted by Sidney Skinner.

* First peal at first attempt. First peal in the method for the Guild.

FRYERNING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Sept. 26, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In ten methods, viz.: (1) Rossendale and Stamford, (2) Norfolk, (3) Primrose, (4) Alnwick, (5) Carlisle, (6) York and Durham, (7) Beverley and Surfleet. Tenor 9½ cwt.

Mary Dowsett	*Treble*	Howard W. Eggleston	4
Ernest E. S. Johnson	2	Dennis A. S. Symonds	5
Robin N. Pittman	3	Joe E. G. Roast	*Tenor*

Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.

BLUNSDON, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Sept. 27, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Leonard.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being one 2,160 and four different extents. Tenor 5 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

*Kenneth Page	*Treble*	Victor Griffin	4
†Walter H. Trueman	2	Raymond C. Westney	5
†W. Bertram Kynaston	3	Anthony R. Peake	*Tenor*

Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.

* First peal. † First peal of Surprise Minor. The first peal of Surprise on the bells. Mr. W. B. Kynaston has now rung peals of Cambridge from Minor to Maximus.

Rung as a thankoffering for 25 years' ministry at Blunsdon by the Rev. L. A. Knight, who has now moved to Ditteridge, Somerset.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 28, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Margaret.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 14½ cwt.

Donald E. R. Knights	*Treble*	George E. Crisp	4
*Lucy Allen	2	Geoffrey A. Lucas	5
Donald F. Murfet	3	Harold S. Peacock	*Tenor*

Conducted by Geoffrey A. Lucas.

* First peal of Surprise 'inside.'

HIGHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 28, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist.
A PEAL OF 5040 CHELSEA DELIGHT MINOR

Being seven different extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout. Tenor 8 cwt. in B flat.

John R. Cooper	*Treble*	Michael J. Rowe	4
Ralph Bird	2	Ian H. Oram	5
Brian Bladon	3	John R. Mayne	*Tenor*

Conducted by John R. Mayne.

The first peal in the method.

HIGH LITTLETON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 28, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
At the Church of The Holy Trinity.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Fifteen callings. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

Edward F. Connock	*Treble*	*Victor Savage	4
Monica E. Fray	2	*Norman H. Coombs	5
Michael J. Horseman	3	William A. Prescott	*Tenor*

Conducted by William A. Prescott.

* First peal of Stedman Doubles. First peal since rehanging, and believed to be the first of Stedman on the bells.

KEYMER, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 28, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Cosmas and Damian.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being one twelve-score and 40 six-scores (ten callings)
Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in A flat.

*George E. Harniess	*Treble*	*Peter C. Hollingdale	4
*Stuart A. Hill	2	Peter F. Romney	5
*James G. Backshall	3	Frank Cox	*Tenor*

Conducted by Peter F. Romney.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. First peal by a local band.

Rung for the Patronal Festival and as a farewell to the Rev. W. E. Davis-Winstone, M.A., who is retiring after 18 years as rector of this parish and 56 years in the ministry.

NORTHREPPS, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 28, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court, St. Clement's and Oxford Treble Bob, and two each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

*Herbert G. Smithson	*Treble*	Derick W. Pardon	4
Wilfred G. Saunders	2	John R. Smith	5
Raymond W. Balls	3	William R. Catchpole	*Tenor*

Conducted by William R. Catchpole.

* First peal in five methods. First peal in five methods as conductor.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. John W. Richardson (ringer at this tower) and Miss June M. Coleby, married at Southrepps this day.

SHORNE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 28, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent each of Kelso, London, York, Beverley, Norwich, Ipswich and Cambridge. Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.

Michael J. Rowe	*Treble*	Ian H. Oram	4
Brian Bladon	2	Ralph Bird	5
John R. Cooper	3	John R. Mayne	*Tenor*

Conducted by John R. Mayne.

WEST RETFORD, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 28, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael-the-Archangel.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three 720's of Single Oxford and four 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. in A flat.

Harold Denman	*Treble*	*Duncan McNeil	4
Katharine Burchnall	2	Ernest Preston	5
Grace Burchnall	3	Richard Hobbs	*Tenor*

Conducted by Richard Hobbs.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

Rung on the eve of the Patronal Festival, to celebrate the 730th year of the consecration of the church, and to mark the completion of 30 years as rector of the parish by Rev. A. J. Linsall. Also as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Hobbs, parents of the conductor, on the eve of their silver wedding anniversary; and to Miss G. M. Hobbs, sister of the conductor, on the occasion of her engagement to Mr. C. G. Fraser.

HANDBELL PEAL

ILFORD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 18, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
At 33, Courtland Avenue.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 13 in E.

Mrs. J. Bray	1—2	Jack Bray	5—6
William T. Cook	3—4	Hugh Neill	7—8

Composed by F. Bennett. Conducted by Jack Bray.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Diana Prynn 1, D. G. Astridge (cond.) 2, B. Piper 3, J. T. Symonds 4, E. A. Lewis 5, P. Jackson 6, J. Hayns 7, H. H. Haynes 8. Rung for harvest festival Evensong and as a farewell to the ringing master, D. G. Astridge, who was leaving next day to enter Swansea University.

BARROW GURNEY, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Doubles (being Morris' 240 and two six-scores of Grandsire, two of April Day and 4½ of Plain Bob): Mrs. D. Strong 1, Mary Powell 2, L. Derrick 3, M. Horseman (cond.) 4, J. Brain 5, H. Hardwidge 6.

BEDFORD.—At St. Paul's Church, on Sept. 22nd, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: R. A. Lennard 1, P. J. Shipton 2, R. L. Piron 3, M. Podd (first of Major) 4, S. Foskett 5, J. B. Long 6, B. Pattison (cond.) 7, S. Ivin 8. For Evensong.

BRAMPTON, CUMBERLAND.—On Sept. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Margaret M. Bell 1, Mrs. C. N. Lea 2, R. Elkington 3, J. B. V. Porter 4, J. Butterfield (cond.) 5, H. Wilson 6. First quartet for 1 and 6.

BUCKLAND NEWTON, DORSET.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Doubles (240 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 480 Plain Bob and 540 Grandsire): A. Callow 1, D. Sweet 2, R. J. Vardy 3, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 4, P. Cox 5, A. J. Goodfellow 6. A compliment to Miss M. FitzPatrick, daughter of the Vicar, on the occasion of her marriage in Africa earlier in the day.

BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX.—On Sept 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Brown (first quarter) 1, S. W. Bigmore 2, E. Deacon 3, H. Stebbings 4, G. M. Rouse 5, K. Everett (cond.) 6. For morning service. Also on Sept. 29th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: B. B. Dibben (cond.) 1, S. W. Bigmore 2, E. Deacon 3, K. Everett 4, G. M. Rouse 5, H. Stebbings 6. For morning service.

BURNHAM-ON-SEA, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 13th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: P. Jones 1, D. White 2, W. E. Wilkinson (cond.) 3, R. Abbott 4, D. E. Cobb 5, M. V. White 6, D. G. Jackson 7, D. Wright 8. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 7th.

BURSTOW, SURREY.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Canterbury, Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: T. Padbury 1, L. Penfold 2, D. Wilson 3, W. Slaughter 4, A. J. Bull (cond.) 5, H. Padbury 6. Rung for the christening of Dianne Elisabeth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Russell (nee B. Turrell), who for many years was a member of the band.

CHALFONT ST. PETER, BUCKS.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. G. Swift (cond.) 1, Mrs. E. G. Swift 2, Miss L. Badcock 3, M. G. Swift 4, P. G. Badcock 5, K. C. Vickers 6. For harvest festival Evensong.

CHEW STOKE, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Miller 1, D. Sweet 2, J. S. Walton 3, C. T. Clarke 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5, R. D. Short 6. Rung in the conductor's 1,309th tower to mark the completion of his 26th year of ringing.

CLAVERLEY, SALOP.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Bennett 1, J. Marsh 2, W. Francis (jun.) 3, E. Drew (cond.) 4, G. Goodson 5, C. Jones 6, F. Hinton 7, N. Haycock 8. Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar of Claverley (the Rev. C. J. Raby).

COBHAM, SURREY.—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent and 540 Plain Bob): Kathleen Powell (first of Minor), Patricia Smee 2, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 3, T. A. Cross 4, A. F. Wren 5, K. R. Holtom 6.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Martin 1, A. Chaplin 2, F. V. Gant 3, J. Bray (Lincs., cond) 3, N. Fleetwood 5, T. East 6, A. J. Salisbury 7, D. M. Salisbury 8. For harvest festival.

ESCRICK, YORKS.—On Sept. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Reeves (14) 1, Miss M. E. Wilkinson 2, H. Walker 3, L. Greenhorn (first 'inside') 4, J. Woolford (15, first as cond.) 5.

FINCHLEY, MIDDLX.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (with tenor covering): A. Goodall 1, F. Barker 2, H. Haddow 3, Miss G. Icke 4, B. Willis (cond.) 5, L. Tubb 6, A. Richardson tenor. For Evensong on the occasion of the visit of the Bishop of London marking the anniversary of the rededication of the restored church.

QUARTER PEALS

GREAT HOLLAND, ESSEX.—On Sept. 16th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. Hart (13, first quarter) 1, Miss H. Stewart 2, Mrs. P. Mills 3, W. Rouse 4, L. Sharp 5, P. Mills 6, S. Leach 7, U. Wildney (cond.) 8.

HALESOWEN, WORCS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Greenhall 1, J. H. Cox (cond.) 2, Miss M. Tromans 3, A. Pickering 4, H. Shilvock 5, T. Greenhall 6, L. Clissett 7, A. H. Harris 8. Rung with the best wishes of the band to Thomas Greenhall, ringing master, on his 50th birthday; also for harvest festival.

HANDSWORTH, BIRMINGHAM.—On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Doubles (being five extents each of Plain Bob and Grandsire, rung alternately, together with 60 changes of Grandsire): D. J. Harrabin 1, Miss E. M. Yardley 2, M. Hall (first quarter in more than one method) 3, P. Beresford 4, I. D. Thompson (cond.) 5, R. Bond 6. For Evensong.

HATFIELD BROAD OAK, ESSEX.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Hayden 1, J. Cordell 2, W. Aley 3, W. Wheeler 4, R. H. Young 5, E. Rochester 6, S. Clark (cond.) 7, W. Aley 8. Rung for the wedding of Mr. R. Ferris to Miss Page.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: E. F. Packham 1, G. A. Packham 2, F. E. Cruttenden 3, Mrs. C. Cruttenden 4, F. W. Parsons 5, R. Langridge 6, F. Godsmark (cond.) 7, A. L. Ryman 8. For harvest festival.

LONG ASHTON, Nr. BRISTOL.—On Sept. 18th, 1,360 Plain Bob Major: M. J. Sprackling 1, Miss M. H. Hall (first of Major) 2, H. Taysom (first of Major 'inside') 3, D. J. Hunt 4, D. Heighton 5, D. Yeo 6, R. G. Cooper (cond.) 7, A. M. Tyler 8.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.—On Sept. 22nd, at Christ Church, 1,248 Kent Treble Bob Major: Mary Worth 1, J. Worth 2, D. Henshaw 3, D. Pearson 4, H. Farrer 5, E. Potts 6, H. Wood 7, A. A. Potts 8. For harvest festival.

MAIDENHEAD, BERKS.—At All Saints' Church, Boyne Hill, on Sept. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Gibbs (first quarter) 1, Sylvia Wickenden 2, Janet Adamson 3, Kathleen North 4, D. Farthing 5, E. E. Gosling 6, Wm. Birmingham (cond.) 7, R. Bluett (first quarter) 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Police Constable C. Tuffley, at one time ringer at Boyne Hill, whose funeral took place at Chieveley earlier in the day. Also on Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Gibbs 1, B. Lister 2, Miss K. North 3, D. Farthing 4, A. K. Street 5, G. Lister 6, E. E. Gosling (cond.) 7, R. Bluett 8. For Evensong on St. Michael and All Angels' Day.

MELDRETH, CAMBS.—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. W. Cook 1, S. Dash 2, A. Tuck 3, T. R. Dennis 4, D. Pepper 5, J. Gipson (cond.) 6. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Eric Pateman.

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On Sept. 29th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Miss D. Hyams 1, L. Cordell 2, H. King 3, R. Bridges 4, J. McPhail 5, W. Wedlock (cond.) 6. For Matins. Also 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Lodge (first quarter) 1, R. Stevens 2, Miss D. Peacock 3, S. King (cond.) 4, S. Blatch 5, J. Lodge 6. For Evensong harvest thanksgiving service.

NUTFIELD, SURREY.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Nancy Kempsell 1, A. R. C. Clarke 2, Freda Hankey 3, G. Olliver 4, A. Streeter (cond.) 5, W. Clarke 6. For Evensong and as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the third.

PIDDLEHINTON, DORSET.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob and 780 Grandsire): A. Callow 1, D. Sweet 2, R. J. Vardy 3, P. Cox 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5, A. J. Goodfellow 6. A compliment to Miss Ruth Jeanes, a member of the local band, on the occasion of her marriage earlier in the day.

QUEENBOROUGH, KENT.—On Sept. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (240 Grandsire, 540 Plain Bob, 480 St. Bartholomew's): Mrs. Croal 1, Miss G. Wallace 2, W. A. Wood (cond.) 3, S. Rayfield 4, H. Blacketh 5, G. Wood 6. Rung to celebrate the 86th birthday of Mr. G. Wood, ringer of the 6th.

RADLEY, BERKS.—On July 18th, 1,260 Doubles (being 1,080 Plain Bob and 180 Grandsire): Miss S. Allen (first in two methods) 1, R. Raven 2, Miss D. Pollard (first as cond.) 3, Miss M. R. Cross 4, S. Lester 5, Rev. J. V. Pixell 6. Rung for the conductor's 14th birthday, also for the 13th birthday of C. Smewin, a member of the local band.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: W. F. Ward 1, A. Reeve 2, H. Warboys 3, F. C. May 4, E. J. Blower 5, G. J. Blower 6, R. T. Tomlin 7, A. J. House (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

READING, BERKS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sept. 22nd, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: K. Cotterell 1, W. Newton (first of Surprise) 2, Helen M. Brant (first of Surprise) 2, Mrs. A. Diserens 4, R. H. Begric 5, R. G. Morris 6, A. Diserens 7, N. J. Diserens (cond.) 8.

RINGWOOD, HANTS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: G. F. Redwood 1, Mrs. C. W. Reed 2, R. N. Marlow 3, C. Pring 4, W. C. Shute 5, C. W. Reed 6, W. E. Cheater 7, L. F. Cobb (first of Major as cond.) 8. First of Major for 1, 2 and 4. For harvest festival.

SHIRLEY, WARWICKS.—On Sept. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Barbara P. Wilson 1, V. A. Hemming (cond.) 2, K. R. Foot 3, J. Corbett 4, J. K. Foot (first of Minor) 5, J. T. Gwilt 6.

SOUTHGATE, N.—On Michaelmas Day, 1,260 Bob Minor: Pam Miller 1, Ann Aldridge 2, J. Wallman (cond.) 3, J. Perrett (first of Minor) 4, M. Stanyon 5, C. Aldridge 6. For the Parish Communion.

STEVENAGE, HERTS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Swain 1, W. H. Wittering 2, G. Johnson 3, W. J. Houghton 4, C. Stubbington 5, W. Laurance (cond.) 6, W. Brown 7, R. Luxon 8. For harvest festival Evensong.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTS.—On Sept. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Page (first quarter) 1, Dr. C. G. Roworth 2, P. Minchin 3, R. G. Luton 4, H. Austin 5, A. R. Peake 6, E. Sutton (cond.) 7, E. Vincent 8. Rung for children's service on Missionary Sunday. Also on Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Page 1, P. Minchin 2, Dr. C. G. Roworth 3, R. G. Luton 4, H. Austin 5, A. R. Peake 6, E. Sutton (cond.) 7, E. Vincent 8. For harvest festival.

THORPE-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Mills 1, P. Mills 2, I. Cooper 3, F. Harvey 4, W. Downs 5, E. E. Davey (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled to commemorate Mrs. Violet C. Cooper, beloved mother of the ringer of the third, interred this day.

WELDON, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: K. Bradshaw 1, F. A. Ginns 2, R. Shaw (first quarter) 3, D. Urquhart 4, R. W. Spencer (cond.) 5, R. Russell 6.

WEST CHINNOCK, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 28th, 1,296 Bob Minimus (432 Reverse, 432 Double and 432 Plain): B. Jean Stevens 1, Pamela M. Stevens (cond.) 2, F. A. K. Prime 3, D. G. Miller 4. First quarter on four bells by all the band, and believed to be the first quarter on the bells.

WEST COKER, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. E. Turner 1, Miss J. Barnett 2, H. W. Pearce 3, R. P. Selway 4, G. W. Rendell (jun.) 5, S. W. White 6, W. E. Turner (cond.) 7, R. Guppy 8. First quarter of Triples for 1 and 2. Rung as a compliment to the Rev. G. A. Nicholson on completing 30 years as Rector of the parish.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On Sept. 21st, 1,272 Plain Bob Minor: Maria Kirby (first quarter) 1, L. W. G. Skinner 2, Helen Thoday (first on six bells) 3, D. Kirby 4, A. S. Richards (cond.) 5, D. Martin 6.

WITNEY, OXON.—On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. M. Kitto 1, E. J. Hill (cond.) 2, L. T. Oliffe 3, D. J. Smith 4, F. Patrick (first of Triples) 5, B. J. Coggins 6, A. Cornish 7, Bernard J. Coggins 8. Rung for the feast service.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.—On Sept. 1st, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise: E. S. Ruck 1, Miss P. Lowes 2, L. T. Pope 3, C. T. Hillis 4, L. C. Smith 5, M. S. Lancefield (cond.) 6. For Matins. Also on Sept. 1st, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: Miss B. Philpot 1, R. J. Carlton (cond.) 2, L. T. Pope 3, W. P. Garner 4, W. J. Lancefield 5, W. Gill 6. For Evensong. Also on Sept. 15th, 1,380 St. Bartholomew Bob: R. J. Carlton (cond.) 1, L. T. Pope 2, C. T. Hillis 3, A. J. Lancefield 4, W. P. Garner 5, W. Gill 6. First in the method for all of the band. For Evensong.

RAILWAY GUILD'S HAPPY MEETING AT SWINDON

The autumn meeting of the Railwaymen's Guild at Swindon on September 28th was a very pleasant and profitable one, thanks largely to Mr. Bernard Kynaston and his Western Region.

The two lovely rings of bells at St. Mark's (8) and Christ Church (10) left nothing to be desired; a splendid tea was provided: even the clerk of the weather was especially kind in providing a perfect autumn day.

Ringers came from York, Sheffield, Swansea anl South Wales, Bath and Devon, Bedford, Crewe, London, Wadhurst, etc., and were cordially welcomed by the Master of the Guild (Mr. Harold Walker) and later by the curate of Christ Church (Rev. D. A. Biggar), deputising for Canon Thomas (vicar). There was also a welcome from Mr. C. T. Roberts, principal assistant to the chief mechanical engineer.

The Master of the Guild was pleased to see at tea the Ringing Masters of the Gloucester and Bristol and the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, and cordially welcomed them.

The four regional representatives — North Eastern, Western, Southern and Midland— gave reports. All said little progress had been made with the Railway Staff Association, but that there was to be a further meeting of that Association in the near future, when they were hoping that something tangible would be done. Eight new members (seven from Western Region) were elected and two confirmed.

The usual, but never to be taken for granted, omnibus vote of thanks was moved by Mr. Rodney B. Meadows, to all who in any way had contributed to a very happy meeting.

BEDFORDSHIRE RINGERS IN PEAK DISTRICT

The Peak District was the area chosen by the St. James' Guild, Silsoe, for their annual outing on August 24th, and a glorious sunrise was no doubt the reason for all being assembled in the coach promptly at 6 a.m. Thurnby, Leics, was the first stopping place, at 9 a.m., and here we received a cordial welcome and rang the usual selection of methods on a recently rehung ring of six (tenor 12 cwt.).

It was a long journey to Matlock, but all too short in view of the marvellous scenery: Kent and Stedman were achieved here, and all agreed with the Rev. F. E. Robinson, who pronounced these bells to be a very tuneful ring. A substantial lunch awaited us opposite the church at the Kings Arms: then on through more of this renowned countryside to Wormhill, which we had some difficulty in locating—this tower-collector's gem was well worth the trouble. We all enjoyed our brief acquaintance with this, the lightest ring in any church (tenor 1¼-cwt.).

Difficulty was once again encountered by the map-readers, hence we were too late to ring at Hathersage; but our disappointment was soon forgotten as we sat down to a grand tea in the Village Hall. The coach now turned towards home, and we reached Foxton according to schedule: here the bells are a good six (tenor 13 cwt.), and ringing was concluded with a well-struck course of Cambridge. A social hour at the Black Horse was spent in the traditional manner.

Silsoe was reached soon after midnight. Once again we thank Peter Lawton for making the arrangements, and all the ringers and clergy who made us so welcome in their towers.

S. J. I.

OBITUARY

MR. F. FARRANT

By the death of Mr. F. Farrant, captain of the Martock ringers, the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association has lost its oldest active ringer. He was within three weeks of his 85th birthday, and he had planned to celebrate that occasion by attempting a quarter peal, but it was not to be.

Until three weeks before his death Mr. Farrant was active in ringing matters. He had been a member of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association for 57 years, and was for 32 years secretary of the Ilchester Deanery Branch, retiring from that office three years ago. He was a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths for over 50 years. During his life he strove very hard to promote better ringing and good fellowship. He will be missed greatly by his friends, not only for his ringing but as a man of loyal principles.

To his widow, who is 84 years of age, and his son, who is also a ringer, the sympathy of all friends is extended.

The funeral service at All Saints Church, Martock, on September 27th, was attended by many ringers. The Vicar (Rev. J. M. Cartwright) officiated, assisted by the Rev. L. E. Walsh (chairman of the Ilchester Deanery Branch). The Branch Ringing Master (Mr. W. E. Turner) and the secretary (Mr. T. E. Setter) acted as pall-bearers with the two senior ringers of Martock—Mr. F. Strickland and Mr. A. W. Dyer. After the service deceased's favourite touch of 97 Grandsire Triples was rung half-muffled by visiting ringers and the two senior members of the Martock tower. W. G. T.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Friends of Mr. W. Ridgman, of Cambridge, are probably having doubts as to his physical ability, having returned from his Devon holiday with severely blistered hands after turning in the '8 cwt.' tenor at Wolborough to Little Bob. This was an error and should have read 16 cwt. Sorry, Bill. — M.

Tuxford, Notts, bells are now ringable again.

After two years of uninterrupted Sunday service ringing the bells of Rye will be silent for five or six weeks while they are being rehung.

The peal at Oxford on September 19th was the 50th together for Mr. D. H. Niblett and Mr. F. A. Barrett.

A peal veteran is Mr. G. Wood, of Queenborough, Kent. He rang in a quarter peal for his 86th birthday on September 19th at Queenborough.

After the peal at Hernhill, Kent, rung to commemorate the Patronal Festival, the Rev. and Mrs. A. H. Davies kindly entertained the band to a splendid tea, which was much appreciated.

The fund for recasting the cracked fifth bell at Publow now amounts to £120. Another £180 is required, and if any ringers can help will they send donations to Mr. R. Treasure, Pensford, Bristol.

The first peal for a new Association—the South Derbyshire and North Leicestershire Association, the formation of which was announced in our last issue—was rung at Alfreton, Derbyshire, on September 18th.

The ringers in the peal of Stedman Doubles at High Littleton would like to thank Mr. W. J. Gait, the tower captain, for the privilege of ringing the first peal on the bells since restoration. By ringing the fifth to this peal Mr. Norman Coombs has now rung Stedman from Doubles to Cinques.

Addressed to the Women's Editor of 'The Ringing World' is a pair of Suregrip' (sylkette-lined) rubber gloves. We do not know whether their purpose is for youth hostel tourists or for peal ringing by those whose hands blister.

Mr. Duncan McNeil and Mr. Richard Hobbs are the first West Retford ringers to ring a peal in their home tower since 1916.

Ringing friends of Mr. Cyril Pooley, who arranged the peal at Northrepps on September 28th, much regret that he was unable to take part owing to indisposition.

Mr. P. A. Cannon informs us that he hopes to ring an even better peal at Chipping Campden on October 26th than Mr. Geoffrey Hemming's.

Mr. Kenneth Page stood in at short notice for the peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor at Blunsdon, Wilts, and rang his first peal attempt very well.

Miss Marie R. Cross informs us that the peal at Radley (page 621) was for the 53rd wedding anniversary of her parents (Mr. and Mrs. A. Cross) and not the 43rd. May the diamond wedding anniversary be similarly observed.

At Aldershot on September 28th the first peal of Wellington Surprise Major was rung. 'The peal is called Wellington,' writes Mr. Alan R. Pink (the conductor), 'not after the towns in Somerset or Shropshire or the village in Herefordshire, but because Aldershot is the home of the British Army and the Duke of Wellington is one of England's most famous generals. His name is perpetuated in the town in many ways and places. We have now added one more place—the parish church tower where, I understand, the peal will shortly be recorded on a tablet.'

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VETERANS COME TO LONDON

More About the Youngsters of To-day

THERE was another splendid response to Mr. A. W. Coles' third veterans' reunion, held in London on Saturday, September 28th. Proceedings started with ringing at St. Lawrence Jewry, and there were many favourable comments on these new bells. The restored church was also much admired. Later came ringing at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, and after photographs, tea was served in the Fan Makers' Hall.

This year there were 45 veterans present, with an average age of 72, and seven 'apprentices' (those under 60).

When the company were seated, the Rev. H. H. Treacher (rector of Bishopsgate) extended a welcome to the company. 'I hope things are going well in your personal lives as well as bellringers.'

At the conclusion of the meal, Mr. A. W. Coles said this was entirely a non-society gathering, but there were certain things they had to do, and the first was to remember those who had passed on. There were six, and with one exception they were all over 80. They were all composers or conductors.

The company stood as the following were remembered: W. W. Wolstencroft, F. Hayes, I. Emery, G. H. Daynes, W. T. Elson and S. Wade.

Apologies were received, said the chairman, from Dr. E. L. Taylor, Messrs. A. Walker, E. C. Shepherd, F. Cullam, A. E. Audsley, A. Mason, G. W. Price, H. Langdon, A. Peck, E. Morris, L. Attwater, H. Tomlinson, W. Bowden, W. Welling, W. Henley, W. E. Judd, T. Fowler, A. Cutler, J. T. Dyke, W. Bottrill, L. Fidler, G. Gilbert, S. F. Palmer, Long, G. Marriner, W. Hibbert, H. Baalam, P. Spice, J. Bennett, E. Barnett, F. W. Perrens and E. H. Adams.

Mr. J. F. Smallwood moved an omnibus vote of thanks to those who had made it possible. He mentioned first and foremost Mr. Coles, and they all appreciated how much he had done on their behalf. He thanked the Rev. H. H. Treacher for the use of the hall and the bells of Bishopsgate, and the Rev. J. F. D. Trimingham for the use of the bells and facilities provided at St. Lawrence Jewry.

He thanked Mrs. E. E. Davis for her impeccable catering arrangements, and her helpers, Mesdames G. Goodfellow, P. Dyer, J. Hooke, R. Coles, E. Sanders, E. Deal, R. Shuker and Miss Huddle. Also Miss Moore for pastries and assistance. For transport they were grateful to Messrs. G. A. Spencer, F. W. Goodfellow and J. W. Euston.

'On the last occasion when I had the temerity to say a few words, I was severely taken to task in "The Ringing World" when I said that the youth of our day was better than the youth of today. I withdraw nothing. I said on that occasion that I thought the youngsters of today had a long way to go—that was a fair generalisation.'

'NOT THE SAME FUN'

'I think you will agree that the young ringers of today are not getting the same amount of fun out of their exploits as we did at their age. If they do they don't show it. It may be that bells are easy to get, whereas in our day they were hard to get. We had to walk, cycle or train to the towers, and if we got 12 peals in a year it was a good one.

'I think one of the biggest problems we have to face is the problem of recruitment. In the north country they are very short indeed, and at Hull they have only three and at Beverley it is very much the same. Who is to blame? As old-timers, let us be honest and say, "Yes, we have not looked after the youngsters as we ought to have done." And the Exercise is paying the price. Those of us who can should get down to do something about this problem of teaching youngsters. It is important and everyone must help. I do not think the youngsters are appreciative of the ringing they get; if it had not been for you, gentlemen, there would be no ringing.'

Mr. Smallwood had a special word of greeting for Mr. Simkins, now 92, and hoped he would be with them to celebrate his hundred years; to Mr. Bill Langdon, who had passed the four-score, and Mr. Jack Thomas, who looked the same as he did 40 years ago. He hoped Mr. Coles now he was retired would look up his old friends and invite them to come along another year.

Mrs. Davis was called upon for a speech and said she thought it was time they invited a few veteran lady ringers—and there were some veteran ladies. It had given her helpers and herself great pleasure to prepare the tea.

Handbell ringing followed.

THE COMPANY

On the top table with Mr. A. W. Coles (69) were Messrs. F. V. Sinkins (92, St. Leonard's, Streatham), H. Stalham (85, St. Nicholas', Brighton), R. Sanders (83, St. Margaret's, Westminster).

EXTRA POSTAGE

New postal rates will cost 'The Ringing World' an extra £53 this quarter. One ringer has already sent a contribution towards the cost.

Will correspondents kindly observe the new rates and prevent surcharges.

Others present were: A. D. Barker (66, Stoke Poges), W. H. Hewett (71, St. Margaret's, S.W.), H. J. Eldred (75, St. Mary's, Ealing), R. Newman (64, St. Mary Magdalene, Holloway), H. W. Clark (64, Blackheath), A. Dart (Harpenden), J. Brackley (68, Old Woking), W. Shepherd (Addlestone), P. E. Clark (St. Mary's, Ealing), J. F. Smallwood (73, London), E. G. Fenn (76, Barking), W. S. Langdon (81, London), A. A. Hughes (St. Lawrence Jewry), Major J. H. R. Freeborn (70, Oxford), Messrs. E. E. J. Harris (68, Chatham), W. A. J. Knight (62, Rochester Cathedral), Lewis W. Wiffen (76, Braintree), F. W. Brinklow (72, Oxhey), John E. Rootes (67, Bushey), S. H. Hoare (65, Watford).

Messrs. A. H. Pulling (77, Guildford), W. J. Robinson (76, Guildford), Len Stilwell (67, Worthing), John Thomas (75, Hinton, Evesham), Charles J. Sedgley (70, Ipswich), Gilbert R. Goodship (69, Ipswich), William Wenban (70, Stanmore), F. W. Elliott (70, Rickmansworth), A. Hunter (71, Ruislip), Tom Collins (69, Ruislip), G. W. Pidwell (77, Ruislip), Joseph S. Hawkins (78, Tooting), Richard F. Deal (73, East Ham), Herbert Cox (76, Wimbledon), E. W. Furbank (70, Brentwood), C. A. Hughes (71, Leytonstone), E. D. Smith (72, Leytonstone), T. R. Dennis (74, Cambridge), H. J. Ranzetta (65, Buckhurst Hill), W. J. Rawlings (63, Beckenham) and J. W. Chapman (76, St. Leonard's, Streatham).

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: P. Stacey 1, Miss K. P. Hutton 2, L. Scoot 3, C. Harwood 4, D. Atkins 5, D. Sutcliffe 6, E. Buck (first of Surprise as cond.) 7, J. Dear 8. Rung as a compliment to Miss K. P. Hutton on her 21st birthday.

AN OLD COMPETITION REVIVED AT NEWBURY

THE old brigade in the Newbury area will remember the Aird cup contests started by Mr. Malcolm Aird, of Woolton Hill, in 1922, with an annual competition for a cup followed by a supper. With his death in 1933 the contests came to an end, and later Highclere, the last winners, handed the cup to his widow, who retained it until her death two years ago.

The cup was then handed to the Rev. S. A. Culverwell. At his suggestion a meeting of ringers from Highclere, Woolton Hill and East Woodhay was held, under his chairmanship, at East Woodhay, and it was decided not only to revive the competition but the clergy of the three parishes generously agreed to provide a supper.

The pattern of the contests to be followed would be the same as in the olden days, and the competition would take place on the front six at Newbury Parish Church. The former judges, Mr. H. Curtis and Mr. E. Crocker, are both dead. To maintain tradition, Mr. E. Curtis, captain of Newbury, and Mr. H. Reed, also of that tower, consented to act as judges.

With some trepidation, the ringers from the three towers met at Newbury on September 28th, and Mr. Reed, with his usual wit, informed the company that all the bells had stays at the moment! The umpires then withdrew to the Church Room, numbers were drawn from a hat and Highclere led the ringing, amazing themselves and those listening, followed by Woolton Hill and East Woodhay.

After a first-class supper at the Hatchet Hotel, the umpires announced Woolton Hill as the winners by a narrow margin from Highclere and East Woodhay. The cup was presented to Mr. D. Maylin, captain of the winning team, by the Rev. E. W. Omerod, the chairman for the evening. Speeches then followed, Mr. Scott, of Woolton Hill, proposing a vote of thanks to the clergy for so kindly providing the supper and all who had worked hard for such an enjoyable evening.

It was generally agreed that the ringing had been of a very high standard and equal to that of pre-war days. This was very gratifying as the majority of the ringers were youngsters with no previous experience of Newbury bells.

It is hoped that this will now become an annual event. To all those districts of various associations who are considering the idea of a ringing contest, the writer can thoroughly recommend this one, as after the preliminary nerves, ringers definitely gave of their best, which is what every band strives for.

G. K. D.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Mr. A. E. Sellers' 80th Birthday

The autumn meeting of the Eastern District was held at Sutton-on-Hull on September 29th, and was attended by over 30 ringers from the District. A short service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. L. Reynolds) and an excellent tea was served in the Church Hall.

The vice-president (Mr. A. E. Sellers) was in the chair for the business meeting, when proceedings were opened by the secretary (Mr. H. S. Morley) moving hearty congratulations to Mr. A. E. Sellers on attaining his 80th birthday. This was seconded by the Ringing Master (Mr. S. H. Steel) and carried with applause. Mr. Sellers suitably replied.

Miss Barbara Jean Fisher, of Sutton-on-Hull, was elected a member. Goole was selected as the next meeting on December 21st. The usual votes of thanks were passed, and a collection for the Association's Bell Repair Fund realised £1. Good use was made of the ring of six during the afternoon and evening, ranging from rounds to Cambridge Surprise.

THOSE I REMEMBER

By ERNEST MORRIS

(Continued from page 609)

ONE of the 'old timers' I remember was Charles Clarke, of Bedford. He was a frequent visitor to Leicester before my time and rang several noteworthy peals here, calling some of them. He was often called the 'iron-lung' bob caller, because he yelled out loud enough to be heard at the east end of the church and would frighten many a youngster who did not know him. He was a great pioneer of six-bell ringing in Bedfordshire and district, having rung nearly 400 Minor peals in seven methods, conducting most of them.

In later years I met him at Brighton many times and rang in company with the late Keith Hart in some 30 or more peals. 'Charlie Clarke' had many mannerisms and when 'telling the tale' about ringing or arguing on kindred subjects he would wave his arms about, clap his fists and turn about to stress his point. Often when walking along Brighton promenade, talking, he would suddenly get in front of one and stop and gesticulate—much to the astonishment and amusement of passers-by. He was a grand ringer, especially on heavy or bad-going bells. He rang close on 800 peals in most standard and Surprise methods from six to twelve bells.

CHARLES HENRY HATTERSLEY

Another frequent visitor to Leicester—mostly on business trips but who joined in whatever practice night there might be— was the late Charles Henry Hattersley, of Sheffield. He was a typical 'fine old English gentleman,' with his top hat and frock coat and elegant manner. When in Leicester he invariably stayed at the George Hotel, where he would have a showroom filled with the most exclusive and brilliant display of silver ware—salvers, cups, ornaments, spoons, cutlery, etc. He often called for me and showed me these wonderful wares and then got me to fix up some practice ringing.

C. H. Hattersley had a long link with the past, and he rang a peal with Robert Daft, whose records go back to 1811. His grandfather was William Booth, a noted ringer and composer. He rang about 200 peals, mostly composing and conducting them himself, and he had also a wonderful collection of books and manuscripts on bells and ringing. The late Sam Thomas organised these after Hattersley's death in 1915 to form one of the finest libraries of its kind in Sheffield Cathedral. The idea is a very laudable one and might be copied elsewhere, as at Derby, Birmingham and other places. I hope to found one here, at St. Margaret's.

ARTHUR R. ALDHAM

One who took part in Willson's long peals of Kent T.B. and D.N.C.B. Major was Arthur R. Aldham—a big, hefty man and a most excellent ringer. He was a native of Ipswich and rang (at an early age) many peals there—including one of the few Oxford T.B. Maximus—before coming to Barwell, Leics. He took part in my first peal of Stedman Triples, which was also the first on Barwell bells, as well as several others—all most excellent ones. A. R. A. would not stand for any bad striking! He joined the old M.C.A. in 1888 and rang 71 peals for that Association, and passed away in 1917. He had a son, Percival Aldham, who was also a keen ringer, who rang over 100 peals in the Hinckley District, but who was unfortunately killed in a hoist accident at his work in 1938, aged 32. I took part in many of his peals.

FAMOUS LINCOLN RINGERS

As is well known, Lincoln has been noted for its famous bells and ringers for centuries, even as it is today. At the close of the 19th century there was a very fine company of 'Surprise' ringers, but who—like many other bands —gradually dispersed to other fields. Such men included Craven, Lindoff, Fenton and the like, all making good wherever they settled. Arthur Craven, as already noted, moved about quite a lot, principally in the Sheffield and Chesterfield districts. When St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, bells were installed, William Willson was asked to go and teach a band there (with a permanent job thrown in!), but I believe Mrs. Willson was reluctant to leave her native Leicester, so he never accepted it.

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However, Gabriel Lindoff did, and I need not here give any details of his great success in Ireland, laying the foundation of the present flourishing Irish Guild. As a ringer he was magnificent, but as a composer he had few equals in any and every method. Like John Carter's Broadsheet of Stedman, Lindoff evolved a system for London Surprise Major that produces thousands of compositions. He composed the 18,027 Stedman Caters rung at Loughborough on April 12th, 1909, ringing the ninth bell to it, with Wm. Pye conducting from the tenor. I personally never rang a full peal with him, but we had a valiant attempt at Ashton-under-Lyne, when he came over from Ireland specially to conduct Kent T.B. Maximus. All went well for over two hours, when his clapper (the tenor) broke, and so ended a glorious failure!

A QUART OF WATER

I mentioned above, Joseph B. Fenton, of Lincoln. He moved to Rugby and there became the leader of a very fine company which for many years was pre-eminent. His right arm was longer than his left, but didn't he know how to use them! He could—and did —ring any bell, big or little, with grace and precision. I had the pleasure of ringing several peals with him—one in particular I remember at Wigston Magna (Superlative) on account of the excellence of the striking.

I also had the pleasure of ringing in the last peal on Rugby bells (Cambridge) before they were silenced owing to their bad 'go' (now happily restored). On that occasion we finished after 10 p.m., and as there was no chance of getting any refreshment, I saw a sight I shall never forget—the 'Sergeant-Major' (F. H. D.) drank a quart of *water* practically at one go! Later I had the honour to conduct the first peal in the other tower at Rugby (5 bells) and so was the first man ever to ring two peals on two different sets of bells, in two different towers, in *one* church. This record still holds! Joseph B. Fenton, of Rugby, has a worthy son of a worthy father to carry on the tradition, and I have had the pleasure of taking part in many peals with Joseph A. (do you remember Croxton Kerrial, Joe?), and hope to meet again many more times!

WITH WASHBROOK

The name of Washbrook is so well known in ringing history it would be out of place to mention it here, yet I must add my own personal recollections of the few times I was privileged to meet this great man. One was at Manchester Town Hall, when I rang the third to a grand peal of Stedman Caters—on the original ten—which he composed and called. He rang the eighth, and in the band was the late Harry Chapman, Sam Wood, of Ashton, Cclr. Trippier (on the tenor), the brothers Page, Benjamin A. Knights and Washbrook's son, J. W. (jun.), with our old friend Dick Deal on the ninth. In my 'History and Art of Change Ringing,' p. 544, I give a brief account and a photo of Washbrook.

After King's Norton (Leics) bells had been patched up and made ringable by a Mr. Rimington, of Manchester, this gentleman got Washbrook, Chapman and Trippier to come down and try for a peal. At the first attempt in February, 1921, after a quarter peal my bell, the second, cast wheel, set and refused to come off! Another try was made in March the same year, but after two hours Washbrook (on seventh) gave up on account of the bad 'go.' I remember his calling the bobs (Stedman) at the very last possible moment, and on Willson (who was in the attempt) telling him about it, he said he purposely did this to keep everyone 'on their toes' ready to make it or miss it! However, after a lapse of some years and further repairs to the bells we did get a peal. This was due to the energy and enthusiasm of Albert Coppock, of Nottingham, who resuscitated the old Society of the Sherwood Youths, and he was determined to commemorate the 150th anniversary of their first peal on these bells in 1776. Thus on December 4th, 1926, at King's Norton, Leics, five Nottingham and three Leicester men rang a fine peal of Stedman. Since that time a few others have been rung here

Albert Coppock came of a ringing family, being a great grandson of James Coppock, one of the band who used to ring with the famous W. Doubleday Crofts, of the Sherwood Youths. When he had revived the old Society, Mr. Coppock visited and rang peals at places where the original Society had rung. He died in March, 1937, and had rung in well over 100 peals.

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LETTERS

BRASS BANDS BEFORE RINGING

Dear Sir,—May I, through your columns, offer apologies to any ringers who were unable to ring at Winchcombe on September 28th, owing to the brass band contest? The meeting at Winchcombe had been arranged some three months ago, and the Vicar himself was not aware of the contest until he returned from holiday shortly before the meeting, by which time it was too late to alter the venue.—Yours faithfully,

MARY BLISS (Hon. Sec.),
Cheltenham Branch,
Gloucester and Bristol Association.

A FAIR SNATCH?

Dear Sir,—A few weeks ago some tower-grabbing acquaintances of mine visited a small country church to 'snatch' the tower. As they were raising the five bells one failed to sound as apparently the clapper was lashed for a learner. The way up to the bells looked extremely unsafe owing to a rotten floor, so they carried on ringing five bells but only sounding four. I should be very interested to hear the views of the Tower-snatchers' Union as to whether this constitutes a fair snatch.—Yours sincerely,

BRIAN BUSWELL.

Nottingham.

NYLON BELL ROPES?

Sir,—In reply to your correspondent, Mr. R. F. Baker, nylon is strong, hardwearing and damp-proof but, unfortunately a marked characteristic is its extreme elasticity which, of course, makes it entirely unsuitable for bell ropes.—Yours faithfully,

A. W. BRYANT,
Managing Director,
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A DAY IN 'HORTON LAND'

On August 22nd a black Morris, complete with its 'G.B.' plate, could have been seen speeding towards the foreign wastes of South Derbyshire, the driver and the four young ringers inside looking for a change of scenery and some fresh towers.

Ringing began at Newhall; here we were introduced to Union, a method which haunted our driver, who therefore rang and 'brought it round' at every possible opportunity. It was also 'brought round' at Ticknall, when No. 4 eventually abandoned Double Oxford; but at Castle Donington we changed to Reverse St. Bartholomew. We are grateful to the tower captains of both Ticknall and Castle Donington for not only meeting us but also ringing with us.

We were met, too, at Shardlow, another six, and according to 'the records' rang Spliced Doubles(?). Perhaps we did—we rang some somewhere, and it certainly wasn't at Alvaston, where slow and stately obscure relatives of Plain Bob came round one by one.

The best six of the day were undoubtedly Spondon, lovely bells on which we rang umpteen Grandsire Doubles before going into the city of Derby itself. In Derby we found every tower except St. Luke's, the one we wanted. However, a chimney-like edifice was soon espied, and the organiser warned the carload that one notorious Duffield lady would be there. Sure enough, there was Vivienne—all 42 years of her, and soon she was bashing the seventh for us in Grandsire and Plain Bob. But time pressed and we soon had to leave, having rung in eight new towers, seven of which were in Derbyshire. Vive 'Horton land.'

S. H.



Mr. George Baker with a friend. His many friends will join the Editor in wishing him many happy returns for October 14th, when he will be 90 years of age.

Despite his advancing years Mr. Baker still attends his business daily at Brighton.

Mr. Baker's contribution to the art of change ringing comes under many headings. Ringer, conductor, composer and as a mathematician in the field of extension he has made a worthy contribution to the advancement of the Exercise.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION'S OLDEST MEMBER

On September 7th, Canon A. Rust, the oldest member of the Bedfordshire Association, celebrated his 90th birthday.

The Rev. Albert Rust was educated at King's School, Ely, and Selwyn College, Cambridge. He took up the living at Husborne Crawley upon his marriage to Miss M. Phillips in 1900. The church at the time was in a very bad state of disrepair and decay. In 1910–11, largely through the Canon's efforts, the church was extensively restored, the six bells rehung in an iron frame and the tenor recast.

Although he left Crawley to take up positions elsewhere, he returned to his old church again in 1926. In 1931 two trebles were added to complete the octave, again because of his efforts. He was for some time the president, and also the general secretary of the Bedfordshire Association of Change Ringers. In the late 30's he was made an honorary Canon of St. Albans Abbey.

Both Canon and Mrs. Rust were very keen ringers. He still boasts that though he can no longer ring (he is now very frail) he could still do a long or short splice in a bell rope.

On September 8th an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples. Before the start the Canon was brought by car to Crawley Church to meet the band and to listen to his beloved bells once again. The attempt was unsuccessful, but the band tried again on September 19th, and this time a very good peal was rung; incidentally, the ringer of the treble was the last person that Canon Rust taught to ring.

Mrs. Rust died about two years ago.

HONINGHAM, NORFOLK.—On Sept. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss V. Nelson 1, P. Newing 2, Miss J. Nelson 3, C. E. G. Banham 4, W. M. Mann 5, J. S. Barnes (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

West Dorset Branch

A touch of London Surprise preceded the Guild Office at the quarterly meeting of the West Dorset Branch, held at South Perrott on September 21st. The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. P. D. Peterkin), who in his address on the life and work of St. Matthew likened him to a ringer, who was a member of a band working together and not an individual ringer. Canon C. C. Cox read the lesson.

The business meeting followed tea at the Coach and Horses Inn. Bridport was selected for the annual meeting on December 7th.

The chairman stated that the 75th anniversary of the founding of the Guild had been well remembered in West Dorset; most towers had rung and a peal had been recorded at Corscombe and a quarter at Lyme—the latter band hoping to try for a peal in the near future.

The secretary was asked to write to Mr. E. F. Brooks, of Beaminster, expressing the regret of the Branch upon his impending departure from the district. 'It is to be remembered,' said Canon Cox, 'that Mr. Brooks was in the early 1930's secretary of our Branch, and that he is an excellent ringer and a good striker, and he did much to further method ringing in the Branch in its early days.' Mr. Barrett said he had been introduced to ringing by Mr. Brooks, and knew the Beaminster tower would suffer greatly by his absence.

Canon Cox concluded the meeting by thanking the Rector for the use of his church and tower, and for his address, and arrangements for tea; and for the helpful presence of the choir and organist. He also welcomed the Rector to the district, and expressed the hope that he would soon be a ringer.

Members then returned to the tower for further ringing. Methods during the day included Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Doubles and Kent, Cambridge and London Surprise.

E. G. P.

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LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

Thirty-nine members and friends of the Syston District had an enjoyable half-day's outing in Northamptonshire on September 21st. Ringing took place at Creaton (6), East Haddon (6), and, after an excellent tea at the Red Lion there, at Hazelbeech (8).

A stop on the way home for refreshment enabled good use to be made of the handbells. Many thanks are due to Mr. W. J. Kinchin, the local Branch secretary of the Peterborough Guild, who made the arrangements, and also to Mrs. E. F. Payne for 'mopping up' operations at Syston.

R. W.

CHANGE RINGING ON FOUR BELLS

By Peter B.-Knights

I. METHODS WITH ONE HUNT

1. Plain Bob. 1234	2. Double Bob. 1234	3. Reverse Bob. 1234
2143	2143	2143
2413	2413	2413
4231	4231	4231
4321	2431	2431
3412	4213	4213
3142	4123	4123
1324	1432	1432
1342	1423	1342

4. Canterbury Pleasure Bob. 1234	5. Reverse Canterbury P. Bob. 1234	6. Double Canterbury P. Bob. 1234
2143	2134	2134
2413	2314	2314
2431	3241	2341
4231	3421	3241
4213	4312	3214
4123	4132	3124
1432	1432	1324
1342	1423	1342

7. St. Martin's 1234	8. St. Nicholas' 1234	9. Court Bob 1234
2143	2134	2134
2413	2314	2314
2431	3241	2341
4231	2341	2431
4213	3214	2413
4123	3124	2143
1432	1324	1243
1423	1342	1423

No bobs are needed to obtain the extents of these methods.

SPLICING

1. Reverse Bob and Canterbury Bob.

These two methods can be spliced at any of the three lead-ends. Six extra extents are obtained by this:—

C234	C234	C234	R234
R342	C342	R342	C342
C423	R423	R423	R423
234	234	234	234
R234	R234	R=Reverse Bob.	
R342	C342	C=Canterbury Bob.	
C423	C423		
234	234		

2. Double Canterbury and St. Nicholas'.

An extra six extents are obtainable by splicing these two methods, in the same way as Reverse Bob and Canterbury Bob are spliced above. Substitute St. Nicholas' for 'R,' and Double Canterbury for 'C.'

3. Double Bob and St. Martin's.

Substitute Double Bob and St. Martin's for 'R' and 'C' to obtain six extents. The order of the numbers at the lead-ends will be different; e.g., the first lead-end will be 1423, not 1342.

4. St. Martin's and St. Nicholas'.

True and complete blocks of 72 changes are obtainable by calling St. Martin's and St. Nicholas' alternately at each lead. Two of these blocks are obtainable.

II. LITTLE AND ALLIANCE METHODS

1. New Little Alliance 1234	2. Gainsborough Alliance 1234
2143	2143
2413	2413
4231	4231
4213	4321
2431	3421
2341	3241
3214	2314
3241	2134
2314	1243
2134	1423
1243	
1423	

3. New Gainsborough Little Bob 1234	4. New Little Bob 1234
2143	2143
2413	2134
4213	1243
4123	1423
1432	
1423	

True and complete blocks of 48 changes are obtained by calling New Little Bob and New Little Alliance alternately, or New Gainsborough Little Bob and Gainsborough Alliance alternately at each lead-end.

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Bicester Branch

Due to the effects of 'flu, numbers attending were smaller than usual at the annual meeting of the Bicester Branch, held at Souldern on September 28th. The service was conducted by the Rev. Hugh Benson, Mr. F. Sharpe read the lesson and Mr. R. Bourton was the organist. A first-class ringers' tea was provided free by Mrs. Bayliss, Mrs. Burgess and Mrs. West, who were thanked for their hospitality.

Officers elected at the business meeting were the Rev. H. J. B. Elkerton, president; the Rev. Hugh Benson and Mr. F. Sharpe, vice-presidents; Mr. C. H. Kinch, hon. secretary and treasurer; Mr. W. Baggett and Mr. E. G. Jones to the Guild committee. The next meeting will be held at Bicester on January 18th.

Good use was made of the bells until 7.30 p.m., methods rung being Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Minor.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

South-East Branch

The autumn meeting took place at Calstock on September 28th. About 70 members were present, representing the towers of Liskeard, Landulph, Linkinhorne, St. Ive, Lezant, Menheniot, South-Petherwin, Callington and Calstock.

Ringing commenced at 2.30 with most of the bands ringing before the service, which was conducted by the Rector of Calstock (the Rev. P. S. Gagg). The lesson was read by the Rev. E. M. Thomas, of Menheniot, and Mrs. Baker was the organist. Tea was served in St. Andrew's Hall by the wives of the Calstock ringers under the direction of Mrs. P. S. Gagg. Mr. H. J. Clark, of Landulph (Assistant Ringing Master and secretary of the Branch) expressed thanks to the Calstock Church helpers.

Ringing was resumed until 7.30, and consisted of rounds, call changes and Grandsire Doubles. D. B.

BUXTON, NORFOLK.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. E. Mason 1, I. Smithson 2, H. G. Smithson 3, W. C. Medler 4, D. E. Rust Andrews 5, W. R. Catchpole (cond.) 6. For harvest festival.

MR. BRIAN G. WARWICK'S 500 PEALS

A pupil of the late Mr. Harold J. Poole, Mr. Brian G. Warwick commenced ringing in 1948 and rang his first peal on November 6th, 1948, and his 500th on August 28th, 1957. In 1953 he was appointed organist and choirmaster at South Wigston, where he also became Ringing Master, and built up a band that has attempted to ring a peal nearly every Wednesday, mostly at the Loughborough Bell Foundry. Mr. Warwick has rung 98 peals at this campanile, including seven times round the circle. In his first 500 peals he has rung 199 with his wife.

Mr. Warwick has been hon. general secretary of the Leicester Diocesan Guild since 1956. His peals have been rung in 108 towers for 21 guilds or associations and with 396 different ringers. His list is appended:—

TOWER-BELLS

Doubles.—Grandsire 1, Stedman 2 (conducted 2), 5 methods 1 (1), 6 methods 1 (1), 8 methods 1 (1), 9 methods 2 (2), 10 methods 2 (2), 11 methods 1 (1). Total 11 (10).

Minor.—Plain Bob 3 (3), Cambridge Surprise 8 (4), 2 methods 2 (2), 3 methods 1, 4 methods 2 (1), 5 methods 2 (1), 6 methods 4 (4), 7 methods 4 (2), 8 methods 2 (1), 10 methods 1 (1), 11 methods 1 (1), 14 methods 2 (1), 16 methods 1 (1), 19 methods 1 (1), 21 methods 1 (1). Total 35 (24).

Triples.—Grandsire 12 (11), Stedman 27 (17). Total 39 (28).

Major.—Plain Bob 9 (5), Double Norwich 9, Double Oxford 1, Little Bob 1 (1); Spliced Plain: 2 methods 1 (1), 5 methods 1 (1); Bristol Alliance 1; Kent Treble Bob 11 (7). Surprise Major: Arensby 1 (1), Belgrave 2 (1), Biddenden 1 (1), Braunstone 4 (4), Bristol 5, Bruntingthorpe 1, Cambridge 42 (22), Countesthorpe 1 (1), Cranbourne 1, Crewe 1, Donisthorpe 1 (1), Dorchester 2, Edmondthorpe 1 (1), Frolesworth 1 (1), Glenparva 1 (1), Hungarton 1 (1), Ingarsby 1 (1), Irchester 1, John o' Gaunt 1 (1), Kirklington 1, Knossington 1 (1), Lincolnshire 8 (2), London 11, Lyme 1, New Cambridge 1 (1), Painswick 3 (3), Southgate 2, Southwell 1 (1), Superlative 19 (14), Trowbridge 1, Whitminster 1, Whitwick 1, Woodstock 1 (1), Wye 2 (1), Yorkshire 45 (25); Spliced Surprise: 2 methods 2 (2), 3 methods 1. Total 205 (104).

Caters.—Grandsire 6 (4), Stedman 11 (5), Double Norwich 1. Total 18 (9).

Royal.—Plain Bob 3 (1), Little Bob 1 (1), Kent Treble Bob 1 (1), Saltley Delight 1; Surprise: Albanian 1, Cambridge 12 (5), Harborne 1, Lincolnshire 1, Lindsey 1, Southwell 1, York 1, Yorkshire 8. Total 32 (8).

Cinques.—Stedman 17 (1). Total 17 (1).

Maximus.—Kent Treble Bob 1; Surprise: Albanian 2, Belgrave 1, Cambridge 10, Goscote 1, Lincolnshire 1, Lindsey 1, York 1, Yorkshire 7; Spliced Surprise: 2 methods 1. Total 26.

Tower-bell total: 383 (184).

HANDBELLS

Doubles.—Grandsire 1 (1), Plain Bob 1 (1), 3 methods 1 (1), 4 methods 1 (1). Total 4 (4).

Minor.—Plain Bob 9 (7), 2 methods 1. Total 10 (7).

Triples.—Grandsire 4 (3), Stedman 2 (1). Total 6 (4).

Major.—Plain Bob 42 (33); Spliced Plain: 2 methods 4 (3), 3 methods 1 (1), 4 methods 1 (1), 5 methods 1 (1), 8 methods 1; Kent Treble Bob 1. Total 51 (39).

Caters.—Grandsire 3, Stedman 6. Total 9.

Royal.—Plain Bob 20 (13); Spliced Plain: 3 methods 2 (1); Kent Treble Bob 4. Total 26 (14).

Cinques.—Stedman 8. Total 8.

Maximus.—Plain Bob 2 (1). Total 2 (1).

Sextuples.—Stedman 1. Total 1.

Handbell total: 117 (69).

Grand total: 500 (253).

THE RAVING RINGERS INAUGURATED

Eight young ringers, with an average age of 18, selected this title for their inaugural trip into Herefordshire during the third week in August, and they assure Manchester University that the term 'raving' was purely coincidental. The party was made up of four from Gloucester and others from the Reading area and Slough. Travelling was by means of an ancient Morris, driven by Howard Oglesby, and an old Ford van in charge of Don Cose. Two members, unable to secure places in or round either vehicle had to take cycles, their stout-hearted efforts being much appreciated. Gloucester was the assembling point on Saturday, August 17th.

Ringing on the first day was confined to Hampton Bishop, where with the aid of a former ringer of this tower on holiday, a course of Cambridge was rung. After tea in Hereford, camp was set up for the week at Shobdon, near Leominster, on a site belonging to the parents of an Eardisland ringer, some 600 yds. from the nearest road and in a wood beside a small lake.

For Sunday morning ringing at Eardisland Mr. Leslie Evans kindly gave the party the ropes. A colossal blackberry and apple stew boiled over on the primus at lunchtime but fortified the company for ringing at Eye, where the Vicar and Mr. T. G. Cook, with several local ringers, gave a cordial welcome. Sunday evening provided the first tower in Wales—Presteign, and after some good Major on this superb octave, the party stayed for service.

Of Monday's programme, towers included the noisy six at Clunbury: Stokesay, with the church adjoining the Castle: Stanton Lacy, where Miss Jean Hutton led us up an outside stairway and rang with us in a touch of Cambridge; Ludlow, with its 137 steps to the ringing chamber, where 30 minutes' ringing was enjoyed on this majestic Rudhall octave.

Tuesday was spent in the Bromyard area, and thanks are extended to Mr. Cooper and Mr. R. L. Price for their help at Bromyard. The day's ringing ended when we joined Mr. J. F. Fox and his able band in a practice at Kimbolton. Not included in the ringing programme was when the road near Pencombe took a sharp dislike to the Morris, resulting in bruised craniums and the smashing of eggs in a paper bag on Noel's lap.

IN WALES

Wednesday was Wales day. High in the Radnorshire hills the light six at Llanfihangel-Rhydeithon were set going after a welcome by the Rev. T. Jones. At New Radnor John Cobb rang his first course of Cambridge, and at Old Radnor the bells were a good unspoilt Rudhall ring cast in 1724. Here the ground floor ringing chamber appears to have no windows or lighting, and ringing is accomplished with the door open. The inside has never been rendered or decorated: it is simply rock and mortar. At Kington we ascended with Mr. Owens an outside stair to ring a tough-going six. Mrs. Chandler met us at Lyonshall, another unspoilt Rudhall six.

Some skilful driving through country lanes brought us in time to Sutton (St. Nicholas'). On Thursday the peaceful serenity was shattered when Don twice caught his rope under a form, and another one collapsed under Roger. Withington's magnificent six were a joy to ring and voted the best of the tour. Weston Beggard was difficult to find as the church is buried deep in the hop fields. Stoke Edith has a unique church with no windows in the north side and no chancel. After tea at Hereford, came Tarrington and Lugwardine, where the support of local ringers was greatly appreciated.

Torrential rain on Friday morning—the first of the week—made us glad to get on the road in dry vehicles. Dilwyn, King's Pyon, Marden, Wellington (where there is a thriving local band), Holmer and All Saints', Hereford (for a combined practice), were visited.

The first tower on Saturday was Clifford, where our ringing on the eight was a great improvement on previous occasions. The day and the tour's official ringing ended at Leominster, where ringers from surrounding districts had gathered for a combined practice on the ten. On returning to Shobdon, a post-mortem was held in the local hostelry before we trekked to the camp in foul weather. Two members preferred to spend a dry but uncomfortable and cold night in the car. Perhaps it was as well, because their bed spaces were like rivers next morning, our drainage channels being no success.

Five of the party rang on the 12 at Cirencester on the journey home. In our thanks to incumbents and local ringers mention must be made of our host, John Coates, of Eardisland and Reading University. P. T. H. followed in Pat Cannon's footsteps by turning in every tenor of the tour; and of the 319 bells that were set swinging, we were glad to record not one broken rope. Thank you, Herefordshire. If every visiting ringer receives the welcome we did, none will ever have cause to feel anything but at home. R. and T.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD

Traffic congestion prevented the East Grinstead Guild's 1957 outing from going according to plan. There was trouble at Horsham, where the coach was on a restricted road, and a policeman filled two pages of his notebook before letting the coach proceed. Thus we were late at Ockley and also at Shere, where an excellent course of Superlative was rung.

Arriving at that 'superb' traffic centre, Guildford, two policemen were unable to direct the coach to a parking place, so the driver dropped the ringers at St. Mary's Church and departed we know not where. Mr. F. A. Munday conducted us by the unusual approach to the belfry where, after getting used to peeping under the clock case, some good ringing up to London Minor was enjoyed.

At Shalford we found the local band ringing for a wedding, and appreciated the good striking. On the heavy eight at Godalming a course of Yorkshire was successfully brought round. After an excellent tea at the Old House Café a move was made towards Lower Beeding. This meant passing through Horsham, and the driver seeing a 'No Entry' sign turned right instead of left and got on to the A24 instead of the A281. However, by taking various country lanes Horsham was avoided and the last tower reached half-an-hour late. We arrived at Tunbridge Wells at 10 p.m. One day an outing will go according to plan, but would it be quite as enjoyable? C. A. B.

'PER ARDUA'—THE ADVENTURES OF EGBERT

(Continued from page 581)

Egbert had left Little Taterfield feeling that the day had not gone too well for him, and as he proceeded on his journey it occurred to him that the week had not been too good either. He had been involved in several arguments with some of his mates at the depot and had fallen foul of at least one N.C.O. They were a wretched lot, he thought; people who could see little beyond the ends of their noses and given to muddled thinking. He wished he had been posted to a station with a better crowd, but it never occurred to him that the present bunch he was with were probably a very good cross-section of the Services generally, and that he would not be any better off if he had been posted elsewhere. From which it may be inferred that egotism was not unconnected with some of his troubles. He was still feeling rather badly the effects of the drubbing he had taken at the 'Ring of Beef' at Little Taterfield, and decided that he must be more careful another time before getting involved in abstruse discussions with hide-bound dogmatists, as he mentally labelled them. He was, of course, altogether wrong. That was the very last charge that could be made against those two men. They knew their subject and had proved their contentions up to the hilt, but poor Egbert could not take it. They did a lot of research work themselves and were always on the alert for anything fresh that might come to light, in addition to which they were ready to impart their results and conclusions to anyone interested enough to ask. Esotericism found no place with them. It was yet to be borne home to Egbert that so far he did not 'know all about it,' and in that lack a lot of his troubles had their source.

There was, however, more trouble in store for him this night, due to something very different. About five miles out of Little Taterfield he collected a punctured front tyre. As the machine did not possess a repair outfit and he seemed to be miles from anywhere, he decided he would have to walk the rest of the way. Something akin to self-pity now asserted itself, being another of his qualifications on the minus side. This would mean that he could not be back at his station before midnight, which might involve him in further difficulties. It did, and of course the N.C.O. concerned had to be the one with whom Egbert had had a difference of opinion earlier that same week. 'Talk about gremlins,' he growled to himself as he made his way disconsolately to his hut, 'now I am for it again.'

During the week which followed Egbert's mind was occupied with the possibilities of more 'tower-grabbing,' since he was expecting to go on leave by the end of that month. He had already been in touch with two or three possible sources but so far had drawn a blank. He was endeavouring to steer clear of trouble as he did not want anything to prejudice his chances, but he found it very hard going. Someone always seemed to have a 'down' on him these days, but after a week or two he began to feel that his effort had been worth while since things appeared definitely to be running a little more smoothly for him, and he was within measurable distance of getting out of the 'doghouse.'

Thus, when he received word that there was a place for him in a peal-ringing tour, his spirits began to rise. Not that, strangely enough, he particularly wanted a peal-ringing tour. He would far rather have gone on a 'tower-grabbing' jaunt, such as he had enjoyed last year when he had been probably the best ringer and the party, and had had no difficulty in getting his opinions accepted, as well as collecting far more towers than he could reasonably expect to do on the tour at present in prospect. However, it was the best available, and he decided to go. He would be careful not to risk a repetition of what had occurred at Little Taterfield, but this set him thinking, never a bad thing, and he decided to get busy with pencil and paper. B. C. A.

(To be continued)

NOTICES

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LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—There will be no practice on Tuesday, Oct. 15th, at Spalding. 1092

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Provisional notice is given of the following dedications by the patron of the Association, the Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of Norwich:—Yaxham (6), new treble, Thursday, Nov. 7th, 7 p.m.; East Dereham (8), Saturday, Nov. 16th, 3 p.m.—W. Love, Gen. Sec. 1114

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBRIDGE. — New octave by Messrs. John Taylor. Dedication by Lord Bishop of Ely on Saturday, Nov. 16th, at 3 p.m. 1129

WOBURN, BEDS.—The weekly practice will be held on Fridays from 7.30–9 p.m. All ringers welcome. 1108

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at All Saints' Church, Weston, Bath, on Saturday, Oct. 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea essential to Mr. S. S. Woodburn, 16, Lynfield Park, Weston, Bath. 973

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Quarterly meeting, High Littleton, Saturday, Oct. 12th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. Gait, Glenview, High Littleton, near Bristol.

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Pocklington, Oct. 12th. Bells (8) 2 to 8 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, Sellers Hall, 4.45 p.m. (3s.). Names to Mr. C. Bairstow, 9, Victoria Road, Pocklington. 1143

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Chesterfield District), LADIES' GUILD and SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Joint meeting, Bolsover, Saturday, Oct. 12th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Names for tea *must* be sent to A. B. Cooper, Wickstead, Rectory Lane, Duckmanton, Chesterfield. 1057

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Mayfield (8), Saturday, Oct. 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. at Star Cellar Cafe. Look up Erin Trip'es.— C. A. Bassett. 1077

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION and CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD. — A joint meeting will be held at Longstanton (8) on Saturday, Oct. 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—B. Cookson, Master; D. E. R. Knights, Dis. Sec. 1088

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Annual dinner, Picture Room, Shirehall, Chelmsford, Saturday, Oct. 12th, 6.15 p.m. for 6.45 p.m. Cordial invitation to Cathedral Evensong at 4 p.m. Cathedral bells available immediately afterwards. Dinner tickets (12s. 6d.) from F. V. Gant, 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch, Essex. Accommodation strictly limited—early application advisable; stamped addressed envelope, please.—F. V. G. 1002

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chertsey District.—Meeting, Old Woking (8), Saturday, Oct. 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. 1027

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting, Saturday, Oct. 12th, at Northaw (6). Names for tea, please, to W. Foote, 16, Burleigh Way, Cuffley, Herts. 1106

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Annual meeting at West Malling, Saturday, Oct. 12th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea at 5 for those who send names to Mr. P. Carter, The Ringers, West Malling.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Annual meeting, Canterbury, Saturday, Oct. 12th. St. Dunstan's bells available from 2.30. Service in this church at 4.15 p.m.; preacher, the Bishop of Dover. Tea 2s. per head.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 1050

LADIES' GUILD. — Southern District. — Quarterly meeting, Aldershot (8), Saturday, Oct. 12, 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. 1025

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at St. Thomas, Leesfield, Oldham, Oct. 12th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Please bring sandwiches; cups of tea provided. —F. Pritchard. 1110

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Saturday, Oct. 12th, All Saints', West Ham, E., 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business 5.15 p.m., Church Hall. Further ringing 7.30 p.m. Names for tea, please.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth, Middx. Tel: ISL 3921. 1103

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at St. Mary's, Church Road, Hendon (five minutes from Hendon Central Station, or buses Nos. 83 and 143 pass by at Hendon Garage), on Saturday, Oct. 12th, at 3 p.m. Service, tea and business meeting.—T. J. Lock. 1068

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — The autumn meeting will be held at High Wycombe on Saturday, Oct. 12th. Business meeting in the Oakley Hall 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30. Service in the Parish Church 5.15 p.m. Ringing arrangements: West Wycombe and Hughenden, both 11.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. Evening ringing as stated on the agendas available at the meeting.—M. R. Cross. 1079

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—The annual meeting of the Branch will be held at Newbury on Sat., Oct. 12th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Please send names for tea to Mr. H. T. E. Curtis, 67, Kings Road, Newbury. 1084

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Saturday, Oct. 19th, St. James', Clerkenwell, 3.30 p.m. Business meeting at the Rising Sun, Carter Lane, off Ludgate Hill, 6 p.m.—A. B. Peck. 1121

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Glaston Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Wookey, Saturday, Oct. 19th. Bells 3. Service 4 p.m. Please notify for tea before Tuesday, 15th.—W. Marsh, 4, Dovecotes, Street. 1125

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Luton District.—Quarterly meeting, Dunstable, Saturday, Oct. 19th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Business in belfry 5 p.m. Tea in cafes. Some subscriptions are still due.—K. G. Spavins, Dis. Sec.

BITTERNE PARK, SOUTHAMPTON. — The ring of 8 will be dedicated on October 19th at 3 p.m. by the Bishop of Southampton. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to Rev. R. O. Stephenson, The Vicarage, Bitterne Park, Southampton. All ringers welcome. 1148

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch.—Nantwich, Oct. 19th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea must be received by Oct. 16th.—W. Kerr, 102, Moreton Road, Crewe. 1137

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch. — Meeting, Woodchurch, Oct. 19th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea **free** for those notifying by Wednesday previous.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Ormesby (8) at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 19th.—P. W. B. Semmens, Hon. Sec. 1113

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Evesham on October 19th (by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. Canon J. Charles Jones. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Please send names for tea, by Oct. 16th, to J. L. Garner-Hayward, 8, Orchard Crescent, Coventry. 1042

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Arksey, Saturday, October 19th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea, by Tuesday, Oct. 15th, to Mr. E. Cooper, 6, Grosvenor Crescent, Arksey. November meeting **provisionally** fixed at Thrybergh.—George Watson, Sec. 1112

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting, Saturday, Oct. 19th, Blackhill, St. Aidan's, 2.30 p.m. Names to Miss M. Sproat, 11, Gallagher Terrace, Blackhill. 1117

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION. — Monthly meeting, Saturday, Oct. 19th, at South Wingfield. Bells 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m. (own food).—B. A. Sollis, Hon. Sec. 1118

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Godmanchester (8), Saturday, Oct. 19th. Bells at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 1124

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Leverington, Saturday, Oct. 19th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. —J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 1134

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual dinner will be held at the Stoke Hotel, Stoke Road, Guildford, on Saturday, Oct. 19th, at 6 for 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 15s. each, are obtainable from Mr. R. H. Mills, 35, Fowler Road, West Farnborough, Hants. The latest date for applications is first post, Monday, October 14th. Cheque or postal order, made payable to R. H. Mills, should accompany **all** applications, together with a stamped (3d. after Sept. 30th) addressed envelope. 1024

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Gloucester Branch. — Upton St. Leonards (8), Oct. 19th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30, King's Head. Imperative, names for tea, by Oct. 15th, to Green, 30, Malvern Road, Gloucester. 1115

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Horsmonden (8), Saturday, Oct. 19th, 2.30 p.m. Bring your own food.—G. Billenness, 3, Grasmere, Hawkhurst, Kent. 1111

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Clun District.—Quarterly meeting at Clunbury on Oct. 19th, 3 p.m. Inform by 17th numbers requiring tea.—Thomas Davies, 20, Newport Street, Clun. 1107

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—Meeting at St. Mary's, Prestwick, Saturday, Oct. 19th, 3 p.m. Nearby cafes for tea. All welcome.—R. Benson. 1138

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Meeting at Kirby Muxloe on Oct. 19th is **cancelled**. Bells unavailable.—W. A. Lacey, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1139

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Oadby, Oct. 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. —L. W. Allen. 1140

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Benington on Saturday, Oct. 19th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea in the Parish Hall 5 p.m. Names for tea to me by Monday, Oct. 14th.—W. E. Clarke, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston. 1091

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch. — Half-yearly meeting, Heckington, Oct. 19th. Bells (8) afternoon and evening. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., at the Nag's Head, for those who notify, by Tuesday previous, Mr. A. Dixon, Elm Cottage, Kyme Road, Heckington, Sleaford. 1070

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Eastern Branch.—The meeting at Bennington arranged for Saturday, Oct. 19th, has been **postponed** until a later date, due notice of which will be given.—W. E. Clarke, Hon. Sec. 1135

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION and OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Joint meeting and social at St. John's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, Oct. 19th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Further ringing after tea. Social evening commences at 8 p.m. in St. John's Hall. To celebrate the diamond jubilee year of the Middlesex Association, the St. John's Guild are kindly entertaining everyone to tea (who notify Mr. F. Goodfellow, 46, Slough Road, Iver Heath, Bucks, by Monday, Oct. 14th). St. Margaret's, Uxbridge, bells in afternoon from 3 to 4 p.m.—F. Finch, W. Butler, Joint Hon. Secs. 1131

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Buxton (6) on Saturday, Oct. 19th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service. Tea 5 p.m. Lamas bells if required. Names for tea by Wednesday, 16th, to Mr. W. R. Catchpole, Birds Place Farm, Buxton, Norwich. 1093

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Steeple Aston (6), Saturday, Oct. 19th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Please notify H. L. Roper, Adderbury, Banbury, Oxon. 1090

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Warfield on Oct. 19th at 6 p.m. Special method for practice: Double Norwich. —B. C. Castle. 1109

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — South Oxon Branch.—A meeting will be held at Watlington on Saturday, Oct. 19th. Bells at 3. Service at 4. Tea for those who notify by 15th.—H. Badger, 23, Stanway Road, Headington, Oxford. 1126

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Meeting, Aldbourne, Saturday, Oct. 19th. Names to T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Wilts. 1120

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Oct. 19th, Wilton. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at Grey Dawn Café. Dinton also available in evening. Names for tea, please, to Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 1086

SALISBURY GUILD. — Calne Branch. — Meeting, Bremhill (6), Oct. 19th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea essential.—W. Frayling, 23, Bremhill, Calne, Wilts. 1147

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Monthly meeting, Acomb, near York, Saturday, Oct. 19th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names, please, by Oct. 18th, to Mr. F. Horner, 6, Granger Avenue, Acomb, York.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 1119

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD and WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Northern Branch). — Joint meeting at Kinver, October 19th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea, not later than Wednesday, Oct. 16th, to Fred Bennett, Pool House Road, Wombourn. 1066

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD. — Meeting at Great Wakering, Saturday, Oct. 19th, at 3.30 p.m. Please bring own food; cups of tea provided. Last meeting for year; large attendance, please.—B. C. Sadler. 1123

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Western and Northern Divisions. — Advanced practice at Horsham (8), Saturday, Oct. 19th, 3 p.m. Tea available (get your own). Look up Bristol.—Miss A. Miles, 34, Meadowlands, West Green, Crawley, Sussex. 1127

DEVON GUILD. — Joint meeting, Exeter and Aylesbeare Branches, Exeter Cathedral, Saturday, Oct. 26th. Bells 2-3 p.m. Service 3 p.m. Tea (own arrangements). More ringing after tea: 5.30 to 7.30 p.m. Cathedral: 7.30 p.m. Heavitree. All Branches please support: everyone very welcome. 1064

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION. — Quarterly meeting and six-bell contest, Brighouse, Oct. 26th. For teas please notify Mr. H. Renshaw, 18, Haigh Street, Church Lane, Brighouse, by Oct. 19th.—A. Farrand, Secretary. 1145

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District. — Annual meeting, Dartford, Saturday, Oct. 26th, 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, 21st.—A. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere. 1116

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Annual district meeting at Milton-next-Gravesend on Saturday, Oct. 26th. Please note change of date. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. A. Mitchell, 21, Lamorna Avenue, Gravesend, as early as possible.—Cyril S. Jarrett, Hon. Sec. 1146

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Thetford, Saturday, Oct. 26th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. — C. F. Phillippo, Hon. Sec. 1142

READING UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—Open Universities' ringing meeting at Reading on Saturday, Oct. 26th. Ringing arrangements: St. Mary's (8) and St. Giles' (8) 2.45-4.30 p.m.: Caversham (8) 6.30-9: Tilehurst (8) 7.30-9. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea, by Oct. 25th, to Mrs. A. Diserens, 18, Manchester Road, Reading. All University ringers and friends welcome.—Lucy Allen, Hon. Sec. 1052

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A striking competition open to all Sunday service bands in the District will be held at Ashtead on October 26th. Service 3. Draw 3.30. Tea and meeting following competition. General ringing after. Competition entry forms from me. Names (non-competitors) for teas, by Thursday previous, to J. T. Symonds, Sherborne, West Farm Avenue, Ashtead.—W. Parrott, Hon. Sec., 19, Eastdean Avenue, Epsom. 1099

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Jasper Whitfield Snowdon Commemoration Dinner, Co-operative Restaurant, Westgate, Rotherham, Saturday, Oct. 26th, at 6.40 p.m. Ringing at the Parish Church (10) 3.15-6.15: Eastwood (8) 11-12, 2-3: Rawmarsh (8) 11-12.30, 2-3: Thrybergh (6), 11.30-1, 2-3.30: Whiston (8) 2.30-4. Ringing on Sunday at the Parish Church, 8.45-9.30, 10.15-10.55, 5.15-6.25. Tickets (11s. each) from J. J. L. Gilbert, 56, Glencoe Road, Sheffield 2, who will also arrange peals, if requested, Friday evening and Saturday morning. Requests for accommodation, as soon as possible, to N. Chaddock, 17, Herringthorpe Grove, Broom, Rotherham. 1136.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—The 320th anniversary dinner will be held at Bridge House Restaurant, London Bridge, S.E.1, on Saturday, Nov. 2nd, at 6 for 6.30 p.m. Tickets 18s. 6d.—A. B. Peck. 1122

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A dinner will be held at the Angel Hotel, Tonbridge, on Saturday, Nov. 2nd. Tickets (price 10s. 6d.) from District secretaries or from Miss Colgate, 30, Buckhurst Avenue, Sevenoaks. 1095

QUARTER PEALS

BETCHWORTH, SURREY.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Nancy Kempsall 1, A. H. Winch 2, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 3, F. E. Roberts 4, H. M. Williamson 5, A. Streeter 6, E. G. L. Coward 7, B. Coward 8. To commemorate the 60th anniversary of the dedication of the two trebles.

CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.—On Sept. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Evangeline Roberts 1, Mrs. J. West 2, T. R. Roast 3, Rev. A. S. Roberts (cond.) 4, J. West 5, P. J. Came 6, J. E. G. Roast 7, E. W. Roast 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the Rev. A. S. Roberts.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (Holts Original): P. Clarke 1, E. J. Coode 2, R. Clarke (first 'inside') 3, C. Philpott 4, Miss B. Slark (cond.) 5, E. B. Crowder 6, J. Hurrell 7, K. Small 8. For harvest festival Evensong, and also a birthday compliment to K. Small and R. Clarke.

GOATHURST, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Prime 1, Mrs. M. Price 2, C. Clarke (cond.) 3, R. Short 4, D. Miller 5, S. H. Price 6. Arranged for the ringers of 2 and 6, who were on a visit from Surrey.

GODSHILL, I.O.W.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. E. Wyatt 1, Miss M. R. Daish 2, Miss M. Chappele 3, L. Bailey 4, C. H. Denness (cond.) 5, C. Callaway 6. A farewell to the ringer of the third.

HORNSEY, MIDDLX.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Woodward 1, D. Wallis 2, P. Perham 3, J. Knight 4, D. Kingston (cond.) 5, D. Evans (first quarter) 6. For the Hornsey Deanery choral festival.

KIRBY BELLARS, LEICS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (360 each Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob, 540 Grandsire): W. L. Ward 1, R. H. Cook (cond.) 2, H. T. Bonshor 3, A. E. Hinman 4, G. A. Bowcutt 5. For harvest festival Evensong.

MORTIMER COMMON, BERKS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Martin (first quarter) 1, F. Parsons 2, D. Elliott 3, D. Neville 4, F. Taylor (cond.) 5, J. Hetherington 6. For Matins. Also 1,260 Doubles (300 Plain Bob and 960 Grandsire): J. Hetherington 1, D. Neville 2, D. Elliott 3, J. Morley 4, I. Taylor (cond.) 5, R. Cowdry 6. For Evensong for harvest festival.

NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. G. Eveleigh 1, Joan Cheney 2, J. Haycock 3, T. J. Frodsham (first quarter) 4, R. Gibbons (cond.) 5, Margaret Stanley 6. For harvest thanksgiving, and also a birthday compliment to the ringers of 1 and 2 and Miss Wendy Griffith, a ringer at this tower.

STANMORE, MIDDLX.—On Sept. 16th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. Jobber (first of Treble Bob) 1, Joan Wilcockson 2, Margaret Mesley 3, W. Wenban (cond.) 4, E. J. Leversuch 5, A. Wenban 6.

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VILLAGE OCCASION

THE village of Whitnash is a village no longer. The clumsy hand of progress has been laid heavily upon it, to thrust it forward ruthlessly into another age. Old roads are vanishing, new roads are appearing, enclosures are broken open and the ancient bricks of shattered walls and fallen houses are rising upon one another to build the bounds of the new footpaths and carriageways. In some measure the new is growing out of the old, and for better or worse a new landscape is swallowing up the quiet habitations of a former Warwickshire community.

And yet the old is still strong. The sturdy village church, standing firm above Norman foundations that are (so the experts say) immutable, and steadfast as they were eight hundred years ago, looks out upon the vast trunk of a magnificent elm, brought down now to noble ruin by the passing of centuries, but still living, and green with another year's virility.

The garment of the harvest festival was on the church, and the pulpit was a purple mist of Michaelmas daisies, broken here and there by the stout brilliance of the 'red-hot pokers' standing erect in all their importance. We found the bell ropes in the little vestry where the neat array of the choirboys' cassocks and collars suggested a row of these lads demurely hiding their heads. On the opposite wall a framed portrait showed the ringers and their Rector, a handful of grown-ups, seven or eight girls and a similar number of young men, and in the middle a sprightly, trim, alert gentleman of ninety-two; and it was to honour his birthday that we had come from various parts of the county. For Mr. Hauley, despite his great tale of years, was tutor to these young people. He had taught them to ring. He had taught them according to his own simple faith: that their ringing was an act of worship and part of their Christian witness, and that it should be so long as they pulled a rope; and in token of this he himself still rang with them even as he still sang in the choir.

He rang with us for a short time, and his hand was steady on the sally, his striking was even and constant, and his eye was bright with the joy of his exercise. And it was borne in on all of us that ringing with him was a great pleasure and privilege. The quarter peal of Cambridge that we struck off to honour his birthday passed all too quickly in this delightful little ringing chamber, genial with its company and melodious with these sweet bells. He had told us that he looked upon this ringing as the ringing out of the old and the ringing in of the new; but if this were so it was equally clear that the old would never be lost, for in this tower, at any rate, it was not only the inspiration but also the very fundamental of the new.

Tea in the village hall is a true village institution. There is the vast teapot, swelling with its own importance, and stoutly and inexhaustibly dispensing hospitality, and perspiring in its efforts; there are the sandwiches (two kinds, cheese rather plain and prim, tomato flaunting its scarlet invitingly from verdant leaves of lettuce); curious little rolls, small jam tarts with dabs of cream, and the large round family cakes, already cut and ready to be handed round. And behind all, the brisk busy ladies coming and going so as to obscure for the most part a background figure busy at a stove and a sink. It is clearly a labour of love, and we respond nobly, the Rector falling to manfully, ably supported by all of us and assisted in no light degree by another appetite unimpaired by the weight of ninety odd years.

So, after some quiet ceremony of speeches, spoken from the heart with simplicity and sincerity we came forth from the hall to where the fine old cottages of timber and thatch mingled with the trim houses of today, and once again we could marvel at the good fortune that was ours in being allowed to assist at this birthday.

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Sunset came serene and calm this day, a vast saffron sea flooding the wide spaces of the west, and spreading a glory behind the woods and hedgerows of Rowington. Here the day was moving tranquilly to its close, still full of beauty and vigour, and casting a measure of its glory across to the eastern sky where the young morrow in due course would arise.

E. C. S.

TEN BELL PEALS

LEYLAND, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 28, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 23¼ cwt.

RONALD KENRICK	*Treble*	HARRY POYNER	6
THOMAS BARKER	2	JACK ASHCROFT	7
HENRY J. FIELDEN	3	CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE	8
*PHILIP DUNDERDALE	4	EDWIN C. BIRKETT	9
CYRIL LOW	5	JOSEPH RIDYARD	*Tenor*

Composed by C. K. LEWIS. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.
* First peal of Surprise Royal.
Rung as a welcome to the Rev. H. W. Everest, B.D., on appointment as curate at Leyland. Also as an appreciation of the work of George S. Meadows, of the local band, who is shortly leaving the district.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 5, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 25¼ cwt. in D.

*GEORGE NORTH	*Treble*	*E. KEITH JORDAN	6
W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON	2	FREDERICK A. PAGE	7
ARTHUR W. GRAVETT	3	ALBERT W. BOND	8
†E. WINIFRED KEYS	4	FREDERICK W. BURNETT	9
A. YORK-BRAMBLE	5	*JAMES H. LILLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by FREDK. W. BURNETT.
* First peal on ten bells. † First of Grandsire Caters.

WILLENHALL, STAFFS.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Oct. 5, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 11lb.

*JOHN ANDERSON	*Treble*	P. GEORGE GOLDER	6
*PAUL RIGBY	2	BARNABAS G. KEY	7
SAMELA THOMAS	3	*JOHN ALLEN	8
ERNEST STITCH	4	HOWARD HOWELL	9
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	5	†DEREK PARKER	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.
* First peal of Grandsire Caters. † First peal of Caters.
Rung in connection with the Vicar's Tower Restoration Appeal Gift Day.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

HARMSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 21, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. in G. sharp.

LOUIS WILLDERS	*Treble*	*HERBERT LOWMAN	5
WALTER TOMLINSON	2	†HAROLD F. GIBSON	6
JOHN F. PEARSON	3	GILES C. GALLEY	7
A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL	4	JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM	*Tenor*

Composed by DAVID W. BEARD.
Conducted by JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM.
* First peal of Major in the method. † First on eight bells.
In this composition 2.3 are never above fourths at course-ends.
Rung for the Feast of St. Matthew.

PULHAM MARKET, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 25, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.
A PEAL OF 5120 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 50 lb in F.

TREVOR N. J. BAILEY	*Treble*	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	5
STANLEY W. COPLING	2	ERNEST WHITING	6
NOLAN GOLDEN	3	THOMAS R. SIMMONS	7
ARTHUR G. BASON	4	GEORGE SAYER	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., September 26, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 21 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

PAUL L. TAYLOR	*Treble*	ERNEST MORRIS	5
RONALD H. BULLEN	2	FRANCIS R. LOWE	6
*PATRICIA A. M. FORSTER	3	VIVIENNE M. HORTON	7
GORDON A. HALLS	4	†DEREK P. JONES	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
* 25th peal and first peal in the method. † 25th peal in the method.

HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield District Society.)
On Sat., Sept. 28, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

JOHN J. L. GILBERT	*Treble*	CYRIL RUSBY	5
JOHN S. SEAGER	2	H. DAVID HOLLAND	6
MRS. D. A. CHAPMAN	3	DENNIS A. CHAPMAN	7
FREDERICK J. JACKSON	4	IAN M. HOLLAND	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by IAN M. HOLLAND.
First peal of Surprise Major as conductor.
Rung in celebration of the engagement of the Rev. T. N. Evans, curate, and Miss Patricia M. Sparkes and in honour of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Chapman.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 28, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in F.

*RUSSELL S. MORRIS	*Treble*	G. HARRY BRAY	5
ERNEST MORRIS	2	JOHN A. ACRES	6
BRIAN G. WARWICK	3	ERNEST J. JELLEY	7
KILBY R. HOLTOM	4	BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal of Treble Bob.
Rung for the Festival of St. Michael and All Angels.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Sept. 30, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 HEREWARD BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10½ cwt.

VIVIEN BARNES	*Treble*	JOHN THOMAS	5
MRS. P. HARRIS	2	RALPH HARRIS	6
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON	3	PATRICK HARRIS	7
MRS. J. THOMAS	4	JOSEPH E. NEWMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.
First peal in the method by all the band.
Rung as a farewell to the Rev. F. C. Champion, Rector, on his retirement from parochial work.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Sept. 30, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

MICHAEL E. BROWN	*Treble*	JOHN VERNON	5
*MICHAEL VERNON	2	ERNEST J. JELLEY	6
MRS. PHYLLIS POOLE	3	JOHN A ACRES	7
HERBERT W. PERKINS	4	PETER J. STANIFORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JOHN A. ACRES.
* First peal of Cambridge Major. First of Cambridge as conductor.
The treble ringer has now 'circled the tower' to peals.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Oct. 2, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS.
A PEAL OF 5184 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

RAYMOND G. LOFTY	*Treble*	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	5
GEORGE SAYER	2	NOLAN GOLDEN	6
WILLIAM CLOVER	3	BERT GOGLE	7
ARTHUR G. BASON	4	J. FREDERICK MILNER	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
Rung in honour of the 80th birthday of Mrs. Lofty (mother of the treble ringer), whose birthday is on St. Remigius's Day.

PRESTWOLD, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Oct. 2, 1957, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in G.

BRIAN G. WARWICK	*Treble*	ERNEST MORRIS	5
MRS. PHYLLIS POOLE	2	JOHN A. ACRES	6
BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	3	ERNEST J. JELLEY	7
HERBERT W. PERKINS	4	G. RONALD EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER (No. 21).
Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Oct. 3, 1957, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In five methods; being 1,088 London, 1,024 Cambridge, 992 Pudsey, 992 Superlative, and 928 Bristol, with 100 changes of method. All the bells do all the work of each method. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

ERNEST H. KILBY	*Treble*	DENNIS KNOX	5
JOHN R. MAYNE	2	ALFRED J. HOUSE	6
BRIAN BLADON	3	THOMAS J. LOCK	7
ALICK CUTLER	4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED	*Tenor*

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

BACKWELL, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 5, 1957, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
C.C.C. No. 14. Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in E flat.

*MICHAEL J. HORSEMAN	*Treble*	WILLIAM P. BLAKE	5
*MONICA E. FRAY	2	J. HENRY GILBERT	6
*THOMAS G. PHILLIPS	3	LEONARD DERRICK	7
†JOHN BRAIN	4	DAVID G. YEO	*Tenor*

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by J. HENRY GILBERT.
* First peal of Major. † First peal.
First peal of Plain Bob Major on the bells as conductor.

BURWELL, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 5, 1957, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-BLESSED-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 13 cwt. 17 lb.

RICHARD J. W. HOUSDEN	*Treble*	GILES C. GALLEY	5
ARTHUR G. MASON	2	FREDERICK J. CULLUM	6
JOHN J. GIPSON	3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	7
WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN	4	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	*Tenor*

Conducted by HERBERT E. AUDSLEY.
First peal in the method on the bells.

EWELL, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 5, 1957, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Sir A. P. Heywood's Variation. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in F sharp.

JOHN HILL	*Treble*	FREDERICK A. MUNDAY	5
ROBIN G. LEALE	2	CHARLES W. MUNDAY	6
HAROLD N. PITSTOW	3	WILLIAM T. BEESON	7
DAVID E. PARSONS	4	DEREK G. SPITTLE	*Tenor*

Rung non-conducted and silent.
Umpire: ALBERT J. ADAMS.
The first silent peal for the Association and by all the band.

HEDON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 5, 1957, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods; being 1,280 London, 1,312 Bristol, 1,568 Cambridge and 992 Superlative, with 106 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 17¼ cwt.

*LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	*Treble*	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	5
†M. VIVIEN COPPING	2	GIBSON JACKSON	6
MILTON C. FOWLER	3	GORDON BENFIELD	7
ALEXANDER E. MARSH	4	VERNON BOTTOMLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
* 300th peal for the Association. † First peal in these methods spliced.
The first peal of Spliced Major on the bells.
Rung as a welcome to Ruth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Scott, born on September 28th, 1957.

SOWERBY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 5, 1957, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

CYRIL F. SUTCLIFFE	*Treble*	*KENNETH HARRISON	5
SAM LONGBOTTOM	2	*DONALD HOYLE	6
WILLIAM H. SENIOR	3	JOHN PEARSON	7
ARTHUR ROGERS	4	ALBERT W. BOND	*Tenor*

Composed by A. WILSON. Conducted by JOHN PEARSON.
* First peal in the method.
Rung for, and on, Gift Day.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 5, 1957, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND THOMAS OF CANTERBURY.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Taylor's Six-part. Tenor 25¼ cwt. in D.

*PETER ADCOCK	*Treble*	HENRY TOOKE	5
MRS. D. MOORE	2	GEORGE SAYER	6
WILLIAM CLOVER	3	CLIFFORD BIRD	7
*THOMAS E. SPIGHT	4	WILLIAM R. CATCHPOLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE SAYER.
* First peal in the method.
Rung by members of the Northern Branch, by invitation of the church authorities, to commemorate the 850th anniversary of the founding of the Abbey.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Sept. 25, 1957, in 1 Hour and 56 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Seven 720s called differently Rung on the front six.

G. RONALD EDWARDS	*Treble*	JOHN A. ACRES	4
ERNEST MORRIS	2	BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	5
MRS. PHYLLIS POOLE	3	ERNEST J. JELLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by G. RONALD EDWARDS.
First peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor as conductor.

YOXFORD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Thurs., Sept. 26, 1957, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob and five different extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

REGINALD J. DARCH	*Treble*	JACK PILGRIM	4
ALAN R. BRIDGES	2	PETER S. BEDFORD	5
C. JACK GIBSON	3	EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWIN T. CHAPMAN.
Rung to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Blythe on the birth of a daughter, Susan Margot.

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LOCKING, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Sept. 27, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (15 callings). Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

CECIL F. MOGFORD	*Treble*	GWILYM SALMON	4
MARJORIE LEGG	2	GEORGE PRESCOTT	5
*VICTOR G. ROBERTS	3	WILLIAM A. PRESCOTT	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. PRESCOTT.
* First peal of Stedman. First peal of Stedman on the bells.

HONINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 28, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 22 extents of Grandsire, 14 of Plain Bob and six of April Day. Tenor 8 cwt.

WILLIAM R. MARSH	*Treble*	*PERCY D. BALDOCK	3
WALTER WESTON	2	*RONALD RUSSELL	4
JAMES H. MUSSON	*Tenor*		

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.
* 100th peal together.
A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Carter, The Old Vicarage, Honington, who celebrated their silver wedding anniversary on Sept. 24th.

POTTERSBURY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 28, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents, 10 different callings. Tenor 13 cwt. approx.

TONY WOOTTON	*Treble*	MONTAGUE SAUNDERS	4
*MRS. G. SHELLARD	2	WILLIAM A. YATES	5
WILLIAM J. CHESTER	3	GEORGE SHELLARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. YATES.
* First peal on an 'inside' bell.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Douglas Holloway (local captain) and Miss Betty Shurmer, who were married at this church the week previous.

WEST PENNARD, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 28, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 24 cwt.

*ALBERT T. HARRIS	*Treble*	MICHAEL ROSE	4
VICTOR G. ROBERTS	2	HARRY SMITH	5
GWILYM SALMON	3	DAVID HOARE	*Tenor*

Conducted by GWILYM SALMON.
* First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor as conductor.
The first peal on the bells since rehanging.

COMPTON DANDO, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Sept. 29, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 16 cwt.

RONALD W. TREASURE	*Treble*	LESLIE B. COLES	4
*DAVID HEIGHTON	2	FRANCIS C. MOGFORD	5
GEORGE PRESCOTT	3	LEE BATES	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.
* First peal of Grandsire Doubles.
Rung as a farewell to the Rev. F. W. Cresswell (vicar) on his retirement, and before the service of Harvest Thanksgiving Festival.

RUSHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sun., Sept. 29, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in B flat.

SAMELA R. P. THOMAS	*Treble*	JOHN A. ANDERSON	4
*MICHAEL J. AUSTIN	2	GEORGE W. HUGHES	5
STELLA HUGHES	3	PAUL J. RIGBY	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE W. HUGHES.
* First peal of Plain Bob Minor.
Rung on the Patronal Festival.

CARLTON COLVILLE, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Oct. 1, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being ten extents of Grandsire and 32 extents of Plain Bob (four callings). Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

*PHILIP G. TOVELL (16)	*Treble*	*RICHARD T. TOVELL (18)	3
†MICHAEL STOKES (17)	2	EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	4
TREVOR N. J. BAILEY (15)	*Tenor*		

* First peal at first attempt. † First peal of Doubles. First peal as conductor.
Rung as a farewell to Dick Tovell on leaving for Leicester University, and as a birthday compliment to Mrs. C. B. Bailey, of Beccles.

CHURCHILL, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Oct. 1, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being eight six-scores each of Stedman, St. Simon's, Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob and ten of Grandsire. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

MARJORIE LEGG	*Treble*	CECIL F. MOGFORD	4
VICTOR G. ROBERTS	2	GEORGE PRESCOTT	5
GWILYM SALMON	3	WILLIAM A. PRESCOTT	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.
Rung in memoriam E. J. Avery.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Oct. 2, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising seven extents in ten methods:—(1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Oxford Treble Bob, (3) Kent Treble Bob, (4) St. Clement's and Childwall, (5) Double Oxford and Thelwall, (6) Double Bob and Fulbeck, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

*RICHARD A. JACKSON	*Treble*	MRS. M. S. CLOKE	4
*RUTH S. HODGSON	2	*DERMOT J. ROAF	5
*CHRISTINE M. WOODWARD	3	DONALD H. NIBLETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by DONALD H. NIBLETT.
* First peal in ten Minor methods. First peal in ten Minor methods as conductor.

ASFORDBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 5, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 1,440 Oxford Bob, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob, 2,160 Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.

BERNARD BOWNS	*Treble*	J. HARRY COOK	4
MRS. PHYLLIS POOLE	2	*GEOFFREY A. BOWCUTT	5
ROLAND H. COOK	3	JOHN H. BLUFF	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN H. BLUFF.
* First peal in three methods.
Rung as a tribute to Mr. Leonard Toon on his retirement as Sunday School Superintendent and in recognition of his 20 years' service.

APSLEY END, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 5, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent each of Beverley, Lightfoot, London, York, Bourne, Cambridge, and Norwich. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

JOE HOBBS	*Treble*	WILLIAM J. PUDDIFOOT	4
EDWIN J. UPTON	2	AUGUSTIN V. GOOD	5
WALTER AYRE	3	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.
Rung as a compliment to Brian J. Hingston (organist and choirmaster) and Doreen F. Farmer on the occasion of their wedding, which took place earlier in the day at this church.

ASH, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 5, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 6¼ cwt.

*BARBARA J. STEVENS	*Treble*	*SIDNEY W. WHITE	4
RAYMOND P. SELWAY	2	*CYRIL J. STEVENS	5
*PAMELA M. STEVENS	3	*WILLIAM E. TURNER	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM E. TURNER.
* First peal of Surprise. First peal of Surprise on the bells.

BLITHFIELD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Oct. 5, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

*DAVID HARMAN .. ..*Treble*		*DAVID FRIEND	4
FREDERICK R. WIGGIN ..	2	†ROBERT J. WARRILOW ..	5
ROY K. MOWFORTH ..	3	RICHARD J. WARRILOW .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by RICHARD J. WARRILOW.

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

CHALFONT ST. GILES, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 5, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5040 NORWICH SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout.
Tenor 11¼ cwt. in A flat.

PHYLLIS M. MAYNE.. ..*Treble*		*†JOAN M. WILCOCKSON..	4
*B. CLARE WEBSTER ..	2	JOHN R. MAYNE	5
†WILLIAM WENBAN ..	3	*BRIAN BLADON .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

* First peal in the method. † 50th peal together.
The first peal in the method on the bells.

CORSHAM, WILTS.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 5, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Oxford Treble Bob, and Kent Treble Bob, two of Cambridge Surprise, and three of Plain Bob Minor
Tenor 23¼ cwt. in D flat

DONALD E. COBB .. ..*Treble*		TERENCE T. JONES	4
ALAN F. LEE	2	VICTOR GRIFFIN	5
WALTER E. WILKINSON ..	3	ROGER O. FRY .. .. .. *Tenor*	

The first four extents were conducted by ROGER O. FRY, and the last three by VICTOR GRIFFIN.
Believed to be the first peal upon these bells.

GAMSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 5, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven standard callings. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

KATHARINE BURCHNALL .. *Treble*		GEORGE CHALLANS	4
*H. MICHAEL GARTSIDE ..	2	HAROLD DENMAN	5
GRACE BURCHNALL ..	3	ERNEST PRESTON .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by ERNEST PRESTON.

* First peal on an 'inside' bell.
Rung for Harvest Thanksgiving

NEWNHAM, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 5, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being eight extents of St. Simon's, six extents each of St. Martin's and Plain Bob and 22 extents of Grandsire. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 lb. in F.

*PAT M. TYSON .. .. *Treble*		ALLAN R. JONES	4
†JIM C. RAINBOW	2	*RICHARD G. CHATER ..	5
*TERRY M. HAINES	3	PETER G. BOX .. .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by TERRY HAINES.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. First as conductor.
Rung as a 16th birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble and a 47th birthday compliment to the conductor's mother.

NOCTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 5, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Single Court, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, and Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb.

LOUIS WILLDERS .. ..*Treble*		RONALD RUSSELL	4
LEONARD G. THOMPSON..	2	WILLIAM R. PARKER ..	5
*†PERCY D. BALDOCK ..	3	*JAMES H. MUSSON .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

* 50th peal together. † 50th peal for the Guild.
The treble ringer has now 'circled the tower.'

OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 5, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being five different 720s and 2 variations. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

THOMAS B. HARTLEY ..*Treble*		JOHN T. WALMSLEY ..	4
ALLAN SMITH, JUN.	2	THOMAS OGDEN	5
DEREK BUTTERWORTH ..	3	*DEREK SANDERSON .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by DEREK SANDERSON.

* 50th peal.
First peal of Bob Minor by all except conductor. First peal of Minor as conductor. John T. Walmsley has now rung peals of Plain Bob from Minor to Maximus.
Rung to celebrate the completion of 21 years in the ministry by the Rev. H. Kirkman, Vicar of Oldham.

TENDRING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION
On Sat., Oct. 5, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND, KING AND MARTYR.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

MRS. VIOLET A. HALES..*Treble*		ALBERT C. HALES	4
*ANN E. PRYKE..	2	IVAN COOPER	5
FREDERICK A. HARVEY ..	3	EDWARD E. DAVEY .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by EDWARD E. DAVEY.

* First peal.

THAKEHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 5, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Kent and five of Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in A.

JOHN YOUNG .. .. ..*Treble*		HENRY C. WEAVER ..	4
MARIAN SKINNER	2	BENJAMIN W. FARHALL ..	5
CHARLES B. SKINNER ..	3	RAYMOND P. WOOD .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by RAYMOND P. WOOD.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd.

WILLEY, SHROPSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 5, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (10 callings). Tenor 5¼ cwt.

ROSALINE FARLOW .. ..*Treble*		ALFRED S. BAYLEY	3
JOSEPH L. STANIER	2	*FREDERICK W. JONES ..	4
B. LESLIE JONES .. .. *Tenor*			

Conducted by ALFRED S. BAYLEY.

* First peal 'inside.'
Rung in honour of the wedding of Hon. Juliet Mary Weld-Forester, second daughter of Lord and Lady Forester of Willey Park, and Mr. Arthur Robin Ian Hill, son of the late Capt. Lord Francis Hill and Lady Francis Hill.

PENWORTHAM, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Preston Branch)
On Mon., Oct. 7, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Consisting of seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE ..*Treble*		*PETER GARDNER	4
FRED HOWARTH	2	RICHARD PRICE	5
STANLEY WALMSLEY ..	3	PHILIP DUNDERDALE .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE.

* First peal.
Rung to mark the baptism of Sandra Margaret Hall, niece of the ringer of the tenor.

HANDBELL PEAL

COUNTESTHORPE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 26, 1957, *in* 1 *Hour and* 45 *Minutes.*
AT 25, WESTFIELD ROAD.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor size 15 in C.

BRIAN G. WARWICK	1—2	ERNEST MORRIS	3—4
		*BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	5—6

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal of Minor 'in hand.'

ADDERBURY, OXON.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. G. Wyatt (first of Triples) 1, M. W. Coleman (13 years) 2, Miss M. J. Roper 3, W. J. Cross 4, R. E. Reeves 5, J. H. Gregory 6, W. F. Moreton (cond.) 7, F. W. Churn 8. First quarter 2 and 8. For harvest festival.

BALCOMBE, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 29th, 429 Grandsire, 360 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, 360 Plain Bob Doubles: R. E. Stoner (first in the methods) 1, S. Wood 2, E. E. Knapp (cond.) 3, J. H. G. Gardner 4, A. E. Laker 5, D. S. Laker 6. Rung before the evening thanksgiving service. Also on Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Wood 1, R. V. Johnson 2, J. H. G. Gardner 3, J. T. Lake 4, L. Stilwell (cond.) 5, E. H. Knapp 6, A. E. Laker 7, R. Stoner 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Rev. D. L. Secretan, Rector of Balcombe from 1909 until 1944.

BRENTFORD, MIDDLX.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Margaret Westcott 1, Meriel Holden Brown 2, Gillian Neal Smith 3, C. Bloomer 4, J. D. Rock 5, Dr. D. J. Neal Smith (first of Minor as cond.) 6. First of Minor for 1, 2, and 4.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.—At the Norman Tower, on Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (composed by J. Bradley): E. R. Iveson 1, V. Roberts 2, W. Hewitt (cond.) 3, E. G. Webb 4, D. E. J. Watts 5, F. R. L. Blewer 6, W. W. Shorter 7. For Evensong, and in memory of the late Brother Mark, a worker in the parish for some years, who died on September 21st; also as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Lionel Finch, who were married at St. George's Church on Saturday, September 28th.

CHISLEDON, WILTS.—1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Pocock (first quarter) 1, S. C. Archer 2, R. Johnston (cond.) 3, A. R. Pocock 4, F. Cook 5, A. Bryant 6. For harvest festival.

CRANLEIGH, SURREY.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Joan Beeson (first quarter) 1, C. Charman 2, G. Charman 3, O. L. Warner 4, D. A. Kirk 5, C. Stephens 6, W. T. Beeson (cond.) 7, N. Stacey 8. For harvest festival.

CROYDON, SURREY.—At St. John-the-Baptist Church, on Oct. 6th, 1,320 Grandsire Cinques: Miss H. Talbot 1, R. Davies (cond.) 2, Mrs. W. F. Oatway 3, E. W. Razzell 4, F. W. Burnett 5, N. Brown 6, K. Jordan 7, H. Pratt 8, N. Steere 9, F. E. Mitchell 10, W. F. Oatway 11, R. Abbott 12. First of Cinques for 1, 5, 7 and 9. For harvest festival. Also at St. Peter's Church, on Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Adcock 1, Miss V. Potter 2, Miss M. Christopher 3, P. Davis 4, J. Relf 5, W. Brownett 6, J. Hayward (cond.) 7, G. Hampton (first quarter) 8. For harvest festival, also a compliment to Mr. T. Blow on his 70th birthday and as a farewell to Miss Gillian Peart on her departure for New Zealand.

EPSOM, SURREY.—On Sept. 11th, at Christ Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: I. Waterman 1, W. Robinson 2, D. J. F. Oakshott 3, G. A. Cockman 4, J. Haynes 5, F. Oakshott (cond.) 6. Also on Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Parrott 1, Mary G. Cornochan 2, W. Robinson 3, Cherie Payne 4, N. D. J. Webb 5, F. Oakshott (cond.) 6, G. A. Cockman 7. Rung to mark the 10th anniversary of the induction of the Rev. Canon A. E. Robins as Vicar and as a farewell to the ringer of the 5th, leaving for Durham University.

GREAT DALBY, LEICS.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Doubles (480 each Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob, 300 Grandsire): W. L. Ward 1, J. H. Cook 2, Miss R. Tyler 3, H. T. Bonshor (cond.) 4, G. A. Bowcutt 5. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Mr. Richard Chandler, who was interred at Great Dalby this afternoon.

GREAT LIVERMERE, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 29th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: O. Goldsmith 1, A. F. Ballam (cond.) 2, W. F. Rickwood 3, K. Brand 4, C. Parish 5. First quarter for 1, 4 and 5. For harvest thanksgiving.

QUARTER PEALS

GULVAL, CORNWALL.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Wood 1, G. W. Taysom (cond.) 2, V. G. Wood 3, T. Gay (first quarter) 4, G. Werrell 5, J. Lawrey (first quarter) 6. Rung in commemoration of the 25th anniversary of the incumbency of the Vicar (Canon C. H. S. Buckley), also of the ringer of the 3rd on 25 years' membership of the band.

HAMPTON, MIDDLX.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 St. Simon's Triples: Margaret Essen 1, P. A. Lawrence 2, Patricia A. Feddern 3, Judith Essen 4, R. G. Leale (cond.) 5, R. Woodcock 6, W. S. Deason 7, D. A. S. Hawkins 8. For Matins. Also on Sept. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (120 each of Grandsire, Plain Bob, Canterbury Bob, St. Simon's Bob, St. Martin's Bob, St. Nicholas' Bob, New Bob, Huntspill Bob, Winchendon Place, and 180 Stedman's Principle): Patricia A. Feddern 1, D. A. S. Hawkins 2, R. Woodcock 3, P. A. Lawrence (cond.) 4, R. G. Leale 5. For Matins.

HARPENDEN, HERTS.—On Sept. 25th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. Day (cond.) 1, Mrs. L. Coburn 2, Miss J. Godfrey 3, A. E. Rushton 4, F. C. Jacklin 5, F. Ellis 6, M. Frost 7, J. D. Painter 8. For harvest festival.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: S. E. Dyer 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, F. R. Nichols 3, D. Murfet 4, D. E. R. Knights 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For morning service. Also on Sept. 29th, 720 Cambridge Surprise and 540 Plain Bob Minor: C. J. Young 1, D. Murfet 2, J. R. G. Spicer 3, H. S. Peacock 4, F. R. Nichols 5, D. E. R. Knights (cond.) 6. For harvest festival morning service.

HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: O. Payne 1, Miss S. Collins 2, W. Martin 3, W. Wilby (cond.) 4, C. Underwood 5, D. Deighton 6, A. Wilson 7, R. Whiting 8. Rung for the visit of the Lord Bishop of Peterborough to conduct thanksgiving service for the restoration of the church.

LINTON, KENT.—On Sept. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples from the Original): T. Grice 1, G. Cantrill 2, D. Bowyer 3, F. Leeson 4, L. Honess 5, R. Rich 6, L. Head (cond.) 7, P. Town 8. A 75th birthday compliment to Mr. H. Tolhurst, for 64 years a ringer, chorister and verger at St. Nicholas'. Also on July 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (from the Original): A. Croucher (first quarter) 1, T. Grice 2, D. Bowyer 3, G. Cantrill 4, F. Leeson 5, R. Rich 6, L. Head (cond.) 7, P. Town 8. A birthday compliment to the tenor ringer.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. Davis (first quarter) 1, C. W. Powell 2, E. L. Taylor 3, Mrs. C. W. Powell 4, R. Keeley 5, H. G. Keeley 6, G. S. Morris (cond.) 7, J. Rattenbury 8. For the patronal and harvest festivals.

OSWESTRY, SALOP.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ann Ellis 1, M. S. Hart 2, J. Ellis 3, H. Hughes 4, C. Smith 5, G. Pickavance 6, J. R. Thomas (cond.) 7, W. A. Smith 8. Rung for Evensong and to celebrate the birth of a daughter (Alison Mary) to the wife of the conductor.

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PURTON, WILTS.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Shailes 1, Miss J. Wiggins 2, F. H. Strange 3, Rev. N. S. Willis 4, V. Griffin (cond.) 5, C. R. Shailes 6. First of Minor by 3 and 4. For harvest festival Evensong.

QUEX PARK, KENT.—At the Waterloo Tower, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Groves 1, Mrs. N. Bridges 2, E. Milsted 3, T. Holmes 4, J. Russell 5, J. Tumber 6, A. Hinkly 7, W. Bridges (first of Triples) 8. Rung for the silver wedding anniversary of the ringers of 2 and tenor.

RAVENINGHAM, NORFOLK.—On Sept. 29th, 1,320 Doubles (being one extent each of April Day, Grandsire, Huntspill Bob, New Bob, St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place, St. Martin's, St. Simon's and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, and two extents of Plain Bob): B. Barber 1, T. N. J. Bailey 2, J. W. Forder 3, G. G. Walpole 4, E. A. Long (cond.) 5. First quarter in ten Doubles methods by all. For harvest festival.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At the Cathedral, on Sept. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: B. A. Cornell 1, M. D. Frost 2, J. E. Ewer 3, P. Doorn 4, L. T. Hansell 5, G. Blake 6, W. Little 7, W. J. Arnold 8, G. Penney (first of Royal as cond.) 9, R. F. Ewer 10. First quarter of Royal for 2, 3, 4, 7 and 9. Also on Sept. 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss D. Whiting 1, W. J. Arnold 2, M. D. Frost (first as cond.) 3, F. W. Ellis 4, W. Little 5, J. E. Ewer 6, G. Penney 7, J. Pemble (first quarter) 8. A birthday compliment to Miss P. Doorn.

ST. NEOTS, HUNTS.—On Sept. 29th, 12,80 Cambridge Surprise Major: K. Ballington (13, first of Major) 1, Ruth M. Jackson 2, G. C. Galley 3, W. J. Ridgeman 4, Vivienne M. Horton 5, J. G. Gipson 6, P. Border 7, D. P. Jones (cond.) 8. For Matins.

SEVENOAKS, KENT.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. L. Corby 1, R. Fuller 2, D. Colgate 3, P. Turley 4, P. A. Corby 5, R. Pankhurst 6, R. Collins (cond.) 7, B. Sutton 8. For harvest festival and as a welcome to Mr. and Mrs. P. Corby.

SHARDLOW, DERBYS.—On Sept. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: E. H. Willows 1, J. Foster 2, Miss M. M. Grime 3, D. K. Walklate (cond.) 4, A. Whiting 5.

SHEPTON MALLET, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: E. Wadman (first of Treble Bob) 1, M. Rose 2, A. J. Sanger 3, C. J. B. Taylor 4, D. Hoare (cond.) 5, V. Roberts 6, G. Salmon 7, E. J. Chivers 8. First in method by 2, 3, 5, 6 and 7.

SOMERTON, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Sweet 1, F. G. Sparks 2, Stella Allen 3, A. Callow 4, F. J. White (cond.) 5, A. Bown 6. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Dr. C. D. Ingle, medical practitioner in Somerton since 1899, whose ashes were interred this day.

SOUTHGATE, N.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Pam Miller 1, Ann Aldridge 2, N. Tomlinson 3, S. G. Peck 4, F. Gilbert 5, J. Wallman (cond.) 6, C. Aldridge 7, J. Perrett 8. First of Stedman Triples for 1, 2, 7 and 8. For harvest festival Evensong and a 71st birthday compliment to N. Tomlinson, a ringer at Christ Church for 54 years.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—At St. Thomas' Church, on Sept. 29th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: J. G. Pusey (first in method) 1, Diana Perrins 2, F. V. Nicholls 3, C. M. Smith 4, R. Smith 5, A. L. Dunn 6, D. H. Watson 7, F. B. Cookson (first as cond.) 8. For Evensong.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: J. Dolley 1, W. G. Paul 2, R. Smith 3, G. W. Seaman (cond.) 4, J. C. Taylor 5, D. Laud 6, E. Durrant 7, K. R. Dunstan 8, R. G. Bell 9, J. E. G. Roast 10. For harvest festival.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Jacobs 1, J. Tomsett 2, Susan Jacobs 3, Anne Garnett (first as cond.) 4, P. Devenish 5, M. Sinden 6, A. Bishop 7, H. Cox 8. For harvest festival.

WINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 29th, 1,440 Treble Bob Minor (720 Kent and 720 Oxford): G. Pearl 1, Barbara M. Filby 2, C. Brown 3, A. Lawes 4, G. Filby, sen. (cond.) 5, R. Plummer 6. For harvest festival.

ASHCOTT, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: M. Bagg 1, Miss J. Stevens 2, Miss P. Stevens 3, K. Prime 4, D. Miller (cond.) 5, F. Cave 6. First in the method by all except the conductor, and first on the bells. For harvest festival.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss A. Lester (cond.) 1, P. R. J. Lester 2, R. E. Lester 3, Miss M. Newby 4, J. J. Prentice 5, G. R. Goodship 6. For harvest festival and visit of Diocesan Bishop.

BRENTFORD, MIDDLX.—On Sept. 16th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob and 780 Grandsire): Margaret Westcott 1, Meriel Holden Brown (first quarter) 2, J. D. Rock 3, C. Bloomer 4, Dr. D. J. Neal Smith (cond.) 5, Gillian Neal Smith 6. Rung on the 18th wedding anniversary of Dr. and Mrs. Neal Smith.

DISEWORTH, LEICS.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Reverse Canterbury Doubles: E. H. Willows 1, Miss B. A. Manning 2, D. K. Walklate 3, J. F. Murfin 4, W. A. Morley (cond.) 5.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 30th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. Clarke 1, C. R. Lovett 2, G. Buxton 3, J. Verity 4, E. Pearce 5, F. J. Crapnall 6, C. W. Pipe 7, R. W. Pipe (cond.) 8.

HAMPTON, MIDDLX.—On Sept. 29th, 1,296 Surprise Minor (720 Durham, 576 Beverley): Miss P. A. Feddern 1, W. S. Deason 2, R. G. Leale 3, P. A. Lawrence 4, P. C. Ridgway 5, S. J. Woodcock (cond.) 6. Rung for Sunday morning service.

HARBURY, WARWICKS.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. M. Windsor 1, R. M. Andrews 2, J. Slack (first 'inside') 3, T. K. Farrow (first as cond.) 4, G. L. P. Aldhouse 5.

NORWICH, NORFOLK.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: C. Curson 1, W. Love 2, S. Copling 3, A. Bason 4, G. Mayers 5, C. Bird 6, N. Golden (cond.) 7, C. Goodman 8, B. Gogle 9, W. Barrett 10. For harvest festival.

OXFORD.—On Sept. 29th, at St. Ebbe's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. H. Niblett (cond.) 1, W. H. B. Wilkins 2, J. Harris 3, Ruth S. Hodgson 4, C. Coles 5, F. A. H. Wilkins 6, F. A. Barrett 7, J. Wilks 8. For harvest thanksgiving Evensong.

QUARTER PEALS

ROCESTER, STAFFS.—On Aug. 31st, 1,260 Doubles in 11 methods (being Raveningham S.C. and Reverse Canterbury, Candlesby S.C. and Plain Bob, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Nicholas', Winchendon, Grandsire, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury and 60 New Grandsire): S. Walklate 1, Miss P. J. Pearson 2, A. R. Wright 3, J. F. Murfin 4, D. K. Walklate (cond.) 5, E. H. Willows 6. First quarter in 11 methods by all the band.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,296 Grandsire Caters: D. French (first quarter) 1, Miss E. A. Wardill 1, Miss M. Mills 3, Mrs. N. Chaddock 4, Susan Chaddock 5, J. N. D. Chaddock 6, G. S. Lee 7, F. Fisher 8, N. Chaddock (cond.) 9, P. Walker 10. Rung for St. Michael and All Angels' Day by the Sunday service band.

SHIPLAKE-ON-THAMES, OXON.—On Sept. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Cobb (first quarter) 1, E. H. Smith 2, Miss H. Brant 3, D. E. Cobb 4, J. A. Cobb 5, R. K. Russ 6, A. K. Street (cond.) 7, F. Bonsey 8. Rung in memoriam Mr. P. Dyke, Reading branch ringing master.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.—On Sept 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (on back six): A. Bareham 1, M. H. R. Glover 2, S. Dace 3, V. S. Connell 4, J. H. Brett 5, E. W. Brown 6. For morning service. Also 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (with tenor covering): D. Tupper 1, E. W. Brown 3, V. S. Connell 4, S. Dace 5, A. Bareham 6, J. H. Brett 7, A. R. Ruffle 8. For harvest thanksgiving Evensong and visit of the Bishop of Colchester.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,408 Plain Bob Major: Miss S. Wickenden 1, Miss L. Kew (aged 12, first of Major) 2, A. E. Hartley 3, F. R. Scott 4, W. F. Butler (comp. and cond.) 5, J. Brooks 6, W. Birmingham 7, A. D. Rivers 8. For harvest festival Evensong. The ringers also offer their congratulations to the conductor and his wife on the birth of a son on September 27th.

STANWELL, MIDDLX.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (360 St. Martin's, 180 Plain, 240 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 480 Spliced Plain and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure): R. Swain (first quarter) 1, C. B. Fynes (cond.) 2-3, Miss K. Hawthorn 4, M. Lane 5, Miss P. Spackman 6. For Evensong.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At St. Mark's Church, on Sept. 22nd, 1,280 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: B. Warner 1, P. Anger 2, T. R. Collins (first as cond.) 3, A. T. Collins 4, W. A. T. Carter 5, W. Boden (first quarter) 6. For harvest festival.

STREATHAM, S.W.—On Sept. 29th, at Immanuel Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Crowe 1, T. Bishop 2, A. Lewry 3, J. Tomsett 4, M. Williamson 5, C. Champion 6, J. Euston (cond.) 7, E. Jacob 8. For harvest festival.

WAKEFIELD, YORKS.—At the Cathedral, on Sept. 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. Woodward 1, F. Bennett 2, D. Cubitt 3, M. L. Lockwood 4, W. F. Moreton (cond.) 5, G. Townend 6, J. E. Kerby 7, H. Naylor 8. In remembrance of the late Dr. Henry McGowan, Bishop of Wakefield, 1946-48, who dedicated the restored Cathedral bells ten years ago, and to whom a memorial tablet was dedicated in the Cathedral at Evensong this day.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. J. Carlton (cond.) 1, Miss R. A. Gower 2, Miss R. E. Gower 3, J. R. Cooper 4, W. P. Garner 5, C. T. Hillis 6. For the wedding of Ronald Beale (one of the organists) to Margaret Jordan. Also on Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Double Bob Minor: E. S. Ruck 1, Miss P. Lowes 2, Miss R. E. Gover 3, C. T. Hillis 4, L. C. Smith 5, M. S. Lancefield (cond.) 6. For Matins. Also on Sept. 22nd, 1,320 Ipswich Surprise: Miss R. A. Gower 1, M. S. Lancefield (cond.) 2, C. T. Hillis 3, A. J. Lancefield 4, W. P. Garner 5, J. R. Cooper 6. For Evensong. Also on Sept. 29th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob: E. S. Ruck 1, Miss P. Lowes 2, M. S. Lancefield (cond.) 3, C. T. Hillis 4, L. C. Smith 5, L. T. Pope 6. For Matins.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. F. Shorter, who was a member of the Sunday service band at St. Lawrence Jewry in pre-war days, had the privilege of calling the first Sunday service quarter on these beautiful new bells on September 29th. The occasion was the annual service of the City of London Branch (Women's Section) of the British Legion. The quarter of Grandsire Triples was rung by: M. Oaksheft 1, G. Parsons 2, A. Lewry 3, J. Cook 4, W. Wilson 5, F. Shorter 6, J. Euston 7, E. Talbot 8.

There has been a change in the officers of Reading University Society. Miss Lucy Allen is the new Master and Miss Mary Russell the new secretary.

Ringers of St. Peter's Society, Brighton, are warm in praise of the reserved rail accommodation provided on their outing to Loughborough. The experiment was a great success, writes the hon. secretary, Mr. A. W. Bond.

Rotherham belfry has now been redecorated and the handsome peal boards brought up to date, a gesture that will be appreciated by visitors on the occasion of the Snowdon Dinner on October 26th.

At the annual meeting of St. Thomas' Church, Stourbridge, bellringers on September 26th it was brought to notice by Mr. F. V. Nicholls (leader of the band) that three of its present members had been elected to Ringing Masterships during the past year. Those honoured were: Mr. F. B. Cookson (Master, Cambridge University Guild), Mr. P. W. Webb (Ringing Master, Birmingham University Society) and Mr. J. G. Pusey (Ringing Master, Winchester College Society). It must be almost unique that three ringers from one band should hold these positions simultaneously, and Mr. Nicholls felt that credit was due to the local band of ringers.

Mr. Bill Hewitt, of St. Margaret's, Westminster, returned to St. George's, Camberwell, where he first learned to ring a bell, to conduct the local band in a quarter peal on September 29th. Bill says the bells are not going so well these days as they did in the distant past, when they rang well-struck stoney. It is hoped that money will be found to improve the 'go' of the bells and that in future it will not be such hard work for the ringers. However, having broken the ice, the band hope to ring many more quarters with him.

Aldrington (Sussex) ringers heartily congratulate the Keymer band on their recent peal success.

There was a large gathering at the Canterbury District annual meeting on Saturday, when Mr. B. J. Luck was presented with a testimonial and a cheque in recognition of 21 years as District secretary.

The first peal has been rung at Corsham, Wilts, a melodious ring with one of the noisiest of ringing chambers. The band would like to associate with the peal Mr. Harry Prout, who until lately was tower captain and who took part in an earlier attempt and also the only quarter peal rung on the bells.

Although Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Chapman, now of Canterbury, were married last June, a peal in honour of the event has proved very elusive. They returned to Handsworth, Yorks, for a short visit and to recollect how peals should be rung!

The band who rang the silent peal of Stedman at Ewell, Surrey, on October 5th, are grateful to Mr. Albert J. Adams for umpiring the peal, which they claim as the first silent peal for the Surrey Association, in the certain knowledge that they will soon know if it was not so.

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Summer Tour on Norfolk Broads

THE annual summer tour of the Society was held in Norfolk from Sept. 7th to the 15th. It was decided that in view of the location of the area to be covered the Society should forsake its usual form of vehicular transport and take to the water. As a result three large motor cruisers were chartered for the week, and on Saturday, the 7th, after ringing at Bungay and Beccles, members and their friends, wives and other appendages descended upon the relative calm of Oulton Broad.

The vessels, named Braemar I, Merlin I and Merlin II., were taken over by their captains, John Armstrong, Denis Layton and Alan Thirst respectively. Whilst provisions were taken aboard, the owners of the vessels gave brief instructions to the crews upon the handling of the vessels. By 6 p.m. the fleet was under way bound for Somerleyton in line astern. This was virtually the only occasion when the vessels were all seen together in an orderly manner in daylight.

As the crews worked, ate, lived and slept on board their own particular vessel, a noticeable characteristic of the tour soon became apparent. On previous occasions the whole party has invariably been together throughout the week, but this year the party was necessarily split into three groups. It is therefore difficult for any one member of the Society to give a coherent account of the whole tour. As the writer was on board Braemar this is necessarily an account of the tour as seen by a member of the crew of one vessel.

After dinner, the first meal served aboard (a precedent of innumerable excellent meals which followed throughout the week despite cramped conditions) all crews tentatively explored the shore, establishing the position of the local hostelry in record time. Upon returning to the boats for the night, a number of complications which were to be felt for the remainder of the week became apparent. There were those present of precise habits and varying hours of retirement. The two members allocated sleeping accommodation in the saloon were introduced to the problem of persuading recalcitrant coffee addicts to leave the saloon before 1 a.m.

On Sunday morning those aboard Braemar emerged bright rather than early to find the crews of the Merlins returning from church. The party split for morning service ringing so that both Somerleyton and Haddiscoe were given the benefit of our presence.

The fleet proceeded to Reedham, where lunch was served, and ringing took place on the light five in the afternoon. On returning to the river we were treated to the spectacle of a collier of considerable proportions attempting to remove Reedham swing-bridge. It was a reassuring sight as the crews realised that even professional sailors make mistakes.

B.B.C., RECORDINGS

Moorings for the night were found at Yarmouth Yacht Station, and a meal was provided in Merlin I. On Monday morning the unlimited hot water and other facilities provided by the Yacht Station were greatly appreciated —a deceptively pleasant start to a momentous day. Acle was reached before lunch, where we were greeted by a B.B.C. Recording Unit, clamouring for yet another interview with our worthy president. A respectable course of London was also recorded as a background to this talk.

Before lunch a high wind materialised, whereupon Braemar's rudder ceased to function in midstream. As a repair of this useful fitting was vital, an engineer was summoned from Oulton, whilst the majority of Braemar's crew were taken aboard Merlin II. for the journey to Ludham.

Two hours later those aboard Merlin II., hastening up the Thurne, came upon Merlin I. neatly transfixed by the bows of a yacht. The only consolation to the crew of the unfortunate cruiser was the news that they were the intrepid yachtsmen's third victims that afternoon. Merlin I. was also provided with forced draught ventilation for the rest of the week. Eventually both Merlins reached Ludham, where the heavy five were rung rather ineffectively until the last touch. Before leaving Ludham the crew of Merlin I. learned that bilges were meant to be pumped, a fact which no doubt added to their comfort as the week progressed.

Braemar rejoined the Merlins at Potter Heigham. Whilst awaiting pilotage under the notorious bridge our president's recorded voice was to be heard on the Midland Home Service. The journey to Somerton across Martham Broad was accomplished by nightfall, and after dinner the majority of the crews undertook a seemingly endless walk to Winterton (and back !).

PEAL AT NORWICH

All craft were under way by 6.30 a.m. on the Tuesday so as to catch low water at Potter Heigham Bridge, after which a leisurely journey to Wroxham ensued. After a quick visit to the six at Wroxham, public transport was utilised for the journey to Norwich. Here ten members rang a peal of Stedman Caters at St. Peter Mancroft, whilst the remainder of the party further diverted the population of the city by ringing two quarter peals at St. John de Sepulchre's and St. George Colegate.

On the Wednesday the upper reaches of the Bure were explored and ringing and lunch were to be had at Coltishall. A pleasant day enticed some members to take to the water with and without sailing dinghies in Wroxham Broad. One member succeeded in capsizing Braemar's dinghy and was discouraged from further anti-social activities by being wrapped in a wet sail.

An attempt to take a cine-film of the fleet under way was sabotaged by a yacht, whose crew seemed to have a warped sense of humour. They later paid for their sins when Merlin II.'s garbage was accidentally emptied upon them.

Moorings for the night were taken on Ranworth Broad, where, after ringing and refreshment, a party was given aboard Braemar to the dismay of those destined to sleep in the saloon. As all the vessels were moored abreast, an unpleasant storm did not cause undue dismay.

The weather continued to deteriorate and on Thursday Barton Broad was reached in a rainstorm. Ringing took place at Catfield and the evening was spent at Stokesby, where Merlin II. provided hospitality for the evening.

Friday, the 13th, heralded a half gale and Yarmouth Yacht Station was reached before breakfast. Low temperatures and high winds lowered morale, and rescue work on yachts in distress was undertaken by the Merlins on Breydon Water. A tower-snatching party met with little success. Braemar lost an argument with a bridge but later her superior weight caught the dinghy a crushing blow. Ted Chapman's timely arrival at teatime (complete with wife) restored morale, and ringing was arranged at Pakefield and Lowestoft. Braemar's brige party was subsequently sabotaged, and the last night afloat was spent at anchor in Oulton Broad.

A LUXURIOUS EVENING

On Saturday morning the vessels were returned to their owners and the crews hastily departed before the full measure of damage could be ascertained. The accent was placed on ringing, and the Pulhams, Redenhall, Diss and Wymondham were visited. On Saturday evening the Society installed itself in the Bell Hotel in Norwich and spent a luxuriously lazy evening in dining room and bar.

After Sunday service ringing at St. Giles' and St. Peter Mancroft (of which the least said the better) lunch was taken at the Bell, and members began to redistribute themselves over the British Isles.

Little mention has been made of ringing so far. It is certainly true to say that it occupied a far less proportion of the time than ever before, and consequently was of a lower standard. Rarely did all crews arrive at a tower at the same time and little serious ringing was achieved.

Viewed in retrospect, several vivid impressions remain of this remarkable tour—horribly early mornings, the swabbing of decks in cold winds, unpredictably large appetites and a state of physical exhaustion by breakfast time, which late nights did little to assuage.

In conclusion the Society's thanks must be expressed to Nolan Golden, Ted Chapman and the Master—John Armstrong—without whose arrangements the tour could not have taken place.

Another Active Ringer of 92

By invitation of the members of Whitnash (Warwickshire) Church tower, six leading ringers met at St. Margaret's Church, Whitnash, on October 5th, to celebrate the 92nd birthday of Mr. Frederick Hauley, who is believed to be one of Britain's oldest active ringers.

Mr. Hauley, of Hitcham Road, Leamington, has been a ringer for 76 years —first in his native Buckinghamshire, then at Leamington, and for many years at Whitnash.

He had recovered from Asian 'flu in time to be present for the quarter peal of 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor, rung in his honour by the following band: W. Collett (78) (Warwick) 1, H. C. Burt (Leamington) 2, E. C. Shepherd (Solihull) 3, W. J. Vann (Rugby) 4, A. H. Beamish (Chilvers Coton) (cond.) 5, T. L. Garner-Hayward (Coventry) 6.

Mr. Hauley had the pleasure of ringing in a short touch of Grandsire before the quarter peal. He still rings with the team each Sunday before taking his place in the choir. Before retiring recently he trained the present band of Whitnash girl ringers.

[Note.—Mr. F. V. Sinkins, of St. Leonard's, Streatham, who is also 92, still rings in short touches.—Ed.]

WEDDINGS AT KNEBWORTH

The bells at Knebworth have recently been rung by members of the Hertford County Association to two peals by way of compliment to members of the Sunday service band who have been married at the Parish Church.

On August 17th the wedding of Mr. Peter Wells to Miss Maureen Moore was the occasion for a peal of Plain Bob Major, and a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major on September 14th followed the marriage earlier that day of Miss Barbara Marks to Mr. Louis Baycock, a ringer at North Mymms.

Mr. Peter Wells is towerkeeper at Knebworth and by setting up his new home in nearby Stevenage he hopes to continue in that capacity.

Mr. and Mrs. Baycock, however, have moved from the district and will reside at 36, Merton Mansions, West Wimbledon, S.W.20.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Ashford District Has 174 Members

The annual meeting of the Ashford District took place in their home town on October 5th. The service was conducted by the Vicar (Canon N. M. Granville Sharpe). Mr. Garner was organist and Mr. J. Willis read the lesson.

Some 50 members and friends sat down to an excellent tea served by members of the Mothers' Union. At the business meeting, under the chairmanship of Mr. Willis, Mr. J. R. Cooper and Mr. C. T. Hillis were re-elected as Ringing Master and secretary respectively, and Miss Maisie Vantom and Mr. Alan Berry were elected as District representatives. Four new members joined the Association.

The secretary reported that the overall membership totalled 174, with some late subscribers still to come. Towers in union with the Association to date total 23. Service ringing appears to be at least no worse than in previous years, but he pointed out that there is still plenty of room for improvement in attendances, punctuality and striking. Sixteen peals have been rung so far this year, with five 'first pealers' and seven different conductors, including one 'first as conductor.' The report and balance sheet were adopted.

Mr. T. Cullingworth thanked the Vicar, Mr. Garner, the lady helpers who served teas and Miss Margaret Jones, secretary of the Ashford ringers, for making the necessary arrangements.

Ringing was to suit all degrees of proficiency up to Four Spliced Surprise Major. C. T. H.

Tonbridge District

The annual meeting of the Tonbridge District took place on October 5th. Ringing started at 3 p.m. in the grand old Parish Church, Tonbridge. The service was held here, conducted by the Vicar (Canon Russell White).

Tea was arranged in the Parish Hall by Mr. and Mrs. Walter Dobbie, who were assisted in waiting by some of the junior ladies of this tower. As usual, many members did not notify; this is most unfair to the caterers.

The annual meeting followed. Unfortunately the Vicar could not attend so Mr. Peter Bond was elected to the chair. Mr. George Fry took over as Ringing Master, and Messrs. B. Collison and W. Dobbie were appointed District representatives. Ringing ranged from rounds, Grandsire, Stedman, Double Norwich and Spliced Surprise. A. F. W.

THE LADIES' GUILD

Kent Branch

A very enjoyable meeting of the Kent Branch was held at St. Margaret's, Rainham, on September 28th.

Ringing commenced at 3.45 p.m. and was followed by a service at 4.15 p.m. conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. Clifford) and attended by about 25 ringers.

Tea was served at the nearby school and a short business meeting was held. The ladies then joined the gentlemen in the tower for further ringing in a variety of methods up to Cambridge Major.

Thanks are due to Miss E. M. Walker and Mr. F. Cheal for helping to make the meeting a success. S. M. D.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

The autumn meeting of the S.W. Branch was held at St. Maurice's, Plympton, on October 5th and was well attended. Members came from Plymouth, St. Andrew's Emmanuel, Plymouth, Lifton, Kelly and the local band, whilst visitors included Mr. Maurice Atkins (general secretary of the Guild), Mr. Aubrey Bennett (secretary of the Mid-Devon Branch) and Mr. Shepherd, of Littlehampton, who was on holiday in the district. There was some excellent ringing during the afternoon and evening, touches of Grandsire Triples, Stedman, Bob Major and Kent Treble Bob and rounds being rung.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Mr. Clynick) and an excellent tea provided by ladies of the parish.

Mr. H. H. Thomas, the Branch chairman, who presided at the business meeting, had the sad duty of asking members to stand in sympathy and respect for the Rev. H. E. Bennett (late Rector) and Mr. Harry Tippett (St. Andrew's, Plymouth), whose funeral took place that morning.

The Right Rev. Dr. Norman H. Clarke, Bishop of Plymouth, was received as an honorary member, and Mr. R. Bowden, formerly of Bristol, was admitted as an unattached member. The chairman remarked that since Mr. Bowden came to Plymouth he had been of great help both to St. Andrew's and Emmanuel. Several matters were discussed. Mr. Fred Day, of Emmanuel, emphasised promptness at practice and Sunday ringing, and spoke of what he thought was apathy amongst too many ringers, who once they could ring Grandsire Triples reasonably well were quite satisfied. He urged young ringers to go all out to master the art of conducting. Mr. Atkins and Mr. T. G. Myers (Branch secretary) also spoke on this matter.

Mention was made of the great work being done by Mr. W. Harvey in the Lifton area, and it was agreed that if possible a by-meeting be held at Lamerton on November 23rd, when it was hoped several of Mr. Harvey's pupils would qualify for their certificates. It was unanimously agreed that, provided permission could be obtained, the annual meeting be held at St. Andrew's, Plymouth, on January 25th, by which time the church would be rededicated and in regular use for the first time since it was very severely damaged during the war.

The chairman moved the votes of thanks to the Vicar and ladies of the parish, and Mr. Ken Farnham and the ringers of St. Maurice's for their great efforts to make the gathering the success it was. H. H. T.

OUTING

FARINGDON, BERKS

In perfect weather Faringdon ringers and friends visited four towers in the Tewkesbury district on September 28th. Ringing took place at Tirley, Eldersfield, Kemerton and Beckford. An excellent tea was provided at the Crown Hotel, Kemerton. The outward journey was via Burford, Northleach and Cheltenham, and the homeward journey via Stow-on-the-Wold and Burford. Thanks are expressed to all tower secretaries for their kind co-operation.

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD

At the Guild's quarterly meeting on September 14th at St. Stephen's, members came from Tenby, Pembroke, Carmarthen, Llandilo, Burry Port and Llanelly, supported by the Llanstephan ringers. The Vicar (the Rev. J. T. Jenkins) officiated at the service, and Mr. T. D. Williams was organist; the lesson was read by the Master, Mr. Ed. J. Thomas. Sixty members sat down to a nice tea in the Church Hall.

The Vicar presided at the business meeting, at which the Master extended a very hearty welcome to the visitors, who included Mr. and Mrs. Kynaston, of Swindon, and also Mr. Morris, from Kingston-on-Thames.

A collection for the Bell Restoration Fund realised the sum of £1 15s. It was decided that the next quarterly meeting, in December, be held at Cardigan, if the bells are ringable; failing that, Llandovery will be the alternative place. The usual touch on the handbells was given by Mr. Kynaston, Mr. Gwyn Lewis, Mr. Scudamore and Mr. Gwyn Thomas. Two grants of £10 each were made to Tenby and Burry Port from the Bell Restoration Fund towards the cost of new ropes. Two new members were made.

A hearty vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Gwyn Thomas to all who had made the meeting a success. C. H. H.

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LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH

Monmouth Branch

The Monmouth Branch quarterly meeting was held at Bedwellty on September 28th. An afternoon of pleasant ringing was followed by tea and the business meeting with the service and further ringing in the evening. Mr. T. M. Roderick thanked the ladies for providing tea.

Before starting the business meeting the Rev. Mansel Griffiths, Rector of Bedwellty, mentioned the untimely death of Mr. Glyn Williams, a faithful member of the Association and of the Bedwellty band. Members then stood in silence and Mr. Ryan Price followed this with a few words in tribute of an old friend and fellow ringer. The Rev. Ivor J. Richards then spoke of the wedding, on June 8th last, of the Branch Master to the Branch secretary—now Mr. and Mrs. David J. King. These remarks were followed by the Association Master, Mr. Tim Yeoman, making a presentation to them of a canteen of cutlery. Both Mr. and Mrs. King expressed their sincere thanks.

New members were elected from Ebbw Vale, Abergavenny, Chepstow and All Saints', Newport. A committee was formed to explore the possibility of a Branch dinner to be held in Newport. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Trevethin jointly with the Ladies' Guild.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

NYLON BELL ROPES

Dear Sir,—In answer to the inquiry about nylon bell ropes by R. F. Baker in 'The Ringing World' of October 4th, it may be of interest that in April this year we rang a peal at the Loughborough Bell Foundry with a terylene rope on the tenor.

This was an experiment requested by the Loughborough firm of rope makers to see if terylene would be suitable for bell ropes. The rope had been attached to the bell some days before the peal and had had a weight tied to it. The handling of the rope was smooth and almost as soft as silk, but the weight had had little effect taking the 'stretch' out of it. It was like the proverbial 'piece of elastic' and was just as springy at the end of the peal as it was before we started.

We came to the conclusion that terylene ropes would definitely not be suitable for church bells, especially in towers that have a long draught.

We passed this opinion to Mr. Paul Taylor and have since heard no more about the venture.

A feature of terylene is its strong 'resilience,' which is also true to a slightly lesser extent of nylon. If a thread of terylene and nylon of equal length, were suspended side by side, with an equal weight attached to each, the terylene thread would stretch much more than the nylon thread. However, when the weights are removed it will be seen that the thread of terylene will almost return to its original length, while the nylon thread still retains much of the stretch caused by the weight. The inference from this is that nylon may be better than terylene for bell ropes, but neither will ever have the 'stretch' taken out completely.

My opinion is that it would be better, if possible, to splice nylon or terylene into a hemp rope to strengthen it, especially at the places where the strain is greatest. An all-nylon or all-terylene rope is much too springy for practical use, but it may be a great advantage if used in an approximate 50-50 percentage with hemp.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN A ACRES.

Leicester.

Dear Sir,—Some time ago I had some correspondence with British Nylon Spinners, Ltd., and one of their subsidiaries, on the question of the suitability of nylon ropes for ringing.

Nylon's remarkable resistance to abrasion (I was given an estimated life of 20 years without serious deterioration) held out exciting possibilities, but unfortunately there were several snags:—

(a) The relatively high elasticity, which is an inherent property of the nylon fibre.

(b) The impracticability under present production methods of working in the sally. An alternative suggested by the firm was to splice in a length of conventional rope with sally to the main nylon rope, thus obtaining the advantage of nylon durability at the point of maximum wear.

(c) Relatively high cost. I was given an estimate of £6 2s. 6d. for a rope comprising 60ft. nylon and 15ft hemp and sally.

(d) Finally—when I tell Mr. Baker that I can hold a 6in. specimen of nylon rope in my hand like a stick of rock he will appreciate the practical handling problems involved.

I would be glad to show Mr. Baker the correspondence if he is sufficiently interested.—Yours sincerely,

A. R. LING.

Catford, S.E.

A FALSE PEAL IN C.C. COLLECTION

Dear Sir,—I have carefully checked the statement made on page 623, 'The Ringing World,' September 27th, 1957, by Mr. Ivin concerning the falseness of the arrangement of Spliced Superlative and Cambridge, CSCXCSC, published in the Central Council Collection of compositions in popular Major methods. (Footnote, page 58.) I regret that his statement is quite correct; this arrangement would be false to a composition of Superlative, the false course-ends being 32546, 46253, 32465 and 43265. As Mr. Ivin stated, the arrangement is true to Middleton's composition of Cambridge and to the abbreviations thereof which have the tenors together.

I must tender the apologies of those who constituted the Peals Collections Committee at that time to any ringers who might have taken part in false peals as a result of this unfortunate error—I myself was not on the committee at the time this collection was compiled!

W. ERIC CRITCHLEY
Convener, Peals Collections Committee.

'THE NINE TAILORS'

Dear Sir,—Mr. Cyril A. Wratten's presumption in his letter which appeared in your issue of September 27th is correct, I was not consulted by the B.B.C. on the script of the play, but was asked only to provide the bell effects required.

Incidentally, I have not been able to listen to the broadcasts except for part of one instalment, but in that I noticed that the B.B.C. used effects which we did not provide.—Yours sincerely,

H. N. PITSTOW.

Banstead, Surrey.

THE JASPER SNOWDON DINNER

Dear Sir,—As the above, to be held at Rotherham on October 26th, coincides with the annual Statutes Fair, and as Rotherham United are playing at home that day, parking in the usual car parks may be difficult. Arrangements have therefore been made for visitors to the Dinner to park their cars, free of charge, at Elmfield House, Moorgate Road, during the afternoon and evening.

This private car park is not far from the town centre, at the junction of Moorgate Road, Alma Road and Hollowgate. Entrance to the car park is made from Alma Road.

Any visitors who are staying overnight will be able to obtain as much ringing as they desire on Sunday, and a hearty welcome awaits all attending this function.—Yours, etc.,

NORMAN CHADDOCK.

MID-WEEK RINGING IN LONDON

Dear Sir,—Further to my letter which appeared in 'The Ringing World' of August 16th, I have to report that lunch-hour ringing in the City is not possible at the moment. The incumbents of St. Lawrence's, Jewry,, St. Bartholomew's, Smithfield. St. Botolph-without-Bishopsgate, and St. Olave's, Hart Street, do not desire their bells rung for these services, and question their right to create such a volume of sound in the centre of so many offices.

However, the Rector of St. Dunstan-in-the-East is very interested in lunch-hour ringing, but unfortunately the stability of the tower is in doubt and has to be tested.—Yours faithfully,

H. OGLESBY.

Hitcham.

WHAT IS THE NEW BEAT?

Dear Sir,—At the risk of seeming to lag behind—what is the 'new beat'? ('The Ringing World,' page 643).

Perhaps my friend, J. L. M., will furnish us with an accurate description so that we may all 'have a bash.'

I hope it doesn't resemble a rough touch of Grandsire Triples with seven bells trying to dodge 4-5 up (or a peal of Bristol about to disappear down the jolly old drain)! — Yours faithfully,

WILFRED W. RING.

Ashford, Kent.

THE NEW BEAT

Dear Sir,—Perhaps a non-ringer's views would help. At a church where I have rung many peals there is an organist who does not know the first thing in ringing, let alone change ringing, but when he learns of a peal attempt he sits in the church throughout the peal. During a chat I had with him, he said that if the bells were rung in 16's, i.e., with the 'gap,' he could concentrate in listening, but if they were rung in 'cartwheel' fashion he could not find the interest or concentrate.

Do we get so accustomed to the 'gap' that we do not realise why we have enjoyed a peal or otherwise if there have been no 'gaps'?

Occasionally I have taken part in a peal of Major where the 'gap' is made by the bell following the tenor at handstroke. Others, very rarely in this district, 'cartwheel,' and these peals I have not enjoyed. Perhaps I am not educated to the taste.—Yours, etc.,

PETER CROOK.

Bolton, Lancs.

BRIGHTON RINGERS AT LOUGHBOROUGH & LEICESTER

In specially reserved coaches both from Brighton to London Bridge and then from St. Pancras to Loughborough, the St. Peter's, Brighton, Society, had an excellent outing to Loughborough on September 28th. Between St. Pancras and Loughborough some spade work was done on the handbells with Stedman Triples.

After lunch at the Three Nuns, Loughborough, came the tour of the bell foundry, with Mr. Colin Harrison as guide. At the campanile a feeling of awe was apparent in many, and especially noticeable was the absence of ringers near the two trebles! Confidence was not improved by the news that the 14,000-odd changes had been rung on the bells the previous Saturday. However, some quite passable touches were accomplished as time went on.

An ample tea was served in the Three Nuns, and then away to the station, and another reserved coach took the party to Leicester. Mr. Sid Harrison escorted the visitors to the belfry of St. John-the-Divine, where these splendid ten were soon set going. Suitable refreshments were then taken to fortify the tourists for the 150-mile journey back to Brighton. Again reserved rail accommodation was available, but the mystery was how six of the ringers had psychic powers to know that the train was running five minutes late! Although heading south at 60 miles per hour, a course of Stedman Triples was accomplished on the handbells in good style.

The three changes on the Underground to Victoria resulted in half of the party being missing, but there was quite a happy reunion, and the reserved coach marked 'Brighton St. Peter's Society of Change Ringers' was a satisfying and somewhat inspiring notice to end a memorable day. Our thanks to ringing friends and the British Railways for their efficiency.

A. W. B.

WREXHAM PARISH CHURCH — ONE OF THE SEVEN WONDERS OF WALES

Pistyll Rhaiadr and Wrexham steeple,
Snowdon Mountain without its people;
Overton yew trees, St. Winefred's wells,
Llangollen Bridge and Gresford bells.
(Old rhyme.)

THIS year, 1957, is the centenary of the Borough of Wrexham. Celebrations were arranged continuously from May to November and published in diary form in a centenary supplement of the 'Wrexham Leader.'

The Wrexham area can claim four of the seven Wonders, including the Tower of St. Giles', Wrexham's noble Parish Church, i.e., The Steeple, doubtless the largest and most handsome of the ancient parish churches of North Wales.

Two preceding churches have occupied this site. The earliest church on the present site was erected in the 13th century, or possibly earlier, and was dedicated to St. Ægidius, Ægidius being the Latinised form of both Silin (a Welsh saint) and Giles. This building was wrecked by a great storm of wind upon St. Catherine's Day in the year 1330. A new church was built in the Decorated style, probably by the Abbots of 'Valle Crucis.' This was destroyed by fire (in great part) in 1463.

Valle Crucis Abbey was founded by Cistercian monks near Llangollen towards the end of the 11th century.

Rebuilding in the Perpendicular fashion began within a few years and a temporary bell tower of timber was completed in 1480. Finally the great west tower was commenced before 1506 and completed about 1524-5. Much damage was done to the fabric previous to this by the Parliamentary troops under Brereton, but at the Restoration the church was thoroughly repaired during the period 1700-1850 and numerous additions were made to the furniture and fixtures, including the galleries.

A general restoration of the church was carried out in 1867 under the direction of Benjamin Ferry, F.S.A., who removed the galleries, opening out a fine east to west vista, and in 1902 and 1903 a restoration on a more elaborate scale was inaugurated by the exertions of Canon (afterwards Archdeacon) Fletcher; the then Vicar, and completed at a cost of over £9,000, of which the Duke of Westminster contributed £2,000.

During the first half of the 13th century the rectory of Wrexham was appropriated in its entirety to Valle Crucis Abbey, though the right of appointing vicars was retained by the Bishop of St. Asaph. At the Dissolution the rectorial properties and tithes were granted to Sir William Pickering; later they came into possession of the owners of Wynnstay, by whom a large proportion were sold to various purchasers during the last century. Since 1853 £100,000 has been expended on churches, schools and endowments for new parishes, carved out of the original Wrexham Parish, and towards this outlay as well as towards restorations of the Mother Church, the lay impropriators have contributed generously.

The modern stained glass filling the east, south-east and north-east windows was erected to commemorate the coming of age of a former Sir Watkin Williams Wynn in 1841. This gentleman was probably the grandson of a former Master of the College Youths, Watkin Williams, who joined in 1717. He was then a young man of 25 years and a person of some importance, M.P. for Denbighshire. Two years later, on the death of his cousin, he became the owner of a great estate in North Wales, and took the name of Wynn in addition to his own. He was at different times Mayor of Chester and Oswestry. He became a baronet in 1740. This gentleman must certainly have done some bellringing in Salop and North Wales.



THE TOWER OF ST. GILES'

The height of the tower is 135 feet and is ornamented with life-sized figures of 30 saints, among them St. Giles, to whom the church is dedicated.

The ring of ten bells (the only ten in North Wales) was cast by the famous foundry of Rudhall's, Gloucester. These were hung in 1726. Here are details of the transport of the first ring from Gloucester from a framed copy in the tower.

WREXHAM BELLS

Sir,—Hearing the bells on the Queen's birthday ring out their congratulations, reminded me of the following, which appeared in the 'Wrexham Recorder' for April, 1842.—Yours, Bellrope.

Sir,—As I was listening to the merry peal of bells which announced to the lazy world the early opening of the New Market Hall, it occurred to me that very few who now hear from time to time their melodious sounds know anything of their history; nor am I aware that there exists among the dusty archives of the church any documents which might throw light upon the subject. Few belfries in the kingdom can boast so numerous or so melodious a peal; and though the bells of Gresford are said to be among the 'Wonders of Wales,' they cannot, in my humble opinion, compete with those of Wrexham in fullness and sweetness of tone.

I happen to possess an old memorandum of one of the churchwardens in olden times, which gives a statement of the expenses incurred in their casting and erection in the steeple, the foundry at which they were cast, the inscription on each bell (note 9th omitted, but added by Mr. Cathrall), the amount raised by private contributions and by a parish rate, and last, but not least, the sums expended in copious libations of nut brown ale to propitiate the Naiades of the old Severn, during the transit of the bells from Gloucester to Shrewsbury. The particulars may prove interesting to some of your readers. I therefore send them for insertion in the 'Recorder,' with the earnest prayer, Mr. Editor, for both of us, that

When the solemn booming bell
Shall echo forth our passing knell
May our spirits take their flight
To join the blessed saints in light.
Senex.

An account of what the ten bells in St. Giles' Tower, Wrexham, cost in framing, carriage and expense of casting, etc., at Mr. A. Rudhall's Foundry, Gloucester, in 1726, amounted to £450 18s. 7d.

Underneath the inscription on each bell is cast the date.

No. 1.—Year 1727. 'Glory to God on high.' (Date checked by Sec., N.W.A.C.R., 1736).

No. 2.—Year 1726. 'And in Earth Peace.'

No. 3.—Year 1726. 'Abraham Rudhall cast all.'

No. 4.—Year 1726. 'Peace and good neighbourhood.'

No. 5.—Year 1726. 'Fear God and Honour the King.'

No. 6.—Year 1728. 'A. Rudhall.'

No. 7.— Year 1726. 'Prosperity to this Parish.'

No. 8.—Year 1726. 'Robert Ellice, Esq., John Pulford, Gent.'

No. 9.—No inscription on belfry copy.

No. 9.—Year 1726. 'Church Wardens John Price, Edward Edwards, Robert Ellis, Esq. and John Pulford. Gent.' (Particulars on 9th obtained by William Cathrall, Sec., N.W.A.C.R.)

No. 10.—Year 1726. To the church the living call. To the grave summons all.'

Cast in the reign of King George the First, and old style. The little bell was of the old ring and cast in the year 1678 in the reign of King Charles the Second. The weight of the large bell is 25 cwt. The same number and weight are at Manchester College Church tower. Private subscriptions £160, the remainder paid by the parish.

Note.—The little bell is the parson's bell and is not one of the ring of 10. There are no records of the old ring, of which the little bell was one.

The tenor bell was rehung by John Taylor and Co. about 1926. The bells in this tower were tuned, quarter-turned and rehung in entirely new fittings and wrought steel frame on a new belfry floor by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, bell founders, London, A.D. 1907. The cost, amounting to £491, was defrayed by public subscription.

In May, 1955, nine of the ten bells were removed to the Bell Foundry, Loughborough, to be fitted with new ringing fittings and other modern improvements by John Taylor and Co. The bells were tuned to the tenor and rehung in November, 1955, at a cost of over £2,000. The bells were rededicated on December 8th, 1955, by the Most Rev. the Archbishop of Wales, Dr. John Morgan.

The belfry is well appointed, a very pleasing place to ring at, the ropes falling in a very good circle. The ringing of these beautifully-toned bells not only gives pleasure to near and far, but surely reminds many of their chief purpose in calling all and sundry to worship God, and certainly ringers from all parts of the British Isles derive great pleasure in ringing these bells.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

The church has association with Yale University, U.S.A. The name of Elihu Yale is perpetuated in the title of Yale University. His tomb is in this churchyard and is visited by numerous American pilgrims each year. The inscription on his tomb is as follows:—

Born in America, in Europe bred,
In Africa travelled and in Asia wed,
Where long he lived and thrived: in London dead.

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Wrexham Parish Church—Cont.

Much good, some ill he did, so hope all's even
And that his soul, thro' mercy gone to Heaven.

You that survive and read this tale, take care
For this most certain exist to prepare,
Where, blest in peace the actions of the just
Smell sweet, and blossom in the silent dust.

A piece of stone has been taken from the tower and conveyed to the U.S.A. The newness of the replacement can clearly be seen on the west corner of the tower.

Elihu Yale, 1648-1721, was descended from the Yales of Plas-yn-Ial, near Bryn Eglwys, and was the son of a Pilgrim Father, hence his connection with the U.S.A. He rose to high eminence in the service of the East India Company, becoming Governor of Madras. His declining years were spent at Plas Grono, near Wrexham.

The wonderful churchyard gates of wrought iron, the work of the brothers Davies, of Croesfiel, gatesmiths, were erected about 1720, probably at the expense of Elihu Yale.

The grandfather of Mr. P. Swindley, The Smithey, Handbridge, effected some repairs to these gates and fencing and was assisted by the late James Swindley when he was a youth. This would be about 70 years or so ago.

Bishop Hebet's name is also associated with the church, as, while staying in Wrexham, he wrote the by now famous hymn 'From Greenland's Icy Mountains'—and this was first sung in Wrexham Parish Church on Whit Sunday, 1819. Accounts of the early peals rung on these bells were published in 'The Ringing World' of March 13th, 1953.

A recent peal of London Surprise Royal, the first in Wales, was rung on Saturday, March 18th, 1957, conducted by C. K. Lewis.

The peal to commemorate the centenary of the borough was rung on Seotember 18th—a peal of Grandsire Caters, 5,057 changes, rung in 3 hours and 36 minutes, conducted by J. W. Griffiths, composed by E. C. Shepherd.

Wrexham became a municipal borough by Royal Charter granted by Queen Victoria on September 23rd, 1857. The Vicar of St. Giles' is the Rev. D. E. M. Jones, who, prior to this office, was Vicar of Gresford.

I would like to associate the names of Mr. William Cathrall, secretary of the North Wales Association of Change Ringers, and Mr. Glyn Griffiths, Editor of the 'Wrexham Leader.'

A. J. HUGHES.

FIFTY YEARS AT CAYTHORPE

On September 28th, at the Church of St. Vincent, Caythorpe, Grantham, Lincs, a tablet was unveiled with the following inscription:—

'On February 11th, 1953, in 2 hours and 53 minutes, on the anniversary of a peal of Grandsire Triples rung on February 11th, 1903, a peal of Grandsire Triples, 5,040 changes, was rung by the following: P. M. Bond treble, C. L. Simcock 2, G. Paul 3, L. Squires 4, H. Squires 5, J. Millhouse 6, J. Cragg 7, G. W. King tenor. Conducted by J. Millhouse. A. J. Ison, Rector; J. H. Kelley, C. L. Simcock, churchwardens.'

J. Cragg's name appears on both tablets.

A service was held in the belfry and continued in church, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. A. J. Ison). After tea, at the Red Lion, the following rang touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Erin Triples, Bob Major and Kent Treble Bob: J. Freeman (Master of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild), J. Walden (Lincoln), A. Mackers, H. Squires, L. Squires (Hough-on-the-Hill), G. W. King, J. Cragg, C. L. Simcock (Caythorpe).

C. L. S.

OBITUARY

MR. J. H. TIPPETT

The death occurred on October 3rd of Mr. James Henry Tippett, of Plymouth. Prior to the war he was a member of Emmanuel band of ringers and after the war went to St. Andrew's. He had rung about 20 peals in several methods.

'Harry,' as he was known to his many friends, was a Cornishman, and commenced his ringing at St. Mewan, near St. Austell, about 55 years ago, at the age of 13. As an official of the Great Western Railway, and later, British Railways, his duties took him to several places in Devon and Cornwall and he was well known for his wide knowledge and work in connection with the St. John Ambulance Brigade. He retired three years ago, but owing to indifferent health had been unable to ring for the past two years.

The funeral at St. Augustine's Church, Plymouth, on October 5th, was very largely attended. Ringers present included Messrs. H. H. Thomas (chairman, S.W. Branch, Guild of Devonshire ringers), W. Lavers and Reg Woods.

H. H. T.

MR. SAMUEL WARD

At the beginning of the present century an enthusiastic and ambitious band of young ringers at Pudsey, determined to break away from the traditional Treble Bob of the West Riding, set out to master the intricacies of Surprise ringing, and the success which they attained in that particular field played no small part in popularising the ringing of Surprise methods in the surrounding district.

One of that band was Samuel Ward, a quiet sort of chap with a retiring disposition but with strong determination and a keen ear, two essentials for a ringer of his class, for he was a most reliable method man and an excellent striker. His main interest was Sunday service ringing: he was not a prolific peal ringer, in fact his total is a modest 48, but that includes peals of London, Bristol, Superlative, Cambridge and Pudsey Surprise Major.

Up to a few years ago he was a regular attender in the belfry, then ill-health put an end to his journeys to the tower. Now, at the age of 77, he has passed away. Thus we lose another of the 'old school,' one who, in his small way, helped to further the art of change ringing at a time when there was a tendency among ringers to be content with one or two of the simpler methods rather than a desire to launch out in something new and more interesting.

The bells of Pudsey Church were rung deeply muffled on the Sunday after Sam died, as a mark of respect to a staunch and loyal member of the local band.

W. B.

MR. C. J. GARDNER

The death occurred on October 6th of Mr. Charles J. Gardner, of Swindon, aged 85. He had recently undergone an eye operation and never really recovered.

Mr. Gardner was a native of Oxfordshire and learned to ring at Beenham, near Reading, moving to Swindon in 1895, when he joined the band of Christ Church, and remained a ringer up to the time of his death, thus giving 62 years of faithful service to this tower. He was an excellent ringer and conductor, and was never more happy than when helping beginners to master change ringing. He worked on the Great Western Railway until his retirement in 1937 and was the last survivor of the band which rang the first railwaymen's peal at Swindon, in 1898.

The first peal of Surprise Major in Wiltshire by a resident band was conducted by him, and he took part in some of the long peals of Grandsire Cinques at Painswick. A complete record of his peals is not available, but they probably number over 300 and range from Grandsire Doubles to Stedman Cinques and Kent Maximus.

Mr. Gardner was a vice-president of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association and was a very regular attendant at all meetings of the Swindon Branch. He will be greatly missed and it is very difficult to visualise Christ Church tower and the Swindon Branch without Charlie Gardner.

The funeral took place at Christ Church on October 9th, and the Gloucester and Bristol Association was represented by the Master (Mr. W. H. Trueman) and members from Christ Church and St. Mark's, Swindon, Blunsdon, Rodbourne Cheney and Stratton St. Margaret. Two old friends from the Oxford Guild, Mr. T. Dike, of Shrivenham, and Mr. V. Jones, of Faringdon, were also present. Following the service a half-muffled quarter peal was rung, and a quarter peal was also rung at St. Mark's in the evening.

CANON A. RUST

We regret to announce the death of Canon Albert Rust, a former president and the oldest member of the Bedfordshire Association, which took place on October 9th. It had been a long-standing ambition of his to live to be 90, and it is very saddening to think that he should have passed on so soon after his 90th birthday, which was on September 7th. An appreciation of Canon Rust's services to Husborne Crawley and ringing appeared in our last issue.

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JOINT MEETING AT GUILDFORD

A new item in the ringing calendar was a joint meeting of the North-West District of the Surrey Association and the Guildford District of the Guildford Guild at Guildford on September 28th. During the afternoon ringing was enjoyed at St. Mary's and Holy Trinity. The service in St. Nicolas' Church was taken by the Rev. C. Wood, a clerical ringer, and the company then adourned to St. Nicolas' Hall, where 45 ringers sat down to an excellent tea.

The Surrey District Master (Mr. G. Peters) proposed a vote of thanks to all who had contributed to such a good meeting. He stressed the Association's pleasure at being in Guildford as the guests of the Guildford Guild. In seconding the vote of thanks the Guildford District Master (Mr. F. A. Munday) repeated the welcome and hoped that it would be possible to arrange another joint meeting. The ringers then went to St. Nicolas' and Holy Trinity for further ringing.

OUTINGS

BUSHEY HEATH'S TOUR

The members of Bushey Heath band had another good outing on September 21st. With ringing friends from neighbouring towers and a strong contingent from Harrow-on-the-Hill they filled a large coach and, starting at 8 a.m., six eight-bell towers were visited.

There was ringing for all, including rounds for the youngest ringer in the party (aged ten). The rest rang Grandsire Triples, Bob Major and Stedman Triples and, occasionally, Kent. Stedman, for some reason, went the best and everyone agreed that it was really worth listening to.

In the morning Tring, Linslade and Long Crendon were visited, the party being received in each case by a local ringer. At Long Crendon, where the Vicar was waiting, nobody seemed put off by an anti-clockwise ring. Bushey Heath's Vicar joined us for lunch at the Churchill Arms in this very pretty village.

Haddenham was the next town and it must be admitted that a few criticisms of the bells were heard in comparison with those already rung. But the bells of Hughenden, the next town, amply made up. As a ring they may well be described as near perfect as possible. Finally, Burnham, where the party was met by George Gilbert and made welcome, being offered the freedom of the tower and the local club. Some of the members of the party were getting a bit tired, but the touch of Stedman Triples was the best of the lot.

And so home by 10.15 p.m. All thanks to the organiser, Fred.

WHATTON, NOTTS, RINGERS' OUTING

Whatton ringers, with friends from Nottingham and Grantham, were fortunate to have fine weather for their outing on September 28th. At the first tower, Folkingham (6), an almost perfect course of Cambridge was rung, but justice was not done to the fine eight at Edenham. At Greetham (6, 10 cwt.) it was thought that the bells were not quite in the diatonic scale, but the striking was quite reasonable.

After a sandwich lunch some good Minor was rung at Whissendine, but the best striking was not achieved in the small belfry at Langham. Mr. Harry Cook met the company at Asfordby, where appreciation of the best bells of the day was shown by the best striking. Methods rung during the day were Plain Bob, Grandsire, Stedman, Single and Double Court, Single and Double Oxford, Kent T.B., Cambridge and London Surprise.

An excellent meal was served at the Anne of Cleves Restaurant, Melton, after which the Whatton tune-ringers entertained the proprietor, his family and clients by ringing Heyken's Serenade, 'Santa Lucia,' and other tunes. A Grantham ringer also demonstrated his versatility by giving a solo on a post-horn, one of the restaurant curios.

Thanks are accorded to incumbents and ringers who met the party, and also David and Pam Clarke, who put in a great deal of hard work in organising the trip. B. B.

NORTHAMPTON.—At the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, on Sept. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss N. G. Williams 1, R. S. Roberts 2, Mrs. G. F. Roome 3, Miss J. A. Downing 4, A. R. Jones 5, G. F. Roome 6, Miss D. M. Miller (first of Triples as cond.) 7, E. Billings 8. For evening service. Also at the Church of St. Edmund, on Sept. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (420 Grandsire, 360 Canterbury, 480 Plain Bob): Miss J. A. Downing 1, E. Billings 2, J. C. Rainbow 3, G. F. Roome (cond.) 4, A. R. Jones 5. Rung on the back five for harvest festival.

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MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Saturday, Oct. 19th, St. James', Clerkenwell, 3.30 p.m. Business meeting at the Rising Sun, Carter Lane, off Ludgate Hill, 6 p.m.—A. B. Peck. 1121

BITTERNE PARK, SOUTHAMPTON. — The ring of 8 will be dedicated on October 19th at 3 p.m. by the Bishop of Southampton. All ringers welcome. 1148

All Dorset ringers welcome at BLANDFORD BELLRINGING FESTIVAL, Oct. 26th, Blandford Parish Church, 2.30-8.30 p.m. Tea (wives invited) after service, if requested by Oct. 21st, from the Town Clerk, Blandford. 1150

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Godmanchester (8), Saturday, Oct. 19th. Bells at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 1124

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Leverington, Saturday, Oct. 19th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. —J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 1134

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch.—Meeting, Corsham, Oct. 19th, 3 p.m. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—H. Heath, 89, London Road, Chippenham. 1158

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD. —Meeting at Horsmonden (8), Saturday, Oct. 19th, 2.30 p.m. Bring your own food.—G. Billenness, 3, Grasmere, Hawkhurst, Kent. 1111

LADIES' GUILD.—45th anniversary dinner, Oct. 19th. Ringing at St. Mary Magdalene's, Holloway Road, 2.30-3.45 p.m. Service at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, at 4.30, followed by dinner in the Fan Makers Hall, 5.30 for 6 o'clock. 1178

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION and OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Joint meeting and social at St. John's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, Oct. 19th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Further ringing after tea. Social evening commences at 8 p.m. in St. John's Hall. To celebrate the diamond jubilee year of the Middlesex Association, the St. John's Guild are kindly entertaining everyone to tea. St. Margaret's, Uxbridge, bells in afternoon from 3 to 4 p.m.—F. Finch, W. Butler, Hon. Secs. 1131

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — South Oxon Branch.—A meeting will be held at Watlington on Saturday, Oct. 19th. Bells at 3. Service at 4. — H. Badger, 23, Stanway Road, Headington, Oxford. 1126

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD. — Meeting at Great Wakering, Saturday, Oct. 19th, at 3.30 p.m. Please bring own food: cups of tea provided. Last meeting for year: large attendance, please.—B. C. Sadler. 1123

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Western and Northern Divisions. — Advanced practice at Horsham (8), Saturday, Oct. 19th, 3 p.m. Tea available (get your own). Look up Bristol.—Miss A. Miles, 34, Meadowlands, West Green, Crawley, Sussex. 1127

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Chailey (6), Saturday, Oct. 19th, 3.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify by Tuesday, Oct. 15th.—George North, 11 Richmond Terrace, Brighton. 1154

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch.—Quarterly meeting at North Cadbury, Saturday, Oct. 26th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please.—J. Badman, Evercreech. 1161

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Chew Deanery.—Meeting at Yatton, Oct. 26th. Bells 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 o'clock. — Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 1133

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Taunton Branch.—Meeting at Bishop's-Lydeard (8), Saturday, Oct. 26th. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 3.45 p.m. Names for tea, please.—A. H. Reed, George Street, Taunton. 1157

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Axbridge Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Mark, Saturday, Oct. 26th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—E. C. Wickham, Hon. Branch Sec., Cheddar. 1175

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Derby District. — Monthly meeting, West Hallam, Saturday, Oct. 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Trent or Fehoe bus to Ilkeston. All welcome. — Vivienne Horton, Dis. Sec. 1179

DEVON GUILD. — Joint meeting, Exeter and Aylesbeare Branches, Exeter Cathedral, Saturday, Oct. 26th. Bells 2-3 p.m. Service 3 p.m. Tea (own arrangements). More ringing after tea: 5.30 to 7.30 p.m. Cathedral; 7.30 p.m. Heavitree. All Branches please support; everyone very welcome. 1064

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting, Brancepeth, Oct. 26th. Bells available 3 p.m. Cups of tea will be available; please bring own food.—E. P. Rock. 1160

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District.—Meeting at Orwell, Saturday, Oct. 26th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Barrington (6) after tea.—E. W. Bullman. 1130

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. Bristol City and Bristol Rural Branches.—Combined, Oct. 26th. St. James', Horsefair (10), 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to A. Bennett, 151, Kingsway, Bristol 5. 1154

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Meeting, Chipping Campden, Oct. 26th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names, by Oct. 22nd, to Mary Bliss, Beech Pike, Cheltenham. 1173

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Cromhall, Oct. 26th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Notify for tea, by Oct. 23rd, Mary Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall. 1172

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Ash (6) on Saturday, Oct. 26th, from 6 to 9 p.m.—C. J. Beadle. 1182

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION. — Quarterly meeting and six-bell contest, Brighouse, Oct. 26th. For teas please notify Mr. H. Renshaw. 18, Haigh Street, Church Lane, Brighouse, by Oct. 19th.—A. Farrand, Secretary. 1145

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Ledbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Colwall (8), Oct. 26th. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please.—J. Ward, Woofields, Coddington, Ledbury. 1174

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—Quarterly meeting, Leighton, Oct. 26th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Ringing, Welshpool (8) 6 p.m. — G. Randle. 1156

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, Tewin, Saturday, Oct. 26th, Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, Rose and Crown, 5 p.m. **Please note change of date.**—S. Huckle, Dis. Sec. 1144

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District. — Annual meeting, Dartford, Saturday, Oct. 26th, 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, 21st.—A. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere. 1116

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Annual district meeting at Milton-next-Gravesend on Saturday, Oct. 26th. Please note change of date. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. A. Mitchell, 21, Lamorna Avenue, Gravesend, as early as possible.—Cyril S. Jarrett, Hon. Sec. 1146

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Smithills, St. Peter's, Saturday, Oct. 26th. Bells 2.30. Business 6. Tea 5 (free for only those who send names, by previous Wednesday, to John F. Wood, 20, Moorside Avenue, Bolton.—Thornley, Sec. 1159

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch.—Meeting at Church of the Sacred Heart, Talbot Road, Blackpool, on October 26th. Bells (8) 4 p.m. Tea 6 p.m.; cups of tea provided.—John F. Turner. 1180

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Thurlaston, Oct. 26th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea, followed by meeting, 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, by the previous Wednesday, to Mr. J. Taylor, 25, Desford Road, Thurlaston, Leicester. Tickets for Guild annual dinner will be available at this dinner.—M. Vernon, Dis. Sec. 1151

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Thetford, Saturday, Oct. 26th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. — C. F. Phillippo, Hon. Sec. 1142

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—West Wycombe, Oct. 26th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names, by 21st, to W. Butler, 17, Forest Road, Windsor. 1177

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northampton Branch.—Meeting, Hardingstone, Saturday, Oct. 26th. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. H. E. Jacquest, 35, Bouverie Road, Hardingstone, Northampton.—G. F. Roome. 1149

READING UNIVERSITY SOCIETY—Open Universities' ringing meeting at Reading on Saturday, Oct. 26th. Ringing arrangements: St. Mary's (8) and St. Giles' (8) 2.45-4.30 p.m.; Caversham (8) 6.30-9: Tilehurst (8) 7.30-9. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea, by Oct. 25th, to Mrs. A. Diserens, 18, Manchester Road, Reading. All University ringers and friends welcome.—Lucy Allen, Hon. Sec. 1052

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A striking competition open to all Sunday service bands in the District will be held at Ashtead on October 26th. Service 3. Draw 3.30. Tea and meeting following competition. General ringing after. Competition entry forms from me. Names (non-competitors) for teas, by Thursday previous, to J. T. Symonds, Sherborne, West Farm Avenue, Ashtead.—W. Parrott, Hon. Sec., 19, Eastdean Avenue, Epsom. 1099

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division. —Practice meeting, Oct 26th, Sedlescombe (6). Hourly buses from St. Leonards. Look up London. All 'furriners' welcome. Names for tea.—H. Reynolds, Sec., 10, Eastern Avenue, Polegate. 1162

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.—Annual general meeting at St. Olave's, Hart Street, E.C.3, on Oct. 26th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m. — D. Priestley. 1153

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Basingstoke District. — Quarterly meeting at Kingsclere, Saturday, Oct. 26th. Bells 2.45. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea by Tuesday, Oct. 22nd.—J. Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John, Basingstoke. 1167

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Jasper Whitfield Snowdon Commemoration Dinner, Co-operative Restaurant, Westgate, Rotherham, Saturday, Oct. 26th, at 6.40 p.m. Ringing at the Parish Church (10) 3.15-6.15; Eastwood (8) 11-12, 2-3: Rawmarsh (8) 11-12.30, 2-3: Thrybergh (6), 11.30-1, 2-3.30: Whiston (8) 2.30-4. Ringing on Sunday at the Parish Church, 8.45-9.30, 10.15-10.55, 5.15-6.25. Tickets (11s. each) from J. J. L. Gilbert, 56, Glencoe Road, Sheffield 2, who will also arrange peals, if requested. Friday evening and Saturday morning. Requests for accommodation, as soon as possible, to N. Chaddock, 17, Herringthorpe Grove, Broom, Rotherham. 1136.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Chew Deanery.—Corporate Communion, Chew Magna, Sunday, Oct. 27th, 8 a.m. Bells 7 a.m. Breakfast reserved for those notifying by Oct. 25th.—Mr. H. Babb, 9, Moorledge Road, Chew Magna. 1132

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—The 320th anniversary dinner will be held at Bridge House Restaurant, London Bridge, S.E.1, on Saturday, Nov. 2nd, at 6 for 6.30 p.m. Tickets 18s. 6d. Ringing at Southwark Cathedral 1.30-2.30; St. Michael's, Cornhill, 2.30-3.30; St. Lawrence Jewry, 3-4; St. Giles', Cripplegate, 3.15-4.15; St. Olave's, Hart Street, 4.30–5.30.—A. B. Peck. 1122

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South Eastern Division.—Meeting at Widford (8), Saturday, Nov. 2nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to A. H. Everett, Cornerway, Plantation Road, Borcham. 1170

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A dinner will be held at the Angel Hotel, Tonbridge, on Saturday, Nov. 2nd. Tickets (price 10s. 6d.) from District secretaries or from Miss Colgate.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual dinner and social at Co-op Cafe, High Street, Leicester (near Cathedral), Saturday, Nov 2nd, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets (price 10s. 6d.) available from District secretaries or undersigned. Peals arranged for morning—please contact general secretary. Bells available: St. Mary's 2-3; St John's 3-4.30; Cathedral 4.30-6.15.—B. G. Warwick, Hon. Gen. Sec., 12, Dorothy Avenue, Glen Parva, Leicester. 1166

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Horbling (6) on Saturday, Nov. 2nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Meeting 5 p.m. Bring own teas; no catering available.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 1164

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION. — The next meeting will be held at Dunblane Cathedral on Saturday, Nov. 2nd. Bells available from 2-5 p.m.—Rognvald Wilson, Hon. Sec., 15, Durham Road, Portobello, Midlothian. 1176

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Nottingham District.—Meeting at Daybrook on Saturday, Nov. 2nd. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Names for tea, by previous Tuesday, to Mr. P. E. Ball, 9, Nelson Road, Daybrook, Nottingham. — C. W. Towers. 1181

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Practice meeting at Merstham on Saturday, Nov. 2nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, by Wednesday, Oct. 30th, to Mr. A. Streeter, 4, Maple Road, Earlswood. 1171

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—A special general meeting will be held at Southampton on Saturday, Nov. 2nd. Bells available (St. Michael's, 10) 2.30-4 and after tea. Service, in St. Michael's Church, 4, followed by general meeting in St. Michael's Hall at 4.30. Tea follows the meeting. Names for tea, by previous Wednesday, to Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, St. Michael's Vicarage, Bugle Street, Southampton.—J. A. C. King, Gen. Sec. 1158

QUARTER PEALS

DINDER, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 15th, 1,080 Minor (720 Cambridge Surprise and 360 Plain Bob): R. G. Leale 1, D. A. S. Hawkins 2, W. S. Deeson 3, F. R. Huard-Scott 4, W. Avery 5, A. E. Hartley (cond.) 6. Rung for Holy Baptism service and as a birthday compliment to David Cornwall, of Hughendon.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Angela Stokes 1, Ann Miles 2, Jane Langton (first 'inside') 3, P. H. Langton (first as cond.) 4, S. A. Paice 5, E. Fosbery 6, D. R. Mitchell 7, I. Windwood 8. For Matins. Also 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Anne Hutchings 1, June M. Clements 2, E. Fosbery 3, P. H. Langton 4, S. A. Paice 5, R. Elliott (first in method) 6, D. R. Mitchell (cond.) 7, C. Denyer 8. For Evensong. Rung for harvest festival.

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A SADLY NEGLECTED COMPOSITION

Merits of J. J. Parker's Famous One-Part

By W. BIRMINGHAM

THERE is a natural tendency for the productions of a composer to be revered by the ringers of his locality as long as his memory remains green; thus peals by J. J. Parker (of Twelve-part fame), of Farnham Royal, near Slough, are likely to appear in South Bucks for some time to come. 'Old Joe,' as he was affectionately known, is always associated with peals of Triples, as Major ringing was not the vogue in his day. He has, however, one or two first-class Major compositions which would probably be rung if conductors knew of them: but he admitted that his interest was centred on Triples.

Recently the schoolteachers' peal at Hughenden gave his famous One-part peal of Grandsire Triples an airing, with a resultant inquiry from a Midlands ringer as to its calling. The writer has long wondered why conductors invariably choose Holt's 'Original' in preference to Parker's One-part when they elect to call a one-part peal of Grandsire. No one would suggest there is little merit in calling Holt's peal, but one is surprised that Parker's much easier composition is virtually ignored. Probably few have studied the peal and therefore ringers have no idea of its virtues. We hope that, by acquainting ringers with some details of the peal many average Grandsire conductors will try their hand at calling it.

Undoubtedly the chief merit of Parker's One-part is its simplicity. W. H. Thompson established that there must be a minimum of 90 calls in a peal of Grandsire Triples, and that singles are inevitable. In Parker's peal this minimum was achieved, and the writer knows of no other similar success in Grandsire Triples. Having the minimum of calls there is, of course, much less to memorise than in Holt's peal. This also means that calls are far apart, giving the conductor ample time to recapitulate. The bells likewise remain coursing in a given order for whole courses, making the correction of trips much easier. Though some would disagree with this contention, the writer feels that the One-part is the ideal peal for a youngster tackling his first peal of Grandsire 'inside' as, for long spells, he rings complete courses and can fasten on to his course-bell.

In the 'Original' the last four leads are S — — S, whilst in Parker's peal the singled-in B-block sets it going, whence no further singles are encountered. One has heard of the ease with which an unscrupulous conductor could force up the Plain Course in Holt's Original which occurs about 700 changes from the end. A falsification of that nature is avoided in the One-part as the last four leads of the Plain Course occur at the end of the peal, and it would be instantly detected.

Another great virtue of the peal is that it is impossible to go far if there is a 'shift-course.' A conductor not very adept at reading lead-ends need never worry about going on with the bells 'wrong.' If a 'shift-course' has occurred it isn't long before the bell one wishes to call 'Before' is found to be 'in the hunt,' and one can go no further! The peal is, of course, called by the bells 'Before.' The writer for years shrank from this method of calling until he was unexpectedly called upon at a moment's notice to take charge of a 'quarter' of Grandsire Triples. Knowing the well-known 'quarter' by Rev. E. W. Carpenter (see p. 19 of the 'Ringers' Diary, 1957'), which is called by the bells 'Before,' he diffidently undertook the task thrust upon him. Its successful conclusion brought new heart, and the desire one day to call 'Old Joe's' peal. Let no young ringer, therefore, be deterred by the fear of gremlins wrecking his attempt to call by the bells 'Before.'

The qualities mentioned make this an excellent composition for a non-conducted peal. The writer recently participated in an attempt which lasted for 2½ hours, when one word (Bob) would have saved the peal.

The peal, by the nature of its figures, can be conveniently arranged in four parts. The marked similarity of certain parts makes learning easy. Only three 'Doubles' (except in the four opening leads) occur throughout the peal, so they are memorised as such. Thus, except for three leads, there are always at least two leads in which to recapitulate, and generally five. The whole peal can be recited in 20 seconds! Each 'quarter' is read downwards, and the lead-end produced is given below (in case the conductor would like to make an occasional check). It will be noted that the Plain Lead following the lead-end at the end of the third 'quarter' is easier to memorise.

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STEPHEN IVIN	*Treble*	JOHN PINFOLD	6
DIANA J. PERRINS	2	NORMAN J. GOODMAN	7
JOAN BERESFORD	3	GEORGE E. FEARN	8
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	4	PETER BORDER	9
JACK L. MILLHOUSE	5	WILFRED WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Oct. 4, 1957, in 3 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

HENRY H. FEARN	*Treble*	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	6
JOAN BERESFORD	2	BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY	7
MRS. PHYLLIS POOLE	3	JOHN PINFOLD	8
DIANA J. PERRINS	4	FREDERICK E. COLLINS	9
JACK L. MILLHOUSE	5	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

NORTON-LE-MOORS, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 28, 1957, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12½ cwt.

FRANK TRINER	*Treble*	JAMES WALLEY	5
ANNETTE M. GRATTON	2	DAVID JACK	6
LESLIE SHENTON	3	OWEN WILLIAMS	7
ALBAN J. JACK	4	CHARLES S. RYLES	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by CHARLES S. RYLES.

Rung as a welcome to the new rector, the Rev. William O. A. Passmore, M.A., and also a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Annette Gratton.

STAINES, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 28, 1957, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17½ cwt.

*DEREK FOWLES	*Treble*	STEWART F. KIMBER	5
J. DESMOND PAINTER	2	HUGH NEILL	6
FREDERICK A. FINCH	3	WILLIAM T. COOK	7
R. JAMES COOK	4	FRANK C. PRICE	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by WILLIAM T. COOK.
* First peal of Major. First of Surprise Major as conductor.

WOBURN, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 28, 1957, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt.

ALAN F. THIRST	*Treble*	ALICK CUTLER	5
ROBIN G. LEALE	2	PHILIP MEHEW	6
*ALAN J. FROST	3	MICHAEL P. MORETON	7
*PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	4	WILFRED WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.
* First peal in the method 'inside.'

BRETFORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Oct. 2, 1957, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11¼ cwt. in G.

JOHN PINFOLD	*Treble*	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	5
JOAN BERESFORD	2	*HENRY H. FEARN	6
DIANA J. PERRINS	3	GEORGE E. FEARN	7
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	4	FREDERICK E. COLLINS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

SALFORD PRIORS, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Oct. 2, 1957, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 14 lb. in F sharp.

FREDERICK E. COLLINS	*Treble*	GERALD C. HEMMING	5
JOAN BERESFORD	2	STEPHEN IVIN	6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	3	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	7
GEORGE E. FEARN	4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Oct. 3, 1957, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

EILEEN FEARN	*Treble*	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	5
SHIRLEY HARRIS	2	BRIAN HARRIS	6
ROBERT SMITH	3	BASIL JONES	7
JAMES FERNLEY	4	PETER LAFLIN	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by JAMES FERNLEY.
First peal for ringer of the treble.

PENN, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Thurs., Oct. 3, 1957, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW.
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 12 lb. in A.

CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	*Treble*	HENRY H. FEARN	5
JOHN PINFOLD	2	GEORGE E. FEARN	6
JOAN BERESFORD	3	FREDERICK E. COLLINS	7
DIANA J. PERRINS	4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Fri., Oct. 4, 1957, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. in F sharp.

DIANA J. PERRINS	*Treble*	BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY	5
JOAN BERESFORD	2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	6
JOHN PINFOLD	3	GEORGE E. FEARN	7
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	4	FREDERICK E. COLLINS	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

MANCHESTER, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 5, 1957, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, BIRCH-IN-RUSHOLME.
A PEAL OF 5040 ASHBOURNE COLLEGE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb.

DEREK TAYLOR	*Treble*	TREVOR TAYLOR	5
JOAN CORDWELL	2	ROGER LEIGH	6
HAROLD LONYON	3	DEREK OGDEN	7
GEOFFREY D. FEARNEHOUGH	4	ALAN WARD	*Tenor*

Composed by HORACE HOWLETT. Conducted by ALAN WARD.

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

Rung to mark the centenary of Edwin Burroughs, born 25th August, 1857, a ringer and member of Birch-in-Rusholme. Also as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the fourth, and a birthday compliment to the conductor.

OAKHAM, RUTLAND.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 5, 1957, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt.

DONALD G. CLIFT	*Treble*	MICHAEL P. MORETON	5
DOREEN DUTTON	2	S. ANTHONY JESSON	6
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD	3	DEREK P. JONES	7
WILLIAM T. COOK	4	WILFRED WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

RINGWOOD, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 5, 1957, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In five methods, comprising 1,056 Cambridge, 1,024 each of Yorkshire, Pudsey and Lincolnshire, and 960 of Superlative, with 126 changes of method and all the work of the five methods for each bell.
Tenor 18¼ cwt.

*LEWIS F. COBB	*Treble*	JOHN HARTLESS	5
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	2	WILLIAM E. CHEATER	6
*†DOROTHY T. GARDINER	3	FRANK L. HARRIS	7
MICHAEL J. BEST	4	RONALD N. MARLOW	*Tenor*

Arranged by E. A. BARNETT Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.
* First peal of Spliced. First peal of five Spliced by the remainder of the band. † 50th tower-bell peal.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Hartless, on the birth of a son.

WHITTLE-LE-WOODS, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 5, 1957, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb. in E flat.

BASIL JONES	*Treble*	C. KENNETH LEWIS	5
EDWARD JENKINS	2	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	6
PETER LAFLIN	3	BRIAN HARRIS	7
JOHN WORTH	4	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

BEDFORD.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Oct. 7, 1957, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 29 cwt.

ROBERT L. PIRON	*Treble*	PHILIP MEHEW	5
BRYAN S. COPE	2	DENNIS KNOX	6
RONALD J. SHARP	3	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES	7
ANDREW C. SINFIELD	4	STEPHEN IVIN	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. Edward Jeffries on their 16th wedding anniversary.

GATESHEAD, COUNTY DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Oct. 7, 1957, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

*ROBERT F. TELFORD	*Treble*	*THOMAS SEWELL	5
CAROL HALL	2	GEORGE S. DEAS	6
MARION S. CAPEY	3	KENNETH ARTHUR	7
CHARLES McGUINESS	4	J. ALAN AINSWORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES TOPP. Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.
* First peal in the method. The conductor has now 'circled the tower.'

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Oct. 8, 1957, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11¼ cwt.

ROSEMARY PARKINSON	*Treble*	PHILIP DUNDERDALE	5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	2	ROGER LEIGH	6
GEOFFREY S. MILLS	3	NORMAN SMITH	7
*GEOFFREY CHEETHAM	4	PHILIP J. H. HUDSON	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE W. DEBENHAM. Conducted by NORMAN SMITH.
* First peal in the method.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Oct. 9, 1957, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRAUNSTONE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

*G. RONALD EDWARDS	*Treble*	*CYRIL A. WRATTEN	5
BRIAN G. WARWICK	2	JOHN A. ACRES	6
*MRS. PHYLLIS POOLE	3	ERNEST J. JELLEY	7
*ARTHUR E. ROWLEY	4	BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER (No. 26).
Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal in the method.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Oct. 9, 1957, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,
A PEAL OF 5056 SOUTHWELL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 23 lb. in D.

*BERNARD V. COLLISON	*Treble*	‡STANLEY G. PONTING	5
*COLIN A. TESTER	2	*W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON	6
†ERNEST J. LADD	3	*FRANK H. HICKS	7
*WILLIAM ROGERS	4	*ARTHUR J. HART	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.
* First peal in this variation. † 275th peal. ‡ First peal of Surprise Major 'inside.' The conductor has 'completed the circle' for the fourth time.
Specially arranged and rung for the Patronal Festival.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Oct. 10, 1957, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE.
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

CYRIL H. KINCH	*Treble*	PHILIP WALKER	5
EDGAR J. SMITH	2	CHARLES COLES	6
DONALD H. NIBLETT	3	†ROBERT A. REEVES	7
*CHRISTINE M. WOODWARD	4	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN J. IVIN. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal in the method. † First peal of Surprise.

BURNHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 12, 1957, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

GEORGE GILBERT	*Treble*	GEORGE COUSSINS	5
*FREDA P. GREAVES	2	HOWARD OGLESBY	6
MARY R. JAYCOCK	3	GORDON W. LIMMER	7
MICHAEL GATHERCOLE	4	NORMAN V. HARDING	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by NORMAN V. HARDING.
* First peal of Major 'inside.'

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CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 12, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's variation of Middleton's. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	*Treble*	JAMES DRAYCOTT	5
FRANK W. PERRENS	2	DAVID A. CARPENTER ..	6
PERCY STONE	3	JAMES F. CLARKE	7
DOROTHY E. BEAMISH ..	4	L. MICHAEL CALLOW ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH.
Rung on the occasion of the Guild's jubilee dinner.

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE LADIES' GUILD
AND
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 12, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. in G.

JOYCE DODDS	*Treble*	GLADYS MANCHIP	5
MARY ANDREWS	2	FRANCES M. WELCH ..	6
AUDREY M. BAILEY	3	CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY ..	7
PATRICIA DOORN..	4	KATHLEEN M. LOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY.
First peal by a band of ladies resident in the county of Hertfordshire.

FAREHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 12, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

*MARION NOBES	*Treble*	HAROLD A. NOBES	5
RENEE STURGESS	2	ALAN H. STURGESS	6
JOHN A. BALL	3	FREDERICK W. BURNETT ..	7
†DAVID S. M. JONES ..	4	E. KEITH JORDAN	*Tenor*

Composed by G. WILLIAMS. Conducted by FREDERICK W. BURNETT.
* First peal. † First peal of Major.

KIRTON-IN-HOLLAND, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 12, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
J. W. Washbrook's variation of Thurstans' Four-part.
Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

NORA M. BIBBY..	*Treble*	FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD ..	5
MRS. F. G. BLOOMFIELD..	2	GEORGE H. RANDLES ..	6
STANLEY E. BENNETT ..	3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	7
GEOFFREY R. PARKER ..	4	JOHN WALDEN	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 12, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.
A PEAL OF 5072 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

GORDON J. BLOWER	*Treble*	*ROY D. TOMLIN	5
GERALD D. J. SANDWELL..	2	MARK F. HATCH	6
A. HAROLD WORBOYS ..	3	LAWRENCE J. BEAL	7
FRANK C. MAY	4	ALFRED J. HOUSE	*Tenor*

Composed by G. W. SLACK. Conducted by A. J. HOUSE.
* First peal in the method. A 36-course composition with 4-5-6 only in 5-6 at course ends.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 12, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY-THE-VIRGIN AND THOMAS-A-BECKET,
A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. in D.

WILFRID SAUNDERS	*Treble*	ALBERT C. HARRISON ..	5
THOMAS SIMMONS	2	FRANK C. J. ARNOLD ..	6
FRANK C. W. PHILLIPPO ..	3	LEWIS E. ETHERIDGE ..	7
CHARLES CATCHPOLE	4	WILLIAM J. FLATT	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM J. FLATT.
Rung by the South Norfolk Branch on the occasion of the 850th anniversary of the Church. Also the 28th anniversary of the wedding of the ringer of the fifth.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

BRANSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Sept. 24, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

*JACK L. MILLHOUSE ..	*Treble*	JOHN F. PEARSON	4
†JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM	2	*LOUIS WILLDERS	5
WILLIAM R. PARKER ..	3	GEOFFREY R. PARKER ..	*Tenor*

Composed by H. L. JONES. Conducted by GEOFFREY R. PARKER.
* 25th peal together. † First peal of London Minor. First peal in the method on the bells.

MELDRETH, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Sept. 26, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON ..	*Treble*	EUSTACE W. BULLMAN ..	4
*JOHN SIBSON	2	JOHN G. GIPSON	5
DEREK E. SIBSON	3	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN.
* First peal.

STAGSDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 28, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Comprising three extents of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb.

*BRUCE GRAINGER	*Treble*	JOHN B. LONG	4
JENNIFER M. DAVIES ..	2	PETER SHIPTON	5
ANNE E. AMOR	3	STEPHEN IVIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.
* First peal.

HARTFORD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 5, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

HARRY W. HOWARD ..	*Treble*	ERIC HORNBY	4
*JAMES STEADMAN	2	REGINALD W. WORRALL ..	5
DAVID A. GODFREY ..	3	HENRY PARKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by HENRY PARKER.
* First peal. H. W. Howard has 'completed the circle.'
Rung for the Harvest Festival.

HITCHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 5, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
An extent each of Double Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's College, Single Oxford Bob, Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 11 lb. in B flat.

ALLEN D. RIVERS	*Treble*	*HOWARD OGLESBY	4
GORDON W. LIMMER ..	2	WILLIAM BUTLER	5
WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM ..	3	GEORGE GILBERT	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM BUTLER.
* First peal in seven Minor methods.
Rung to celebrate the birth of a son to Audrey and William Butler.

LAMAS, NORFOLK
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Oct. 6, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 21 six-scores of Grandsire and 21 six-scores of Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

*PEGGY WILLIAMSON ..	*Treble*	HERBERT G. SMITHSON ..	3
WALTER C. MEDLER ..	2	D. E. RUST ANDREWS ..	4
WILLIAM R. CATCHPOLE		*Tenor*	

Conducted by WILLIAM R. CATCHPOLE.
* First peal in two methods.
Rung for the Harvest Festival.

LITTLE CHART, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 5, 1957, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being one Pitman's 240, three Morris' 240's, and 22 extents of Grandsire (eight callings) and 12 extents of Plain Bob (four calings).
Tenor 6¼ cwt.

*ELIZABETH ROGERS	*Treble*	‡CRAWFORD T. HILLIS	4
†PEGGY SKINNER	2	‡JOHN R. COOPER	5
JOSEPH J. BATCHELOR	3	*IRIS E. BURFORD	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. COOPER.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles and first 'inside.' ‡ First peal of Doubles. The first peal of Doubles on the bells.
Rung to mark the first anniversary of the consecration of the Church.

LITTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 5, 1957, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten callings). Tenor 11 cwt.

*GILLIAN PERRY	*Treble*	*WILLIAM HOWLETT	4
PERCY BRAY	2	ERNEST E. BRAY	5
W. JOHN PHIPPEN	3	FREDERICK H. ANDREWS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST E. BRAY.

* First peal.

MOUNTSORREL, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 5, 1957, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

B. STEDMAN PAYNE	*Treble*	ROBERT S. G. HANDFORD	4
ERNEST MORRIS	2	ROYSTON WILMORE	5
DEREK SAWYER	3	GEOFFREY M. BREWIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY M. BREWIN.

Rung to mark the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. Martin, of Birstall, grandparents of the conductor.

POLESWORTH, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 5, 1957, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDITHA,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

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

RODNEY RICHARDSON	*Treble*	GRAHAM T. BALL	4
*PATRICIA HARPER	2	*HARRY HARPER	5
JOAN BERESFORD	3	LEONARD TREVOR	*Tenor*

Conducted by LEONARD TREVOR.

* First peal.

ASHILL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Oct. 6, 1957, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

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

ROY OWEN	*Treble*	TONY OWEN	4
SAMUEL H. WATERFIELD	2	H. JOHN LARWOOD	5
ALBERT E. DIXON	3	JOHN E. COUZENS	*Tenor*

Conducted by TONY OWEN.

EUSTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Wed., Oct. 9, 1957, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GENEVIEVE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (four callings). Tenor 9 cwt.

*HENRY IVINGS	*Treble*	ARTHUR W. ROLFE	3
†JOE PETTITT	2	KENNETH G. BROWN	4
DOUGLAS H. ROOKE	*Tenor*		

Conducted by KENNETH G. BROWN.

* First peal on a working bell. † First peal 'inside.' Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

WROUGHTON, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Oct. 9, 1957, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST AND HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 19 cwt. in E flat.

*PETER PERKINS	*Treble*	ROBIN MARCH	4
PETER J. SHIPTON	2	JAMES C. TAYLOR	5
RAYMOND G. SMITH	3	JOE E. G. ROAST	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

* First peal. First peal of Minor on the bells.
Rung by an all-R.A.F. band.

COWLEY, OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Oct. 10, 1957, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 40 extents (ten callings) and one 240. Tenor 5 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.

*MRS. W. F. HOLLOWAY	*Treble*	CECIL BENNETT	4
WALTER F. HOLLOWAY	2	*DAVID NORRIS	5
MRS. L. H. BUSBY	3	WALTER FERN	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER F. HOLLOWAY.

* First peal.
Rung as a tribute to Lord Nuffield on his 80th birthday, on behalf of the parish of Cowley.

WENHASTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Thurs., Oct. 10, 1957, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 1,440 each of Double Oxford and Plain Bob, and 720 each of St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt. 6 lb.

*MICHAEL J. STOKES	*Treble*	EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	4
C. JACK GIBSON	2	†TREVOR N. J. BAILEY	5
PETER S. BEDFORD	3	JOHN W. BLYTHE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor in five methods.

CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 12, 1957, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-A-BECKET,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In four methods, being 1,440 Plain Bob, 1,320 each of St. Simon's Bob and St. Martin's Bob, and 960 Grandsire (two 240's and four extents), rung alternately, with 25 changes of method.
Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

*JOHN R. KENNETT	*Treble*	FRANK OSBALDISTON	3
BERNARD GROVES	2	WILLIAM H. DOWSE	4
BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	*Tenor*		

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

* First peal of Doubles and in four methods.

FRYERNING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 12, 1957, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*IAN R. PANTON	*Treble*	DAVID HODGSON	4
BRIAN J. HOWARD	2	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS	5
ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON	3	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE	*Tenor*

Conducted by HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE.

* First peal.
Rung as a welcome to the Rev. William Mellor, who was inducted as Rector of this parish on Wednesday, October 9th, 1957.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Sat., Oct. 12, 1957, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's and Double Oxford, and two extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

GLYN F. JENKINS	*Treble*	DERMOT J. ROAF	4
*RICHARD A. JACKSON	2	ROBIN A. HODGSON	5
ROBIN N. PITTMAN	3	DONALD H. NIBLETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by DONALD H. NIBLETT.

* First peal in six Minor methods 'inside.'

HANDBELL PEAL

FALLOWFIELD, MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Sept. 29, 1957, in 2 Hours.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 14 in D.

*GEOFFREY TAYLOR	1—2	TREVOR TAYLOR	3—4
DEREK TAYLOR	5—6		

Conducted by TREVOR TAYLOR.

* First handbell peal.

QUARTER PEALS

ALVASTON, DERBYS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss L. P. Hydes 1, Miss D. A. Mosedale (first 'inside') 2, Miss B. A. Manning 3, B. R. Manning 4, D. K. Walklate (cond.) 5, D. Roberts 6. For Michaelmas.

BARKINGSIDE, ESSEX.—On Oct. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Runchman (first quarter) 1, I. Attwater 2, L. Prior 3, J. Barrance 4, L. Bullock (cond.) 5, G. Lonsdale (first quarter) 6. For harvest festival.

BATH, SOMERSET.—At the Abbey, on Sept. 29th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: H. Merrett 1, W. J. Prescott (cond.) 2, Mrs. D. Evans 3, A. Read 4, H. Taylor 5, R. Stubbs 6, J. Hallett 7, J. Owen 8, T. Jones 9, W. Hurford 10. First quarter peal on the bells after rehanging. A 21st birthday compliment to T. Jones.

BEXHILL-ON-SEA, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Pankhurst 1, Miss A. Eldridge 2, C. Verdon 3, Miss D. Lester 4, E. Fellows (first on eight bells) 5, C. Driver 6, E. Bryant (cond.) 7, J. Carr 8. For harvest festival Evensong. First quarter peal on the bells after rehanging.

BISHOP'S CLEEVE, GLOS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Pearce 1, Miss W. Bird (first of Triples 'inside') 2, D. C. Field 3, Miss C. Eustace 4, C. A. Wratten (cond.) 5, L. Aston 6, P. Baker 7, J. W. Taylor 8. First of Triples for 3 and 8. For patronal festival.

BLACKBURN, LANCS.—At the Cathedral, on Oct. 10th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: A. Tomlinson 1, G. Wignall 2, J. Skeats 3, A. Swindlehurst 4, T. Wilkinson 5, F. Heyes 6, J. Halliwell 7, H. Anderton (cond.) 8. As a compliment to the Provost (the Very Rev. Wm. Kay) on completing 21 years as Provost.

BOLTON, LANCS.—At the Church of the Saviour, on October 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Gorton 1, R. Hurst 2, D. Young 3, J. Boole 4, A. Moss (first as cond.) 5, H. Molyneux 6. First of Grandsire Doubles for 3 and 4. For harvest festival, and as a tribute to H. Gorton, who has completed 54 years of ringing at this church, and as a farewell well to A. Moss, who is leaving to attend University.

BRISTOL.—At St. Mary's, Redcliffe, on Oct. 6th, 1,349 Grandsire Caters: J. Griffiths (first quarter) 1, F. G. Leaker 2, J. Stallard 3, M. Downs (first of Grandsire Caters) 4, E. F. Hancock, jun. 5, D. Smith 6, E. F. Hancock, sen. (cond.) 7, D. Mann 8, F. Hansford 9, S. Gillett 10. First quarter peal of Grandsire Caters by the St. Mary's, Redcliffe, Guild of Ringers. Rung after Evensong for harvest festival.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFS.—At the Church of St. Paul, on Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. Painter 1, A. G. Foster 2, G. L. Roobottom 3, Mrs. B. G. Key 4, W. J. Leach 5, E. J. White 6, B. G. Key (cond.) 7, B. Dawson 8. For dedication festival.

CAMPTON, BEDS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Vivienne M. Horton 1, Jill Mayes 2, K. Ballington (13) 3, D. P. Jones (cond.) 4, C. M. R. Orme 5. First of Stedman for 2 and 3. Rung to welcome home Michael Orme from R.A.F. service in Malaya.

CLERKENWELL, E.C.—On Oct. 6th, at St. James' Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Stanyon 1, R. Newman 2, Miss D. Deverell 3, Miss S. Sherwood 4, G. Parsons 5, W. Prockson 6, J. Euston (cond.) 7, H. Barnard 8. For Evensong.

CORSTON, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Parsons (first of Triples) 1, Mrs. M. J. de Jong 2, S. G. King 3, Mrs. H. L. Parfrey (first of Triples as cond.) 4, L. R. G. Taylor 5, H. L. Parfrey 6, C. J. A. Brown 7, F. Pike (first of Triples) 8. For harvest festival Evensong.

COWBRIDGE, GLAM.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mary Burnage (first quarter) 1, T. Hutchins 2, H. Blick 3, B. Thomas 4, R. E. Coles (cond.) 5, R. Lee 6, E. Carter 7, R. Brown 8. Rung with 4, 6, 8 covering for harvest festival Evensong, also a compliment to Mr. Trevor Williams on his appointment as Mayor of Cowbridge.

CROSCOMBE, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 11th, 1,260 Doubles (120 each of St. Nicholas', Reverse Canterbury, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Plain Bob and Grandsire and 540 Stedman): T. Harris 1, V. Roberts 2, M. Rose (cond.) 3, D. Lee 4, G. Salmon 5, N. Henderson (first quarter) 6.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mr. K. Snelling 1, G. Apps 2, R. Johnson 3, K. Snelling 4, J. Jeffery 5, J. Herbeca 6, F. Godsmark (cond.) 7, E. Brett 8. For harvest festival.

DERBY.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Sept. 24th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss P. J. Pearson 1, D. K. Walklate 2, W. A. Morley 3, Miss E. Foulks 4, A. R. Wright 5, G. Freebrey (cond.) 6, J. F. Murfin 7, H. Letts 8, F. R. Lowe 9, H. Bridges 10. First on 10 bells for 3, 7 and 10.

EDGBASTON, WARWICKS.—On Oct. 6th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: G. E. Fearn 1, M. E. Fellows 2, H. H. Fearn 3, E. Fletcher 4, S. O'C. Holloway 5, V. M. Horten 6, B. D. A. Woolley 7, R. G. Edwards (cond.) 8.

FARNHAM ROYAL, BUCKS—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Limmer 1, Miss R. Lund 2, A. Birch 3, A. R. Gale 4, W. H. Eastwell 5, K. Walters 6, W. Henley (cond.) 7, B. Matthews 8. For morning service.

FULHAM, S.W.—On Sept. 29th, 1,279 Stedman Caters: H. Belcher 1, Mrs. C. Watts 2, James Phillips 3, J. Allsop 4, W. Langdon 5, B. Lunn 6, W. Cook 7, D. Randall 8, John Phillips (cond.) 9, J. Bell 10.

GRAFTON REGIS, NORTHANTS.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Hall 1, C. Webb 2, F. Hall 3, C. Hall 4, G. Atkins (cond.) 5. For harvest festival.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Oct 6th, 720 Spliced Ipswich and Cambridge Surprise and 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: C. J. Young 1, D. F. Murfet 2, J. R. G. Spicer 3, D. E. R. Knights 4, F. R. Nichols 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For morning service.

HENBURY, BRISTOL.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Gray 1, Mrs. P. Gray 2, H. Lovell 3, G. Locke 4, N. Maggs (first 'inside') 5, C. Abbott 6, A. Cleaver (cond.) 7, C. Rugman 8. First quarter for 3, 4 and 6. Rung in honour of Canon E. C. Davey's induction as Vicar, September 14th.

HEREFORD.—At St. Nicholas' Church, on Oct. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. D. Wright 1, T. H. Young 2, W. A. Kitson (cond.) 3, H. Johnson 4, S. Bowyer 5, W. Adams 6. For harvest festival Evensong.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.—On Oct. 4th, 1,280 Plain Bob Minor: Mary Maddison 1, Sheila Barker 2, G. Sayer (cond.) 3, R. Lofty 4, C. Moore 5, C. Bird 6. Rung in honour of the silver wedding of the parents of Mary Maddison; also her first quarter peal.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On Oct. 6th, 1,280 Droitwich Surprise Major: A. Foxall 1, Mrs. A. E. Cox 2, A. Newton 3, R. Biggs 4, D. Cornwall 5, A. E. Cox 6, P. Newton 7, J. D. Kane (cond.) 8. First in the method for all. Rung by the Sunday service band.

HUNTINGDON.—At All Saints' Church, on Sept. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. A. Howes 1, Miss B. Spicer 2, J. R. G. Spicer 3, S. E. Dyer 4, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 5, A. T. Howes 6. For harvest festival morning service.

IGHTHAM, KENT.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: G. T. Acott 1, H. Wolley 2, B. Sutton (first 'inside' and in the method) 3, A. Wenban (cond.) 4, S. King 5, G. Miles 6. Rung as a 71st birthday compliment to Mr. F. Acott.

KINGSTONE, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Monckton (first quarter) 1, F. Welsh (cond.) 2, J. Cornelius 3, T. Hill 4, G. Monckton 5, R. Hebditch 6. Rung after harvest festival Evensong, and as a compliment to W. Monckton and Miss S. A. Rider on their recent marriage.

KIRK ELLA, YORKS.—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss N. Bond 1, R. Ducker (cond.) 2, K. Kirk 3, K. Goldthorpe 4, D. Johnson 5, I. Goldthorpe 6. First quarter for 3 and 6. For harvest festival, and also as a farewell to I. Goldthorpe on going to Jamaica with H.M. Forces.

LYTCHETT MATRAVERS, DORSET.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Doubles (360 Reverse Canterbury, 360 Grandsire and 540 Plain Bob): Miss V. Fry 1, T. Belben 2, Miss J. Maitland 3, P. Cumberland 4, L. Pink (cond.) 5, F. Laslett 6. For harvest thanksgiving Matins.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.—At St. John's Church, on Oct. 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. A. Crampion 1, J. Crampion 2, Miss V. Hester 3, L. Batley 4, H. Neill 5, R. Smith 6, C. Willmington (cond.) 7, E. Smith 8. For harvest festival.

LODERS, DORSET.—On Oct. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. J. Scott 1, J. T. Barrett 2, H. R. Vine 3, H. D. Bishop (cond.) 4, J. Davis 5, H. G. Crabb 6. Rung for the 85th birthday of the father of the ringer of the tenor.

MARCH, CAMBS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob: W. Leeden 1, Mrs. K. Jennings 2, R. Taylor 3, T. A. Bevis (cond.) 4, W. Moore 5, F. S. Parsons 6. For harvest festival.

MUCH WENLOCK, SALOP.—On Oct 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Evans 1, V. Hollinshead 2, J. E. Fox (cond.) 3, H. Edge 4, L. Longlands 5, H. Perks 6, H. G. Childs 7, A. G. Mathews 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. Pennell, mother of the Vicar (the Rev. T. E. N. Pennell).

ROTHLEY, LEICS.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. Stone 1, R. Handford 2, N. Bishop 3, R. A. Brewin 4, R. Wilmore 5, B. S. Payne (cond.) 6. First in the method for 1, 2 and 3.

ST. LEONARDS, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: R. G. Bailey 1, Miss C. Whitfield (first of Triples) 2, Miss K. Stisted (first of Triples) 3, J. Ridd 4, S. C. Driver 5, G. S. Piper 6, E. F. P. Bryant (cond.) 7, C. Hankinson 8. First in method for for all except 6.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Hook 1, G. King 2, J. H. Edwards 3, A. Hoad 4, A. Smith 5, J. Harris 6, W. H. Hoad (cond.) 7, A. B. Allcorn 8. Also 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Hook 1, F. J. Lambert 2, J. H. Edwards 3, A. Hoad 4, G. King 5, J. Harris 6, W. H. Hoad (cond.) 7, A. Smith 8. Both for harvest festival services.

SHOREDITCH, E.—At St. Leonard's Church, on Sept. 29th, 1,311 Stedman Cinques: Miss M. Prockson 1, A. R. Ling 2, Mrs. R. F. Deal 3, B. Howard 4, H. Egglestone 5, W. Prockson 6, R. Tomlin 7, A. J. Boyack 8, C. A. Hughes 9, R. F. Deal 10, T. H. Francis (cond.) 11, B. F. Baker 12. First of Cinques for 4, 5 and 7. For harvest festival.

SOUTHGATE, N.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Grandsire, 660 Stedman): Pam Miller 1, Ann Aldridge 2, J. Wallman (cond.) 3, S. G. Peck 4, C. Aldridge 5, M. Stanyon 6. For Parish Communion.

SOUTH SHIELDS, CO. DURHAM.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. A. Softley 1, Miss M. Simpson (from Cumberland) 2, Miss L. J. Hagan 3, Miss J. B. Softley 4, Miss E. Softley 5, C. N. Lea (cond.) 6. For harvest thanksgiving service.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: V. Norman 1, Glenys Bodycote 2, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 3, R. S. Morris 4, T. I. Roper 5, E. J. Jelley 6, P. Norman (cover) 7. For harvest festival.

STANDLAKE, OXON.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (10 callings): Judith Coggins (first quarter) 1, Bernard J. Coggins (first 'inside') 2, B. J. Coggins (cond.) 3, E. J. Hill 4, D. J. Smith 5, B. Costar 6. For harvest festival.

STAVERTON, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. C. Hall 1, Miss M. Clarke 2, Mrs. C. E. G. Glascodine 3, Mrs. S. Webb 4, P. I. Chapman (cond.) 5, B. J. Lewis 6. For harvest festival.

THORLEY, HERTS.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. Foreman 1, R. Hayden 2, P. Warboys (cond.) 3, F. Bird 4, T. Camn 5, H. Bird 6. For harvest festival Evensong.

WELDON, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Lyons (first quarter) 1, F. A. Ginns 2, R. Shaw 3, D. Urquhart 4, R. W. Spencer (cond.) 5, R. Webster 6. For harvest festival Evensong.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: M. P. Moreton 1, A. Bishon 2, Anne Garnett 3, J. Tomsett 4, Susan Jacobs 5, P. Devenish 6, F. Corfield (cond.) 7, E. Jacobs 8. Twenty-fifth quarter on the bells this year.

YATTON, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. N. Price 1, Mrs. G. A. Beechey 2, L. W. Pullin 3, E. A. Price 4, R. H. Brice 5, P. H. Marshall 6, H. A. Price (cond.) 7, J. K. Baker 8. Rung as a compliment to the Vicar's warden, Mr. A. P. Royle, and his wife on the occasion of their golden wedding.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

Branch Meeting at Buckfast Abbey

The Mid-Devon Branch held its quarterly meeting at Buckfast Abbey on Oct. 12th, but for various reasons, which included the influenza epidemic, the attendance was smaller than usual.

Ringing took place on the various combinations throughout the afternoon to suit all tastes, and a service was later held in the Violet Evelyn Institute, conducted by the Rev. J. W. Timms, Vicar of Buckfastleigh, who, in an eloquent address, recalled a similar visit 12 months ago, when there was some plain speaking at the business meeting.

An excellent tea was enjoyed at St. Mary's Parish Hall, among the guests being the Lord Abbot of Buckfast (Don Placid Hooper), Rev. Fr. Oswald Mowan, captain of the Abbey ringers, and the Vicar of Buckfastleigh. A hearty welcome was extended to the Lord Abbot, and a comprehensive vote of thanks was passed to him for allowing the use of his magnificent bells, and to Rev. Fr. Oswald for having everything in readiness.

At the business meeting, among the apologies for absence was one from the Rev. N. F. D. Coleridge, of Dartmouth, who was shortly leaving the county for Somerset.

A programme of meetings for 1958 was adopted: this is to commence with the annual meeting at Chudleigh on January 18th, subject to the necessary permission.

The question of whether the Guild annual meeting should be held on Whit Monday or a Saturday is to be discussed.

Hearty votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar of Buckfastleigh, to Mrs. F. P. Walters (the organist) and to the ladies for the tea arrangements.

Ringing took place at Buckfastleigh Parish Church in the evening. A. L. B.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

Saxmundham District

A meeting of the Saxmundham District was held at Tunstall and Blaxhall with ringers attending from many parts of Suffolk. The service at Tunstall was taken by the Rector, where the lesson was read by the churchwarden, whose wife played the organ. A collection in aid of the Guild Restoration Fund amounted to 16s. A very nice tea was arranged by the lady ringers of Tunstall and enjoyed by all.

At the business meeting Mr. R. Clouston took the chair. Mr. Bryan Lawrence, a junior member of Leiston, was made a full ringing member, and Mr. R. Crowe, of Tunstall, an honorary member. A vote of thanks was passed for the use of the bells and to all who helped to make the meeting a success. Next meeting at Benhall and Saxmundham on November 23rd. A. R. B.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Devizes Branch

The quarterly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held on October 5th at St. Michael's Church, Melksham, and the church was decorated for the harvest festival. Ringing commenced at 3.30, after a wedding.

The service was conducted by the assistant priest (the Rev. A. T. Johnson) and the Vicar (the Rev. C. A. Witcomb) was the organist. Tea was served in the Church Room by the Young Wives, to which 40 ringers sat down, with visitors from Chippenham, Damerham, Ross-on-Wye and Salisbury. Three new members were elected, and the chairman welcomed the visitors. Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar and the Young Wives, to which Mr. Witcomb replied.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD

The autumn meeting of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham was held on October 5th at Solihull Parish Church.

The Guild's Form of Service was conducted by the curate, who gave a short address in which he welcomed the members of the Guild to Solihull.

Such is the hospitality of Solihull ringers that the members of the Guild found themselves in the unusual position of having two separate halls reserved for their meeting. However, as the members met at the Parish Hall, as advertised in 'The Ringing World,' the meeting was held there, with the Master (Mr. Frank E. Haynes) in the chair.

The life-membership of the following ringers, who were elected prior to peal attempts, were duly notified: Stephen J. Ivin, of Houghton Conquest, Bedford, and J. Neville Parkin, of Halifax.

It was decided to hold the annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner on March 1st next, the secretary being authorised to invite the usual guests.

The next meeting will be the annual, which, in accordance with the practice of many years, will be held in the city, on the first Saturday in the New Year. At the Master's suggestion an eight-bell tower will be available for ringing, in addition to the 12 of St. Martin's, on the occasion of this meeting.

The Master welcomed Mr. F. E. Collins, of Croydon, and called upon the Ringing Master (Mr. J. Pinfold), who proposed a vote of thanks to the Solihull ringers for making local arrangements, and to the Vicar for the use of the fine ring of ten bells.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. S. Hardy, now 80, who had not rung a quarter peal for 20 years, rang one at St. Mary Cray, Kent, in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. H. Bevan, sen. Mr. Bevan was a ringer and towerkeeper at St. Mary Cray for 33 years until 1952, when ill-health forced his retirement.

Thirteen peals were rung during Mr. T. J. Lock's party's tour of Wiltshire.

The new secretary of the National Guild of Police Ringers is P.C. John Smith, of the Leicestershire and Rutland Constabulary. His address is 75, Leicester Road, Syston, Leicester.

After the peal of Doubles in three methods at Honington, Lincs, rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Carter, the band were entertained to tea by them, which was much appreciated.

The peal of Plain Bob Major rung at Wellington on September 4th and published in 'The Ringing World' of September 27th, was of 5,056 changes. The initials of the composer are 'T. B.'

St. Mary Redcliffe Guild of Ringers are to be congratulated on ringing their first quarter of Caters at the first attempt. They look forward to further attempts and possible successes in the future.

The peal at Polesworth, Warks, was notable for the fact that it was the first time since 1910 that a Polesworth ringer had rung a peal. Harry and Pat Harper (father and daughter), who scored their first peal, had only been ringing 18 months.

Mr. J. E. Lewis Cockey, who now lives at 6, Argyll Avenue, Stirling, has reason to believe that, owing to the casual attitude of the Canadian postal authorities, letters addressed to him at Winnipeg have gone astray. He apologises to anyone who has written to him and received no reply.

'News of the Diocese,' the monthly magazine of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich for September and October, contains an interesting article by Mr. R. W. M. Clouston on the care of bells. Mr. Clouston is undertaking an engineering inspection of bells in Suffolk and has already visited 88 towers.

According to an article in 'The Times' dealing with Borstal Institutions, at one of these there is a waiting list for the bellringing class conducted at the Parish Church.

Pictures of the veterans' gathering at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, may be obtained from Mr. Richard A. Deal, 118, Sarsfeld Road, Balham, S.W.12. (Price 2s. 6d.)

We are happy to state that the new postal charges do not affect us as seriously as anticipated. By taking advantage of the printed paper rate instead of the newspaper rate, the additional cost has been curtailed, but there is naturally a substantial increase in our ordinary overheads. We sincerely thank those who have sent donations.

After the Bishop of Southampton had dedicated the new ring of eight bells at the Church of the Ascension, Bitterne Park, Southampton, on October 19th, opening rounds were rung by members of the Southampton University Guild. The opening touch was rung by Ruth Carey 1, R. Reed 2, W. Theobald 3, A. Hughes 4, R. Finch 5, D. Jackson 6, C. Kippin 7, S. Sharland 8.

In celebration of his 65 years as a ringer, Mr. James Marsh, captain of Christ Church, Aughton, Lancs, band, has been presented with a cheque from the Parochial Church Council and a smoking outfit by his fellow ringers. He joined the Liverpool Diocesan Guild in 1894 and was one of the earliest members of the Lancashire Association.

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ELY ASSOCIATION'S DIAMOND JUBILEE DINNER

THIS year's Ely Association Dinner was made the occasion of commemorating the Diamond Jubilee of the Association. More correctly it marked the 60th anniversary of its 'reorganisation,' since there were attempts at organising a ringing society in the Ely Diocese two or three years before 1897, but the present constitution was drawn up and the first annual report published in that year.

Ringing took place in all the Cambridge towers during the afternoon and the more serious business began at the Brunswick School at 7 p.m., when some 60 members and friends sat down to dinner under the chairmanship of Canon A. L. Woodard, president of the Cambridge District.

After the loyal toast, Canon Woodard introduced the guests, who included Harry Sharp, a founder member of the Association, now in his 84th year, and still very active; in fact he is intending to ring another peal shortly.

The toast of 'The Ely Association' was proposed by the Rev. D. M. Maddox, Vicar of Trumpington. Mr. Maddox declared that ringers were doing a great service to the Church by regularly ringing bells and he thought that anyone who objected to the ringing of bells must have something wrong with their internal mechanism. He was pleased to note that in his parish such people were very few in number, since when collecting recently for the restoration of his bells, very few had refused to subscribe. However, his churchwardens had had an offer of £5 towards the restoration from one parishioner on condition that the bells were never hung.

Mr. Maddox was able to announce that his bells had now returned from the foundry and were being installed. Also he extended a welcome to all ringers to attend the rededication service, which will be conducted by the Bishop of Ely on November 16th. In the bellfounder's considered opinion Trumpington bells would be the best eight for miles around (even better than their recent effort at St. Andrew's, Cambridge).

Finally, Mr. Maddox reminded us that Christian worship was a joyful thing and should be undertaken joyfully, not with long, miserable faces; what better prelude to a happy service than the joyful ringing of bells. He, therefore, very sincerely wished the Association every success in their efforts at promoting change ringing throughout the Diocese.

ALL STRATA OF SOCIETY

Mr. Donald Knights, the secretary of the Ely District, replied on behalf behalf of the Association. He said that in his experience the success of a ringing Association came because of the very sincere sense of brotherhood among ringers. There were very few organisations which embraced such a wide variety of men and women and which welded them together in such a unity. By way of example he pointed out that if he were suddenly taken ill, there was present a doctor to attend him, if hospital treatment was necessary there was an ambulance driver who could take him, a radiographer could be called on from the dinner; if drugs were necessary there was present a dispenser. If the ministrations of these failed there was present an undertaker and he could call on another who was a regular gravedigger. Needless to say there were a number of clerical gentlemen present capable of performing the last rites.

Mr. Knights expressed the Association's deep gratitude to the stalwart veteran members like Harry Sharp, whose wisdom had formed a Society and kept it going in its early years, and pointed out that younger members like himself could often still benefit from their wisdom. One story which was apposite to the somewhat inordinate emphasis laid on the time taken to ring peals came from one of their ancient members. After a peal at his tower the conductor was proclaiming loudly in the 'local' that it was the fastest peal on the bells by a good five minutes; the veteran gentleman quietly said: 'What will you do with the time you've saved?'

Mr. Chris Johnson proposed the toast of 'The Church.' He pointed out how dependent on the Church ringers were for the facilities necessary for the art. He therefore thought that we should have a proper appreciation of what was involved. How many of them would be gratified if someone rang up and asked if he and seven of his friends might come and use their television for three hours on Saturday evening? And yet how much did that differ from asking the Vicar for the use of his bells? In fact, ringing was worse because everyone within a considerable distance of the church was forced to listen. Mr. Johnson emphasised that ringers should at all times consider ringing as a service to the church and conduct themselves accordingly. By so doing they could assist in ensuring the health of the Church.

The Rev. Mansfield Williams, Vicar of Harston, who replied, pointed out that the Church had been going for a very long time and that although the clergy were often so prominent as to appear the main representatives of the Church there were really many more members known as laity who unfortunately tended to keep themselves in the background. To ensure the health of the Church these lay members must join in all the Church's activities and one of the very important ways they could join in was by becoming ringers. He did not worry overmuch when ringers asked if they could ring a peal on his bells as he considered that bells were peculiarly useless things if they were not rung, and he thought that every opportunity should be taken of ringing them. Not only should they be rung for service but it was proper to ring them at all times for the pleasure of man to the glory of God.

£200 Legacies Found in Oak Settle

An antique dealer who purchased an oak settle for 15s. found in the panelling five packets containing legacies totalling £200 addressed to the three sons, daughter and daughter-in-law of the late Mr. Harry Chapman, of Manchester Road, Clifton, Manchester.

Mr. Chapman, who died in 1949, was a member of the Central Council for 26 years and a celebrated heavy-bell ringer in the North of England. Among his achievements were to ring the old tenor at Manchester Town Hall to Grandsire Caters and Treble Ten single-handed in 1899, the treble to the then record peal of London, 14,112 at King's Norton in 1903 (a record which stood for over 40 years), and the 11th to the record peal of Kent Maximus, 12,240, at Ashton-under-Lyne in 1911.

CHELSFIELD, KENT.—On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Smith 1, Miss V. Cotte (first 'inside') 2, J. Pannell 3, D. Parker (first 'inside') 4, N. Martin (cond.) 5, S. Mauger 6. For Evensong. Also on Sept. 29th, 1,000 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Outhwaite 1, J. Parker 2, J. Pannell 3, D. Mauger 4, N. Martin (cond.) 5, A. Smith 6. For Evensong.



The 1957 vintage of veterans who forgathered at St. Botolph's, London, on Sept. 28th. Organiser Mr. A. W. Coles is seen in the back row.
[Photo: R. A. Deal, 118, Sarsfeld Road, Balham, S.W.12.

NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS

THE annual meeting of the National Guild of Police Ringers was held at Leicester on September 21st, when a good company of members and their friends from Manchester, London, Yorkshire, Bristol, Liverpool, Cornwall and Bedford attended.

Leicester, regarded as the birthplace of the Guild, offered its many and varied rings of bells for the use of the visitors. On this occasion ringing started at All Saints', Wigston Magna, and the Cathedral Church of St. Martin in the morning; St. Mary de Castro, St. Margaret's, All Saints' and St. John-the-Divine during the afternoon; and the Cathedral bells to conclude the day's ringing.

At the business meeting, held at the City Police Headquarters, the president, ex-Sgt. H. G. Jenney, welcomed the members to Leicester and spoke of his advancing years and hoped his faculties would allow him to carry out the duties of the office and uphold the honour which had been bestowed upon him. He expressed his gratitude to the secretary, who had relieved him considerably in making the arrangements for the day.

The secretary reported that during the year one peal attempt was made at Loughborough, but was not successful. No practice meetings had been held. Four new members had joined the Guild, and two of the oldest members, ex-P.C. W. Robinson, of Northampton, and ex-P.C. F. Wilson, of Leicester, had been called to their rest.

The funds of the Guild were satisfactory, although subscriptions were slightly down. Expenses had been light and the year ended with a balance in hand of £28 3s. 10d.

The Central Council delegate, ex-Sgt. E. C. Birkett, of Liverpool, gave the meeting a vivid account of the Central Council meeting at Chelmsford, and pointed out the expense which would be incurred by many Guilds next year in holding the meeting in Ireland, and for that reason many members felt they could not commit their Guilds to the expense without previous knowledge. The company present approved his actions and thanked him for his attendance.

NEW OFFICERS

When the election of president was considered, Mr. Jenney expressed his deep gratitude for the honour which had been done to him, but felt strongly that his advancing years prevented him from doing what he would have liked to do.

It was proposed by P.C. R. Benson that in view of ex-Sgt. C. Wilmington's enthusiastic support of the Guild, he be elected president of the Guild. Mr. Wilmington declined and proposed ex-Sgt. Frank Hansford, of Bristol. Ex-Sgt. Hansford declined and suggested the election of president be taken after the election of a secretary

The hon. secretary reminded the meeting of his intention to relinquish the office last year, and although he had carried on another year he felt that in view of his impending retirement a secretary who was a serving member would be more appropriate.

The president then proposed P.C. John Smith, of Leicestershire and Rutland Constabulary, be elected secretary, seconded by ex-P.C. N. Bagworth; this was carried unanimously. It was proposed by P.C. Smith that ex-Sgt. E. C. Turner be elected president for 1958 and carried.

Sgt. Lawson was elected hon. auditor in the place of the late ex-P.C. F. E. Wilson.

P.C. Sydney A. Warwick was elected a member of the Guild, and now, having completed his military service, was appointed to the Metropolitan Force.

After some discussion it was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Bedford if necessary accommodation could be arranged.

The secretary spoke of a letter received from ex-Chief Insp. W. Bottrill expressing his wish to retire from the committee. The meeting paid tribute to his long association with the Guild, and this is to be conveyed to him by letter.

In view of the unfortunate circumstances which had befallen ex-Insp. A. B. Wilson in the loss of a leg and which made it impossible for him to continue his active ringing, the meeting unanimously elected him to life membership.

The president reminded the meeting of the loss through death of ex-P.C. Walter Robinson, of Northampton, and ex-P.C. F. E. Wilson, of Leicester, both members since the Guild was formed, and also of that most charming character, Harry G. Wayne, a very regular supporter of the Guild, who passed away shortly after the last meeting. The meeting stood in silence as a tribute to their memory.

THE DINNER

A dinner had been arranged in the comfortable surroundings of the Lord Mayor's Rooms.

The guests of honour were the Lord Mayor (Alderman F. J. Jackson) and the Lady Mayoress (Councillor Mrs. Jackson). The Chief Constable of Leicester (Mr. Robert Mark) and Mrs. Mark and a company of over 90 guests sat down to an excellent meal. Beautiful floral decorations, provided by the City Parks department, added splendour to the occasion.

The president, in introducing the Lord Mayor, thanked him for his kindness and generosity in granting the use and facilities of these beautiful surroundings for dinner.

The Lord Mayor welcomed the Guild to Leicester and spoke of his and his wife's long association with the police as members of the Watch Committee.

The Chief Constable suitably replied on behalf of the guests and spoke of his first ideas of campanology, only to be reminded it was not the scientific art of sleeping out, but a unique reason for certain members of Manchester City at appropriate times to ascend to the lofty heights of the Town Hall.

A social evening followed with songs and items by individual members of the City Police. Mr. Arthur Berridge, the compere, was supported by Billy Wilson and Mr. Syd Harrison and his handbell ringers. There was also change ringing by members of the company present.

To conclude the evening the president thanked the artistes, the secretary and all those who had contributed in no small measure to make the day a success. C. H. F. K.

JOINT MEETING AT ROTHWELL

A very successful joint meeting of the Yorkshire Association (Western District) and the Leeds and District Society was held at Rothwell on September 28th. The bells were available from 3 p.m. and very soon the belfry was filled to capacity, those unable to gain admittance finding accommodation in the church porch whilst awaiting their chance to ring. The 50 members present later enjoyed an excellent tea served in the Parish Hall by the local ringers' wives.

Only one business meeting was held, the officers of the Leeds and District Society having decided to forgo theirs in order to reduce formalities to a minimum and allow more time for ringing. A comprehensive vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens, local company and ladies acknowledged the ready hospitality extended to the visitors, and a formal welcome by the Vicar of Rothwell was received with applause.

Mr. John Rhodes, of Calverley, was elected to membership of the Yorkshire Association. A request was made for full support for the Snowden Commemoration Dinner on October 26th, at Rotherham.

The next meeting of the Leeds and District Society is to be held at St. Chad's, Far Headingly, on November 2nd. The Western District hope to hold their next meeting at Queensbury on December 14th.

30 YEARS IN WARKTON TOWER

A farewell quarter peal was rung at Warkton, Northants, on October 7th, to the Ringing Master, Mr. B. P. Morris, who has been appointed postmaster at Ashbourne, Derbyshire. During his 30 years' association with the tower he has trained many young ringers and it is due to his hard work and enthusiasm that Warkton has never lacked a Sunday service band. All those taking part in the quarter peal had been his pupils.

After the ringing Mr. Morris was presented with a travelling case as a token of appreciation from the tower. In reply, Mr. Morris wished the band, now under the leadership of Mrs. D. Porter, every success in the future.

Taking part in the quarter peal of 1,260 Grandsire Doubles were: T. J. Turner (first quarter) 1, D. Issitt 2, Mrs. D. G. Porter 3, Miss P. J. B. Lumbers 4, B. P. Morris (conductor) 5.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

The Witney and Woodstock Branch, at their meeting at Stanton Harcourt on October 5th, discussed the proposal to raise the Guild subscription to 5s. After a long discussion a motion was passed that the present subscription should remain but that if the Guild needed extra money then an appeal should be made to each tower in the Guild. Canon Bale, of Witney, presided, and 27 new members were elected from Bampton, Clanfield, Northleigh, Northmoor and Witney.

Ringing took place in the afternoon at Southleigh, where some found difficulty with the long draught. The service was conducted by the Rev. H. Cutler, and 47 members and three visitors sat down to tea at the Harcourt Arms. In the evening there was ringing at Stanton Harcourt and Northmoor.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'RINGERS I REMEMBER'

Dear Sir,—It is really such readings which we enjoy from the pen of Ernest Morris that make 'The Ringing World' to me worth its sixpence. Perhaps it is because most of these characters he mentions are local names, many of whom have passed on, and whose names are easily forgotten.

The reference to the old pre-war Wednesday afternoon band of the old M.C.A. days and mention of my father brings back nostalgic memories of boyhood days. My father had to cycle to and from Stoke Golding station for his trains to the 'Seals' and Measham, where most of the peals were rung, and we waited anxiously for his return with 'Did you get it?' Usually if there was a failure in these Stedman peals the excuse would be that it was an odd-bob calling.

One could always rely on a 'tale' after these excursions, usually involving James George, who had, or so it seemed, considerable authority over the Midland Railway in those days, and very often told a station master in no uncertain terms that the train was not to leave until he was aboard.

He often stayed at our house at Barwell after peal ringing and we used to think he missed his bus purposely to spend an evening with us. There was no doubt James George was highly respected. I remember he went to St. Mary's, Lichfield, for a peal, and one of the band, a stalwart farmer, had no success in keeping up a badly-going tenor, in spite of his strong physique. James George set his bell and went over to him and showed him how to keep it up. 'It wants a **man** on this, that's all'! He was over 70 in those days.

Another of the Wednesday band was Harry Stoneley, of Stoke Golding, when they had a Spliced Surprise Minor band in that village. Harry was, and still is, a familiar figure in his shorts and khaki shirt. I never saw him in long trousers. He was a scoutmaster and as fit as any man—always a pleasure to ring with him. He still lives in Stoke Golding but has not rung for several years, I'm sorry to say.

Maurice Swinfield, who called all these hundred or more compositions of Stedman, came to Barwell for a ring for Sunday service very often after he left for Burton-on-Trent and was a very great friend of my grandfather. The last touch he called was at Barwell one Sunday evening. As he called 'bob' he leaned over to my father and said 'The last bob, Dick.' He died two days later!

I feel Ernest Morris is right when he says that we are poorer through the passing of these stalwarts. Is it my imagination or are we a little less particular these days as to the standard of good striking? These chaps were banded together because each had confidence in each other's ability to strike well.

To-day, Wednesday afternoons are very much different. Temporary ill-health prevents father from ringing peals, but I'm glad to say that three members of the family are carrying on (through a fourth generation) faithful service in choir and belfry.

I look for quite a few more contributions from Ernest. His storehouse is still very full. —Yours faithfully, TOM C. BELTON.

Birstall, Leics.

'A FAIR SNATCH'

Dear Sir,—In reply to your correspondent, Mr. Brian Buswell, I should like to say that I feel that the case in question constitutes a fair 'snatch.' Even though one bell was silent, five bells were being rung, and surely that is the most important factor in the matter. If the band took the trouble to raise the bells and ring methods with one bell silent they deserve to have 'snatched' the tower.'—Yours faithfully, J. E. WASHBOTTLE (MISS).

Grantham, Lincs.

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AND NORTH LEICESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Dear Sir, — The announcement regarding the new territorial association, the South Derbyshire and North Leicestershire Association, on page 643 of 'The Ringing World,' and the reports of its first peal, rung at Alfreton, Derbyshire, on September 18th, have stirred me into making a few observations.

Alfreton is some 14 miles to the north of Derby, one of the Districts of the Derbyshire Association and within ten miles of Chesterfield, another flourishing District of the Association. If the inaugural peal had been rung within the limits of the area implied by the new Association title perhaps it would not have given cause for comment, but there! the announcement did not define the precise area of activity of the new territorial Association. If this new Association is a breakaway from the Derbyshire Association and the Leicester Diocesan Guild it is regrettable that it should have come into being at all. The objects of the Society out of which the new organisation grew (i.e., to help the large number of learners in the District) is excellent, but to set up another organisation which probably weakens two existing Associations is to be deprecated, as I feel sure that the whole of the territory of the new Association comes within the confines of one or other of the territorial Associations into which the old Midland Counties Association was divided.

I, personally, would like to see the Derbyshire Association change its title to the Derby Diocesan Guild and incorporate, where necessary, areas of the East Derbyshire and Notts Association and the Midland Counties Guild, as, so far as I can tell, the whole of its territory falls within the Diocese of Derby, and I feel that the diocesan authorities would welcome a change of name, and, unlike the Lancashire Association, there are no Roman Catholic towers which make the use of an Established Church title impracticable.

Could not this suggestion be debated at the next Derbyshire Association annual meeting? Perhaps others with more accurate knowledge of territories than I could comment on this idea.—Yours sincerely,

ARTHUR HIBBERT.

Chapel-en-le-Frith.

THE LATE MR. C. J. GARDNER

Dear Sir,—Mr. C. J. Gardner was my oldest ringing friend and it was with great regret I was unable, owing to illness, to pay my last respects. He came to Swindon from Beenham in 1895. I came from Devon in 1897. As there was no method ringing at Wootton Bassett I migrated to Christ Church, Swindon, and met Charlie for the first time. He was one of the quiet sort, but ever ready to help one to progress in the art, and was a stickler for good striking.

I rang most of my peals with him here at Wootton Bassett over a period of 50 years until ill-health intervened. Now I feel I am all alone, being the last of the old band at Christ Church. I rang with them for practice and on Sundays for 50 years and was one of the band here at Wootton Bassett for a first peal of Superlative Surprise in the county, on March 17th, 1923, which he conducted.

I must now say goodbye to old Charlie, and may he rest in peace with the great company of his brother ringers passed before at Christ Church. He was 85. I am 82.—Yours faithfully,

LOUIS A. WILSON.

Wootton Bassett.

J. J. PARKER'S ONE-PART

(Continued from front page)

The peal runs thus:—

Single, Bob, Bob, Single: 3, 3, 4: 5 to 6, 2 to 6: 5 with a double, 5: 3 to 7, 5 to 2: etc. 5 to 6 means 'Call the 5th Before till the 6th goes into the hunt.' 3 — $(4)^2$ is translated 'Call the 3rd Before till the 4th goes into the hunt with a double'; i.e., another Bob the lead following that in which the 4th becomes the hunt bell.

'TRYING YOUR HAND'

If anyone would like to 'try his hand' at calling by the bells 'Before' and, at the same ttime, get in some practice at calling Parker's One-part, below are two quarter peals taken from it. The figures will explain the arrangement of the peal as set out above. It will be noted that in the One-part the 6th and 7th are never called 'Before' except in the B-Block at the start).

The writer acknowledges his indebtedness to Mr. Bill Welling, of Old Windsor, a friend of J. J. Parker for many years, who has called the peal a number of times, and who introduced the writer to it. He also arranged the quarter peals here given.

HOLT'S OR PARKER'S?

The writer is probably inviting 'brickbats' by suggesting that Parker's is a much better peal than the 'Original' for anyone wishing to call a one-part peal. There seems little point in learning something difficult when something much simpler is available. Apart from satisfying a personal ambition, or seeking kudos, there seems little excuse for attempting Holt's Original in preference to Parker's One-part—and the writer hopes that he is not alone in holding this view.

QUARTER PEALS FROM J. J. PARKER'S ONE-PART PEAL

1,260 (from the first quarter)

234567

S 572634 1
465372 1
234765 1
S 752634 1

237546 3
532674 5
745263 2

457263 4
254376 5
352647 5
653724 5

326547 3
523764 5
725436 5
427653 5
624375 5

756432 2
247356 1
752463 3

637245 2
236574 5
532467 5
435726 5

234567 4
354726 4
423567 3

1,274 (from the last quarter)

234567

S 762453 2
347562 1
763425 3
547263 1
765432 3
S 427365 1

654732 2

326475 2
423567 5
524736 5
725643 5

547236 3
245673 5
642357 5
346725 5
743562 5

627354 2
546732 2

635427 3
436752 5
734265 5

657423 2
456372 5
354267 5
253746 5

Round at 4.

CLEWER, BERKS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. Shuttle 1, Miss J. Shuttle 2, A. Bird 3, K. Buckingham 4, J. Brooks 5, W. Butler (cond.) 6. First of Minor for 1 and 2. For harvest festival, and the birth of a son to Audrey and William Butler.

CHESTER GUILD AT DINNER

THE annual dinner of the Chester Diocesan Guild was held in Chester on October 12th, when there was an attendance of 112. The guest of honour was the Rev. J. S. Gamon (Rector of Tattenhall), who, in proposing the toast of 'The Guild,' said that he felt it a great honour to be invited to do so. He referred to the objects of the Guild set forth in the rules and thought that they were very worthy objects indeed. In his previous parishes he had been lucky to have good bands of ringers and he was glad to see that they continued to flourish. His present parish only appeared in the annual report under the heading 'Towers not in union,' but they were busy training a band and he had high hopes that they would soon be in the Guild.

As a parish priest he was grateful for the work which the ringers did. Ringing was really part of the church worship. He wished the Guild all the best for its progress in the future. Bell ringing was a particular part of our British way of life and as old as our towers (Tattenhall tower dates from 1512), and we should carry on in the high tradition which was something good which we must not let go.

In his reply the Master of the Guild (Mr. J. W. Clarke) expressed thanks for the toast and the manner in which it had been proposed. Seventy years ago, in a few weeks time, the Guild was formed, and in calling the first meeting Archdeacon Barber invited both ringers and clergy. The objects referred to by the composer had in some measure been achieved. Ringers were now recognised as church officers. Change ringing had now made great strides and the Guild numbered among its members men and women who were leaders in the theoretical and practical aspects of the art.

Belfry reform, continued the Master, was now a term which was obsolete. For the benefit of their guest, he mentioned that at the time the Guild was formed the belfry was not considered to be part of the church and was, in fact, a place to which a parson did not go. Often smoking went on and they could see up and down the county various types of ringers' jugs, now, alas, empty. There was co-operation between ringers and clergy now, and ringers were found to be taking a full part in the service of the church.

He referred to the passing of Clement H. Taylor (of Chelford, the Rev. J. S. Gamon's previous parish), who had been for 70 years a ringer, for 64 years clerk and had never been absent or late for 60 years. We could have no finer example. No member was left who attended the first meeting and we were carrying on the tradition to the best of our ability. We had one black spot, the number of towers out of union and we could not rest until all were in union. He had recently visited a tower which was out of union and found the belfry in a deplorable condition and he felt sure that membership of the Guild would have prevented this.

Mr. Clarke concluded by saying he recently took a non-ringing friend to see some ringing being performed and the comment was: 'Why do they all look so glum?' He replied that he should see them at play and he would now allow their guest to witness the spectacle of ringers at play.

Entertainment was provided by Messrs. Taylor and Boyer, of Chester, with songs at the piano, tune ringing by the Wirral Handbell Ringers and method ringing on handbells by a band drawn from three branches of the Guild. Before the close of the proceedings the Master expressed the thanks of all to the organiser, the Rev. J. Kingdon, for all the work he had put in to ensure the success of the function.

C. K. L.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT

The October meeting was held jointly with the Derbyshire Association (Chesterfield District) and the Ladies' Guild in the very best 'meeting weather' on October 12th at Bolsover, where we were pleased to welcome friends from Leeds and Cheshire. Ringing was in a variety of methods and at five o'clock a break was made for tea, when a crowd of about 50 sat down to enjoy the famed food of Bolsover.

A business meeting then took place during which four new members were elected. After a welcoming speech by the Vicar, to which Mr. Brunt replied, the company returned to the tower for further ringing, which lasted almost to the time of the last bus back to the 'metropolis.'

The general opinion seemed to be that it had been a good meeting but that the standard of striking was not as high as usual, and in spite of various courses of Surprise the whole repertoire had not been exhausted.

I. H.

OBITUARY

MR. A. H. LINTOTT

A staunch member of the Lancashire Association, Mr. Arthur Henry Lintott, of Liverpool, died in hospital on Oct. 16th, aged 73.

Born at Horsham, Mr. Lintott spent his early days ringing in East Grinstead and district. He came north in 1914 and, after service with H.M. Forces, settled in Liverpool and joined the Parish Church band. With them he rang many peals, but kept no records. His last peal was in 1953 and since then, owing to health reasons, he took no further part in active ringing. A keen striker, he would not tolerate poor ringing, especially for Sunday service.

E. C. B.

GUILD OF MEDICAL RINGERS

The first London meeting of the Guild took place on October 12th, the towers visited being St. Olave's, Hart Street, and the two churches of St. Botolph, at Aldgate and Bishopsgate. Led by the president, Dr. P. J. Spencer-Phillips, and directed and encouraged by the Master, Dr. R. E. Price, members and their guests enjoyed some good—and some varied—ringing. Among the guests, whom we were happy to have with us, were the secretary of the Ladies' Guild and several members of the University of London Society, some of them—we hope—members to be. The ringing at Hart Street and at Bishopsgate was of a fairly normal character; Aldgate was voted an interesting experience, but perhaps not quite the tower for the Guild's next peal attempt!

After a short business meeting, when it was agreed to try to arrange a week-end visit to Dorset next summer, to see some of the Western members, if they will have us, the evening concluded with a pleasant dinner, and a resolve to meet again in town. The secretary's thanks are due to the incumbents concerned and to the London members who did so much of the arranging beforehand.

D. L. G.

NORTON SUBCOURSE, NORFOLK.—On Oct. 6th, 1,440 Treble Bob Minor (being one extent each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob): J. W. Forder 1, M. J. Stokes 2, G. G. Walpole (cond.) 3, T. N. J. Bailey 4, B. Barber 5, E. A. Long 6. First of Treble Bob for 2 and 4. For harvest thanksgiving.

OLNEY, BUCKS.—On Sept. 27th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: A. Stapleton 1, B. Grainger 2, W. Cook 3, R. Perkins 4, P. Newing (cond.) 5, M. Hooton 6, I. Pett 7, A. Butcher 8. Rung as a farewell to Mr. B. Grainger, now in H.M. Forces, and to Miss A. Grainger, now at Bristol University.

CHANGE RINGING ON FOUR BELLS

By PETER B.-KNIGHTS

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III. METHODS WITH TWO HUNTS

1. Grandsire 1234	The Bob	2. Reverse Grandsire 1234	The Bob
2134	4312	2143	
2314	4132	2413	2143
3241	B1432	4231	2413
3421	1342	4321	2431
4312		4312	2341
4132	3142	4132	2314
1423		1423	
1243		1243	

Extents and True and Complete Blocks of Grandsire and Reverse Grandsire.

48 234	48 234	48 234	24 234
B342	B342	243	B342
B423	324	B432	B423
432	B243	B324	B234
B324	B432	342	
B243	423	B423	
234	B234	B234	B=Bob.

The lead-end numbers in Reverse Grandsire will be *different to the above numbers.*

IV. PRINCIPLES USED AS METHODS

1. Erin 1234	2. Reverse Erin 1234	3. Stanton 1234	4. Reverse Stanton 1234
2143	2143	2134	1243
1243	2134	1243	2134
1423	2314	2143	2143
4123	2341	2413	2413
4213	2431	2431	4213
2413	2413	2341	4123

5. Original 1234	6. Reverse Original 1234
2143	1324
2413	3142
4231	3412
4321	4321
3412	4231
3142	2413
1324	2143
1234	1234
The Bob 2413	The Bob 3142
4213	1342

Extents of Original

1.	1234
	1432—4
	4312—1
	4213—4
	1234—3
2.	1234
	4123—2
	3412—2
	4132—1
	4231—4
	2341—1
	1234—2

Each of the above callings can be started in 12 different places. From these two callings 24 different extents are obtainable.

Extents of Reverse Original.

Make bob every time treble, 2, 3, or tenor lies behind. There are three bobs in an extent, and four different extents.

No bobs are needed for extents of Erin, Reverse Erin, Stanton, and Reverse Stanton.

BROOMFIELD, ESSEX.—On Sept. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: I. Patten (first quarter) 1, D. A. H. Talbot 2, W. Glover 3, R. Groves 4, G. Nicholls 5, H. Bradley (cond.) 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Nicholls on the birth of a daughter (Janet Mary), born August 28th.

COGGESHALL, ESSEX.—On Sept. 21st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: C. Turner 1, W. Wade 2, W. J. Wade 3, F. Claydon 4, G. Everett 5, A. Beckwith (first of Major) 6, K. Morse 7, W. Arnold (cond.) 8.

OUTINGS – SOME WITH ADVENTURES

NORTHAW, HERTS

On October 5th, despite the leading article in the previous day's issue of 'The Ringing World,' the Northaw ringers, augmented by friends, set out on their second annual outing. Like last year, a fairly intensive programme had been arranged, visiting nine churches in all.

Nazeing (6, 9¼ cwt.) was reached at 9 a.m., where we were met by several members of the local band who were busy preparing the church for harvest festival. We then moved to Epping Upland (6, 12 cwt.) and to Bobbingworth (6, 13 cwt.), where we felt that ringing in the open porch could be uncomfortable in mid-winter. Our last call before lunch was at Moreton (6, 9¼ cwt.), where we were impressed by the tone of the tenor (17th century).

After lunch came Fyfield, a very pleasant six (tenor 7 cwt.) and the only 'non-ground floor' ring of the day. The last six-bell tower of the outing was North Weald (tenor 11 cwt.), where we were joined by another member of the band, who had been unable to be with us earlier due to business reasons, and our Vicar (also a ringer).

After an early evening dinner at the Chequers, Old Harlow, we had our first eight-bell ringing of the day at Harlow Common (Potter Street), where a good course of Double Norwich was rung, despite there being no stay on the sixth bell of this excellent ring (tenor 12 cwt.). Ringing at Hunsdon (8, 14 cwt.) was unfortunately rather short as, before we could start, a minor repair to the clock hammer mechanism had to be made. However, this was made up for at Much Hadham (8, 10¾ cwt.).

Methods rung during the day included rounds and call changes, Double Norwich, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob Major, Stedman, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob and Grandsire Triples; Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Little Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob Minor; Stedman, Grandsire, St. Simon's, Plain Bob and Original Doubles.

We should like to express our thanks to the various Rectors, Vicars and local ringers who made it possible for us to have such an enjoyable day.

BOLSOVER RINGERS HAD A WET DAY IN DERBYSHIRE

Bolsover Parish Church ringers, with friends from Chesterfield, Creswell, Staveley, Warsop and Worksop, had a second outing on September 28th and visited four towers in the Peak District of Derbyshire.

As the coach left Bolsover the weather was very pleasant but when the party reached Hayfield rain fell heavily and continued for most of the afternoon and evening. The light eight at Hayfield were rung for an hour to various methods up to Superlative Surprise Major. At Glossop some difficulty was experienced with the ropes. Boxes were in great demand and the learners found it difficult to strike the bells with satisfaction.

Tea was taken at Glossop and in driving rain the journey was continued to Buxton, where Mr. Ellison was waiting to welcome the party at Fairfield. This tower is well known to several members of the band and some excellent ringing was enjoyed on the lively eight.

Following the custom established last year, the outing ended with an excellent evening meal, provided in very comfortable surroundings at the Bull i' th' Thorn Hotel at Hurdlow. After dinner Mr. A. B. Cooper thanked all those who had made up a very happy party, and Mr. H. T. Rooke replied on behalf of the visitors. Mr. Cooper was thanked for the arrangements made for a very satisfactory tour. A. B. C.

CHARLTON KINGS, GLOS

A very enjoyable half-day was spent on September 28th by ringers from St. Mary's, Charlton Kings, and friends from Cheltenham, among eight-bell towers in south-east Gloucestershire.

Towers visited were Watermoor, Tetbury, Malmesbury, Dursley and Bisley. The visit was not without adventure as an anonymous muscle-man broke a stay at Dursley, and through lowering the eight at Bisley the writer is still painfully aware of the bruise resulting from the treble rope breaking as he called 'Hold them' at the end, and being deposited in a rather untidy heap in the corner, to the great delight of the rest of the band.

The work being over, the party adjourned to the Rose, in Stroud, where a most welcome and enjoyable meal was waiting (but not for long!). Afterwards the Rev. T. C. R. H. Deakin (Vicar of Charlton Kings) announced that it was hoped to place an order for the rehanging of St. Mary's bells in the very near future. Mr. G. Simmonds then expressed the thanks of all to those responsible for the arrangements. C. A. W.

IXWORTH, SUFFOLK

Ringers from Ixworth and surrounding towers had an interesting tour of the Leicester area on September 21st. The first tower was the eight at Thrapston, after some had made an unsuccessful attempt to grab Huntingdon during a stop for refreshments. Ringing at Desborough preceded lunch at Lutterworth, and then followed Bitteswell, Aylestone and, after tea, Lutterworth, where we were met by Mr. E. J. Tipler. Mention should be made of 'the deserters,' who left in the afternoon to ring at Leicester Cathedral, and apologies to Bitteswell for the broken rope. Thanks are due not only to incumbents and local ringers but to Kenneth G. Brown, the organiser. L. N. M.

BARKING, SUFFOLK

St. Mary's ringers with friends from the district visited the Sudbury area on October 5th, and glorious weather added to the afternoon's pleasure. Towers visited were Assington, Wormingford, Earls Colne, Colne Engaine, Pebmarsh and Gestingthorpe. Tea was taken at Earls Colne, and a fair standard of ringing was maintained in a variety of methods. R. E. L.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Eastern Branch at Carlton Colville

The autumn meeting of the Eastern Branch at Carlton Colville on September 28th was the first since the tuneful ring of five was rehung, and the bells were rung for a wedding and then for the meeting proper.

The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. R. S. Phillips), the lesson being read by the Master of the local company (Mr. B. J. Gorrod).

Once again a huge tea was provided, a feature of Eastern Branch meetings. A cordial welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Hibbert, of Reading, was given.

Several new members were elected, including the local company en bloc and one from another five-bell tower, Aldeby. Acle was chosen for the next meeting, on December 7th, subject to satisfactory local arrangements. Votes of thanks were accorded the Rectors of Carlton Colville and Pakefield, the lady organist and Mr. Gorrod, together with the lady helpers who served tea.

There was further ringing after tea and some members went to Pakefield, where the handy eight were put through a variety of methods.

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ROMSEY, HANTS.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Allen 1, Miss S. Morey 2, G. Northway 3, M. Northway (cond.) 4, A. Fry 5, K. Jacobs 6, J. Page 7, C. White 8. For harvest thanksgiving.

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WITHIN SEVEN MILES OF WALSALL

Within seven miles of this Midlands town with its fine 12 lie a number of 6-and 5-bell towers, which can easily be 'got through' in a day, as was proved on August 28th.

Blakenall Heath was the assembling point, a 5-bell tower now surrounded by dismal rows of houses. The church itself has a certain grace though, unlike its red-brick neighbour, Bloxwich. The tower here has a rather odd top to it, and contains an M and S eight on which we didn't aspire to anything great.

Then out of Walsall to the well-kept church of Shareshill, where a very active young band operates under Mr. Harry Butler. Here the long-lost 'Colonel Nutt' found us, which made a considerable difference to ringing henceforth.

After the usual fluid lunchtime, Norton Canes was reached, and as when N.C. was 'grabbed' by S. H.'s original victims in early 1955, our visit coincided with a local burial. The time had to be filled in and so 'Warrilow Special' was rung on handbells in the heights of the tower and produced amusing results.

Pelsall came next, a light six which, with all due respect to Warner's, are somewhat reminiscent of Santa Claus' sleigh bells. In contrast to Pelsall there is little music in Rushall bells, the forlorn ring of six whose sorry state has earned them a place in the writer's heart.

Again we shot out of Walsall, this time to the east and to Little Aston. Everything is in perfect order here and consequently all went well. Finally, a crawl over Barr Beacon brought us to our last tower, Great Barr, which is miles from today's Great Barr, as was recently discovered by Ladies' Guild ringers. Nothing survived here, so it was decided that we should give up and make a dive for No. 3, where it was rumoured food and drink would await us.

Everything ended well when we squeezed into St. Matthew's belfry to attend practice. And so another day was over and another corner of the world 'finished off.' S. H.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

It was a perfect autumn day when the Northern District met at St. Ippolyts on October 5th, and they were privileged to have as visitors the secretaries of the Eastern Division of the Association and the Cambridge District of the Ely Diocesan Association. Also present was Mr. M. Orme, who was just finishing his National Service, Miss K. Willers, who cycled from Trumpington, and a senior scout on his way to a camp at Hitchin.

The new Vicar (the Rev. E. Quinn) conducted the service, and in his address made the point that although most of their time ringers were following the bell of the man in front, in life, as in change ringing, a time came for each to take the lead, and they must know how to do it properly. Miss C. Taylor acted as organist.

After an ample tea two non-resident life members and two ringing members were elected at the business meeting. They were Messrs. G. Bagley (Coalbrookdale) and M. Major (Henlow), A. Leggitt and J. Varney. Norton was selected for the next meeting, on November 2nd. The special method for the meeting was Trinity Sunday Treble Bob. J. S.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Reverse Canterbury, 660 Plain Bob): Margaret E. Perry 1, I. C. Forrest 2, Pamela R. Gough 3, H. W. Brown 4, R. D. Brown (cond.) 5, S. W. Brown 6. First in two methods for 1, 2 and 5. For the harvest festival.

BRIGHTWALTON, BERKS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. J. Sayers 1, G. Hedges 2, J. K. Sherman 3, J. F. Bracey 4, A. Sayers (cond.) 5, W. J. Sayers 6. Rung by the local band for harvest festival service.

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DEATH

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KINGSBURY, WARWICKSHIRE. — As from Friday, Oct. 25th, weekly practices will be held on Wednesdays at 8 p.m. All visitors are welcome.—G. H. Lane. 1201

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch.—Quarterly meeting at North Cadbury, Saturday, Oct. 26th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please.—J. Badman, Evercreech. 1161

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Taunton Branch.—Meeting at Bishop's-Lydeard (8), Saturday, Oct. 26th. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 3.45 p.m. Names for tea, please.—A. H. Reed, George Street, Taunton. 1157

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Derby District. — Monthly meeting, West Hallam, Saturday, Oct. 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Trent or Fehoe bus to Ilkeston. All welcome. — Vivienne Horton, Dis. Sec. 1179

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District.—Meeting at Orwell, Saturday, Oct. 26th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Barrington (6) after tea.—E. W. Bullman. 1130

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Ash (6) on Saturday, Oct. 26th, from 6 to 9 p.m.—C. J. Beadle. 1182

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION. — Quarterly meeting and six-bell contest, Brighouse, Oct. 26th.—A. Farrand, Sec. 1145

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION — St. Albans District.—Meeting, Tewin, Saturday, Oct. 26th, Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, Rose and Crown, 5 p.m. **Please note change of date.**—S. Huckle, Dis. Sec. 1144

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Annual district meeting at Milton-next-Gravesend on Saturday, Oct. 26th. Please note change of date. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. A. Mitchell, 21, Lamorna Avenue, Gravesend, as early as possible.—Cyril S. Jarrett, Hon. Sec. 1146

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—West Wycombe, Oct. 26th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. 1177

QUEDGELEY, GLOS.—Dedication of bells on Saturday, Oct. 26th, at 3 p.m., followed by ringing. Bells have recently been rehung on ball bearings and in a steel frame. 1209

READING UNIVERSITY SOCIETY—Open Universities' ringing meeting at Reading on Saturday, Oct. 26th. Ringing arrangements: St. Mary's (8) and St. Giles' (8) 2.45-4.30 p.m.: Caversham (8) 6.30-9: Tilehurst (8) 7.30-9. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea, by Oct. 25th, to Mrs. A. Discrens, 18, Manchester Road, Reading. All University ringers and friends welcome.—Lucy Allen, Hon. Sec. 1052

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS. — Monthly meeting at Nottingham, St. Peter's (10) at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 26th. Non-members very welcome.—J. K. Wagstaffe, Sec. 1198

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division. —Practice meeting, Oct 26th, Sedlescombe (6). Hourly buses from St. Leonards. Look up London. All 'furriners' welcome. Names for tea.—H. Reynolds, Sec., 10, Eastern Avenue, Polegate. 1162

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.—Annual general meeting at St. Olave's, Hart Street, E.C.3, on Oct. 26th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m. — D. Priestley. 1153

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Basingstoke District. — Quarterly meeting at Kingsclere, Saturday, Oct. 26th. Bells 2.45. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—J. Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John, Basingstoke. 1167

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Jasper Whitfield Snowdon Commemoration Dinner, Co-operative Restaurant, Westgate, Rotherham. Saturday, Oct. 26th, at 6.40 p.m. Ringing at the Parish Church (10) 3.15-6.15: Eastwood (8) 11-12, 2-3: Rawmarsh (8) 11-12.30, 2-3: Thrybergh (6), 11.30-1, 2-3.30; Whiston (8) 2.30-4. Ringing on Sunday at the Parish Church, 8.45-9.30, 10.15-10.55, 5.15-6.25.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—The 320th anniversary dinner will be held at Bridge House Restaurant, London Bridge, S.E.1, on Saturday, November 2nd, at 6 for 6.30 p.m. Tickets 18s. 6d. Latest date for application for tickets is Tuesday, October 29th. Ringing at Southwark Cathedral, 1-30-2.30; St. Michael's, Cornhill, 2.30-3.30; St. Lawrence Jewry, 3-4; St. Giles', Cripplegate, 3.15-4.15; St. Olave's, Hart Street, 4.30–5.30.—A. B. Peck. 1122

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD.—Next meeting, Almondbury (8), Saturday, Nov. 2nd. Bells 2.30. Cups of tea provided 5 p.m.: please bring own sandwiches. Business meeting to follow and bells afterwards. 1210

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District. — Meeting at Biddenham on Saturday, Nov. 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, by Thursday, please, to Miss E. Steel, King's Close, Biddenham. — Phyllis Gray, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1204

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District. — Next meeting at Bidford-on-Avon on Saturday, Nov. 2nd, at 3 p.m. Tea 5. Service 6 p.m. Names for tea by Oct. 30th, please.—H. M. Windsor, The Bakery, Long Itchington, near Rugby, Warwickshire. 1184

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Meeting at Tideswell (8) on Saturday, Nov. 2nd, 3 p.m. own tea arrangements.—H. E. Taylor, Dis. Sec. 1189

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at St. George's Church, Jesmond, Newcastle, at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 2nd. Names for tea to Mr. L. J. May, 160, Osborne Road, Jesmond, Newcastle-upon-Tyne 3 1202

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Meeting at Cottenham (6), Saturday, Nov. 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.—D. E. R. Knights, Dis Sec. 1192

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South Eastern Division.—Meeting at Widford (8), Saturday, Nov. 2nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to A. H. Everett, Cornerway, Plantation Road, Borcham. 1170

GUILDFORD GUILD. — Leatherhead District.—Meeting at Capel, Nov. 2nd. Bells from 3. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 in the King's Head. Numbers for tea should be sent as early as possible to Mrs. Penfold, 6, Greenside, Capel, Dorking. 1206

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth District.—Quarterly meeting at Worfield, Saturday, Nov. 2nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, before Wednesday, Oct. 30th, to H. Edge, 10, The Crescent, Much Wenlock, Salop. 1185

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Norton, Nov. 2nd, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in the school. Special method: Rutland Surprise.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 1187

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Watford District. — Meeting, Rickmansworth (10), Saturday, Nov. 2nd, 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea 5.15.—K. R. Dunstan, Dis. Sec. 1196

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Blackburn Branch.—Meeting, Rishton, Nov. 2nd. Ringing at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Cups of tea provided.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 1208

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch. — Meeting at Cockerham, Saturday, Nov. 2nd. Ringing 2.30-7.30. Tea (approx. 2s. 6d.) at 4.30. Names for tea, by Friday, to R. F. Eccles, 22, Walton Avenue, Morecambe.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch. — Meeting, Hindley, Saturday, Nov. 2nd. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Make own arrangements for tea.—M. E. Ridyard, 16, Vaughan Road, Southport. 1217

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—St. Chad's, Headingley, Nov. 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting 7.30 p.m. Names, please, to Alfred Johnson, 7, Weetwood Lane, Leeds 6. — J. F. Hodson, Hon. Sec. 1216

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual dinner and social at Co-op Cafe, High Street, Leicester (near Cathedral), Saturday, Nov 2nd, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets (price 10s. 6d.) available from District secretaries or undersigned. Peals arranged for morning—please contact general secretary. Bells available: St. Mary's 2-3; St. John's 3-4.30; Cathedral 4.30-6.15.—B. G. Warwick, Hon. Gen. Sec., 12, Dorothy Avenue, Glen Parva, Leicester. 1166

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Horbling (6) on Saturday, Nov. 2nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Meeting 5 p.m. Bring own teas; no catering available.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 1164

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—**Amended notice** of Southern Branch meeting to be held at Horbling on Saturday, Nov. 2nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at Gaytime Snack Bar, Billingborough. Names for tea to me by Oct. 29th.—F. G. Vickers, Ermine Street, Ancaster, Grantham, Lincs. 1197

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Bucknall on Saturday, Nov. 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea, not later than Wednesday, Oct. 30th, to R. Preston, 76, Ruxley Road, Bucknall, Stoke-on-Trent. Annual committee meeting 4 p.m.—E. H. Edge, Hon. Sec. 1207

OLDHAM.—An open meeting will be held at Oldham Parish Church on Saturday, Nov. 2nd, to celebrate the 80th birthday of Mr. H. Barlow. Bells available from 3 p.m. Free tea. Names for tea, by Wednesday, Oct. 30th, to Mrs. Sanderson, 26, Greenhill Road, Middleton Junction, Manchester. 1199

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—A monthly meeting at Maids Moreton, Saturday, Nov. 2nd. Bells (6) at 5 p.m. All welcome.—R. H. Howson. 1195

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Handsworth, Nov. 2nd, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. L. Gilbert, 56, Glencoe Road, Sheffield 2. All welcome. — J. Seager, Sec. 1220

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Nottingham District.—Meeting at Daybrook on Saturday, Nov. 2nd. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Names for tea, by previous Tuesday, to Mr. P. E. Ball, 9, Nelson Road, Daybrook, Nottingham. — C. W. Towers. 1181

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Practice meeting at Merstham on Saturday, Nov. 2nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, by Wednesday, Oct. 30th, to Mr. A. Streeter, 4, Maple Road, Earlswood. 1171

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—A special general meeting will be held at Southampton on Saturday, Nov. 2nd. Bells available (St. Michael's, 10) 2.30-4 and after tea. Service, in St. Michael's Church, 4, followed by general meeting in St. Michael's Hall at 4.30. Tea follows the meeting. Names for tea, by previous Wednesday, to Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, St. Michael's Vicarage, Bugle Street, Southampton.—J. A. C. King, Gen. Sec. 1158

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Rusper (8), Nov. 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea, by previous Wednesday, to I. Butcher, 14, Withypitts, Turner's Hill. 1211

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Combined practice at St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Wednesday, Nov. 6th. Bells (12) available 6.30-8 p.m. All very welcome.—P. N. Bond, Hon. Sec. 1213

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, Nov. 9th, at Great Berkhamsted. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Wednesday, Nov. 6th, to Mr. H. Porrett, 18, Cowper Road, Berkhamsted. No names, no tea.—J. Good, Dis. Sec. 1190

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District. — By-meeting, Saturday, Nov. 9th, at Barming. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5.—R. L. Sills, Dis. Sec. 1186

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Woodchurch on Saturday, Nov. 9th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mrs. D. J. Russell, 63, Front Road, Woodchurch.—C. T. H. 1203

LADIES' GUILD.—Sussex Division.—Meeting at Hastings on Nov. 9th. All Saints' 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Christ Church, Blacklands, 6-8 p.m. Ladies please support. Gentlemen cordially invited.—Daphne Lester, Hon. Sec. 1191

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Staverton, Saturday, Nov. 9th. Names for tea, by Monday previous, to Mrs. C. Hall, Church Street, Staverton, Daventry.—F. W. Hancock. 1194

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Wellington, Saturday, Nov. 9th. Bells (8) at 3. Service 4.30. Names for tea, by Nov. 6th, to Mr. A. Pritchard, 51, Hadley Park Road, Hadley, Shropshire. 1214

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD. — Annual dinner at Castle Hotel, Tamworth, Nov. 9th at 6 p.m. Ringing at Tamworth Parish Church during the afternoon. Dinner tickets (11s. each) from Fred Bennett, Pool House Road, Wombourn. 1219

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Last quarterly meeting of the year at Ranmoor, near Sheffield, Nov. 16th. Details later.—J. J. L. Gilbert. 1215

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—Preliminary notice at annual dinner to be held Saracen's Hotel Nov. 30th, 6.30 p.m. for 7 p.m. For tickets (11s. 6d.) apply H. Newman, 161, Barnwood Road, Gloucester. 1200

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual dinner, Saturday, Feb. 1st, 1958, at the Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn, 6 for 6.30 p.m. Tickets (price 13s.) now available from Mr. J. L. Morris, 25, Lancing Road, Orpington, Kent. 1212

QUARTER PEALS

BATH, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 29th, at St. Michael with St. Paul's Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. W. Perry 1, Mrs. G. Plank 2, Miss B. Russell 3, L. W. Moses 4, J. G. Davis 5, G. J. Hawkins (cond.) 6. For harvest festival and the ancient custom of the attendance of the Mayor and Corporation.

BUCKINGHAM.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. A. Vickers 1, F. Townsend 2, W. Townsend 3, F. C. Case 4, C. Gough 5, G. W. Holland 6, W. A. Yates (cond.) 7, W. H. Yates 8. Rung for the wedding of Mr. D. Styles and Miss A. Kelley.

FULHAM, S.W.—At All Saints' Church, on Sept. 29th, 1,279 Stedman Caters: H. Belcher 1, Mrs. C. Watts 2, James Phillips 3, J. Allsop 4, W. H. Langdon 5, B. K. Lunn 6, W. T. Cook 7, D. R. Randall 8, John Phillips (cond.) 9, J. Bell 10.

MOUNTSORREL, LEICS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (10 callings): D. A. Lindsay 1, R. Handford 2, G. V. Harrald 3, J. Handford 4, R. Wilmore (cond.) 5. Rung by the local band for morning service.

NUTFIELD, SURREY.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Bob and 780 Grandsire): E. Carvell 1, Nancy Kempsell 2, Freda Hankey 3, A. Streeter 4, G. Olliver (cond.) 5, S. Smith 6. For harvest festival.

OXENDON, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Swann 1, F. Maguire 2, Miss M. Wilford 3, M. Messam 4, D. Griffin (cond.) 5. For harvest festival.

STANDLAKE, OXON.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. J. Roaf (cond.) 1, R. A. Jackson 2, Margaret Wynn 3, C. Coles 4, A. H. Gearing 5, A. Costar 6. For harvest festival.

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QUARTER PEALS

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Hough 1, M. Gartside 2, B. Hough 3, Olive Moxon 4, Grace Burchnall (cond.) 5, Katharine Burchnall 6, N. Moxon 7, J. Wilson 8. For harvest festival. Also on Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (6, 7, 8 covering): Lavina Hulford (first away from cover bell) 1, Katharine Burchnall 2, Grace Burchnall (cond.) 3, Olive Moxon 4, M. Gartside 5, R. Mumford 6, J. Wilson 7, D. Hough 8. Rung to celebrate the engagement of Lavina Hulford and Roger Mumford.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At Christ Church, on Oct. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Dr. C. G. Roworth 1, R. G. Townsend 2, G. W. Townsend 3, W. B. Kynaston 4, T. Townsend 5, A. G. Wells 6, E. Sutton (cond.) 7, R. E. G. Luton 8. Also at St. Mark's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Warner 1, P. Anger 2, A. T. Collins 3, W. A. T. Carter (cond.) 4, C. A. Cavalot 5, R. E. G. Luton 6, E. Sutton 7, W. Boden 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Charles J. Gardner, a ringer at Christ Church for 62 years.

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COVENTRY GOLDEN JUBILEE

FRIENDLINESS and enthusiasm are the undoubted characteristics of all ringers' dinners, but never more so than at the golden jubilee dinner of the Coventry Diocesan Guild. The warmth and sincerity of the welcome by the Lord Mayor, Alderman Mrs. Pearl Hyde, sent the function off to a wonderful start, and a happy spirit prevailed throughout the whole evening.

Before the dinner commenced the Lord Mayor received and entertained the officers of the Guild, the President of the Central Council and three of the four surviving founder members in the Mayor's Parlour. The Bishop of Coventry was also there and those present were much impressed by his sincerity and vigour.

The dinner was served in the restored St. Mary's Hall, the most ancient building in the city, and what a wonderful setting it was. The clever lighting showed up the remarkable beauty of the ceiling, decorated with carvings of archangels, and the tables below were lighted with the city's candelabra, and use was made of the city plate for the second time. The previous occasion was when Her Majesty the Queen dined there. The Lord Mayor, in a most inspiring speech which revealed her deep affection for 'her beloved city,' told the company that Dick Whittington, before going to London, was a member of the St. Mary's Guild which met in that hall, and of how Henry VIII. confiscated the hall and the inhabitants of Coventry had to purchase back from the Lord Mayor of London the property which had been stolen from them. She also told the company that long ago it was the duty of the Mayor to taste the wine and beer before it was sold to the inhabitants and to pronounce whether it was up to standard or not! Another duty was to test the quality of bread sold in the town. One Mayor failed in this respect, with the result that an angry crowd met in the hall and pelted the Mayor and Council with loaves of bread which were so hard that all the windows were broken!

It was gratifying to see the new President of the Central Council, Mr. Fred Sharpe, so ably proposing the toast of 'Church and State.' His performance certainly impressed all present and forebodes much success for his future in the important office he now holds. The Bishop's reply, which was remarkably vigorous, and his witty stories were much appreciated, and his closing sentence, 'There's nothing much wrong with the State which can put people like Pearl Hyde in office in Coventry,' was loudly applauded.

The destruction of Coventry by enemy action has aroused world-wide sympathy, and the work of rebuilding the city is being watched closely with great interest. Many of the beautiful half-timbered houses have, alas, gone for ever, but opportunity is being taken to rebuild on modern lines and the result so far is most pleasing. The work on the new Cathedral is proceeding rapidly and will, it is hoped, be completed within the next five years. Some who remember the great glory of St. Michael's Church would have preferred to see the church restored in all its majesty, but only the spire, which was undamaged, and the shell remain, and the decision has been made to preserve the church as it is—in ruins—and erect a modern building which will serve as a religious home for the whole community.

Naturally at such a gathering many references were made to the fact that Coventry is unique in that it possesses no ringing peal of bells, and many were the hopes expressed that some provision will be made for this omission to be rectified. The president, Mr. F. W. Perrens, gave grounds for hope that, with the kind assistance of Mr. E. H. Lewis and Mr. Fred Sharpe, the authorities might be convinced that it would be safe to install bells of suitable weight in both St. Michael's and Holy Trinity towers, and should that come about there is no shadow of doubt that ringing in Coventry and district would receive a great fillip.

It is indeed fortunate that people like the Lord Mayor and the Bishop are at the head of things, and it seems certain that if anything can be done it *will* be done.

One final word—the dinner was a triumph of careful organisation, and for that the credit must go to the secretary, Mr. J. L. Garner-Hayward. JAFUS.

A WILTSHIRE TOUR

ALDBOURNE, WILTSHIRE.
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WILLIAM ROGERS	*Treble*	*JAMES WALLMAN	5
LEONARD STILWELL	2	ALICK CUTLER	6
EDGAR R. RAPLEY	3	WILLIAM T. BEESON ..	7
BRIAN BLADON	4	STEPHEN IVIN	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise.

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Tenor 22¼ cwt. in E flat.

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LEONARD STILWELL	*Treble*	EDGAR R. RAPLEY	5
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NORTH BRADLEY, WILTSHIRE.
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On Wed., Sept. 4, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

EDGAR R. RAPLEY	*Treble*	ALICK CUTLER	5
STELLA HUGHES	2	WILLIAM ROGERS	6
GORDON A. HALLS	3	WILLIAM T. BEESON	7
THOMAS J. LOCK	4	STEPHEN IVIN	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTSHIRE.
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On Wed., Sept. 4, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
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Tenor 7¼ cwt. in B flat.

STELLA HUGHES	*Treble*	EDGAR R. RAPLEY	4
RONALD H. BULLEN	2	BRIAN BLADON	5
JAMES WALLMAN	3	STEPHEN IVIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.

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THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Sept. 5, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In two methods, being 2,880 Superlative and 2,176 Cambridge, with 134 changes of method. Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

RONALD H. BULLEN	*Treble*	THOMAS J. LOCK	5
STELLA HUGHES	2	LEONARD STILWELL	6
JAMES WALLMAN	3	WILLIAM ROGERS	7
GORDON A. HALLS	4	STEPHEN IVIN	*Tenor*

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In six methods, being 1,920 London, 960 Rutland, 640 each of Cambridge, Superlative and Bristol, and 320 Yorkshire, with 119 changes of method. Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

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EDGAR R. RAPLEY	2	WILLIAM T. BEESON	6
DENNIS KNOX	3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON.. ..	7
ALICK CUTLER	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

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WARMINSTER, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Sept. 6, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
AT THE MINSTER CHURCH OF ST. DENYS.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

WILLIAM ROGERS	*Treble*	JAMES WALLMAN	5
RONALD H. BULLEN	2	STEPHEN IVIN	6
THOMAS J. LOCK	3	RALPH G. EDWARDS.. ..	7
WILLIAM T. BEESON.. ..	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

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THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Sept. 6, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
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A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout.
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STELLA HUGHES..	*Treble*	FREDERICK R. SCOTT.. ..	4
EDGAR R. RAPLEY	2	DENNIS KNOX	5
GORDON A. HALLS	3	PHILIP MEHEW	*Tenor*

Conducted by DENNIS KNOX.

DEVIZES, WILTSHIRE.
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On Sat., Sept. 7, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 21 *Minutes,*
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A PEAL OF 5024 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19¼ cwt. in D.

ALICK CUTLER	*Treble*	WILLIAM T. BEESON	5
RONALD H. BULLEN ..	2	DENNIS KNOX	6
EDGAR R. RAPLEY	3	WILLIAM ROGERS	7
*JAMES WALLMAN	4	PHILIP MEHEW	*Tenor*

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* First peal in the method.

TEN BELL PEALS

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STANLEY E. BENNETT	3	JACK BRAY	8
GEOFFREY R. PARKER	4	GEORGE E. FEIRN	9
DENIS A. FRITH	5	*PHILIP BARNES	*Tenor*

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.
* First peal of Caters on tower bells. † First peal in the method.

WIMBORNE, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 19, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
AT THE MINSTER CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERGA.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 29 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in D.

*LEWIS F. COBB	*Treble*	RALPH BIRD	6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	2	FRANK L. HARRIS	7
REGINALD W. REX	3	†JOHN HARTLESS	8
MICHAEL J. BEST	4	WILLIAM E. CHEATER	9
BRIAN BLADON	5	RONALD N. MARLOW	*Tenor*

Composed by J. A. BURFORD. Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.
* First peal of Royal. † First peal of Surprise Royal.

WRINGTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 19, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 37 cwt. 13 lb. in C sharp.

HERBERT W. KNIGHT	*Treble*	WILLIAM H. KINGCOTT	6
JOHN THOMAS	2	E. TREVOR NEWBURY	7
JOHN R. BADMAN	3	*JOHN OWEN	8
GEORGE PRESCOTT	4	HENRY J. SANGER	9
*RONALD E. G. SMITH	5	*SIDNEY G. SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.
* First peal of Caters.
In memoriam John H. B. Hesse.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

ALDERMASTON, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 12, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in G.

*BRIAN BLADON	*Treble*	ROBERT H. BEGRIE	5
†FRANK W. LEWIS	2	GEOFFREY K. DODD	6
REGINALD W. REX	3	RALPH BIRD	7
†RONALD F. DISERENS	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by F. H. DEXTER. Conducted by RALPH BIRD.
* 150th tower for a peal. † 25th peal together. First peal of Yorkshire on the bells.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 12, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.

TREVOR TAYLOR	*Treble*	BARRIE HENDRIE	5
*CAROL EUSTACE	2	NEIL D. LOMAS	6
*GEOFFREY HOPKINSON	3	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD	7
DEREK OGDEN	4	DEREK TAYLOR	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by TREVOR TAYLOR.
* First peal of Surprise.

CRADLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 12, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, being 1,312 Bristol, 1,280 London, 1,280 Cambridge and 1,280 Superlative, with 112 changes of method, and all the bells doing all the work of each method. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT	*Treble*	NORMAN G. GOODMAN	5
R. GEORGE MORRIS	2	THOMAS W. LEWIS	6
SIDNEY T. HOLT	3	REGINALD WOODYATT	7
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	4	DAVID BEACHAM	*Tenor*

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

CREWKERNE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 12, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (fourth observation). Tenor 22 cwt.

HENRY G. KEELEY	*Treble*	†LAURENCE E. WEAR	5
GORDON GAYLARD	2	G. STEDMAN MORRIS	6
*KENNETH E. PINNEY	3	HARRY J. GAYLARD	7
WALTER H. POOLE	4	†WILLIAM S. WILLS	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER H. POOLE.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 12, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND.
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E.

BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY	*Treble*	VIVIENNE M. HORTON	5
PHILIP MEHEW	2	G. RONALD EDWARDS	6
HENRY H. FEARN	3	DEREK P. JONES	7
GEORGE E. FEARN	4	RALPH G. EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

ROSS-ON-WYE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 12, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 24¼ cwt.

DESMOND FERGUSON	*Treble*	PHILIP G. MORGAN	5
LESLIE EVANS	2	AUSTIN T. WINGATE	6
JOAN M. GRAY	3	JOHN J. WEBB	7
CHARLES G. JONES	4	REGINALD T. JONES	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by REGINALD T. JONES.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Oct. 12, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 26 cwt. 18 lb. in D.

*KEITH WILLIAMS	*Treble*	RICHARD J. WARRILOW	5
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	2	ALAN G. FOSTER	6
STELLA HUGHES	3	BARNABAS G. KEY	7
ERNEST STITCH	4	GEORGE W. HUGHES	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.
* First peal on eight bells.
Rung for Harvest Festival on the 50th anniversary of the calling of Thurstans' One-part peal of Stedman Triples by Mr. Herbert Knight, of Wolverhampton, whilst blindfold. Also an 80th birthday compliment to Mr. Jack Warrilow, of Stafford.

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YARDLEY, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Oct. 12, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDBURGHA.
A PEAL OF 5024 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in F sharp.

ALBERT H. FITTER	*Treble*	GERALD C. HEMMING	5
RUTH JACKSON	2	PETER BORDER	6
MURIEL REAY	3	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	7
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES TOPP. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
200th peal as conductor.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Mon., Oct. 14, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in G.

WILLIAM F. WOODWARD	*Treble*	ERNEST W. RAWSON	5
MRS. PHYLLIS POOLE	2	J. FREDERICK MILNER	6
ERNEST MORRIS	3	JOSEPH W. COTTON	7
JOHN A. ACRES	4	PETER J. STANIFORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.

HORSMONDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Oct. 15, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19¼ cwt. in D

ROBERT T. LAMBERT	*Treble*	GEORGE WAGHORN	5
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT	2	STANLEY G. PONTING	6
EDWIN BROMLEY	3	REGINALD E. LAMBERT	7
*OLIVE D. COUCHMAN	4	COLIN A. TESTER	*Tenor*

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by ROBERT T. LAMBERT.
* First peal of Major 'inside.'
A birthday compliment to R. T. and R. E. Lambert.

BUCKINGHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 19, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 21 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 27 cwt.

FREDERICK VICKERS	*Treble*	RICHARD F. ROE	5
*RICHARD J. CARTER	2	PETER J. STANIFORTH	6
ERNEST W. RAWSON	3	WILLIAM A. YATES	7
S. ANTHONY JESSON	4	GEORGE W. HOLLAND	*Tenor*

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by GEORGE W. HOLLAND.
* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor. First in the method on the bells.
Rung to welcome the Rev. A. E. Paterson as assistant curate.

FARNWORTH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 19, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Carter's Twelve-part. Tenor 12¼ cwt. 8 lb. in G.

*ROGER MAHER	*Treble*	GEOFFREY S. MILLS	5
*NORMAN SMITH	2	PETER CROOK, SEN.	6
HENRY PARKER	3	HARRY HOWARD	7
JOSEPH THORNLEY	4	HENRY PRESCOTT	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.
* First peal of Grandsire. 200th peal as conductor.
Rung to celebrate the marriage at this church on that day of Jack Lane and Mavis Winifred Speakman, a ringer at this church.

STANSTED MOUNTFITCHET, ESSEX.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 19, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt.

SUSAN JACKSON (Girton)	*Treble*	*M. J. HARBORD (Trinity Hall)	5
A. J. HOWARD (Trinity)	2	H. NEILL (St. Cath.'s)	6
*A. L. M. SHEPHERD (Fitz. House)	3	C. M. P. JOHNSON (Sel.)	7
D. H. B. WILLIAMSON (Caius)	4	F. B. COOKSON (St. John's)	*Tenor*

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by F. B. COOKSON.
* First peal of Major.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 21, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in 19 methods, viz.: (1) College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk and Ockley Treble Bob; (2) College Bob IV, Wragby, Neasden and Grove Delight; (3) Willesden, Old Oxford, Bocking and Poynton Delight; (4) Kingston, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure and Capel Treble Bob; (5) Oxford; (6) Kent; (7) Cambridge.
Tenor 14 cwt 1 qr. 4 lb.

WILLIAM H. DOWSE	*Treble*	NEIL BENNETT	4
BERNARD GROVES	2	ALAN MCFALL	5
BASIL JONES	3	ROBERT SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN MCFALL.
First peal in 19 methods.

BRIGHTWALTON, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 5, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

*GORDON HEDGES	*Treble*	REGINALD F. CROOK	4
GILBERT J. TOWNSEND	2	IAN H. ORAM	5
ARTHUR SAYERS	3	GEOFFREY K. DODD	*Tenor*

Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.
* First peal. First peal of Minor on the bells, and also the first since 1928.

HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 5, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR
Consisting of two 720's each of Cambridge Surprise and Oxford Treble Bob and three of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in F.

BENJAMIN STEPNEY	*Treble*	STANLEY G. PONTING	4
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT	2	GEORGE BEENEY	5
KATHLEEN M. YEO	3	FRANK H. HICKS	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.
First peal of Treble Bob Minor in three methods by all.
Specially rung as a farewell to Kathleen M. Yeo, who is going to reside in Tenterden, Kent.

NORWICH, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Oct. 10, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE, COLEGATE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's College Bob and three extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb.

MRS. D. MOORE	*Treble*	STANLEY COPLING	4
CEDRIC CURSON	2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	5
MISS B. MUTIMER	3	A. G. BASON	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. G. BASON.

ATCHAM, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 12, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EATA.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 11 cwt.

MRS. E. F. WILLCOX	*Treble*	ERNEST F. WILLCOX	4
ALFRED E. G. OWEN	2	RICHARD F. DAVIES	5
REGINALD H. NEWTON	3	FREDERICK A. H. CATTELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by RICHARD F. DAVIES.
Rung for the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. William Butler, of Windsor, Berkshire.

BALDERTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 12, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of Double Court and two extents each of Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 24 lb. in G sharp.

MRS. C. W. REED	*Treble*	FREDERICK G. HOOPER	4
GEORGE E. FOSTER	2	COLIN W. REED	5
PETER N. WHITE	3	WILLIAM L. EXTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM L. EXTON.
Believed to be the first peal on the bells since 1911, and the first since rehanging by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. in 1951.

BEENHAM, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 12, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 26 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Double Bob and Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. in G.

*FRANK W. LEWIS	*Treble*	A. PATRICK CANNON	4
†RONALD F. DISERENS ..	2	RALPH BIRD	5
GEOFFREY K. DODD ..	3	BRIAN BLADON	*Tenor*

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.
* 50th peal. † First peal in eight methods.

BREADSALL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 12, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, called differently, four of Kent and three of Oxford. Tenor 14 cwt.

*CLIVE WALKLATE (13) ..	*Treble*	PATRICIA A. M. FORSTER ..	4
P. G. BELLAMY-KNIGHT..	2	DEREK P. JONES..	5
†KENNETH BALLINGTON (13)	3	PHILIP MEHEW	*Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
* First peal of Treble Bob, also of Minor. † First peal of Treble Bob 'inside.'

LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 12, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MUNDEN SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb. in F sharp.

PHYLLIS M. MAYNE	*Treble*	JOAN M. WILCOCKSON ..	4
B. CLARE WEBSTER	2	*KENNETH R. DUNSTAN ..	5
WILLIAM WENBAN	3	*JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
* 50th peal together. The first peal in the method. The ringer of the third has now rung peals in 100 different towers.

THEALE, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 12, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 of Cambridge Surprise, one 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, one 720 of Kent Treble Bob and four 720's of Plain Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. in G.

BRIAN BLADON	*Treble*	FRANK W. LEWIS	4
RONALD F. DISERENS ..	2	*RALPH BIRD	5
GEOFFREY K. DODD ..	3	*A. PATRICK CANNON ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
* 75th peal together in 74 towers. First peal on the bells for 24 years.

WISSETT, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 12, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

WALTER KERRISON	*Treble*	C. JACK GIBSON	4
*MICHAEL J. STOKES ..	2	JOHN W. BLYTHE	5
REGINALD J. DARCH ..	3	TREVOR N. J. BAILEY ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.
* First peal of Minor 'inside.'

OCKBROOK, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Oct. 14, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 KILLAMARSH TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being two 2,160's and an extent (C.C.C. Nos. 125, 127, 128).
Tenor 7 cwt.

DEREK P. JONES	*Treble*	KENNETH BALLINGTON (13)	4
PETER G. BELLAMY-KNIGHT	2	GORDON A. HALLS	5
PATRICIA A. M. FORSTER..	3	FRANCIS R. LOWE	*Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
The first peal in the method by all the band, in the county, and for the Association. The first peal in the method on tower-bells (C.C.C. No. T.B. 14).

RAVENINGHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Oct. 15, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two extents each of Stedman and New, four extents each of Grandsire, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas', St. Simon's, St. Martin's and Huntspill, and ten extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

GODFREY G. WALPOLE ..	*Treble*	ERNEST A. LONG	3
*TREVOR N. J. BAILEY ..	2	JAMES W. FORDER	4
		*EDWIN T. CHAPMAN ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWIN T. CHAPMAN.
* First peal of Doubles in ten methods. First peal of Doubles as conductor.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Blunderfield, on their golden wedding, and for the christening of the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Farrow, of Thorpe Hall.

BLANKNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Oct. 16, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Rev. E. Bankes James' arrangement, consisting of 2,160 each of Beverley and Surfleet and 720 of Cambridge. Tenor 10 cwt.

G. LEONARD THOMPSON..	*Treble*	W. ROBERT PARKER	4
*MARY C. PAYNE	2	GEOFFREY R. PARKER ..	5
JOHN F. PEARSON	3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal of Surprise Minor.

RANWORTH, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Oct. 17, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of College Single Reverse, Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt.

*ERNEST G. BENTON ..	*Treble*	*DERICK W. PARDON	4
A. FREDERICK BOYCE ..	2	JOHN R. SMITH	5
N. JOHN A. PUMPHREY ..	3	WILLIAM R. CATCHPOLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM R. CATCHPOLE.
* First peal in seven methods. First peal in seven methods as conductor.

CALVERLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(The Leeds and District Society.)
On Sat., Oct. 19, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10¾ cwt.

*JOHN RHODES	*Treble*	*ROGER WADDINGTON ..	4
WILLIAM SCRIMSHAW ..	2	PETER DAWSON	5
PERCY WHEATLEY	3	DOUGLAS THORP	*Tenor*

Conducted by DOUGLAS THORP.
* First peal.
Rung by the Sunday service band to celebrate the 85th birthday of Samuel Wheatley, a retired ringer of the Calverley company.

DOWNHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 19, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, viz.: One extent each of Alnwick, Carlisle, Chester, York, London, Beverley and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

MARY I. DOWSETT	*Treble*	BRIAN J. HOWARD	4
PETER J. EVES	2	ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON ..	5
DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS ..	3	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE..	*Tenor*

Conducted by HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE.

HANDBELL PEAL

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Hinckley District.)
On Wed., Oct. 16, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes.*
AT 128, LEICESTER ROAD.
A PEAL OF 5077 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor size 15 in C.

*ALFRED JORDON	1—2	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ..	5—6
*JOHN VERNON	3—4	ALFRED BALLARD	7—8
		MICHAEL VERNON	9—10

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.
* First peal of Stedman Caters 'in hand.' The first peal of Stedman Caters to be rung by a Hinckley District band.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Gwyneth R. Brown 1, R. D Brown 2, E. Walker 3, Valerie Mepham 4, H. W. Brown (cond.) 5, I. C. Forrest 6. Rung to welcome Rosemary Anne, born on October 5th, daughter of Hazel (former ringer at this tower) and Arthur Craven, now ringers at Clifton, Bedfordshire.

AMESBURY, WILTS.—On Oct. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 6, 7, 8 behind): Miss Y. Eloie 1, Miss A. Knight 2, M. Northway (cond.) 3, Miss M. Page 4, Miss A. Bacon 5, R. Marlow 6, D. Todd 7, R. Allen 8.

AYLESTONE, LEICS.—On Oct. 10th, 1,344 Grandsire Triples: Miss C. Wakefield 1, B. Warwick 2, Rev. P. Blackman 3, E. Jelly 4, T. Bolingbroke 5, T. Roper 6, R. Morris (first as cond.) 7, D. Beck 8. For harvest festival.

BARCOMBE, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Reed (first quarter) 1, P. Tomsett 2, H. Turner 3, B. Turner (cond.) 4, M. Abbott 5, F. Smith 6. Rung in celebration of the engagement of Rosemary Patching (local ringer) and Stanley Brown, Aldrington.

BECKINGTON, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Ann Fear 1, G. Grant 2, E. Bray (cond.) 3, J. Phippen 4, A. L. Fear 5, Teresa Jones 6, M. Saunders 7, P. Saunders 8. For harvest festival.

BLACKBURN, LANCS.—On Oct. 17th, at the Cathedral, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: G. Atkinson (first quarter) 1, A. Tomlinson 2, J. Skeats 3, A. Swindlehurst 4, T. Wilkinson 5, F. Hayes 6, J. Halliwell (cond.) 7, H. Anderton 8.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFS.—On Oct. 20th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: D. Brunning 1, W. J. Leach 2, L. Chamberlain 3, A. G. Foster 4, G. Harrison 5, Mrs. B. G. Key 6, B. G. Key (cond.) 7, E. J. White 8, P. Foster 9, B. Dawson 10. First of Caters for 1, 6 and 10. Rung on the occasion of the visit of the Dean of Lichfield to preach at the harvest thanksgiving.

CAPE TOWN, S. AFRICA.—At St. Mary's Church, Woodstock, on Sept. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss A. G. Collins (first South African lady to ring a quarter peal) 1, J. Wood 2, O. Lamb 3, R. Stickley (cond.) 4, W. Smith 5, J. Ernstzen 6. For Evensong on Battle of Britain Sunday. Also on Oct. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: V. Sheppard 1, J. Bennett 2, W. Smith 3, J. Riley 4, J. Wood 5, R. Stickley (cond.) 6, J. Crump 7, J. Ernstzen 8. To welcome the new Archbishop (the Rt. Rev. Joost de Blank). Arranged for the visit of the ringer of the 2nd, and as a welcome to the ringer of the 7th from Hornsey, London.

CHARLBURY, OXON.—On Oct. 18th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. Keyte 1, W. Lewis 2, J. Benfield 3, E. Townsend 4, P. Coombes 5, I. D. Harris (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to M. N. Jeffs, B.Sc., killed in a motor-cycling accident and interred earlier the same day. He was a highly respected member of Charlbury tower.

COMPTON DANDO, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Harvey 1, H. Baber 2, R. W. Treasure 3, L. B. Coles 4, F. C. Mogford (cond.) 5, L. Bates 6. Rung after the induction of the Vicar (the Rev. A. J. Frith), and also in memoriam Mrs. M. M. Mogford, mother of the conductor, whose funeral took place at Publow the same day, aged 84 years.

DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.—At St. Cuthbert's Church, on Oct. 13th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: T. Cooke (cond.) 1, Miss P. Dowse 2, Miss B. Cooke 3, Mrs. R. M. Cooke 4, T. Senior 5, D. Newton 6, W. E. Mashiter 7, T. Hill 8. For harvest thanksgiving.

EARLS BARTON, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Chater 1, Miss J. Downing 2, Miss J. Packwood 3, J. Rainbow 4, R. Roberts 5, A. Jones 6, I. Dickin (cond.) 7, F. Stuart 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Miss Roma Ewart, daughter of the Rev. Canon Ewart, incumbent of Earls Barton, whose funeral took place earlier in the day.

HARTFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob and 660 Grandsire): P. Butcher 1, J. Stone 2, G. Hadlow 3, R. Juckes 4, D. A. Cornford (cond.) 5, Mrs. P. Butcher 6. For harvest festival, and as a 12th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. P. Butcher.

QUARTER PEALS

HATFIELD BROAD OAK, ESSEX.—On October 13th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: W. Aley (cond.) 1, Miss J. Bailey 2, R. Hayden 3, L. Cordell 4, W. Wheeler 5, S. Clark 6, J. Aley 7, E. Rochester 8. For harvest festival Evensong.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. C. Cruttenden 1, F. E. Cruttenden 2, C. R. Longhurst 3, F. Godsmark 4, F. W. Parsons 5, R. Langridge 6, B. W. White (cond.) 7, A. L. Ryman 8. Rung as a compliment to Miss Vera Packham (daughter of Mr. E. F. Packham, vice-captain of this tower) and Mr. Denis Grant on their wedding day.

ISHAM, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Hanlon (14, first quarter) 1, Mary Garley 2, E. G. Johnson 3, A. Garley 4, T. Garley 5, E. M. Atkins (cond.) 6. For harvest festival.

LANE END, BUCKS.—On Oct. 18th, 1,260 Doubles (780 Grandsire, 480 Plain Bob): J. Goodchild (13, first quarter) 1, A. Free 2, K. Seymour (cond.) 3, R. Hazell 4, C. Hagger 5, W. Avery 6. For Confirmation service.

LLANTRISANT, GLAM.—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. J. Welch (first quarter) 1, G. Stickland (first of Triples) 2, Miss M. Way (first quarter) 3, T. Lewis 4, J. Daniels 5, G. Marchant 6, W. Dare 7, J. Woodman 8. Rung to celebrate the enthronement, on October 5th, of the new Lord Bishop of Llandaff.

LONDON, E.C. — On Oct. 6th, at St. Giles-in the Fields, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Crowe 1, Miss D. Deverell 2, Miss M. Prockson 3, J. Euston (cond.) 4, R. Newman 5, W. Prockson 6, G. Parsons 7, H. Barnard 8. For Matins.

MERRIOTT, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 15th, P. Abbott 1, A. Best 2, R. Horne (first quarter) 3, P. Hamlin 4, A. Robinson (cond.) 5, W. England 6.

NORTHAW, HERTS.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. McKie 1, B. Greenwood (first quarter) 2, N. Clark 3, A. Bull 4, W. Foote (cond.) 5, J. Roberts 6. For harvest festival Evensong.

NORTHIAM, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Joan Garnet 1, R. Seeley 2, Mrs. G. Reece 3, R. Barnes 4, W. Button (cond.) 5, F. Tedham 6. For harvest thanksgiving.

OSPRINGE, KENT.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Terry 1, Miss K. Walsh 2, Miss E. Wyles 3, B. Jemmett 4, W. Palin 5, F. Farnsworth 6, E. Eades (cond.) 7, N. Tumber 8. For harvest festival.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—At Emmanuel Church, on Oct. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Elizabeth Lyndon 1, Sylvia Sims (first 'inside') 2, A. Weatherley 3, F. R. Hocking 4, H. H. Thomas 5, R. J. Bowden 6, J. P. Sims (cond.) 7, A. E. Perkin 8. Rung as a 57th birthday compliment to H. H. Thomas (ringers' secretary), whose birthday it was.

RAMSGATE, KENT.—At St. Laurence-in-Thanet, on Oct. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Sheppard 1, Mrs. N. Bridges 2, L. Peters 3, A. J. Dadds (cond.) 4, G. C. Durham 5, S. J. Gee 6, T. W. Edwards 7, R. S. Weekes 8. Rung to celebrate the silver wedding of the ringer of the 2nd, and for the 46th wedding anniversary (Oct. 15th) of Mr. A. E. Jarman, for many years ringer and captain at this tower (now retired).

RUARDEAN, GLOS.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): W. Penn 1, Mrs. K. Smith 2, L. H. Jones 3, A. Williams 4, Howard Meek 5, T. Wilce 6, J. J. Webb (cond.) 7, Harold Meek 8. For harvest festival Evensong.

SAPCOTE, LEICS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Rita M. Stratford 1, E. J. Jelly 2, A. M. Lindsey 3, M. E. Brown (cond.) 4, J. Vernon 5, J. M. Jelly 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam George H. Brown, churchwarden for 12 years and chorister for 60 years.

SEATON, DEVON.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Ayres 1, E. Hawker 2, K. Clarke 3, C. Webb 4, C. Turner (cond.) 5, E. Sumners 6, C. Deem 7, W. Webb 8.

SEVENOAKS, KENT.—On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Martin (first quarter) 1, P. Corby 2, Mrs. L. Corby 3, L. Turley 4, R. Fuller (cond.) 5, D. Colgate 6, R. Collins 7, B. Sutton 8.

SOHAM, CAMBS.—On Oct. 6th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): F. Talbot 1, C. Graves (first 'inside') 2, M. Whitehead 3, R. Waller (first 'inside') 4, D. Pollard 5, P. Graves 6, H. Ball 7, A. Pollard 8. Conducted by M. Whitehead and D. Pollard. For the visit of the Bishop for harvest festival, and to welcome Timothy Waller.

STEPNEY, E.—On Oct. 12th, 1,258 Stedman Caters: B. Lunn 1, G. J. Boomsma 2, H. G. Weedon 3, L. J. Fox 4, A. Thirst 5, W. T. Cook 6, J. G. A. Prior 7, M. Moreton 8, J. Chilcott (cond.) 9, C. J. Watts 10. First of Stedman Caters 2 and 3. Also on Oct. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (10 callings): W. Wong (first quarter) 1, R. W. Sumner 2, L. J. Fox (cond.) 3, G. J. Boomsma 4, H. G. Weedon 5, Miss E. Edwards (first in method) 6. For Evensong. Also on Oct. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Wong (first on eight) 1, Miss B. Tester 2, G. J. Boomsma 3, H. W. Knauss 4, A. Lewry 5, H. G. Weedon 6, L. J. Fox (cond.) 7, R. W. Sumner 8. Rung for the annual cricket service of Hackney Deanery League (preacher, the Rev. D. Sheppard).

STOKE BISHOP, BRISTOL.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: P. Gray (cond.) 1, Miss E. Brocklehurst 2, M. Hill 3, W. Naylor 4, J. Lavers 5, Mrs. J. Gray 6.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): R. Carr 1, A. E. Bissatt 2, H. Heard 3, J. Sangwin 4, H. Stacey 5, S. Stacey 6, E. Sangwin (cond.) 7, F. Pearce 8. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. D. Goodman on their recent marriage.

SWINTON, LANCS.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Tomlinson 1, Miss B. Cooke 2, N. Tompkins (cond.) 3, D. Young 4, S. D. James 5, A. Sharples 6, J. Thornley 7, J. F. Wood 8. Rung to celebrate the 88th birthday of the Parish Church, and as a wedding compliment to Brian N. Cooper and Miss Anne Crouch, married at St. Cuthbert's Church, Seascale, Cumberland, on September 21st.

THORPE-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.—On Oct. 5th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: M. A. Mills 1, Heather Stewart 2, Marian H. Mills 3, F. Harvey 4, P. W. Mills 5, E. E. Davey (cond.) 6. For harvest festival Evensong.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. R. Young 1, J. R. Hobbs 2, R. O. Fry (cond.) 3, B. Davis (first quarter) 4, D. E. Cobb 5, A. F. Lee 6, W. E. Wilkinson 7, T. J. Milsom 8. For harvest festival Evensong.

ULVERSTON, LANCS.—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: K. Newby 1, V. Forshaw 2, J. Askew 3, W. T. Turner 4, J. E. Burles 5, N. M. Newby (cond.) 6. Rung for the wedding of Mr. Raymond Suart and Miss Brenda Fairer.

WANDSWORTH, S.W.—On Oct. 13th, at All Saints' Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Crowe 1, M. Williamson 2, G. Parsons 3, A. Leary (cond.) 4, C. Nichols 5, J. Bell 6, J. Euston 7, L. Bell (first quarter) 8. For Evensong.

WARBOROUGH, OXON.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Wells 1, J. Berry 2, J. Godman 3, R. Tuckwell 4, W. Fulkner 5, F. Absolom (cond.) 6. For harvest thanksgiving.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss N. M. Harvey (first quarter) 1, W. G. Paul (cond.) 2, S. F. Dolley 3, P. E. Pratt 4, S. H. Hoare 5, D. Laud 6, E. Durrant 7, G. W. Seaman 8.

WELLAND, WORCS.—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Lawrence 1, Miss J. M. Price (first quarter) 2, F. Lawrence 2, L. Dovey (first 'inside') 4, D. Price (first as cond.) 5, R. G. Morris 6. Also on Oct. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Rev. C. J. Kay (first quarter) 1, A. Davies (first quarter) 2, Miss J. M. Price 3, L. Dovey 4, D. Price (cond.) 5, F. Lawrence 6. For Evensong, and as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

WHITTLESEY, CAMBS.—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (with 6, 8 behind): G. Cowlin 1, H. Gookes 2, F. Newman 3, J. M. Roffe 4, R. F. Pattrick 5, W. Smith 6, R. W. Morant (cond.) 7, M. J. Massendew (first quarter) 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to M. J. Massendew, also to celebrate the 50th wedding anniversary of Thomas Palmer (churchwarden), and for the wedding of Mr. John Edwards and Miss Audrey Sewell, both ringers at this church.

WARWICKSHIRE RINGERS VISIT THE PEAK

On October 5th ringers from Coleshill, Coventry and Kingsbury, accompanied by Miss I. B. Thompson, of Nottingham, had a day tour of the Peak District of Derbyshire.

Meeting at Winster at 9.15 a.m., the awkward anti-clockwise five were raised in peal and a six-score rung, but poor ropes marred any pleasure that might have been had from ringing here. The musical five at Elton were a pleasure to ring. At Great Longstone we were pleasurably surprised to find a musical six with a perfect 'go,' and despite the cramped quarters of the small ringing chamber several good touches were rung.

As the towerkeeper at Eyam, on his own admission, was not conversant with the art of rope splicing, he had knotted the rope of the tenor just where it passed through the pulley block! However, after the surplus ends at the knife the bell became ringable, and several knife the bell became ringable, and several touches, including a good course of Cambridge Minor, were rung. Tideswell, the 'Cathedral of the Peak,' had a long climb to the ringing chamber and the octave in this handsome tower was rung to Bob Major and Grandsire. Wormhill has the lightest known ring of bells in a church tower and some time was taken in getting used to them in rounds before trying anything else. A memorable tower indeed for the writer's 2,300th!

At Fairfield Brian Woodroffe had very kindly raised the bells in readiness and this musical Taylor octave was soon pouring forth Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire. Two ringers who had only been told by their Vicar the day before of our impending visit, kindly met us at Burbage. The six are rather loud in the ringing chamber, but Minor and Doubles went well. At Chapel-en-le-Frith we had the unusual spectacle of ringers queueing up cafeteria fashion to take their stool from a pile in the corner to reach the unusually high ropes, but some good ringing followed. The drive through the clouds and down the steep, winding road to Castleton will not be easily forgotten. The striking on the indifferent eight improved as we obtained mastery over the 'elastic' ropes. The treble rope at Hope, with its tufted end, was the butt of many jokes by the wags of the party, but we enjoyed this musical octave so much that we sneaked an extra touch of Bob Major before falling in peal.

Before ringing at Hathersage some of our party visited the grave of 'Little John,' reputed tall friend of Robin Hood, of Sherwood Forest fame. The grave is now maintained by the Ancient Order of Foresters. Fifteen minutes sufficed on the rough-going six, and we set off on the 12-mile journey to Youlgreave. Half an hour on the majestic eight brought our tour to an end. Our best thanks are due to those ringers who met us at the various towers. W. A. S.

PAKENHAM, SUFF.—On Oct. 11th. 1,260 Doubles (600 Grandsire, 660 Plain Bob): H. Ivings 1, A. W. Rolfe 2, L. Pierce 3, R. Rose 4, L. N. Melton (cond.) 5. Also on Oct. 13th. 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: H. Ivings 1, L. Pierce 2, M. Sharpe 3, E. Bishop 4, N. Melton (cond.) 5. Both for harvest festival.

ROTHLEY, LEICS.—On Oct. 6th. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Wilkinson 1, S. Stone 2, N. Bishop 3, G. Brewin 4, B. S. Payne (cond.) 5, P. Plowright 6. Also 1,320 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure: M. Bishop 1, N. Bishop 2, G. Brewin 3, R. Brewin 4, B. S. Payne (cond.) 5, P. Plowright 6. For harvest festival.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION

The autumn quarterly meeting of the Swindon Branch was held at Highworth on October 12th and visitors were welcomed from Bedford, Faringdon, Gloucester and Moreton-in-Marsh. There were a number of beginners present and it is hoped they will benefit from the instruction they received. The usual service was conducted by the Rev. B. H. Cooper, and tea followed at a local cafe.

The Branch chairman (Dr. H. Craig) presided at the business meeting, and various tributes were paid to the late Mr. C. J. Gardner, among them a letter received from Miss M. R. Cross, secretary of the Oxford Guild. Six new members were elected and congratulations were extended to Tony Peake and band on ringing a peal of Doubles in 42 methods. Meetings for November and December were provisionally arranged for Wanborough and Christ Church, Swindon. Ringing ranged from Grandsire Triples to Cambridge Major. W. B. K.

SOUTHAMPTON UNIVERSITY GUILD

Members of the Guild had a cycling tour of the district in and around the Meon Valley on October 12th. The weather was ideal for cycling and some 60 miles were covered by the end of the day. Towers visited were Soberton, Catherington, Hambledon, Buriton, East Meon and West Meon, and methods rung included Grandsire, Kent, Cambridge, London and Bristol.

The Guild was pleased to welcome ringers from St. Michael's, Southampton, who joined the party at Soberton and without whom many of the methods rung could not have been attempted. J. L. Q.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

After the farewell peal for Miss Kathleen Yeo at Hellingly, one ringer was heard to remark that he would rather not have gone for the peal it it would have kept Kathleen in Sussex. The band were most hospitably entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Yeo after the peal. We hope Kathleen's duties at Tenterden, Kent, will permit of her scoring an occasional peal.

The name of the fourth ringer in the peal at Ashby-de-la-Zouch (page 635) was J. Frederick Milner and not Frederick J. Milner.

Will the London ringer living in S.E.15 who sent a quarter's subscription to 'The Ringing World' and did not sign his name kindly forward it to Mr. J. E. Jeater.

The band who rang the peal at Brightwalton on October 5th extend their grateful thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Sayers for their kind hospitality afterwards.

A recent publication is 'Lord Grimthorpe,' by Peter Ferriday (John Murray, 21s. net), who lived from 1816 to 1905, and was much occupied with bells, horology and architecture.

For the first time for 28 years, Burgate, Suffolk, bells were rung for Evensong on Sunday, October 13th, by ringers from Starston, Hardwick and Shimpling. The bells, a pleasant five, tenor 8 cwt. in A flat, were rung to Plain Bob Doubles, using ropes from Dickleburgh Church.

After 22 years Fred Bailey (late of Leiston) enters the peal list with his first peal of Grandsire Triples, at Coleshill, Warwickshire. His previous peal, in August, 1935, was a 'silent' Cambridge Maximus at St. Martin's, Birmingham.

The peal of Doubles at Ockham, Surrey, by five first-pealers, was not without its difficulties. Due to rain clouds the light decreased rapidly in the belfry, which is without electricity, and the last four 120's were rung with the ropes scarcely visible.

In spite of the Asian 'flu, about 90 members attended the autumn general meeting of the Oxford Diocesan Guild at High Wycombe on October 12th. It was decided that the Guild subscription remain at 2s. 6d. as at present but that any member requiring a report should notify his Branch secretary before the end of the year and should pay for it on receipt of same.

Owing to two of the original band being victims of 'flu, a peal of Major was substituted for Royal at Duffield.

With the peal of Plain Bob Major at Ross-on-Wye on October 12th, Mr. Leslie Evans has now rung a peal in every 8- and 10-bell tower in Herefordshire.

The young ringers from St. Peter's, Derby, who were ringing their first peal of Treble Bob at Breadsall are to be congratulated, especially in view of the absence of stays from the treble and second bells. Neither has been ringing for a year, and one promptly followed this with a peal of Killamarsh Treble Bob Minor 'inside' at Ockbrook.

Rингers in the Bristol area will be pleased to know that the floor of the ringing chamber at St. Thomas' (City) has now been repaired. The University of Bristol Society were pleased to be invited to ring a 'quarter' there for harvest thanksgiving service. St. Thomas' is the industrial church of the city and the 'harvest' included products from local firms.

The ringers who took part in the first peal at Balderton, Notts, for 46 years would like to thank the Vicar (Rev. J. A. Johnson) for kindly granting them permission to make the attempt. The bells are not readily available owing to their proximity to many houses and a bus terminus, and are also rather noisy outside.

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COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD LOOK BACK 50 YEARS

MEMORABLE ANNIVERSARY DINNER

THE Coventry Diocesan Guild held their 50th anniversary dinner on October 12th in a setting that really made the occasion — St. Mary's Guildhall, Coventry — that historical building in centre of the city, next to the ruins of the old Cathedral and near the new Cathedral which is to take its place.

Amongst the principal guests were the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Coventry, the Lord Bishop of Coventry, supported by Canon Noel Prentice, of Stratford-on-Avon, Canon Startin, of Wootten Wawen, Canon Carew Cox (Master of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild), the Revs. M. C. C. Melville, A. W. Dodds and D. M. Davies, Mr. F. Sharpe (president of the Central Council), Mr. J. Frank Smallwood, and all officers of the Guild with the exception of the Ringing Master who was unfortunately ill. Mr. J. Pinfold (Master of the St. Martin's Guild) and his wife were also present. The company of 175 was representative of most towers in the diocese, and it was gratifying to see so many young ringers amongst the old stagers. Three founder member were present—Messrs. W. Collett of Warwick, J. F. Smallwood and J. Pinfold. Mr. E. Adams and Mr. T. Male were unable to be present. Mr. F. Pervin was able to join the company in time for the speeches, and the president gave him a cordial welcome.

LORD MAYOR'S HOPES

The Lord Mayor of Coventry (Ald. Mrs. Pearl Hyde), in welcoming the Guild to Coventry, said how delighted she was to be with them on this historic occasion, and in particular in St. Mary's Guildhall. She could not think of any setting more fitting, and it was her privilege to be here with them. She had just heard what bellringers get up to—she was told they 'hunt,' 'dodge,' and—she thought—'made faces,' but she had been corrected and told they 'made places.' She was sorry to learn that so many had not been able to attend because of the limited accommodation, and suggested that perhaps next year they might use the new police station, which had a grand hall and was very modern—but 'could anything take the place of St. Mary's Guildhall?'. Coventry was of Anglo-Saxon origin, and its churches were steeped in history. Dick Whittington was a freeman of the city before he went to London to become Lord Mayor. The present Coventry was so new, and the new Cathedral would take its place in the reconstructed city. She wished them a very happy evening and every success in their endeavours to keep the church bells ringing, and hoped that in the not-too-distant future a ringing peal of bells would be heard in the centre of the city of Coventry.

Mr. F. Sharpe said that he felt unqualified to propose the toast of 'Church and State.' This was surely one toast not two, as all that was best in the State came from the teachings of the Church. If there was no Church we should not hear the teachings of Christ, there would be no bells and no ringers, and we should not have half the blessings of this life. Ringers were loyal to the Church and to the State. Church and State should always work in close co-operation, but had not always done so, and illustrated this by a story of happenings in some village communities. He thanked God for a good Christian queen. In his travels up and down the country he had found a far greater spiritual interest in all matters connected with the Church and State, and in proposing the toast he coupled with it the name of the Lord Bishop of Coventry, Dr. Cuthbert Bardsley.

The Lord Bishop in his reply, said it was a privilege to be with them on such an historic occasion. When the Guild was founded he was about three months old. For 21 of those years he had lived under the shadow of a great and glorious tower, Lancaster Priory, one of the most lovely parish churches in the country, and they would understand what bellringing meant to him. This, he said, was a great and historic moment—50 years of service to the Church and State. It was one of the glorious things about our country that the Church and State worked so closely together. Century after century, the Church had done its job, and was now handing over its main welfare work to those more competent to do it, leaving them to do the real job of bringing peace to the community. Bellringers called them to the true way of living, and he thanked God for their work—long might they live to do it. He assured them that he had them very much in his heart, and would do all in his power to make this Diocesan Guild a living thing. Might they go from strength to strength.

THE PRIME MOVER

In proposing 'The Coventry Diocesan Guild,' Mr. J. F. Smallwood said it was a great honour to propose this toast on the Guild's 50th anniversary. He was the prime mover in the formation of the Guild, and was very proud of it. The first meeting was held in Warwick, although in fact the idea was born in Coventry. He mentioned A. Coleman, their first secretary, Tom Chapman, Harry Argyle, Canon Back, Joe White, Joe Fenton, James George, Abraham Wilkinson—all of whom made a great contribution to the development of the Guild. They should also remember how well the Guild had been served by Dorothy Beamish, Bob Roberts, Frank Pervin, Tom Male and many others too numerous to mention. How fortunate the Guild was in its present officers.

Mr. Smallwood went on to say: 'I have known your president for many years. He is destined for higher office than he has yet attained in ringing circles, and I hope he will be spared to guide your Guild for many years to come. Your secretary—what are we to say about him? He is here, there and everywhere in his keenness to serve the Guild. He will, without a doubt, take the Guild along to greater things—how fortunate you are in your choice!'

The new Cathedral, he learned, should be finished in about five years, and he hoped that before that time there would have been such a furore by the Lord Mayor and the Bishop that something would have been done to get the bells in the old Cathedral tower ringing again. It was a tragedy when the old bells of St. Michael's were broken up, and he hoped that he had said something that would stir up discontent and enable them to get them ringing again. He coupled the name of their president (Mr. Frank Perrens) with the toast.

The president, in his reply, said Warwickshire was one of the last counties to form a Guild, and looking back over some of the earliest records he had found that the first Ringing Master was Mr. Ted Adams: he was sorry he was not with them that evening. The first annual general meeting was held in the same place as the foundation meeting. A founder member (Mr. J. F. Smallwood) had called the first peal for the Guild in 1908, and a few years later Stedman Caters was rung and called by Canon Carew Cox, who was with them that evening. Five of that band were still alive—the four founder members and Bob Roberts, who was now 87 years young. At the second A.G.M. the membership was 120; in 1915 it was 270, so there was obviously a need for the Guild. Their membership had rarely passed that figure.

During those 50 years Mrs. Beamish had served the Guild as secretary for nearly half that time. Their District secretaries were doing a good job of work, and he paid special tribute to Harry Windsor, who was doing very good work in the Southern Branch, and appealed to those in that area to support his efforts. During the last few years no less than 14 restorations had been carried out—none in Coventry, he regretted to say—but things were moving and he hoped that in the future they would have a ringing peal in the city. He appealed to everyone to do all they could to get more young people interested in the Art, and said that only by keeping a constant supply of new members could they hope to keep the bells ringing. All towers must play their part.

The toast of 'The Visitors' was proposed by Mr. A. Beamish in the absence of the Ringing Master, and replied to by Canon Carew Cox, who said how delighted he was that he had been invited to do so; what a pleasure it was to renew old acquaintances and make new ones. What memories it brought to mind! It would take far too long to relate them all. Although it was over 40 years since he had taken an active part, he followed the doings of the Guild with tremendous interest as he felt he was still a part of it, and wished them success in the future.

Tunes were rendered on the handbells by members of the Guild from Chilvers Coton and Allesley. A touch of Stedman Cinques was ably brought round by F. W. Perrens, P. K. Williamson, Miss M. Beamish, J. F. Smallwood, P. Border and E. Sibley.

A most enjoyable evening was brought to a close by an omnibus vote of thanks, proposed by the hon. general secretary (Mr. J. L. Garner-Hayward).

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Western Branch at Gressenhall

An interim meeting of the West Norfolk Branch was held at Gressenhall on October 5th. Twenty members were present at tea, and several others, including members of the North Norfolk Branch, arrived during the evening.

The service was conducted by the Rector (Rev. R. G. E. Dodson), who is chairman of the Branch, and as the church was decorated in readiness for the harvest thanksgiving services to be held the following day, harvest hymns were sung instead of the usual ringers' hymns.

The Rector, in welcoming the visitors, said that he was especially pleased that the Branch was holding this meeting at Gressenhall as it was just two years ago since two new trebles were added to the ring of six, thus completing the octave. The day following this present meeting, the Rector said, was another very special occasion for Gressenhall in that a 450-years-old carved oak roof in the south transept of the church had just been completely restored and repainted to its original style, and this was being dedicated at the harvest festival service by Bishop J. R. S. Taylor, former Bishop of Sodor and Man. All present had an opportunity of seeing this roof floodlit.

Thanks are due to the Rector, the organist, the Branch Ringing Master (Mr. C. Ebberson) and to the ladies for providing tea.

After tea ringing was resumed until 9 o'clock to a variety of methods.

GUILDFORD GUILD RECALL OLD STALWARTS

At Annual Dinner

A COMPANY of 140 attended the annual dinner of the Guildford Diocesan Guild at the Stoke Hotel, Guildford, on October 19th. The tables were beautifully decorated with chrysanthemums, provided by the Master (Mr. A. Harman), who presided. It was a happy gathering, with Mr. F. E. Collins as toastmaster.

Proposing the toast of 'The memory of John S. Goldsmith and other officers and members of the Guildford Guild,' Mr. C. W. Denyer said the toast had been extended this year to other officers and members because those who knew Mr. Goldsmith were few. He had been going through some old reports and among the names he would like to bring to their attention was that of Mr. Walter Harrison; although not a ringer, he was their first chairman and did a lot for ringing. Then there was Major John Hesse and Admiral Walker, of Woking, a real old diehard, who did not start ringing until he was 60, and when he died he was in training for his first quarter peal! Charlie Burdock was first secretary of the Guildford District and was also Guild auditor. Another old stalwart was Bill Melville. From Farnham there was Dick Hasted and Fred Nye, and at Bagshot John Corbett, known as 'the Bishop of Bagshot'; Tom and George Upshall, and latterly Wilkins Massey, who was known to many as 'Onion.'

Recently they had lost Bob Whittington, a vice-president of the Guild, Jim Dodson, whose death at an early age was a great loss to the Chertsey District, and Reg Lashbury. They all did quite a lot for the Guild and helped to build it up.

The toast was drunk in silence.

Mr. H. N. Pitstow proposed the toast of 'The Church and the Ringing Exercise.' He said, as they knew, in the 17th and 18th centuries bells were not rung for the service of the Church; in fact they were banned and ringing was a sport. Today they rang for services and relationships had improved.

To what extent was the ringing of church bells a service of the Church? They rang their bells to call people to church for Sunday service, although he knew the cynics would say that the majority of people who went would go whether the bells were rung or not; but there were a few who were inspired by the sound of the bells. There were also those who could not attend for some reason or other, and possibly the bells stirred some thoughts in their hearts. To the sick the bells conveyed a special message.

At a meeting at Epsom a few years ago the Vicar told how he had just come from visiting a parishioner who was lying very ill and knew she was near her end. She said: 'I am glad you have come because I was very worried and had things on my mind, but I heard the bells ringing just now and my mind is at peace.'

FASCINATING, FUN AND ENJOYMENT

'Bellringing is a fascinating hobby and we get our fun and enjoyment from it, but we must not forget that the primary purpose of ringing is for the service of the Church. Some of us ring quarters and peals; we realise that we can only get near-perfect striking by peals. But peal-ringing is a fascinating hobby and the fascination grows with our progress in the art, and if we are not careful we may forget that our primary purpose is to ring for service.'

There was another side of the toast—the extent the Church could help the ringers. In the majority of towers today ringers were encouraged by their incumbent to ring, and he took an interest; but there were a few towers where that was not the case, where the incumbent did not care. Then there were some towers where there were bells and no ringers. Here the incumbent could help because most churches had their youth group or fellowship, and where there were young people it should not be difficult to persuade them to take up ringing. He knew the first thing was to get instructors, but if approached the Guild would endeavour to provide instructors. An outstanding example was Stoke D'Abernon, where there were five bells. About two years ago they started from scratch with instructors from Leatherhead and Cobham. The previous Saturday one of the youngest members of that band was ringing in his tower Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Kent Treble Bob Major.

SIX DAYS A WEEK

The Rev. J. B. Rowsell, of St. Mark's, Reading, who replied, said as a boy he learnt to ring at Aldershot. When he was at Cambridge there was an old gentleman who said: 'Ringing requires your attention six days a week and twice on Sundays.' Ringing required discipline and self-control — to do anything properly required discipline and self-control—and doing so made a man or woman, boy or girl, a complete personality, just as God made them for. In that way they were performing a service for God.

He agreed with Mr. Pitstow that they got a tremendous lot of fun and enjoyment out of ringing. Looking back, as a young boy at Aldershot and afterwards at Cambridge, he remembered many happy and enjoyable occasions, not only at ringing practices, but the few peals he had rung, the ringing meetings, the outings on bicycles and also quite a few ringing weeks on holidays. It was all very good fun and he was looking forward to the time when his ringing would not be inactive as it was today.

The Rev. P. Wilkins, of St. Michael's, Aldershot, proposed the toast of 'The Ladies.' He said his task that evening was not to praise the wonderful bells that hung in their towers but the belles they took to church or who took them, and those with whom they rang and, alas, occasionally had their hearts wrung by them.

Miss W. R. Hide (Farnham) replied, and said apart from ringing they did a lot of work in the background, arranging for teas at meetings, refreshments at socials and helping in rummage sales. They enjoyed their ringing.

The toast 'The Visitors' was proposed by Mr. C. J. Beadle, secretary of the Farnham District. He welcomed the Rev. John and Mrs. Rowsell, the Rev. and Mrs. B. Wilkins, the Rev. G. S. Cheetham, Mr. F. E. Collins, Mr.,

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A LANCASHIRE WORTHY

Presentations to Mr. James Marsh

Recently a presentation was made to Mr. James Marsh, captain of the Christ Church, Aughton, Lancs, ringers, to celebrate his 65 years as a ringer at the church. This church is well known to residents in the north of England, being situated on the highest point in South West Lancashire, and is the first building one observes when coming into the port of Liverpool.

Mr. Marsh was born on October 8th, 1877, and commenced ringing at Christ Church at the age of 15. He rang his first peal in 1897. He joined the Liverpool Diocesan Guild of Bellringers in 1894 and later on the formation of the Lancashire Association became one of its early members.

He has rung about 120 peals, of which 100 were for the Lancashire Association. His favourite method is Stedman, and he is one of the best conductors of this method in Lancashire. On the Sunday before his 80th birthday he called a quarter peal (Carter's Odd Bob) and on the Monday following a peal of Stedman was lost in the last course after ringing 2 hours and 50 minutes,

Mr. Marsh has rung the bells at Christ Church, Aughton, for all royal occasions since 1897, and is the only living ringer who had in 1897 rung the bells at Aughton, Ormskirk, the blitzed church of St. Luke, Liverpool, St. Nicholas', Liverpool, and the Pro-Cathedral. He has also rung on the rehung bells of St. Nicholas', Liverpool, and last year conducted a touch of Stedman on the front eight of Liverpool Cathedral.

A cheque was given by the Parochial Church Council and a smoking outfit was presented by Mr. E. Ashcroft on behalf of his fellow ringers. It was pointed out that, in addition to his ringing activities, Mr. Marsh had been a sidesman for nearly 50 years. Mr. Marsh, in thanking the parishioners and ringers for their kind gifts, said he thanked God for the health and strength he had, and could not have done it but for the support given him by his wife. Mrs. Marsh was presented with a handbag given by members of the Mothers' Union.

Mr. Marsh is still a regular ringer attending all Sunday services and practices, and is one of the oldest active conductors in the country.

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Mrs. and Miss Petler, Miss Betts and Mr. Wilfred Wilson, of the London Counties Association.

The Rev. G. S. Cheetham (Farnham), in reply, said when he first came to Farnham he was honoured by a quarter peal being rung as a welcome, and he supposed when his time came to leave Farnham he would get a muffled peal.

The entertainment included Grandsire Caters rung by Farnham District ringers; piano solos and songs by Julia and Diana Beeken; entertainment by Harold Cole; tune-ringing on handbells by Sidney Joyce and William Wright; trumpet solo by Brian Hale; and topical verse by C. W. Denyer, W. Viggers and E. Bragg.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

NYLON BELL-ROPES

Dear Sir,—In answer to the inquiry regarding the use of nylon for bell-ropes, I am at present using nylon rope-ends on the 11th and tenor at Croydon Parish Church.

It is a common occurrence for ropes of large bells to wear below the sally where they strike the floor, and when this happened to mine I decided to try nylon. I obtained two 15ft. lengths of 1¼" circ. white nylon rope at a cost of 1s. 5½d. per foot from The Great Grimsby Tanning Co., Harbour Road, Newlyn, Penzance, Cornwall. 1½" rope is the correct size for bells of 25 cwt. and over, 1¼" at 1s. 3½d. per foot for bells of 12 to 25 cwt., and 1¼" at 1s. 1½d. per foot for bells under 12 cwt.

Being optimistic enough to believe that these nylon rope-ends would outlast several ordinary ropes, I double-eye-spliced them in immediately below the sally in order that it would be possible to refit them to other ropes later on.

These two rope-ends have been in use since March, and in that time have been used for service ringing twice every Sunday, one practice night per week, one ringers' meeting and two peals, and do not so far show the least sign of wear. I personally have used each of them through a peal and have found them soft and comfortable to handle. There is a slight suspicion of 'stretch,' not enough to matter but enough to prove that a complete 60ft. nylon bellrope would be too springy to be a practical proposition.

I am quite happy with nylon for rope-ends and shall, no doubt, later on, when necessity arises experiment by fitting a short piece in to the rope at the position where it passes through the garter hole in the wheel.

My only grouse is that where my rope-ends started off a lovely white they have become impregnated with dust and are now a dingy grey.

Anyone sufficiently interested is welcome to come along to Croydon Parish Church any Tuesday evening practice and try these ropes themselves.—Yours, etc.,

F. E. COLLINS.

Croydon, Surrey.

APPRECIATION, 1s. 7½d.

Dear Sir,—I take rather a dim view of the activities of the ringers in 'A game of chance.' If a tower is wanted, surely the right and proper thing to do is to write for the bells. There are far too many ringers who do the Exercise no good at all by dashing from one tower to another grabbing as many as possible in the shortest passage of time. Surely one's approach to a church should be as reverent as those who go to worship.

We have had, this summer, at my tower of All Saints', quite a large number of visitors. All were made welcome and, as far as I know, went away quite happy. We have on the table in the ringing chamber a visitors' book and a box labelled 'Belfry Repair Fund.' I have just opened it, after 12 months, and found in it the princely sum of 1s. 7½d. We do not expect anyone to pay for the privilege of ringing, but a penny in the box from each visitor would have made it possible for us to bring great joy to the heart of our steeple-keeper. He is in need of a new broom.—Yours truly,

C. ALFRED LEVETT.

Hastings.

Mr. Allan R. Jones informs us that the peal rung at Newnham, Northants, on October 5th ('The Ringing World,' page 669) was false, as six of the extents were conducted wrongly.

THE NEW BEAT

Dear Sir,—Change-ringing should *always* be practised with a slight 'hold up' of the leading bell at handstroke as opposed to this 'cart-wheeling,' which as Peter Crook says is not enjoyable to listen to. But now let's get down to some details and find out why there should be this 'gap.' Surely during a peal one might get the change

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Now if this was rung 'cartwheel' style one could take the two changes as the last part of one change, then rounds, and then start off the method again as in

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and the peal would appear false.—Yours, etc.,

ALAN A. J. BUSWELL.

Havant.

Dear Sir,—In answer to Mr. W. Ring's query concerning what has, perhaps mistakenly, been termed the 'new beat,' I can assure him that only in inexperienced hands does it sound like the touch of Grandsire he describes. Naturally, ringing with an irregular or syncopated rhythm is much more difficult than the 'strict tempo' usually aspired to, but it has, I gather, been perfected on handbells by two College Youths ringing Bob Minimus. This just goes to show that even in London it is difficult to find seven others of the same mind!

As for the accurate description required, I am afraid I can say nothing except that the regular beat must be broken up, but nevertheless into distinct rhythms, an infinite number of which are possible, and many of which have been tried. For an example, Tittums rung 1 x 52 x 63 x 74 x 8, where x represents a gap, sounds very effective on a heavy eight. I have heard this done perfectly by a band of learners.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN L. MORRIS.

Orpington, Kent.

MARTHAM BELLS

Dear Sir,—The two recent accounts of ringing tours on the Norfolk Broads made no mention of the finest tower in that area—Martham, which stands splendidly on the skyline south of Candle Dyke and, according to Dove, contains six bells. Local enquiries made this summer did not suggest that the bells were unringable, and I would be interested to know whether there is, in fact, some good reason why neither touring party rang there.

With regard to the London University tour, might I enquire whether the transfixation of 'Merlin I' by a yacht's bows may have been at least partly due to the failure of the cruiser's helmsman to 'dodge' properly with the yacht, tacking down the narrow River Bure, a common trouble with cruiser people early in each week?—Yours faithfully,

AIDAN BOYACK.

Westcliff-on-Sea.

BRISTOL.—At St. Thomas' (City) Church, on Oct. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Rothwell 1, B. J. Wylde 2, P. J. Bird 3, D. Heighton (cond.) 4, A. J. Smith 5, M. E. Downs 6, F. D. Mack 7, T. P. Edwards 8. Rung by members of the University of Bristol Society for harvest festival service.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYS.—On Oct. 12th, 1,440 Spliced Treble Bob Minor (Kingston, Sandal, London Scholars Pleasure, Capel, Oxford, Norbury, College Exercise, Duke of Norfolk and Ockley Treble Bob, and Pontefract, Wath, Donottar and Carisbrooke Delight): W. H. Dowse 1, B. J. Woodruffe (cond.) 2, B. Groves 3, R. B. Smith 4, A. McFall 5, W. A. Smith 6.

HAMMERWOOD PARISH CHURCH

Dear Sir,—In 1879 a ring of five bells, tenor 7½ cwt., approx., was installed in Hammerwood Parish Church, Sussex.

These bells have done good service to the hamlet, having been rung regularly from the time of instalment until about 1936 when the local band faded out. However, the termination of World War II saw a revival at this tower, and once again a local band was formed. This hamlet of about 280 souls has *no* shop, post office or public house. The entire school staff (two) are ringers.

About two years ago it was found necessary to launch an appeal for major repairs to the church, £2,000 being the target. In this, £800 was included for rehanging the bells in an iron frame with new fittings, etc., for they have had no attention (except amateur bodging) since the day they were installed.

So far, £1,200 has been raised, and it now leaves only the bells to be restored.

I would like to appeal to the wholehearted generosity of our fellow ringers to help in this great struggle in getting a ring of bells into first-class order that had once been thought written off for ever by ringers in this area.

So far seven peals have been rung on the bells, this being the greatest amount on any Sussex five. This total includes a peal of Stedman Doubles by the College Youths in 1954.

Now if every ringer could cut down by one packet of cigarettes or perhaps a pint of beer per year and send the equivalent to the Rev. H. R. Smart, The Vicarage, Hammerwood, East Grinstead, Sussex, these bells would soon be in order once again.—Yours sincerely,

East Grinstead. FRANK H. HICKS.

P.S.—For the past six months four bells only have been rung, owing to the derelict condition of the fourth stock and wheel. This is, indeed, poor encouragement to the very keen band of nine young ringers.—F. H. H.

The Last Day of Freedom

The day before autumn term began meant escape into the country; this year into the Needwood Forest of Staffordshire.

A start was made with the light five at Newborough, hung in a tall, slender, octagonal tower. Rangemore, another light five, followed, but we found these difficult to ring until we got down on our hands and knees!

Newchurch (or Needwood) is unique! Here the five bells are 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 of a ring of six; 1, 2 and 3 are old bells by Mears, but the story of 4 and 6 needs explaining. As to the tenor—Purdue's jewels and masterpieces aren't in the running.

The crowning glory of the day was Hoar Cross. No money was spared when Hoar Cross Church was built, and consequently the tower houses one of the finest rings in Staffordshire. Reinforcements, including the 'bright spark' of Aston, arrived in time for Little Bob and Kent before three miles cycling brought us to Abbot's Bromley. The heavy anti-clockwise five on plain bearings would be well described by one young eight-spliced conductor with 'Four hours dead, boy, four hours dead!'

Our visit coincided with the annual, well-known Abbot's Bromley horn dance, a custom connected with ancient hunting rights in the forest, which we saw before ringing at Blithfield. This remote church near a large, new reservoir has a six, much improved with the addition of a new floor some 16ft. above the ground floor ringing room.

A wet ride to Colwich (via Lord Bagot's 'back garden') dampened our spirits, and our ringing at this forlorn little church wasn't at all good. Spirits were, however, duly restored and cries of 'See you at Christmas' marked the end of activities for the time being. The true ringers cycled into Lichfield to join in the Cathedral practice; the same finished the day on a diesel.

S. H.

A WILTSHIRE PEAL TOUR

'OWER GIRT ZEPTEMBER VAIR

Of ael naizes an zenes in tha country that are,
Ther's nuthen ta beat ower girt Zeptember Vair;
Now if ya da dout it, com an zee var yer-zelf,
An be here day avore, August tha thurty-furst;
When about dinner time ya zure will begin,
Ta hear indycashions of tha vorth comin din.
Then on tha vair morn of tha clock about two,
Outzid a ya dwoor ye'll hear much ado;
That is, if you'm sleepen in tha nayberhood too,
An beant zunk too deep in a girt snorin stew.
You'll turn, an you'll twis, an mutter what's this?
An agean try ta zink in slumberin bliss;
Then praps var a nower, ya may get a snooze,
Ael depens, ta wither much naize ya've been used.'

HAD we been early 19th century Wiltshire men and women on a ringing tour, the above words might well have been our thoughts as our coach rolled into the sleepy hollow of Aldbourne village. Before anyone can think that this is a mere flight of fancy I will say that our coach (motorised) did roll into Aldbourne village—well before the appointed time of 3 p.m. on Saturday, August 31st. Thus we were enabled to ring and explore the church before leaving a band to attempt the first peal of Tom Lock's tour for this year; and several of the party, who had rung London on those fine old bells a month before, were most pleased to renew acquaintance with Arthur Palmer. A name much in evidence in the church was that of Robert Wells, the bellfounder, who cast his bells in Aldbourne, and who was actively associated with the church in many ways. This was of particular interest to George, as his ringing career might be said to have had its earliest beginnings in Aldbourne—for it was there that Deritend bells were cast. We journeyed on to Bishopstone, first meeting George, Ralph and Stella at Swindon station. Cambridge came to grief at Bishopstone, from whence Stukeley (1722) saw 'three cities and three cathedrals at once, Wilton, Old and New Sarum.' Selecting what seemed a likely road, Ralph, George and Philip (closely followed by Gordon) found that after a couple of miles' interesting motoring across the Downs, further progress along the by then admirable grass track was barred by a ploughed field! Despite certain urges we turned back and found our way to Aldbourne in time to hear the last few courses of the peal. We arrived in good time for dinner at the 16th century Castle and Ball Hotel at Marlborough, this being our headquarters for the week.

A PLEASANT SUNDAY

Sunday morning breakfast was the more enjoyable for having rung for the early service at St. Mary's, and it was then but a short and pleasant walk under the famous college buildings and bridge to Preshute, where service was attended after the usual preliminaries. To prevent overcrowding, a splinter party of five drove to Purton, here being welcomed by Mr. Ralph Shailes, whose genial hospitality is well known to Wiltshire week-enders. At the invitation of the local band we journeyed to Bath, arriving there in golden sunshine which showed to advantage the warm stone of the fine Regency houses and the Abbey, which is being restored, and where we rang for an hour before the start of normal service ringing. After saying our goodbyes to Mr. Prestcott we drove through the city to Twerton-on-Avon, where we received another warm welcome from Roger Fry and his keen young band, whose ringing is of a high standard.

Chilmark stone delighted our eyes on Monday, both in Amesbury and Salisbury, for this grand freestone is known as 'the empress among building materials.' The bells of Amesbury Abbey were rather oddstruck, and the attempt for the 'county' method was changed to Yorkshire, this proving successful. During some of the last few courses the Vicar was an interested spectator, and he later said how pleased he was to see us and to hear the ringing. Grandsire, Stedman, London and Spliced were accomplished on the fine eight at Downton, where there is an old Saxon earthwork moot — semi-circular raised grass seats round a little piece of water. Whilst Bill Rogers was listening to the peal at Britford, one of those meetings occurred which make one wonder whether coincidences are really more than notable concurrences. At the lychgate he met Mr. Penton, a neighbour from Rotherfield. Mr. and Mrs. Penton had returned to Britford to see the church in which they were married during that week, 50 years before! The other afternoon attempt, Pudsey, at St. Paul's, Salisbury, where the bells are not easy to hear, came to grief after an hour, due to a change course.

EIGHT SPLICED AT WOOTTON BASSETT

Arriving at St. Mark's, Swindon, next morning, we found Brian waiting for us, he having already raised the bells. One band was left here for Yorkshire and the rest proceeded to Wootton Bassett, where Mr. Louis Wilson met us. Stephen was warmly congratulated at the end of the peal, he having ably called it at very short notice. On the one brief occasion when it was necessary he had no hesitation in proving his remarkable capabilities as a conductor, exhibiting near complete control of the ringing. We were somewhat too late for lunch at Cricklade, but found that the delay had in no way affected the excellent meal that awaited us. An early tea was possible in Swindon after a failure for Rutland at Stratton St. Margaret, and this enabled us all to meet at Christ Church promptly at 7.30 to join the local practice night.

GOLDEN WEDDING PEALS

The west of the county was visited on Wednesday, and as we were delayed at headquarters by the preparation of a packed picnic lunch, an advance party went by car to North Bradley. Here Fred Slatford, one of the 'vrends uv the Exercise,' met us and wished good fortune on the attempt. It was not long before the coach arrived and soon this lively ring, a Mears and Stainbank augmented six by Bilbie, of Yeovil fame, was sounding forth the satisfying first lead of Bristol. But on to Bradford-on-Avon, where Yorkshire was planned. Here the excellent bells, a light octave by Gilletts, inspired us to ring a very good peal, and the rich music caused almost permanent smiles and muted humming (particularly by one member) to accompany the roll ups.

In the afternoon we left a band to ring Cambridge Minor at Hilperton, and after a pleasant ride through Steeple Ashton and Edington, where the architecture was much admired, we returned to find that the peal had finished, in two hours. Graham rejoined us here, having run from Trowbridge to arrive at the appointed tea time. And well worth it, too, for Mrs. Edwards and her daughter had prepared a most adequate and satisfying repast, for which she was heartily thanked. It was pleasing that the three peals were all completed, for that day was the golden wedding of Mrs. Lock's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Bradford, of Twickenham, and we wish to associate the peals with that event and wish them continued happiness.

Our towers on Thursday included Marshfield and Colerne. Mr. J. Beazer and another local ringer met the band at the first tower and heard the peal of two-spliced right through. Mr. and Mrs. Beazer had just celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary and the peal is recorded as a compliment to them. Mr. Beazer has also completed 68 years as a ringer, still performing this duty each Sunday—we wish him many more. After a detour, occasioned by road closure, we eventually found our way towards the impressive tower of Colerne, where a good peal of six-spliced resulted, certain changes again producing delighted response. An attempt for Trowbridge at Chippenham was modified to Rutland, but still failure came! Similarly, London at Melksham, with its fine ring, was changed to Cambridge and lost by a miscall.

Cambridge was the method for peals on Friday—Major at the 14th century church of Warminster on a ring which sounds lighter than its weight inside the tower; and Minor on the fine but slow-swinging six at Heytesbury, with its churchyard of unpremeditated beauty.

The afternoon was occupied by leisurely visits to Mere and Longbridge Deverill, where the usual complement of methods from Grandsire to Spliced was duly aired. In the lounge of the hotel that evening the thanks of the company were accorded to Kath and Tom for organising the tour, and a material expression of our appreciation and regard came when Mick presented to them a fine electric clock. One member from a well-known Midlands centre hoped that the clock would not be 'slow at hand'!

Our peal attempt at Urchfont on Saturday morning had to be cancelled due to local illness, and ringing was limited to a few short touches. A disappointment this, for the bells are a fine old ring with a mellow 21 cwt. tenor cast in the early 17th century by John Wallis, of Sarum. The third Rotherfield coincidence occurred her—for the postman, a local ringer, once lived there. Bratton Church was very elusive, causing a late arrival, and after two very short attempts for London Minor, we realised that we then had insufficient time for a peal.

FINE BELLS IN DEVIZES

In the afternoon we had a brief ring on the tuneful six at Southbroom, the fine 7¼ cwt. tenor by James Wells, of Sarum, bearing a date of 1602. After this we saw, amongst other things, many old flags hanging from the walls of this garrison church of the Wiltshire Regiment, whose official song is 'The vly be on the turmut.' Mr. A. Weeks, who was our guide, accompanied most of the party to the local meeting and tea at Bromham, where the ringing on the grand six was much enjoyed. Eight of us were left at St. John's, Devizes, to attempt the final peal of the week—an 'omen' one of Lincolnshire. The very good peal on one of the most impressive rings of the week left little to be desired, and ensured that we waited for the rest of the party in a warm frame of mind.

The dissimilar memories among many that remain of this convivial week are of the exquisite carving of 'The Last Supper' at Steeple Ashton, and the numerous evening visits to the Post Office by the males in the party. The usual thanks are extended to all who contributed to the success of the tour, and helped provide a store of memories for the future.

'CALLIGRAPH.'

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Oct. 13th, 1,280 Spliced Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major: S. Penfold 1, A. J. Salisbury 2, J. Carrott 3, M. Blond 4, J. Fowler 5, D. M. Salisbury 6, T. East 7, F. V. Gant (cond.) 8. An 80th birthday quarter for A. J. Macdougal, and a welcome and a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Pat Hutton, of Baldock.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Annual Meeting at West Hartlepool

A few years ago the rule of this Association governing the annual meeting was given some flexibility in timing and location, and West Hartlepool was chosen for the third experiment on new locations in the diocese of Durham. In spite of its situation near an edge of the territory, West Hartlepool attracted quite a good attendance for the annual meeting on September 28th.

Ringing took place on the two eights—St. Aidan's and All Saints', Stranton—before the service at All Saints', followed by tea at St. Matthew's Hall. The service was conducted by the Vicar of Stranton (the Rev. H. Hancock).

A company of 50 was present at tea. A list of some 12 apologies for absence was received, some of them victims of the influenza epidemic.

The president (Mr. K. Arthur) welcomed those present and expressed his feelings of pleasure on completion of a year as president. The year had been a happy one with the major emphasis on social functions rather than on ringing. He hoped to continue his policy of visiting all District meetings and attending practices throughout the area. He was grateful for the assistance of his fellow officers.

The general secretary's' report, presented by Mr. D. A. Bayles, spoke of the outstanding event of the year as undoubtedly being the '80th birthday' celebrations in Durham. In a year that had been concerned with the heritage from the past it was sad that five very long service members had been lost through death, viz.: Canon H. S. Stephenson and Messrs. J. E. R. Keen, G. W. Peverell, F. Robson and J Smith, with a combined service of over 250 years. Such stalwart and faithful service was part of the heritage in which we could rejoice and derive inspiration for the future. Work on the restoration of the bells of St. Cuthbert's, Benfieldside, had been completed, and the re-opening would take place in November. The position of the bells of Durham Cathedral, however, gave much cause for anxiety. Anxiety was also felt on the financial side for rises in printing costs, and postal charges did not make things easier.

A FINANCIAL PROBLEM

The cash statement was presented by the treasurer (Mr. F. Ainsley). The balance in the general fund had declined from £56 10s. 5d. to £52 9s. 7d. The dinner at Durham had incurred a loss which more than accounted for the decline, but even so he had to issue to warning on the financial position. A current membership of 215 with some interest gave an income of £44 10s. per annum, whereas he outlined a budget running to £47 5s. for the forthcoming year. Measures must therefore be taken to prevent a running down of the funds.

The editorial secretary (Mr. J. Brewster) presented the peal report: 24 peals were the lowest total since 1950, but the number included several of the higher methods. No first pealer or first as conductor appeared in the list of ringers and conductors. J. A. Ainsworth had the highest individual total with 16, followed by D. A. Bayles and E. N. Harrison 12, and K. Lawson 10. In conducting, J. A. Ainsworth led with 6, followed by D. A. Bayles with 5.

The officers were re-elected en bloc, with the complete list reading: President, K. Arthur; general secretary, D. A. Bayles; treasurer, F. Ainsley; editorial secretary, J. Brewster; hon. auditor, J. F. Bird. In the peal referees W. J. Davidson, R. and W. N. Park were re-elected, with the addition of D. A. Bayles in place of the late J. E. R. Keen.

District officers were confirmed, the only alteration being the retirement of Mr. S. Thompson as vice-president for the Western District. The list, therefore, for 1957–58 reads: Northern District—Vice-president, J. A. Ainsworth; secretary, G. S. Deas; Southern—T. Cooke and E. P. Rock; Eastern—C. N. Lea and W. F. Sheraton; Western—K. W. Cheeseman and C. T. Lamb.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the incumbents who had allowed the use of their bells, and especially the Rev. H. Hancock for also conducting the service, to the organist (Mr. J. Brewster), to the ladies who prepared the tea and to the retiring officers.

Meetings for 1957–58 were arranged by the committee as follows: November 9th, Benfieldside (by special invitation, for the rededication of the bells); March 15th, J. W. Parker commemoration, St. Ignatius', Sunderland; half-yearly, May 17th, Stockton; annual meeting, Newcastle (date to be arranged).

Eight new members were elected—Misses B. and J. Cooke, Miss P. Dowse and D. Newton (St. Cuthbert's, Darlington), Miss E. Hodgson (Hurworth), J. Vickery (Tanfield), Miss E. Heckford and W. Shewan (South Shields).

A retiring collection of £1 10s. 7d. was placed in the Bell Restoration Fund.

St. Matthew's Hall reverted to its normal Saturday evening activity as badminton players moved in and bellringers moved out for more ringing on the ten of St. Oswald's. Perhaps some on each side thought what queer activities other people indulge in as the change-over took place!

D. A. B.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Banbury District Meeting

The autumn meeting of the Banbury and District Branch was held at Steeple Aston, one-time home of Richard Duckworth, the famous campanologist and contemporary of Fabian Stedman, on October 19th. About 40 members and visitors from North Berks attended and took part in the ringing, which varied from rounds to Treble Bob.

The service was conducted by the Rector, and the Branch chairman presided at the tea and the business meeting; when he had to leave early his place was taken by the general secretary of the Guild (Miss M. R. Cross), who always seems to be on hand to help the Branch.

The next quarterly meeting was fixed for January 4th at Tadmarton; the next monthly practice for November 9th at Bloxham when, in addition to standard methods, it is hoped to ring Wellington Little Court and Gainsborough Little Bob.

Among other business was the election of five new members, the rearrangement of the rota of towers for quarterly meetings, and the appointment of a small committee to plan a social evening during the coming winter.

On the way home after the meeting, some intrepid spirits 'grabbed' Steeple Barton, where the bells had not previously been rung up for a very long time.

THE LADIES' GUILD

Yorkshire District

At the quarterly meeting of the Yorkshire District, held at Bolsover on October 12th, one new member was elected, making the total present at the meeting up to 12.

During the evening the ladies rang a course of Grandsire Triples on the delightful bells in the old church, which was beautifully decorated for harvest festival.

The next meeting is being planned for November 16th at Thrybergh, near Rotherham, when all support will be welcome.

E. A. W.

DEDICATION

Bitterne Park, Southampton

BEFORE a crowded congregation, including some 60 ringers, the Bishop of Southampton dedicated the new ring of eight bells at the Church of the Ascension, Bitterne Park, Southampton, on October 18th. Ringers present included Mr. H. V. Young (Leatherhead) and Mr. Hatto (Henley-on-Thames); Mr. A. A. Hughes represented Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and with him were Messrs. W. Theobald and S. Sharland.

This is a modern church, and the brick tower has been added in recent years. The ringing floor is open to the church and contains the font. The bell-ropes hang in two arches along the walls and this is done in order not to obscure the view of the lovely west window. The result is a poor circle, for which the bell-founders are not responsible. Otherwise the bells are a very handy eight with a tenor of 8 cwt. in A flat.

In the procession to the tower for the dedication were the Rev. C. E. C. Brinkworth and the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead. The opening rounds were rung by members of the Southampton University Guild and the opening touch by Ruth Carey 1, R. Reed 2, W. Theobald 3, A. Hughes 4, R. Finch 5, D. Jackson 6, C. Kippin 7, S. Sharland 8.

The Bishop took as his text for his address 'Ye shall speak into the air,' and said the ring of bells incorporated three things: (1) Town and country, as bells given by town and country parishes were cast into the new ring; Past and present, as the ring included old and new bells; (3) Love and loyalty, as bells had been given as memorials and gifts and the original bells had often been rung for victory and peace.

In a word to the ringers the Bishop said they needed three things in common with other Church workers—fitness, partnership and obedience. He mentioned the great work the ringers were doing for the Church and said that when he was working in the Fens he had on several occasions dedicated peal boards.

THE BELLS

Treble.—'The Hosanna Bell,' the gift of the children of Bitterne Park.

Second.—'The Alleluia Bell,' cast from bells given by the Churches of St. Lawrence and Holy Trinity, Southampton (bombed and demolished), and Nutley, Hants (redundant and demolished).

Third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, tenor.—Purchased from the Church of St. Maurice, Winchester, which is under the shadow of the Cathedral, found to be redundant and site sold.

The tenor has been recast and is now approximately 8 cwt. in A flat.

The University of Southampton Guild of Ringers have undertaken to carry out the Sunday service ringing and also to train a local band of ringers. After the service the bells were rung to a variety of methods and rounds until 8.45 p.m.

BARNSLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

In a hearty welcome to Christ Church, New Mill, for the Society's monthly meeting on October 12th, the Vicar (Rev. F. F. W. Frost) said this was the Society's first visit and he hoped it would not be the last. The next meeting was fixed for November 7th at Kirkthorpe, Wakefield.

Proposing a vote of thanks, the president (Mr. Noel F. Moxon) specially mentioned the vicar and churchwardens, Mr. Norman Tinker and the local company, for making the necessary arrangements, and Mrs. Ben Booth for the cups of tea.

Good use was made of the bells during the afternoon and evening in methods to suit all tastes.

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DEATH

ROBERTS.—On Oct. 25th, 1957, at Rainhill Hospital, near Liverpool, David Paterson Roberts, priest, Vicar of Whiston, Lancs. Funeral Oct. 30th, 2 p.m., at St. Nicholas' Church, Whiston. 1259

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The address of Mr. J. Dafters, of St. Mary's, Lewisham, London, is now 15, Worsley House, Shackleton Close, Forest Hill, London, S.E.23. 1260

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MISCELLANEOUS

ST. DENYS', ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.—All ringing suspended from Nov. 4th, 1957, for approximately six weeks owing to the laying of a new floor.—W. Rogers, Vine Cottage, Rotherfield, Sussex. 1223

PEAL CARDS & QUARTER PEAL CARDS can now be ordered at 5s. a set of 12, post free (minimum charge). Order and remittances must be sent with peal report. For quarter peals write separate copy in same style as peals.

MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—The 320th anniversary dinner will be held at Bridge House Restaurant, London Bridge, S.E.1, on Saturday, November 2nd, at 6 for 6.30 p.m. Ringing at St. Dunstan's, Stepney, 11-12; St. Mary Magdalene, Holloway, 11-1; Southwark Cathedral, 1.30-2.30; St. Michael's, Cornhill, 2.30-3.30; St. Lawrence Jewry, 3-4; St. Giles', Cripplegate, 3.15-4.15; St. Olave's, Hart Street, 4.30-5.30.—A. B. Peck. 1122

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Meeting at Tideswell (8) on Saturday, Nov. 2nd, 3 p.m. own tea arrangements.—H. E. Taylor, Dis. Sec. 1189

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Meeting at Cottenham (6), Saturday, Nov. 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.—D. E. R. Knights, Dis Sec. 1192

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South Eastern Division.—Meeting at Widford (8), Saturday, Nov. 2nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to A. H. Everett, Cornerway, Plantation Road, Boreham. 1170

GUILDFORD GUILD. — Leatherhead District.—Meeting at Capel, Nov. 2nd. Bells from 3. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 in the King's Head. Numbers for tea should be sent as early as possible to Mrs. Penfold, 6, Greenside, Capel, Dorking. 1206

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Norton, Nov. 2nd, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in the school. Special method: Rutland Surprise.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 1187

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Watford District. — Meeting, Rickmansworth (10), Saturday, Nov. 2nd, 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea 5.15.—K. R. Dunstan, Dis. Sec. 1196

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting at Creaton on Saturday, Nov. 2nd. Please also note change of Spratton meeting to Nov. 30th.—W. J. Kinchin, Hon. Sec. 1239

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch. — Meeting, Bishop's Cannings (8), Saturday, Nov. 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service and tea.—S. Cockell, 19, Craybourne, Road, Melksham. 1226

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Handsworth, Nov. 2nd, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. L. Gilbert, 56, Glencoe Road, Sheffield 2. All welcome. — J. Seager, Sec. 1220

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—A special general meeting will be held at Southampton on Saturday, Nov. 2nd. Bells available (St. Michael's, 10) 2.30-4 and after tea. Service, in St. Michael's Church, 4, followed by general meeting in St. Michael's Hall at 4.30. Tea follows the meeting.—J. A. C. King, Gen. Sec. 1158

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Rusper (8), Nov. 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea, by previous Wednesday, to I. Butcher, 14, Withypitts, Turner's Hill. 1211

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION. — Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station) on Monday, Nov. 4th, at 7 p.m.—T. J. Lock. 1228

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Combined practice at St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Wednesday, Nov. 6th. Bells (12) available 6.30-8 p.m. All very welcome.—P. N. Bond, Hon. Sec. 1213

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Yaxham.—Dedication of new treble, Thursday, Nov. 7th, by the Bishop of Norwich. Service 7 p.m. Bells available after service. All welcome.—W. Love, Gen. Sec. 1230

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Tempsford on Saturday, Nov. 9th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. A good meeting is hoped for.—L. H. Bywaters, Dis. Sec. 1252

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT RINGING SOCIETY.—Meeting at Hessle, Saturday, Nov. 9th. Bells (6) available 2.30 to 9 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, 6th, to Mr. J. Pool, 6, Oaklands Drive, Hessle, Hull. 1257

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Macclesfield, on Saturday, Nov. 9th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. W. Whittaker, Hockley Cottages, Robin Lane, Macclesfield. — B. Corbishley, Hon. Sec. 1258

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—Meeting at Great Budworth (8), Saturday, Nov. 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, Nov. 6th, to Mr. J. Scott, 54, High Street, Great Budworth. 1238

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Rededication of St. Cuthbert's, Benfieldside, Saturday, Nov. 9th, at 6 p.m. Tea 4 p.m. Names to Mr. C. T. Lamb, 26, St. Mary's Crescent, Blackhill. 1256

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—On Saturday, Nov. 9th: Buxted bells applied for, but not yet confirmed.—C. A. Bassett. 1251

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Sawston, Saturday, Nov. 9th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—E. W. Bullman. 1242

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Wanborough (6), Saturday, Nov. 9th. Tea. Names to Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Swindon. Tel. 3936. 1233

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, Nov. 9th, at Great Berkhamsted. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Wednesday, Nov. 6th, to Mr. H. Porrett, 18, Cowper Road, Berkhamsted. No names, no tea.—J. Good, Dis. Sec. 1190

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting, Saturday, Nov. 9th, Hertingfordbury, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Bengeo after tea. Names for tea, please, to T. J. Southam, 17, Upper Heath Road, St. Albans.—T. J. S. 1247

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District. — By-meeting, Saturday, Nov. 9th, at Barming. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5.—R. L. Sills, Dis. Sec. 1186

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Woodchurch on Saturday, Nov. 9th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mrs. D. J. Russell, 63, Front Road, Woodchurch.—C. T. H. 1203

LADIES' GUILD.—Sussex Division.—Meeting at Hastings on Nov. 9th. All Saints' 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Christ Church, Blacklands, 6-8 p.m. Ladies please support. Gentlemen cordially invited.—Daphne Lester, Hon. Sec. 1191

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Monthly meeting at Liverpool Cathedral, Saturday, Nov. 9th. Bells 2 p.m. All welcome.—T. G. Radcliffe. 1241

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at All Saints', Hamer, Rochdale, on Saturday, Nov. 9th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Please bring sandwiches. Cups of tea provided. —F. Pritchard. 1227

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton Mowbray District. — Meeting at Asfordby, Saturday, Nov. 9th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, Parish Hall. Names by Wednesday, Nov. 6th, to J. H. Cook, New Street, Asfordby.—T. Templeton, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1225

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Meeting, Lockington, Saturday, Nov. 9th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Cups of tea only provided.—Cecilia D. Cowley, Asst. Sec. 1254

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION and ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting at Southgate (near Cherry Tree), N.14, on Saturday, Nov. 9th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow.—T. J. Lock and C. E. Willmington, Secs. 1229

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Wellington, Saturday, Nov. 9th. Bells (8) at 3. Service 4.30. Names for tea, by Nov. 6th, to Mr. A. Pritchard, 51, Hadley Park Road, Hadley, Shropshire. 1214

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD. — Annual dinner at Castle Hotel, Tamworth, Nov. 9th at 6 p.m. Ringing at Tamworth Parish Church during the afternoon. Dinner tickets (11s. each) from Fred Bennett, Pool House Road, Wombourn. 1219

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Notts District.—Meeting at Bawtry (6), Saturday, Nov. 9th. Names for tea by 6th to Mr. A. Wilson, Shady Nook, Doncaster Road, Bawtry, Doncaster.—H. Denman. 1240

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Bury St. Edmunds District.—Meeting at Bury St. Edmunds, Saturday, Nov. 9th. St. Mary's (8) 2.30 to 5 p.m. Norman tower (10) 6.30 to 9 p.m. Meeting, Church Room, 6 p.m. Own arrangements for tea.—K. G. Brown, Dis. Sec. 1224

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Quarterly meeting, Washington, Saturday, Nov. 9th. Names for tea, please, by previous Tuesday, to G. Francis, Hook Cottage, Itchingfield, Horsham.—W. L. Weller. 1253

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting at Alverstoke, Saturday, Nov. 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. Nobes, 26, Peel Road, Gosport. 1249

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Finchingfield, Saturday, Nov. 16th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to F. W. J. Roper, Crest Lodge, Finchingfield, Braintree. 1246

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Social, Saturday, Nov. 16th, in St. Dunstan's Church Hall, Orchard Street, Canterbury. Tea 4.45 p.m., followed by social evening. Tickets, 2s. 6d. each, from the undersigned not later than Wednesday, Nov. 13th. Enclose cash, please.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 1232

LADIES' GUILD.—Kent Branch.—Meeting at Tonbridge, Saturday, Nov. 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5. Service 6.45 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, Nov. 12th, to Mrs. S. M. Dobbie, 13, Baltic Road, Tonbridge. Gentlemen cordially invited. 1221

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Pinchbeck, Saturday, Nov. 16th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Tuesday to Mr. R. Withyman, Glenlivet, Spalding Road, Pinchbeck, Spalding. The meeting will be followed by a social at the Bull Inn, Pinchbeck.—M. Bennett, Hon. Sec. 1243

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Gainsborough District.—The next meeting will be at Kirton Lindsey on Saturday, Nov. 16th. Bells afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify by previous Tuesday Mr. G. E. Feirn, Cleatham, Kirton Lindsey; tel. 316.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec. 1248

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD and SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Joint meeting on Saturday, Nov. 16th, at Brant Broughton. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., for those who notify by Wednesday previous Mr. E. Brown, The Forge, Brant Broughton, Lincs.—C. Brown and M. Exton, Hon. Secs. 1255

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dereham. Rededication of recast tenor, Saturday, Nov. 16th, by the Bishop of Norwich. Service 3 p.m. Bells available after service. All ringers welcome. Special invitation is extended to Ely and Suffolk Associations. Buffet tea. Names by Wed., Nov. 13th, to G. Adams, 37, Sandy Lane, Dereham.—W. Love, Gen. Sec. 1231

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rutland Branch.—General meeting, Glaston, Saturday, Nov. 16th, 3 to 8 p.m. Numbers for tea by Tuesday previous to Miss Jean Hoy, 54, Braunston Road, Oakham. Please note change of address. 1244

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Whittlesey St. Andrew's, Saturday, Nov. 16th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names, please, by Nov. 12th, to G. S. Bush, 18, Princes Street, Peterborough. 1245

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual dinner, Saturday, Feb. 1st, 1958, at the Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn, 6 for 6.30 p.m. Tickets (price 13s.) now available from Mr. J. L. Morris, 25, Lancing Road, Orpington, Kent. 1212

LATE NEWS

The Rev. D. P. Roberts, Vicar of St. Nicholas', Whiston, Liverpool, died on Friday, October 25th.

Mr. Ernest Morris has had a bad attack of Asian 'flu and has been warned by his doctor to lay off any strenuous work, including peal ringing, for several weeks.

J. J. PARKER'S ONE-PART

Mr. W. Birmingham writes that the end of the first quarter of J. J. Parker's One-part (see page 691) should read:—

4 3 5 7 2 6 5

3 5 4 7 2 6 4
4 2 3 5 6 7 3
2 3 4 5 6 7 4

The 1274 from the last quarter is also untrue.

BURTON LATIMER, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: F. Hendry 1, Miss J. Blanchard (first 'inside') 2, Miss J. Giles 3, R. Stretton 4, P. G. K. Davies (cond.) 5. First of Doubles for 1 and 2. For Evensong.

MARKET DRAYTON, SALOP.—On Oct. 16th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: T. White (first quarter, aged 13) 1, R. Hazeldine 2, H. White 3, B. Madeley 4, T. Price 5, A. Hickman 6, W. Tyler 7, F. Price (cond.) 8.

OBITUARY

MR. FRED GILES

The death occurred very suddenly at his home in Worcester, on October 12th, of Mr. Fred Giles, of the St. John's band. He had been present at the St. John's ringers' annual supper the previous evening and sang several songs.

Fred, who was 62 years of age, learned to handle a bell in St. John's tower over 30 years ago, and became a member of the old 6-bell band there, at that time, and remained a member until the time of his death. He was not very interested in peal ringing (he rang in one only) but preferred to ring for Sunday services, and an occasional quarter, always ringing the seventh. He was seldom absent on Sunday evenings. He assisted in the maintenance of the church clock for some years, and rendered a very useful service in this respect. A blacksmith by trade, employed by Mr. E. P. Thomas, at The Climax Works, Worcester, for many years, he was always a very hard and conscientious worker.

The funeral at St. John's on October 17th was conducted by the Rev. M. Richards (Vicar), assisted by the Rev. R. Hunter-Bailey (curate). Apart from the family mourners and representatives of The Climax Works, the congregation included many ringers, together with members of the St. John's band—Messrs. W. Lewis (Ringing Master), T. W. Lewis, J. Jefferies, W. Compton, W. Sidwell, R. Woodyatt, C. Tansell, W. Collins and F. Hyde; J. J. Stanier (Worcester Cathedral), E. Wilson (Claines), J. Ranford (Suckley), A. T. Hollis (Powick) and F. Pugh (Hallow).

In the course of an address the Vicar paid a fine tribute to deceased's memory, with particular reference to the work he had done for the church. Following the service a touch of Grandsire Triples was rung with the bells half-muffled by the local ringers.

We at St. John's extend to the widow and family our sincere sympathy, and shall retain very happy memories of a good friend, who will be sadly missed. W. L.

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First rung at Loughborough Bell Foundry on October 9th, 1957, conducted by Brian G. Warwick.

FARNHAM ROYAL, BUCKS.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Matthews 1, A. R. Gale 2, Miss R. Lund 3, A. Birch 4, W. Henley 5, D. K. Walters (cond.) 6.

HONILEY, WARWICKS.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Faulks (first quarter) 1, A. C. Morris 2, H. Windsor 3, W. H. Male (cond.) 4, R. Andrews 5.

LONG BUCKBY, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. F. Amos (cond.) 1, J. H. Williams 2, C. Green 3, A. Cooper 4, E. G. Orland 5. For harvest thanksgiving.

TAXAL, DERBYS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Double Plain Bob Minor: J. R. Kennett 1, W. H. Downe 2, B. Groves 3, R. B. Smith 4, B. J. Woodruffe (cond.) 5, A. McFall 6.

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POINTS FROM RECENT PEALS

ONCE again the time has come round for our (approximately) quarterly review of the peals that have been rung. First of all, three cathedrals are in the news this time. At Newcastle, on July 27th, was rung the 100th peal since the first appearance in 'Bell News' in 1892. But there were older ones there, and actually I have come across four, in 1808. 1809, 1842 and 1848. Guildford Cathedral has had more than 300 peals, yet the peal of Spliced Surprise Major in July was the first of 'spliced' on the bells—most unusual for these days! Portsmouth Cathedral didn't quite manage its 100th peal on the bells before they were temporarily silenced for augmentation and rehanging—the total is 97, including the first peal there in 1749. Seventy-three have been rung since the last war!

As usual, a few towers have passed 'landmarks' since I last wrote. Colchester (St. Peter's), Great Bentley, Davenham, Eccleston, Upchurch and Holywell have all had their 50th peal in this time, whilst the next peals at Farnham Royal and Wombourn will be their 50th too. All but one of those at Holywell have been rung since the war—the 'odd man out' being the first on the bells in 1925. Lavenham is approaching an even more important occasion—the next peal there will be the 150th since 1881. But there are probably earlier ones here.

The name St. Lawrence Jewry was the most infrequent visitor to the peal columns during this period. In fact, it is the first time it has ever appeared with a peal in 'The Ringing World,' even though it is a well-known name! Of course, the church was 'blitzed' and has now been restored, but even before 1940, no peal had been rung for over 50 years—the last being in 1887. Although the first peal was rung here in 1727, I gather that, owing to its proximity to important places in the City, the four or five peals I have come across are probably all that have ever been rung there. But a 70-years peal silence is a long time, making the 35 years of West Pennard seem quite ordinary. There had been two previous peals here—Grandsire Doubles in 1913 and Bob Minor in 1922. Chediston and Carlton in Cleveland both appeared last in 1925. At the former, 16 peals were rung from 1908 to 1914, and 6 from 1920 to 1925; at the latter 6 peals came from exactly the same pre-first war period, but only the one in 1925 after it (this was Double Norwich like the recent peal).

The peal of Bob Major at Charlton Horethorne was only the third peal on the bells, the previous two being Superlative in 1909 and Grandsire Triples in 1930, so we have to wait a long time for this tower to appear at that rate. I confirm the footnote to the peal at Dulverton that it was the first since 1933, when the only peal of Major on the bells was rung. There have been 7 peals in all now. Three towers last were mentioned in 1934—Dennington, which had 15 peals from 1919 to that year (4 in 1921); Newton Hall, whose 4 previous peals were rung in 1905, 1908, 1911 and 1934; and Laxfield (6 peals from 1914 to 1934). Then we come to Hampstead Norreys with its first peal since 1937. There have been 4 in all now, including the first peal on the bells which was never published in 'Bell News' in 1910, but which appears in the Oxford Diocesan Guild peal records. Haughton's last peal was in 1938. The first peal here was as early as 1886, but only 9 have been rung in all. Then Gawsworth appears twice within a month after being missing since 1939! The peal of Bristol was the first of Surprise on the bells. There have been 15 in all now.

Then one or two corrections to footnote claims. I fear the peal of Cambridge rung at Phillack in September was not the first of Surprise on the bells. Superlative was rung there in 1934. Similarly, the claim for the first of Cambridge Royal at Swindon cannot be substantiated. This method was rung there in 1935.

Several towers had their first peal in the past three months—some were claimed as such and some were not. Here is the list: Barrow (Suffolk), Windrush (Glos.) and Corsham (Wilts) and, of course, the R.C. Cathedral at Wexford.

Stockbury and Huntingfield, both 5-bell towers, reached double figures for their peal totals recently. This brings the total of such towers now to 21.

I confirm that the peal at Motcombe was the first of Minor on the bells. Actually it was only the second peal there, the first being in 1945. I also confirm that High Littleton had its first peal of Stedman Doubles.

Other points of interest noticed include the first peal of Grandsire Triples at Rawmarsh since 1930. Before that, it had been 1893, although there are nearly 50 peals here. The appearance of Stansted reminded us that there had been 153 peals at this church from 1889 to 1933, and only 4 since that date, including the one in August. Dersingham had its 16th consecutive peal of Bob Minor, starting in 1951. Bebington's 50th anniversary peal showed there had been 71 peals in all from the first on the eight in 1907. Actually, there had been 6 here when it was a 6-bell tower, from 1893 to 1904.

K. W. H. F.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Oct. 21, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes.*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.
A PEAL OF 5005 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

PETER J. STANIFORTH	*Treble*	RICHARD GRANT	7
E. CHARLES TURNER	2	SHIRLEY BURTON	8
*MRS. PHYLLIS POOLE	3	WILLIAM A. LACEY	9
S. ANTHONY JESSON	4	JOHN A. SMITH	10
*JOHN A. ACRES	5	HERRICK B. BOWLEY	11
DOREEN D. DUTTON	6	ERNEST J. JELLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by F. H. DEXTER. Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.
* 200th peal together.
Rung with the bells half-muffled in gratitude for the life of Mrs. S. A. Armstrong, mother of the Very Rev. M. Armstrong, provost of Leicester Cathedral, 1875–1957.

TEN BELL PEALS

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 19, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE WATERLOO TOWER, QUEX PARK,
A PEAL OF 5075 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 15¼ cwt. in F.

*RONALD L. E. SHEPPARD	*Treble*	PETER J. RYE	6
†G. CHRISTOPHER DURHAM	2	FRANK B. LUFKIN	7
MRS. F. W. LAWRENCE	3	PHILIP J. WESTWOOD	8
MRS. N. BRIDGES	4	GEORGE E. RUCK	9
*MYLES R. HAWKINS	5	EDWARD A. DIXON	*Tenor*

Composed by R. F. DEAL. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.
* First peal on ten bells. † First of Caters away from the treble.
Rung to celebrate the 25th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Bridges.

WAKEFIELD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 19, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 24 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 35¼ cwt.

PETER WOODWARD	*Treble*	RAY BETTLEY-COOKE	6
*M. JO ROPER	2	JAMES H. KIRBY	7
†DAVID ATKINS	3	†GEOFFREY TOWNEND	8
‡HAROLD CHANT	4	WILFRID F. MORETON	9
‡DAVID CUBITT	5	JOHN E. KIRBY	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
* First peal of Grandsire Caters 'inside.' † First peal on ten bells.
‡ First peal of Grandsire Caters.
Rung to mark the ninth anniversary of the restoration of these bells.

BECCLES, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 25 cwt.

LEWIS W. WIFFEN	*Treble*	TERRY EARLE	6
EDWARD P. DUFFIELD	2	HILDA G. SNOWDEN	7
EDWIN R. GOATE	3	CHARLES E. WILLMINGTON	8
*BRIAN J. HOWARD	4	CECIL W. PIPE	9
*HARRY TURNER	5	JOHN H. CRAMPION	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by JOHN H. CRAMPION.
* First peal of Surprise Royal.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 18¼ cwt.

WILLIAM HIBBERT	*Treble*	FREDERICK A. MUNDAY	6
BROOKE K. LUNN	2	FRANK E. DARBY	7
JAMES PHILLIPS	3	CYRIL G. J. WATTS	8
JOHN PHILLIPS	4	JOHN CHILCOTT	9
ALFRED B. PECK	5	MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CHILCOTT.
Rung in remembrance of the late Ernest J. Taylor, of Tiverton.

DERBY.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW, LITCHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
No. 3 version. Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in E.

JOHN WALDEN	*Treble*	*JOHN PINFOLD	6
NORAH M. BIBBY	2	GEORGE H. RANDLES	7
RAYMOND F. SMITH	3	GEORGE E. FEARN	8
JACK L. MILLHOUSE	4	*GEOFFREY PAUL	9
GEOFFREY R. PARKER	5	JOHN FREEMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal of London Surprise Royal.

LEOMINSTER, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 22¾ cwt.

R. GEORGE MORRIS	*Treble*	*JOHN C. SLATER	6
SHIRLEY M. PARSONS	2	†JOHN J. STANIER	7
IVOR GOULTER	3	‡GEORGE E. EVENDEN	8
SYDNEY T. HOLT	4	DAVID BEACHAM	9
REGINALD WOODYATT	5	THOMAS W. LEWIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID BEACHAM.
* First peal of Royal. † First peal 'inside' on ten. ‡ First peal of Bob Royal on tower bells. First peal of Royal as conductor.
An arrangement of H. J. Tucker's, being half in the tittums and half in the plain course position.

LIVERPOOL, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND ST. NICHOLAS.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 40 cwt.

LESTER L. GRAY	*Treble*	G. ALEX DIMMOCK	6
DOREEN DUTTON	2	RONALD KENRICK	7
JOHN NELSON	3	CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE	8
JOHN E. SPICE	4	EDWIN C. BIRKETT	9
JOHN F. GROVE	5	JOSEPH RIDYARD	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.
Rung in memoriam Arthur Lintott, a member of St. Nicholas' ringers; also the Rev. D. P. Roberts, Vicar of Whiston and a member of the Association, who died on October 25th.

LONDON, S.E.
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes.*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,
A PEAL OF 5075 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 48 cwt.

WILLIAM D. GRAINGER	*Treble*	FRANK E. HAWTHORNE	6
MRS. OLIVE L. ROGERS	2	FRANK B. LUFKIN	7
THOMAS J. LOCK	3	*WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT	8
ARTHUR D. BARKER	4	HAROLD W. ROGERS	9
WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM	5	LEONARD W. BULLOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by R. F. DEAL. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.
* 125th peal.
Rung as birthday compliments to the second ringer, mother of the treble ringer who is 79, and brothers of the tenor ringer, E. A. and E. G. Bullock.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

MANCHESTER, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 7, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes.*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE VIRGIN MARY, SS. GEORGE & DENYS.
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Being 6th place bobs. Tenor 27 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in D.

FREDK. WM. GROCOTT	*Treble*	RICHARD J. WARRILOW	5
*SIDNEY HOUGH	2	FREDK. E. WILSHAW	6
NEIL BENNETT	3	DERICK OGDEN	7
†WILLIAM A. SMITH	4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by FREDK. WM. GROCOTT.
* First peal in the method. † First peal of Surprise Major.
Part of the commemorative celebrations on the completion of the restoration of this cathedral church, damaged by enemy action in 1941.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 5, 1957, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

ALAN CLARKE	*Treble*	FREDERICK J. CRAPNELL	5
PATRICIA M. CLARKE	2	CECIL W. PIPE	6
CLIFFORD R. LOVETT	3	RODERICK W. PIPE	7
WILLIAM J. BUTTON	4	*ERNEST G. PEARCE	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.
* First peal in the method.

CASTLE CARY, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 19, 1957, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5184 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

ERNEST E. BRAY	*Treble*	DAVID HOARE	5
MICHAEL ROSE	2	LAURENCE E. HITCHINS	6
ANTHONY J. SANGER	3	DONALD E. LEE	7
RICHARD J. CRAGO	4	ERIC NAYLOR	*Tenor*

Composed by J. PARKER (C.C.C. No. 19). Conducted by DAVID HOARE.
First peal in the method by all the band except the tenor ringer.

COLESHILL, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 19, 1957, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Bruerton's Twelve-part. Tenor 13¼ cwt.

GORDON H. LANE	*Treble*	WILLIAM C. RHODES	5
LESLIE L. WILLIS	2	*FREDERICK W. BAILEY	6
DONALD L. HOOPER	3	ERNEST H. HILL	7
*D. KEITH LANE	4	*HARRY J. WALKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM C. RHODES.
* First peal of Grandsire Triples.
In memoriam J. W. Hovey.

GULVAL, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 19, 1957, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GULVAL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in G.

ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD	*Treble*	*J. GODFREY WERRELL	5
REV. A. S. ROBERTS	2	*ANTHONY G. J. EDWARDS	6
GEOFFREY W. TAYSOM	3	ALAN CARVETH	7
ARTHUR BURLEY	4	DAVID N. PENROSE	*Tenor*

Conducted by REV. A. S. ROBERTS.
* First peal 'inside.'
Rung to commemorate Canon C. H. S. Buckley's 25 years as Vicar of Gulval.

HERNHILL, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 19, 1957, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In ten methods, comprising 768 changes each of Bristol and London, 576 each of Ealing, Rutland and Watford, 384 each of Cambridge, Superlative, Wembley and Yorkshire, and 288 of Lincolnshire, with 137 changes of method. Tenor 10 cwt.

CRAWFORD T. HILLIS	*Treble*	JOHN R. COOPER	5
JOHN L. MORRIS	2	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD	6
IAN H. ORAM	3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD	7
GEOFFREY PEARSON	4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by E. A. BARNETT. Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.
The first peal of Spliced Surprise Major in ten methods by all the band and for the Association.

HEPTONSTALL, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 19, 1957, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-A-BECKET,
A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In five methods, being 1,120 London, 1,088 Superlative and 1,024 each of Bristol, Cambridge and Pudsey, with 107 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 18¼ cwt.

MILTON C. FOWLER	*Treble*	J. FREDERICK MILNER	5
ALEXANDER E. MARSH	2	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	6
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	3	GORDON BENFIELD	7
J. HENRY FIELDEN	4	VERNON BOTTOMLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

MADELEY, SHROPSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 19, 1957, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Groves' variation of Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb.

ROSALINE A. FARLOW	*Treble*	ALFRED S. BAYLEY	5
JOSEPH L. STANIER	2	JOHN J. STANIER	6
HARRY EDGE	3	GEORGE E. EVENDEN	7
B. LESLIE JONES	4	*FREDERICK W. JONES	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. EVENDEN.
* First peal on eight bells.
Rung to the glory of God and for the Harvest Festival. Also a birthday compliment to Messrs. F. W. Jones, T. Pritchard, J. L. Stanier and A. Taylor: the last three having now completed 150 years as Sunday service ringers.

MARESFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 19, 1957, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

*MARGARET A. LADD	*Treble*	STANLEY JENNER	5
*GEORGE FRY	2	BERNARD V. COLLISON	6
*ERIC J. BRUNGER	3	*LESLIE E. EVEREST	7
EDWARD J. JENNER	4	ERNEST J. LADD	*Tenor*

Composed by J. THORP. Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.
* First peal in the method.

MAULDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 19, 1957, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 STAFFORDSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10¼ cwt. in F sharp.

*PHYLLIS M. MAYNE	*Treble*	*ANDREW C. SINFIELD	5
RONALD J. SHARP	2	†JOHN R. MAYNE	6
*JOAN M. WILCOCKSON	3	*KENNETH R. DUNSTAN	7
*WILLIAM WENBAN	4	*CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
* First peal in the method. † First peal of Major in the method.
The first peal in the method in the county, and for the Association.

OLD BASFORD, NOTTINGHAM.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 19, 1957, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEODEGARIUS.
A PEAL OF 5056 EALING SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

RALPH W. CARLISLE	*Treble*	ALBERT E. THOMPSON	5
PATRICIA FORSTER	2	GORDON A. HALLS	6
ROBIN G. TURNER	3	PHILIP H. WHITAKER	7
HAROLD TAYLOR	4	DENIS R. CARLISLE	*Tenor*

Composed by DENIS R. CARLISLE and GORDON A. HALLS.
Conducted by DENIS R. CARLISLE.
First peal in the method by all and for the Association.

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PORTISHEAD, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 19, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5088 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

*MICHAEL T. SPRACKLING	*Treble*	REGINALD G. HOOPER	5
TUDOR P. EDWARDS	2	PHILIP M. J. GRAY	6
JOAN GRAY	3	NORMAN H. COOMBS	7
DAVID HEIGHTON	4	J. HENRY GILBERT	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by J. HENRY GILBERT.
* 25th peal. First peal of New Cambridge Major by all the band. First peal of Surprise as conductor. Believed to be the first of Surprise on the bells.

SOUTHOVER, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 19, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in E.

RAYMOND OVERY	*Treble*	FRANK H. HICKS	5
WILLIAM ROGERS	2	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE	6
THOMAS E. SONE	3	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON	7
E. WINIFRED KEYS	4	WILLIAM T. BEESON	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.
The conductor's 100th peal of Double Norwich.
A birthday compliment to William A. Kitchenside and Pamela, eldest daughter of the seventh ringer. Rung after meeting short (through 'flu) for Double Norwich Caters.

TAWSTOCK, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., Oct. 19, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.

JAMES PHILLIPS	*Treble*	TERENCE T. JONES	5
JOHN PHILLIPS	2	ALAN F. LEE	6
JAMES D. UPTON	3	ROGER O. FRY	7
RICHARD J. BOWDEN	4	LESLIE R. G. TAYLOR	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.
In memoriam Ernest James Taylor.

FAVERSHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Oct. 20, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-OF-CHARITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 20 cwt. in F.

CYRIL J. EADES	*Treble*	†BRIAN E. JEMMETT	5
*KATHLEEN M. WALSH	2	GEORGE A. NAYLOR	6
*HAZEL V. DADSON	3	*ERIC EADES	7
WILFRID S. PALIN	4	EDWARD C. BARTON	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES TOPP. Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.
* First peal in the method. † First peal.
Rung as a farewell peal to the Rev. and Mrs. A. Batts, who are leaving this parish for Florida, U.S.A., and then returning to their native Australia.

GREAT TEW, OXFORDSHIRE
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Oct. 20, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 10 lb. in D.

JAMES H. PAILING	*Treble*	FRANK A. BARRETT	5
RUTH M. JACKSON	2	GEORGE E. FEARN	6
RALPH G. EDWARDS	3	PETER BORDER	7
WALTER F. JUDGE	4	STEPHEN IVIN	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Oct. 24, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt 28 lb.

RONALD CHAFER	*Treble*	GEORGE W. MOODY	5
C. AUBREY HARRISON	2	MICHAEL CROWDER	6
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	3	*HARRY HALL	7
JACK BRAY	4	PHILIP BARNES	*Tenor*

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by JACK BRAY.
* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

CHELFORD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Sept. 18, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 extents (ten callings). Tenor 8¼ cwt.

ERNEST PIMLOTT	*Treble*	GEORGE FORRESTER	4
ROBERT BARRATT	2	*DEREK BRISCALL	5
JOHN P. JACKSON	3	HARRY CALLWOOD	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST PIMLOTT.
* First peal 'inside.'
Rung by members of the Sunday service band, in memoriam Clement H. Taylor, who served this church as a ringer for 70 years and as a chorister for 64 years; interred on September 14th.

ST. MARY CRAY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Oct. 17, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In nine methods, viz.: (1) London and Wells, (2) York and Durham, (3) Beverley, (4) Bourne, (5) Norwich, (6) Ipswich, (7) Cambridge.
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

JOHN L. MORRIS	*Treble*	SYDNEY J. WOODCOCK	4
ALAN J. FROST	2	RALPH BIRD	5
BARWELL B. DIBBEN	3	BRIAN BLADON	*Tenor*

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

MEYSEY HAMPTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Oct. 18, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 14 extents of April Day (three callings), 14 of Plain Bob (four callings) and 14 of Grandsire (ten callings). Tenor 9½ cwt.

*DAVID PITTS	*Treble*	BRUCE WAKEFIELD	4
A. C. MERVYN DAY	2	PETER WAKEFIELD	5
WILLIAM A. GODWIN	3	RALPH E. W. WENBAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. GODWIN.
* First peal.

RINGWOULD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
On Fri., Oct. 18, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob, two of Oxford Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

*PHILIP J. WESTWOOD	*Treble*	FREDERICK W. LAWRENCE	4
MRS. F. W. LAWRENCE	2	FRANK B. LUFKIN	5
†FREDERICK A. RYE	3	‡GEORGE E. RUCK	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.
* First peal of Minor. † First in three methods. ‡ 25th peal. First peal in three Minor methods on the bells.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. B. J. Luck on completing 21 years as secretary of the Canterbury District of the Kent County Association.

BROCKDISH, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 19, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents in six variations of calling. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

WILLIAM CHILVER	*Treble*	HARRY MOSS	4
FRANK J. BURLINGHAM	2	ERNEST A. CHILVER	5
*LEONARD J. MINNS	3	PAUL D. T. CATTERMOLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by PAUL D. T. CATTERMOLE.
* First peal. First peal of Minor as conductor.
Rung as a 17th wedding anniversary compliment to the parents of the conductor, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Cattermole. Also as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Chilver.

HAMBLEDEN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 19, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 NORWICH SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents with 5-6 the right way throughout.
Tenor 11 cwt. 25 lb.

SYLVIA WILKINSON	*Treble*	*DAVID A. CORNWALL	4
DOREEN COX	2	ROLAND BIGGS	5
JOHN D. KAPE	3	WALTER LEE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER LEE.
* First peal of Minor. First peal of Norwich Surprise Minor by all the band. First peal of Minor on the bells.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss P. Suthens, married at Leighton Buzzard this day, and as a golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Cook, of Hambleden.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 19, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Denis,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Single Court, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

*William R. Marsh ..	*Treble*	†Percy D. Baldock ..	4
†Ronald Russell	2	John F. Pearson	5
†James H. Musson	3	William R. Parker	*Tenor*

Conducted by James H. Musson.

* First peal in seven methods. † 50th peal together

STOKE-BY-CLARE, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 19, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being extents of York Surprise, London Surprise, Norwich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

Peter Mayle	*Treble*	Thomas Bird	4
Rosemary Seabrook ..	2	Alan R. Andrews	5
Samuel J. Twitchett ..	3	George N. Orman	*Tenor*

Conducted by Alan R. Andrews.

TAXAL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 19, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James.
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being 43 methods spliced into seven extents: (1) Oxford, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure, Sandal, Capel, Norbury, College Exercise, Duke of Norfolk and Ockley Treble Bob, Pontefract, Donottar, Wath and Carisbrooke Delight; (2) Dover, Balmoral, Chepstow, Skipton and Fotheringay Delight; (3) Ely, Wilmslow, Rostherne, Knutsford and Bogedone Delight; (4) Wragby, St. Albans, Neasden, Charlwood, Braintree and Humber Delight; (5) Willesden, College Bob IV, Old Oxford, Newdigate, Marple and Taxal Delight; (6) St. Werburgh, Vale Royal, Combermere, Crowland, Abbeyville and Canterbury Delight; (7) Morning Star Treble Bob and Disley Delight: 126 changes of method. Tenor 11 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

William H. Dowse	*Treble*	Robert B. Smith	4
Brian J. Woodruffe ..	2	Alan McFall	5
Bernard Groves	3	William A. Smith	*Tenor*

Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

First peal in 43 methods by all the band.

BUNWELL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 20, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

William Love	*Treble*	William Clover	4
Frank C. J. Arnold ..	2	F. Charles Goodman ..	5
John R. Smith	3	C. Frank W. Phillippo ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. Frank W. Phillippo.

OCKHAM, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Oct. 20, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary and All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 17 extents (ten callings) and two 240's (Morris's) of Grandsire and 21 extents (four callings) of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.

Valerie A. Bundy	*Treble*	Jill M. Lane	3
Peter A. Bird	2	Peter G. Smart	4
Douglas A. R. May ..	*Tenor*		

Conducted by Douglas A. R. May.

First peal by all the band, average age 16 years.

STOKE D'ABERNON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Oct. 23, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 26 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two extents of Stedman, 20 of Plain Bob (four different callings), 18 of Grandsire (ten different callings) and one Morris' 240. Tenor 3 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in D.

Ralph Bird	*Treble*	A. Patrick Cannon ..	3
*Mary White	2	†Arnold S. Harris ..	4
Trevor A. Cross	*Tenor*		

Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.

* First peal, and first attempt. † First peal of Doubles. The conductor's 600th peal; conducted 313, and rung in 486 towers, with 1,098 ringers.

SAVERNAKE FOREST, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Marlborough Branch.)
On Wed., Oct. 23, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. Katharine, Virgin and Martyr,
Tottenham Park,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of 42 extents in four methods, viz.: Ten Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, ten St. Simon's Bob, ten Grandsire and 12 Plain Bob (all possible callings used). Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in F sharp.

*Ann Pettiford	*Treble*	Peter J. Shipton	3
Ray Smith	2	*Robin J. March	4
Joe E. G. Roast ..	*Tenor*		

Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.

Witnessed by C. N. Tilley (tower captain).

* First peal of Doubles. First peal on the bells.

Rung on the eve of United Nations Day, and as a farewell to Robin March on his last day at R.A.F., Yatesbury.

EAST PECKHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Oxford Treble Bob, two extents of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 14½ cwt.

Luther J. Honess ..	*Treble*	Edward J. Jenner	4
*David F. Bowyer	2	Stanley Jenner	5
George Fry	3	Leslie Everest	*Tenor*

Conducted by Stanley Jenner.

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

HOLYWELL, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in nine methods, viz.: (1) London and Wells, (2) Ipswich and Cambridge, (3) York, (4) Durham, (5) Beverley, (6) Surfleet, (7) Norwich. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

Donald F. Murfet ..	*Treble*	Donald E. R. Knights ..	4
George E. Crisp	2	Geoffrey A. Lucas ..	5
Harold S. Peacock	3	Mansfield Ginn	*Tenor*

Conducted by Mansfield Ginn.

The first peal in nine Surprise methods by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.

HANDBELL PEALS

WHITWORTH PARK, MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Aug. 19, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
At Weston House.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 15 in C.

Robin G. Turner	1—2	Derick Ogden	5—6
Fredk. Wm. Grocott ..	3—4	Wilfred L. Robinson ..	7—8
Leslie Boumphrey	9—10		

Composed by J. W. F. Trotman. Conducted by Robin G. Turner.

Rung on the departure of the conductor to yet smokier climes.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 19, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
In the organ loft of the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents (six callings). Tenor size 13 in E flat.

Anne C. Garnett	1—2	Michael P. Moreton ..	3—4
*Susan L. Jacobs	5—6		

Conducted by Michael P. Moreton.

* First peal.

LEICESTER
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Oct. 22, 1957, *in* 1 *Hour and* 51 *Minutes,*
At The Wayside, 150, Narborough Road South,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's No. 1 variation. Tenor size 15 in C.

Peter J. Staniforth ..	1—2	Alfred Ballard	5—6
Walter P. Whitehead ..	3—4	John A. Acres	7—8

Conducted by Peter J. Staniforth.

First peal of Stedman Triples 'in hand' as conductor.

A first wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Roger Hayward.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Gwyneth R. Brown 1, Diana M. Gough 2, Valerie Mepham 3, R. D. Brown 4, D. H. Paine (cond.) 5, I. C. Forrest 6. Rung as a compliment to Messrs. Harry and Stan Brown, on the announcement of their engagements of marriage—Harry to Joan Palmer, and Stan to Rosemary Patching.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 20th, 1,272 Minor (552 Kent Treble Bob and 720 Plain Bob): R. W. Leavett 1, Miss M. I. Goodship 2, J. B. Morley (cond.) 3, Miss A. E. J. Lester 4, G. R. Goodship 5, A. R. Mann 6. For the festival of St. Luke.

BEDFORD.—At St. Paul's Church, on Oct. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jennifer Davies 1, P. Newing 2, Anne Amor 3, J. Barnes 4, N. Inskip 5, R. Piron (cond.) 6, B. Pattison 7, D. Thompson 8.

BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX.—On Oct. 27th, 1,440 Minor (720 Kent and Oxford Spliced and 720 Cambridge): K. Everett 1, S. W. Bigmore 2, E. Deacon 3, A. T. M. Perry 4, G. M. Rouse (cond.) 5, H. Stebbings 6. For morning service.

CHELMSFORD, ESSEX.—At the Cathedral, on Oct. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: J. Leadbitter 1, R. C. Thrift 2, L. Ainger 3, A. O. Hume 4, L. J. Clark 5, A. R. Groves 6, J. Saunders 7, B. J. Howard 8, D. Hodgson 9, P. J. Eves (cond.) 10. For the County of Essex harvest thanksgiving service.

CHENIES, BUCKS.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: G. E. Hazlewood 1, D. J. Goodman 2, B. M. Barker (cond.) 3, Mary G. Carnochan 4, D. R. Bartholomew 5, W. J. Atkins 6. For harvest festival.

COWLEY, OXON.—On Oct. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Cole (first quarter) 1, W. F. Holloway (cond.) 2, Mrs. W. F. Holloway 3, J. Sutton 4, W. Fern 5, Mrs. L. H. Busby 6.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.—At Christ Church, on Oct. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Curryer 1, H. S. Hobden 2, A. Purdom 3, H. Reynolds 4, R. Percy 5, Mrs. B. Percy (cond.) 6, F. Dallaway 7, L. Baldock 8. For evening service, and as a 50th birthday compliment to the second ringer.

FAVERSHAM, KENT.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Eades 1, Miss E. Wyles 2, F. Farnsworth 3, Miss K. Walsh 4, B. Jemmett 5, W. Palin (cond.) 6, E. Eades 7, F. Pack 8. For harvest festival, festival.

FELMERSHAM, BEDS.—On Oct. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: P. Payne 1, P. Swales 2, C. M. Payne 3, D. Cook 4, C. Lovell (first as cond.) 5, T. Hensman 6. Rung on the back six by the local band.

GREAT FINBOROUGH, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Ivins 1, J. Pettit (first of Minor 'inside') 2, A. W. Rolfe 3, R. J. Rose 4, R. Mitson 5, K. G. Brown (cond.) 6.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—On Sept. 15th, 1,272 Norwich Surprise Minor: Jean Croft 1, G. Cherry 2, S. H. Ashton 3, L. Runnacles 4, F. W. Croft (cond.) 5, P. W. Croft 6. For Evensong. Also on Sept. 22nd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: F. W. Croft (cond.) 1, Jean Croft (first 'inside') 2, G. Cherry 3, J. Church 4, S. H. Ashton 5, P. W. Croft 6. For harvest festival.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Miss P. M. Clarke 1, E. C. Johnson 2, D. Buxton 3, R. W. Pipe (cond.) 4, C. R. Lovett 5, E. Pearce 6, C. W. Pipe 7, A. Clarke 8. For harvest festival.

HESTON, MIDDLESEX.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Chillcott 1, E. Ricketts 2, P. Bettridge 3, P. Ruck 4, M. Hawkins 5, C. Newnes 6, G. Ruck (cond.) 7, A. Grant 8. For harvest festival evening service.

HALSTED, ESSEX.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: T. Earle 1, Miss A. Lufkin 2, A. R. Syder 3, F. B. Lufkin (cond.) 4, J. Brown 5, J. Warner 6, L. W. Wiffen 7, H. G. Snowden 8. First of Stedman 2 and 5. For evening service.

HARLESTONE, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 13th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. C. Rainbow 1, Miss D. M. Miller 2, E. Billings 3, R. G. Chater 4, R. S. Roberts 5, G. F. Roome (cond.) 6. For harvest festival.

IDEN, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Rosemary G. Hicks 1, Noreen Winter 2, C. H. Knowles 3, R. J. Hicks 4, A. J. Hicks (cond.) 5, S. Skinner 6. For Evensong.

QUARTER PEALS

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.—On Oct. 13th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: V. Tipton 1, J. Collins 2, F. Whitby 3, F. Hoad (first quarter) 4, S. Clark 5, W. Wheeler 6, J. Aley 7, L. Whitby (cond.) 8. Also on Oct. 20th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: V. Tipton 1, J. Collins 2, S. Clark 3, F. Whitby 4, G. Miller (first quarter) 5, J. Aley 6, W. Wheeler 7, L. Whitby (cond.) 8.

HELMDON, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss K. Humphrey (first of Minor) 1, Mrs. G. Shellard (first of Minor) 2, W. J. Chester 3, M. Saunders 4, W. A. Yates (cond.) 5, G. Shellard 6. Rung for the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Batchelor, also birthday compliment to Clive Haynes.

HITCHIN, HERTS.—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Smith (first quarter) 1, Mrs. Daphne Mager 2, Mrs. C. Anne Agg 3, F. J. Plummer 4, W. F. Todd 5, A. R. Agg (cond.) 6, F. Mager 7. A wedding compliment to K. C. Timbury and Miss M. R. Titmus, of Pirton, Herts, who were married this day.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.—At St. Margaret's Church, on Oct. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Whittle 1, E. Bloomfield 2, J. Munnings 3, C. J. Sedgley 4, G. R. Goodship 5, C. Woodward 6, E. V. Blake (cond.) 7, L. T. Allum 8. Rung half-muffled as a last token of respect to Charles Woodcock.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.—On Oct. 20th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: D. J. Goodman 1, Miss W. Picton (first of Minor) 2, R. W. R. Picton 3, R. J. Picton (first of Minor) 4, R. V. Wallis (first of Minor 'inside') 5, B. M. Barker (first of Minor as (cond.) 6. Believed to be the first of Minor by a local band. For Evensong.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.—At the Church of St. Margaret, on October 16th, 1,440 Minor (being 360 each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob): Freda P. Greaves 1, Tom Greenacre 2, Ted Greenacre 3, M. C. Gathercole 4, L. W. Houghton 5, N. V. Harding (cond.) 6. For the bi-centenary celebration of the birth of Capt. George Vancouver, native of this town and discoverer of the island of Vancouver, Canada.

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KNEBWORTH, HERTS.—On Oct. 19th, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: J. Mayes 1, J. Dear 2, P. Bourne 3, W. Critchley 4, C. Critchley 5, C. Harwood 6, M. Orme 7, E. Buck (first in method as cond.) 8. Rung as a compliment to Margaret Titmus and Kenneth Timbury, who were married at Pirton earlier in the day.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—On Sept. 29th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: G. Marriner 1, A. H. Winch (cond.) 2, A. H. Smith 3, Patricia Smee 4, T. A. Cross 5, C. Smart 6, Rev. C. Marshall (first on 10 bells) 7, A. S. Harris 8, G. Peters 9, H. V. Young 10. For Evensong. Also on Oct. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Marriner 1, A. H. Winch 2, Patricia Smee 3, B. G. Hawkins 4, A. H. Smith 5, Rev. C. Marshall 6, A. S. Harris (first as cond.) 7, T. A. Cross 8. For Evensong. Also on Oct. 20th, 1,260 Cambridge Surprise Royal (P.B. Royal start): A. H. Smith 1, Patricia Smee (first of Royal in method) 2, F. W. Burnett 3, A. H. Winch 4, G. P. T. Peters 5, E. K. Jordan (first of Royal) 6, B. Hawkins 7, T. A. Cross (first of Royal in method) 8, H. V. Young 9, A. Harman (cond.) 10. For Evensong. Third and sixth are from Portsmouth.

LLANDAFF, GLAM.—On Oct. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss P. J. Welch 1, Miss M. Way 2, B. Taylor (first quarter) 3, Miss J. Birch 4, J. Woodman (first as cond.) 5, G. Stickland 6. First quarter by a resident team since the bells were rehung and a new team formed. Rung as a birthday compliment to N. A. James, the team captain. The team would like to link with this quarter peal the name of Mr. T. T. Yeomans, who has taught each member to ring.

LLANELLY HILL, BRECONS.—On Oct. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob and 660 Grandsire): R. Stephens 1, J. Alsop 2, G. Lewis 3, Rev. I. Richards 4, G. Ward (cond.) 5, T. Stephens 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Alec Rackham, leader at this tower for nearly 50 years.

NAZEING, ESSEX.—On Oct. 6th, 1,320 Doubles (600 Plain Bob, 720 Grandsire): Miss E. Burton 1, B. G. Burton 2, C. Claydon 3, G. E. C. Blake 4, K. C. S. Wood (cond.) 5, J. Sams 6. For harvest festival, and as a compliment to Miss M. C. Hollow and Mr. R. C. Wood, married on September 21st.

NORTHAMPTON. — At the Church of Holy Sepulchre, on Oct. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss G. M. Burman 1, J. C. Rainbow 2, R. S. Roberts 3, E. Billings 4, B. Linnell 5, R. G. Chater 6, G. F. Roome (cond.) 7. For evening service.

OLD HEADINGTON, OXON.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (being 60 Stedman, 480 Grandsire, 480 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and 480 Plain Bob): T. H. Smith 1, Miss V. Naylor 2, J. Cruickshank 3, D. C. Bowen 4, R. J. Trebilcock (cond.) 5, R. Brown 6. Rung to welcome Mr. L. Gedge as deacon of the parish.

OXFORD.—At St. Ebbe's Church, on Oct. 20th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: G. F. Jenkins 1, R. A. Jackson 2, J. G. Pusey (first of Surprise) 3, J. H. Pailing 4, R. N. Pittman 5, D. J. Roaf (first of Surprise as cond.) 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Robin Pittman.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 20th, at the Church of St. John, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. J. W. Haw 1, H. Goakes 2, G. Bush 3, F. Boyall (first quarter) 4, T. Bevis 5, W. Barker 6, J. H. Bluff (cond.) 7, J. W. Haw 8. For evening service on Hospitals Sunday.

PIRTON, HERTS.—On Oct. 6th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: K. C. Timbury 1, Jean Croft 2, G. Cherry 3, S. H. Ashton 4, F. W. Croft (cond.) 5. For harvest festival, and also as a farewell compliment to Kenneth C. Timbury, captain of Pirton ringers since 1954, who has moved to Oxfordshire.

ROYDON, ESSEX.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Sams 1, F. Wright 2, B. G. Burton (cond.) 3, C. Sams 4, G. Blake 5, N. Ward 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. A. Day, for many years a ringer at this church.

ROADE, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. Whitlock (first quarter) 1, W. Richardson 2, A. Osborne 3, H. Curtis 4, A. C. Cozens (cond.) 5. Also on the same day, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss F. Curtis (first quarter) 1, Miss P. Neesham 2, A. Osborne (cond.) 3, H. Curtis 4, A. C. Cozens 5.

ROMSEY, HANTS.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. White 1, Miss S. Morey 2, G. Northway 3, M. Northway (cond.) 4, A. Fry 5, K. Jacobs 6, J. Page 7, R. Allen 8. For the patronal festival.

SHEFFIELD, YORKS.—On Oct. 20th, at the Cathedral, 1,440 Little Bob Royal: R. Wildgoose 1, F. Ward 2, R. Birch 3, J. Seager 4, R. S. Long 5, B. Balderson 6, D. Armstrong 7, B. Holland 8, G. K. Chaddock 9, H. O. Chaddock (cond.) 10. Rung prior to Evensong as a farewell to the Archdeacon (the Ven. D. E. W. Harrison), who is leaving Sheffield to take up an appointment in his native city of Bristol.

SHOTWICK, CHESHIRE.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Case 1, H. O. Baker 2, J. Hughes 3, J. W. Griffiths 4, J. W. Clarke (cond.) 5, S. Jones 6. For harvest festival.

SHUSTOKE, WARWICKS.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Doubles: (240 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 480 Grandsire and 540 Plain Bob): A. Ensor 1, L. L. Willis 2, Miss D. J. Perrins 3, W. C. Rhodes (cond.) 4, E. H. Hill 5, H. J. Walker 6. Rung on the 70th anniversary of the restoration of the church after the disastrous fire in 1885.

SOUTHAMPTON.—On Oct. 20th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Allen 1, Miss S. Morey 2, Miss A. Knight 3, M. Northway (cond.) 4, G. Northway 5, A. Fry 6, J. Page 7, C. White 8. Rung by a Romsey Abbey band for the tenth anniversary of the sixth form annual conference.

STONEY STANTON, LEICS.—On Oct. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original): G. Vernon 1, G. T. Ball 2, R. Richardson 3, M. Lindsey 4, M. Vernon (cond.) 5, J. H. Bailess 6, J. Vernon 7, N. L. Walker 8. By the local band.

QUARTER PEALS

SILSOE, BEDS.—On Oct. 13th, 720 Grandsire Doubles: J. Mackey 1, Ann Culpin 2, G. F. Olney 3, J. F. Olney (cond.) 4, P. J. Lawton 5, B. A. Martin 6. For the Parish Eucharist. Also 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): B. A. Martin 1, Ann Culpin 2, D. Kitchener 3, T. P. Harris 4, P. J. Lawton (cond.) 5, A. Martin 6. Rung after Evening, both for the harvest festival.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. R. A. Muller (first of Major) 1, Miss P. Jervis (first of Major) 2, Miss J. Adamson 3, Miss S. Wickenden 4, B. T. Lister 5, D. K. Walters 6, A. D. Rivers 7, W. Birmingham (cond.) 8. Rung for the silver jubilee of the ordination of the Rector (the Rev. Eric Perkins).

STAFFORD.—At the Church of St. Mary, on Oct. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Sherwood 1, Robert J. Warrilow (first of Triples 'inside') 2, Miss S. K. Seery 3, F. Eley 4, F. R. Wiggin 5, A. E. Garbett 6, R. J. Warrilow (cond.) 7, C. J. Evans 8. For morning service, and as an 80th birthday compliment to Mr. J. Warrilow (father of the conductor and grandfather of second ringer), who was for many years a regular ringer at St. Mary's.

STAMFORD HILL, N.—At St. Ann's Church, on Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss L. Hawes 1, Miss P. Rowe 2, Miss F. Secker 3, M. Cubitt 4, M. Rowe 5, E. J. Rowe (cond.) 6. Also on Oct. 6th, 1,296 Beverley Surprise Minor: H. Howson 1 Miss P. Rowe 2, Miss F. Secker 3, B. Bladon (cond.) 4, M. Rowe 5, E. J. Rowe 6. First in method by all. E. J. Rowe's 100th quarter on the bells. Also on Oct. 13th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Miss L. Hawes 1, H. Howson 2, Miss F. Secker (first in method as cond.) 3, M. Rowe 4, B. Bladon 5, L. Green 6.

STANWELL, MIDDLX.—On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Doubles (120 Winchendon Place, 360 St. Martin's, 360 Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, 360 Plain, 60 Grandsire): Miss K. S. Hawthorn 1, C. B. Fynes (cond.) 2-3, M. G. Lane 4, C. G. Burgess 5, R. F. Swan (first half) and Miss P. M. Spackman (second half) 6. For Evensong, also a 16th birthday celebration to the conductor.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On Oct. 9th, at St. Mark's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Warner 1, C. Cavalot 2, P. Anger 3, R. Luton 4, A. T. Collins 5, E. Sutton 6, W. Carter (cond.) 7, W. F. Boden 8. Rung half-muffled as a last tribute to the late Mr. C. J. Gardner.

TALGARTH, BRECONS.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Vera M. Powell 1, W. Chick 2, S. V. Edwards 3, W. G. Smith 4, D. H. Bennett (cond.) 5, J. Parry 6. For Evensong, and as a mark of appreciation for the preceding week's mission, which was conducted by the Rev. A. A. de Gruyther, Vicar of St. James', Prescot, Lancashire, and his team of helpers.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—At St. Saviour's Church, on Oct. 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. Hewitt 1, F. C. Maynard 2, B. Downes 3, R. Lumsden 4, E. E. Holman 5, C. T. W. Coles 6, A. J. N. Boyack (cond.) 7, F. C. Taylor 8. An 81st birthday compliment to W. H. Phillips, churchwarden.

WEST TARRING, SUSSEX.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Rev. D. A. A. Brett (first quarter) 1, M. From 2, Miss D. K. Saunders 3, H. C. Weaver 4, R. P. Wood (cond.) 5, A. M. Horn 6.

WESTERLEIGH, GLOS.—On Oct. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Clark 1, A. Lawrence 2, J. Ferris 3, Mrs. W. M. Beese 4, H. T. Ferris (cond.) 5, V. Brown 6. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. Kilminster on the occasion of their golden wedding.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Jacobs 1, Anne Garnett 2, J. Tomsett 3, Susan Jacobs (first as cond.) 4, M. P. Moreton 5, M. Sinden 6, A. Bishop 7, A. Bagworth 8.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. A. B. Peck, secretary of the Ancient Society of College Youth for the past 20 years, announced his retirement from office at the Society's annual dinner last Saturday. The name of Mr. John Chilcott was mentioned as a possible successor.

The footnote to the peal of Plain Bob Major at Backwell, Somerset (page 667), should read: 'First peal of Plain Bob Major on the bells and as conductor.'

The members of the band who rang the peal at Fressingfield on October 24th would like to express their appreciation to Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Etheridge for their kind hospitality.

Mr. Sidney Harrison, Master of St. John-the-Divine, Leicester, is back in our peal columns after an absence of five years. The peal, Cambridge Surprise Minor, at the Loughborough Foundry, was rung after meeting short for Yorkshire Surprise Major, and was specially arranged for two visitors from Portsmouth—Messrs. F. W. Burnett and E. Keith Jordon.

Probably the quickest peal of Stedman Triples 'in hand' (1 hour 51 minutes) has been rung at Leicester, conducted by Mr. Peter Staniforth. While Peter has called several peals of Stedman Caters and Cinques, this was his first 'in hand' of Stedman Triples. The peal reminded our correspondent of the perfect tapping of the Carter ringing machine.

To mark the 10th anniversary of the recasting and rehanging of Wakefield Cathedral bells a peal of Grandsire Caters was rung on the bells. In honour of the occasion the Provost of Wakefield and the churchwardens invited the ringers to dinner on St. Luke's Day, the actual day of dedication, and everyone had a happy and enjoyable evening. On the following Sunday courses of Grandsire Cinques, Stedman Caters and Bob Royal were rung.

It will be a 'major surprise' to many ringers to hear that the Brown twins from Aldrington have pulled a 'double-dodge' after 'hunting up and down' for several years. Having remained 'single' for so long, they are being 'spliced' in matrimony next spring. We hasten to remind them, however, that it will cost them a few 'bobs' to get married, but hope they will enjoy being 'roped-up'—Harry with Miss Joan Palmer, and Stan with Miss Rosemary Patching. All of us from Aldrington send our heartiest congratulations and hope there will be some little 'minors' in the future.

We regret to learn that Mr. Frank Bennett is seriously ill and was taken to Brighton General Hospital (Ward F), Elm Grove, Brighton, on Sunday.

The band at St. Peter's, Leckhampton, Glos, has been greatly strengthened by the appointment of the Rev. J. Humphreys as additional curate. He thus returns to his home town and the church at which he first learnt to ring.

Ringers of St. Mary's, Stafford, remembered the 80th birthday of Mr. J. Warrilow by ringing a quarter peal. Mr. Warrilow keeps fairly well, but failing sight prevents him from taking an active part in ringing. He is, however, still keenly interested, and is pleased to know that his grandson is following in the Warrilow tradition.

Mrs. R. J. Wilkins, one of the lady members of the Ancient Society of College Youths, who was the first lady to ring a peal (Stedman Cinques) at St. Mary Redcliffe, died at Bristol on September 23rd, aged 89 years. She was the wife of Mr. Raymond J. Wilkins, also a member of the Ancient Society and for many years was a member of St. Stephen's, Bristol. To her memory a half-muffled quarter peal was rung at St. Stephen's, Bristol, on September 30th.

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION'S FOURTH ANNUAL DINNER

THE fourth annual dinner of the Essex Association was held on October 12th in the Picture Room in the Shire Hall, at Chelmsford. It was a company of over 100 that gathered for the occasion under the able and dignified chairmanship of the Master of the Association, Mr. Robert Heazel.

The top table and the three long sprigs presented a wonderful sight, and at each place was an attractive menu card, a product of the able secretary of the Association. The meal itself was all that could be expected or desired, and long before the coffee stage there was an atmosphere of real enjoyment.

The Master proposed the toast 'The Queen,' and glasses were raised to Her Majesty who had that morning left for her visit to Canada and the United States of America.

The Master then proposed the toast of 'The Church,' and referred to the honour and privilege of being asked to propose this particular toast as he had been privileged on the same day 25 years before to propose a similar toast. After referring to the absence of the three bishops and the Archdeacon, who were all engaged on diocesan duties that evening, the Master comprehensively surveyed the work of the Church, and in particular referred to the fact that the Church was the deciding factor in the world today, and that the Archbishop of Canterbury was being attacked by the popular press because he was outspoken against things which were neither right nor proper. The ringers were the voice of the Church and should see that their contribution to its welfare was as large as possible.

The Provost of Chelmsford (the Very Rev. G. E. Gordon), in replying to the toast said he knew that the clergy did not visit the belfries very often, but that did not mean that the work of the Association was not appreciated. He assured the company that the Church was in good heart. One of the most pleasing factors was the number of candidates coming forward for ordination. These candidates were all good clergy. The problem now was the number of theological colleges.

The Provost ended his reply by telling the company of the work which was going on in the Cathedral to beautify the choir and the sanctuary.

The toast of 'The Essex Association' was proposed by Mr. E. A. Barnett, the hon. secretary of the Central Council. Mr. Barnett said that it was a great pleasure to go to ringers' dinners, which were always pleasurable. It was even more pleasurable to go to the Essex Association dinner so as to thank the Association for their hospitality to the Central Council at Whitsun, 1957.

Mr. Barnett reviewed the life of the Essex Association from its inception 75 years ago up to the present time, and referred in particular to some of the great ringers and secretaries which the Association had been fortunate to have among its members.

Mr. F. V. Gant in reply thanked Mr. Barnett for coming from Crayford to propose the toast, and read letters of apology from the Bishops of Chelmsford, Colchester and Barking.

Mr. Gant said that the members had come from far and wide to attend the dinner and, in fact, one member had travelled especially from Denmark to be present.

The toast 'The Vice-Presidents' was proposed by the deputy Master (Mr. H. Turner), who said that the Association had been very fortunate in the vice-presidents they had had in the past and whom they had at the present. They had great calls upon their services but they were always ready to help the Association whenever called upon. It was always a matter

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CANTERBURY DISTRICT SECRETARY HONOURED



PICTURED above is Miss H. Helmore, daughter of the late Canon Helmore, who was secretary of the Kent County Association for 39 years, presenting Mr. E. J. Luck, of Canterbury, with a cheque for £32 10s. and a testimonial, subscribed to by members of the Canterbury District, in recognition of his 21 years of service as secretary of the Canterbury District of the K.C.A.

The presentation took place previous to the annual meeting of the Canterbury District on October 12th, when there was a large attendance, approximately 120 sitting down to tea. These represented 23 towers in the District.

Ringing during the afternoon was at St. Dunstan's Church, where the service was also held, this being conducted by the Vicar (Rev. A. L. Lawler), with an address by the Bishop of Dover (Rt. Rev. L. E. Meredith). Boys and lady members of the choir attended the service, their numbers being augmented by ringers, the service being altogether something to remember.

Tea was taken in the Church Hall, the meal being prepared by the St. Dunstan's ringers and friends. The Bishop remained for the tea and business meeting, and also welcomed were Dr. Hatcher (general secretary) and Mr. J. Willis (vice-president).

Mr. J. A. Russell took the chair for the business meeting. The secretary reported that there had been 322 subscriptions received from practising and honorary members in the District, an increase of 10 over last year, with still some subscriptions to come in. There were 28 fully paid up towers.

Mr. J. A. Russell (Birchington) was re-elected chairman; Mr. W. S. Palin (Faversham) to serve again as Ringing Master; Mr. B. J. Luck was also re-elected as District secretary. For the offices as representatives, Mr. D. C. Chatfield (Canterbury) and Mr. E. T. Eades (Ospringe) were elected by ballot. Wingham was chosen as the place of the next quarterly meeting, and it was announced that the usual social would be held on November 16th.

Before the presentation was made, Mr. J. Willis (a vice-president) said that under Mr. Luck's guidance the Canterbury District had reached a pitch of efficiency and happiness that it had never before attained. This was largely due to Mr. Luck's efforts. In him the Association had one who accepted responsibility and made the best of the job he undertook. They acknowledged that day his services.

Presenting the cheque, Miss Helmore also spoke of Mr. Luck's good work and observed: 'As my father would have said to you, "Don't spend it all on sweets"!'

Mr. Luck thanked the members and the Association. He said that the presentation came as a complete surprise.

Mrs. Luck received a 3lb. box of chocolates for her part in this great secretary-wife partnership. A bouquet was also presented to Miss Helmore.

Ringing took place in the evening at the Cathedral and also at St. Dunstan's.

[Picture by 'Kentish Gazette']

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of surprise to him how the bishops and senior clergy of the diocese could always remember ringers and where they had met them.

The toast was responded to by Mr. James Chalk, one of the life vice-presidents, in a gay and witty vein.

The toast of 'The Artistes and Guests' was proposed by Miss H. G. Snowden, who recited, much to the merriment of the company, her one and only experience of the exercise of her artistic talent. Miss Joan Edwards, in a little and dainty speech, replied, in the most regretted absence of Dr. Armstrong Gibbs.

The experiment was continued of mixing speeches and entertainment. The company were regaled by courses of Bob Major and Grandsire Triples on handbells by Miss H. G. Snowden and Messrs. F. Lufkin, L. W. Wiffen and G. Wiffen. Songs were provided by Miss Joan Edwards (soprano) and Mr. H. Dorking (baritone). Mr. David Smith, the broadcasting raconteur, enlivened the proceedings by his country stories.

The company rose at 10.25 p.m. to make their way home fully satisfied and earnestly looking forward to next year's dinner.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD'S AUTUMN MEETING

THERE was much to discuss at the Oxford Diocesan Guild's new venture, an autumn general meeting, which was held at High Wycombe on October 12th. The Master (Rev. C. Elliot Wigg) presided over an attendance of about 90, and he was supported by the hon. treasurer (Mr. A. D. Barker), the hon. librarian (Mr. H. L. Roper) and the hon. general secretary (Miss M. R. Cross). The deputy Master (Mr. F. Sharpe) was absent through attending the Coventry Diocesan Guild dinner in his capacity as president of the Central Council.

Introducing a discussion on the publication of the report, the hon. secretary said if it were not for the reports the Guild would be in a sound financial position and could pay its way each year by working within its yearly income. The report was 'a luxury' in that it caused the Guild to lose money annually. During the current year it had been possible to save money by issuing the abridged report which had been duplicated for £7. An estimate had been received from the printers for 800 reports of £115, which would work out at 2s. 10½d. each.

During the animated discussion Mr. A. Diserens pointed out that other Guilds sold their reports for 2s. 6d. because they contained compositions. By this way they might boost the sales.

Mr. A. H. Cross (Old Windsor) suggested that the report could be shortened by removing the peals. The majority of peal ringers took 'The Ringing World' so it was not therefore necessary to print peals in the report.

Mr. W. Hunt (Twyford) advocated a peal booking fee.

Mr. W. Birmingham agreed that an interesting report was of prime importance if it were to sell. He found the abridged report of far greater interest than the full one because reports from the Branches gave a picture of the Guild as a whole.

Mr. Barker suggested that a solution was in alternating the reports—a full printed one and the next year a duplicated one on the lines of the 1956 report. He proposed and Mr. P. Walker seconded that the report for 1956–7 be printed in full. This motion was carried.

Mr. J. W. Hall (Winslow) proposed a peal booking fee of 1s. per rope to help pay for the printing.

Mr. Birmingham commented that this would penalise peal ringers who were the backbone of the Guild.

Mr. E. G. Edmans strongly disagreed with this and said it was the Sunday service ringer who was the backbone of both the Guild and the Exercise.

A lively few minutes was terminated by Mr. A. E. Lock proposing that the meeting go on to the next business, which was carried.

Mr. W. Butler proposed that Rule 5, paragraph 2, be altered as follows: 'A resident ringing member shall subscribe 5s. per annum.' Mr. W. Birmingham seconded and said the subscription would only then be in the same relation to the cost of living as it was pre-war.

There was very strong opposition to this, and Miss Cross read the aims of the Guild as set out in the Revision of Rules, that the Guild was primarily to help the work of the Church. This, she said, could not be done if instead of increasing the membership it was decreased.

After discussion, the meeting eventually adopted an amendment sent in by the North Bucks Branch, 'That the subscription remain at 2s. 6d. but that each tower should pay for the reports it had and that any member requiring a report should notify his Branch secretary before the end of the year and should pay for it on receipt of the same.'

An excellent tea was provided by Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Cox and their helpers. As it was a buffet tea, many members took advantage of the opportunity to renew old friendships with those who came from other parts of the Guild.

The Master proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar of High Wycombe for the use of the parish church and the bells; to Mr. S. Lester, succentor of Radley College, for playing the organ at the service; to the incumbents and ringers who had placed their bells at the disposal of the Guild that day; to the secretary for the arrangements she had made; and last but not least to Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Cox and their helpers for all they had done to provide such an excellent tea.

The Guild office followed in the Parish Church, which was taken by the Master, who also gave an excellent and thoughtful address. During the address he mentioned that it was exactly 25 years earlier that he had preached his first sermon from that same pulpit after being ordained at the previous Michaelmas. The singing was of a very high standard.

After the service the following towers were available for ringing: High Wycombe, West Wycombe, Hughenden, Beaconsfield, Wooburn, Marlow, Lane End and Penn.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY

A new venture for the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford was a joint meeting with the Northern Branch of the Worcestershire Association. This meeting took place on October 19th at Kinver, a well-known local beauty spot situated in the south western extremity of the 'Staffords' territory on the Worcestershire border. The parish church of St. Peter occupies a prominent position on high ground overlooking the village and commands extensive views of the delightful countryside in which Kinver is located.

The pleasing ring of eight bells (tenor 12 cwt.) was put to good use during the afternoon and evening. The Vicar of Kinver (Rev. D. Watson) conducted the service and gave the address. Tea, at which 76 sat down, was partaken of in the Parish Room. After tea, Mr. F. Bennett for the 'Staffords,' and Mr. Keith Salter for the 'North Worcesters' expressed thanks to the Vicar, the organist (Mr. Morris) and Mr. Jones, of the local band, for their respective efforts in making this meeting so enjoyable. An apology was received from Mr. Bernard Ashford, hon. secretary of the Northern Branch of the Worcestershire Association, who was prevented by pressure of business from attending this successful meeting.

The next meeting of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford will be at Willenhall on January 18th. F. C. A. B.

RINGING IN CALGARY, CANADA

Few ringers realise, perhaps, that there has been a ring of bells—and a group of ringers—at Christ Church (Anglican), Elbow Park, Calgary, Alberta, Canada, since 1955. The ring of eight in B flat was cast by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon. The tenor (952 lb.) is in commemoration of the visit of the Archbishop of Canterbury in 1955, when he laid the church's foundation stone at the time of the enlargement and completion of the church. A small group of ringers was shown how to handle a bell in three short lessons following the installation of the original three bells by John Nicolls, of Croydon, the foundry's installation expert. From then on the ringers practised and rang the three bells without other help. Later they found Mr. F. C. Papworth, who had not rung bells for 50 years, and who now gives new ringers elementary lessons.

Early in 1957 the group was fortunate in finding two expert ringers; Godfrey (Jeff) White, of Victoria, B.C., moved to Edmonton, some 200 miles north of Calgary. He comes down to ring and advise every two or three weeks. He taught the group to ring rounds properly and also started them on change-ringing. When Mr. White first dropped in he found the Calgary group ringing rounds so slowly on their six bells that the ringers were practically setting their bells on each stroke. Since the advent of Mr. White they have made excellent progress and are ringing rounds like experts. They are also making good progress on change-ringing.

Last spring Miss Judy Midgeley, an English nurse, who went to Lacombe last winter to follow her profession, found the Calgary group. Miss Midgeley is an expert ringer and has joined the group whenever she can get a ride the 125 miles to Calgary. Fortunately she is moving to one of the large Calgary hospitals and will join the group on a regular basis.

The last two bells were just installed last August and the full ring of eight was heard for the first time on Sunday, September 8th. Mr. Izard, of Victoria, and his daughter, Margaret, made the trip of some 800 miles from Victoria especially for the occasion. Practices were held on Friday and Saturday and the ringing (rounds and simple changes) on Sunday was remarkable. Quite a number of Old Country parishioners thought the bells were as good as any they had ever heard. In all fairness it should be noted that the hour-and-a-quarter of ringing was done by four experts along with four novices. The help of Mr. and Miss Izard was appreciated very much and everyone felt that their visit had been of the greatest help.

Ringing takes place now at Calgary every Sunday morning before the 11 o'clock service and practices are held once a week. Any ringer visiting Calgary can be assured of a very warm welcome in the tower.

HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. D. A. Price 1, Judith D. Funnell 2, Kathleen M. Yeo (cond.) 3, F. H. Beeney 4, G. Beeney 5, T. J. Matthews (first quarter) 6. Rung by the local ringers as a farewell to the conductor, who is leaving the district.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

BAT, MOUSE AND CLOCK

Dear Sir,—In 'The Ringing World' for April 12th, 1957, under 'Belfry Gossip' there appeared a paragraph beginning 'It's not bats in the belfry, but mice, at Burghill, Hereford . . .'

Today—six months later—we can write, 'It's not mice in the belfry at Burghill, but bats.' The explanation of this is interesting. On my way home from work recently I noticed that the church clock had stopped for 3½ hours. I thought perhaps a wire carrying one of the weights had snapped, or that the jackdaws had been nest-building near one of the clock's three faces. On investigating, however, I found a baby bat, still alive but injured, entangled in the escapement of the clock's mechanism, thus causing the giant pendulum to stop swinging.

The clock, which strikes the hours and half-hours on the tenor bell, was erected to commemorate the diamond jubilee year of Queen Victoria's reign in 1897. This year the clock 'celebrates' its own diamond jubilee, having completed 60 years of almost continuous and perfect time-keeping.—Yours truly,

F. MORRIS.

Burghill, Hereford.

TWO FUNDAMENTALS

Dear Sir,—May I appeal to the Exercise to clarify the naming of two fundamentals? The relationship between two rows may be regarded in two different ways, viz.:—

(*a*) Noting which positions interchange, irrespective of the figures concerned, and

(*b*) Noting which figures change places, irrespective of the positions concerned.

I believe that (*a*) is termed a 'transposition' to change-ringers and that (*b*) has no precise name. I venture to suggest the term 'transfigure' as being analogous.

To give examples:—

48621735 (c) 12345678 (a) 48621735 (c)
17482356 (d) 56124783 (b) 23765814 (e)

(a) to (b) is the same transposition as (c) to (d), and is the same transfigure as (c) to (e).

The two ideas are complementary, and the basic property of rows is that if (a) to (b) is the same transposition as (c) to (d), then (a) to (c) and (b) to (d) are identical transfigures, and vice-versa. It is this basic property which makes methods possible, as the relations within 'leads,' etc., are fixed transpositions, while those between different leads are fixed transfigures.

At the risk of reviving old and barren controversies, I believe that the term 'change' has no useful meaning in composition, only an historic value.

I should be grateful for suggestions about these terms, but please (!) no complicating the issue with thorny irrelevancies.—Yours faithfully,

B. D. PRICE.

35, Church Lane, Brighouse.

BRISTOL SURPRISE AT BEDFORD

Dear Sir,—I am quite certain that nothing could be more beautiful to the ear of a sensitive ringer than Bristol on the back eight at St. Paul's, Bedford. What a pity it is, therefore, that one participant in the peal published on page 683 of 'The Ringing World' admits the inability to recognise one change from another!

It is to his credit, however, that he refused the chance of having a star to his name for a 'first of Bristol' on the grounds that it would upset the balance of the report in the 'R.W.', being towards the top left-hand corner!—Yours sincerely,

PATRICK I. CHAPMAN.

Daventry.

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AND NORTH LEICESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Dear Sir,—I much enjoyed reading a letter in 'The Ringing World' issue dated October 25th, written by A. Hibbert, of Chapel-en-le-Frith, re the South Derbyshire and North Leicestershire Association.

At the last meeting of the East Derbyshire and Notts Association, held at South Wingfield on October 19th, I had a lengthy discussion with one of my members, who is also a member of the newly-formed Association. He gave me a detailed account of why the new Association was formed; also on my books, and paid up members, are the names of others in this new venture—one being a member of my executive. I am sure that none of these members have any quarrel with our Association as they are most regular in attendance at meetings, 12 of which we hold per year.

When the Midland Counties Association dissolved in 1945 invitations were received by the East Derbyshire and Notts Association that they merge—the Derbyshire portion into the Derbyshire Association and the Notts portion into the Southwell Guild. This was turned down flat.

After nearly 71 years we are, as we were then, a non-territorial Association, with members far and near.

If Mr. Hibbert would care to be a member of the East Derbys and Notts Association he would then know why this happy band refused to be merged. If this suggestion (like the parable in the Bible) falls on stony ground, I venture to suggest that he keeps his nose out of the East Derbys and Notts Association's pie.—Yours faithfully,

B. A. SOLLIS, Hon. Secretary,
East Derbys and Notts Association.

Dear Sir,—With regard to the letter by Mr. Arthur Hibbert on page 691, may I thank him for his views, with which I agree in almost every detail.

Intimation of the formation of this new Association was first given in letters to the Derby District secretary and to the general secretary of the Derbyshire Association, asking for recognition and indicating that the object was to help the large number of learners in the area. No request had been made to the Association for help in that direction.

My personal view was not to take the matter seriously in the first instance since the prime mover appeared to be one of our members who has probably founded more bellringing associations than anyone else in the history of bell-ringing. In saying this, however, I do not want to belittle the gentleman in question, as he has done a good deal of work in encouraging young ringers.

Since it has become clear that the members of the new Association are serious in continuing with the project, I would like to make a few observations.

The territory of the Derbyshire Association covers the whole Derby diocese, which is divided into four districts—Ilkeston, Derby, Peak and Chesterfield. The Ilkeston District collapsed through lack of support and is at present merged with the Derby District.

The D.A. is financially weak and generally speaking the meetings are poorly attended.

We have now five other organisations overlapping our territory. These are: Midland Counties Guild, East Derbyshire and Notts Association, Sheffield and District Society, South Derbyshire and North Leics Association and the Chester Diocesan Guild.

Probably half the towers in the county are served by two organisations.

Although all these organisations are on good terms with the D.A. and many of their members are also members of the D.A., I feel with Mr. Hibbert that a far more efficient system would be for all ringers in Derbyshire to form one body within the framework of the D.A. and possibly rename it the Derby Diocesan Guild. All areas could be served by dividing the Guild into more districts than there are at the present in the D.A.

The above are my own views and not necessarily those of the D.A.

The subject of the new Association was discussed at the last general quarterly meeting of the D.A. and it was decided that the secretary should write inviting the members of the new Association to consider whether their interests could not equally well be served by the formation of a new district of the D.A.—Yours sincerely,

D. R. CARLISLE.

THE RAVING RINGERS

Dear Sir,—The report in a recent issue of 'The Ringing World' of the inaugural trip into Herefordshire during August of the above band made interesting reading for me—a Herefordian. Although Burghill bells were not mentioned in the report sent in by R. and T., the Raving Ringers did, I feel sure, pay our tower a visit, as ringers from the areas mentioned signed our visitors' book on August 23rd. I was away on holiday during that week, and would very much have liked to have met our visitors. Before the war I was a member of the Wargrave band and later the Cookham band of ringers, and know the district where the 'Reading section' of the R.R.s ring quite well.—Yours truly,

F. MORRIS.

Burghill, Hereford.

'VILLAGE OCCASION'

Dear Sir,—I would like to thank E. C. S. for his leading article, 'Village Occasion,' which was to me both excellently written and a pleasure to read.—Yours sincerely,

JACK ALSOP.

Ebbw Vale.

The Major Hesse Week-end

The annual gathering and peal attempt at Wrington, to honour the memory of the late Major J. H. B. Hesse, was held on October 19th.

A good peal of Grandsire Caters was rung on the fine ten at Wrington (which were augmented from six in 1911, largely due to the efforts of Major Hesse), and Mrs. Hesse afterwards provided tea for the ringers.

Mr. H. Sanger thanked Mrs. Hesse for her hospitality and for her help in keeping this annual event going.

Mr. H. Knight said that he had received apologies for absence from the Rector (Rev. B. Lee) and Mrs. L. Derrick, J. T. Dyke, R. O. Fry, A. A. Hughes and M. J. Horseman; he also thanked the ringers for coming—some at very short notice.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. W. Kingcott, Mr. and Mrs. H. Knight, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Newbury, Mr. and Mrs. R. Smith and Mr. and Mrs. J. Thomas; Messrs. J. Badman, J. Owen, G. Prescott, H. J. Sanger and S. Smith.

Stoke-on-Trent Ringers' Outing

Ringers of Stoke-on-Trent Parish Church had an enjoyable outing into Shropshire on October 26th. Towers visited were two light sixes at Stoke-on-Tern and Hinstock, Cheswardine (8) and the grand eight at Market Drayton. Tea was kindly provided by the Rector of Stoke (Preb. F. A. R. Chapman) at The Boiling Kettle Café, Market Drayton. Stoke was reached at 9 p.m. after encountering some misty patches on the road.

EARLY DAYS OF THE LADIES' GUILD RECALLED

THE 45th anniversary of the Ladies' Guild was celebrated on October 19th at the Fanmakers' Hall, London. During the afternoon ringing took place at St. Mary Magdalene's, Holloway Road, under the direction of Mrs. Savoury (Central District), and included a touch of Stedman Triples by a band of ladies.

The service at St. Botolph's Church, Bishopsgate, was preceded by a touch rung by an invited band, consisting of four ladies representing four different Districts of the Guild, and four of the 'Supporters' Club.'

Preb. H. H. Treacher, who had promised to take the service, was unfortunately suffering from Asian 'flu, and at short notice the Rev. Ralph Stevens (Rector of Lambourne, Essex) very kindly stepped into the breach. The organ was played by Mr. Ronald Noon and the lesson was read by the Guild president (Mrs. T. Lock). The collection taken at the service was given to the Church Heating Fund.

THE DINNER

At the dinner which followed, the guests included Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, who was one of those mainly responsible for forming the Guild and was its secretary for 36 years and president for eight years, Miss E. Steel, also a past-president, and Mrs. Hairs, Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. E. Davis and Mrs. Fardon, who were all present at the early meetings.

The president (Mrs. Lock) introduced the Rev. R. Stevens, and expressed the grateful thanks of the members to him for so ably taking the place of Preb. Treacher. Mr. Stevens, proposing the toast of 'The Ladies' Guild,' pointed out that not only had his dinner been wrecked by the thought of the speech he had to make, but it was just as he was going to have lunch on the previous day that he had been called to the telephone and asked to take the Guild's service, so two meals were spoilt for him! In spite of that, he was very glad to be at the dinner. Fortunately, he had just acquired a 'Dictionary of the Christian Church' and had been able to look up bells in that. After giving an account of the early history of bells, Mr. Stevens mentioned that he also had up-to-date knowledge as he was secretary of the advisory committee for the Diocese of Chelmsford, and therefore often came into contact with parochial church councils who wanted to have their bells recast.

In the time he had spent with the ringers that evening he had been impressed with the intense devotion of ringers to bells, and in proposing the toast he took the opportunity of thanking not only the ladies, but all ringers in general, for the work they did.

CLERGY AT FIRST AWKWARD

Mrs. E. K. Fletcher replied on behalf of the Guild. She thanked Mr. Stevens for his very interesting account of the early history of ringing, but pointed out that as far as the Guild was concerned ringing began in 1912! Mrs. Fletcher gave a brief survey of the Guild since its formation soon after a peal of Grandsire Triples rung by eight ladies at Christ Church, Cubitt Town. There were 30 women present at the first meeting, and all joined the Guild. At first the clergy were apt to be awkward because the ladies took off their hats before ringing, but they soon got over that and the membership of the Guild increased fairly rapidly as many women learnt to ring during the first world war.

During the period 1918 to 1938, the Guild scored 17 peals, including their only peal on ten bells—Stedman Caters, at St. Clement Danes'. Unfortunately the peal board had been lost in the blitz, but six members who took part in that peal were present at the dinner. During the last war only one District—the Western—had managed to carry on successfully, but after the war, thanks to the efforts of the District secretaries, the various Districts soon started to function again, and now the Guild was stronger than ever.

The toast of 'Visitors and Guests' was proposed by Mrs. C. C. Marshall (Yorkshire District), who pointed out that in the reports of dinners published in 'The Ringing World' the ladies were always mentioned. The Ladies' Guild did not want to lag behind in that respect, and in addition to the founder members present, the Guild extended a warm welcome to the Rev. Ralph Stevens, Mr. K. Arthur (president, Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association), Mr. E. A. Barnett (secretary, Central Council), Mr. T. Lock (secretary, Middlesex County Association) and Mr. J. A. Hoare (secretary, Swansea and Brecon Guild).

'A CLAPPERBANGER'

Mr. Barnett, replying on behalf of the visitors, quoted the verse written by a Leicester ringer when the Ladies' Guild was formed:

'Like a breath with summer laden,
Like a cheery ray of hope,
Is the sight of gentle maiden,
Deftly handling of a rope.'

Although another well-known ringer had substituted 'clapperbanger' for 'gentle maiden,' he personally did not think any more ladies than gentlemen merited that description.

On behalf of the guests, Miss Steel thanked Mrs. Marshall for her remarks, and said that in her part of the country people were brought up to 'get up, speak up and shut up.' She was, therefore, only going to thank the Guild on behalf of all the guests and say how much they had enjoyed themselves.

Between the speeches a course of Plain Bob Major was rung on handbells by Mrs. Hairs, Mrs. Fletcher, Mr. Barnett and Mr. Fletcher, and a course of Grandsire Caters by Miss M. Reay, Messrs. C. Barron, D. Matkin, T. Lock and P. Corby.

During the social programme which followed, organised by the president, the company were entertained by one of the Guild members, Miss Jennifer Highley (Kent District), who played a clarinet solo, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Lock and by a member of the choir of St. Botolph's Church, Miss Iris Avard, who sang two solos.

Mrs. A. Richardson (Lincolnshire District) voiced the feelings of all the members in a hearty vote of thanks to all those who had helped in making the evening a success, mentioning especially Preb. Treacher, the Rev. R. Stevens and Mrs. E. Davis, for all the arrangements made at St. Botolph's and at the Fanmakers' Hall; Mr. and Mrs. Neal, who had done so much regarding the catering and the table plan; and of course Mrs. Lock, who had been responsible for all the arrangements. She also thanked Mr. Noon for playing for the service, and the artistes for their help. D. C.

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TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

25 Years Vicar of Gulval

Canon C. H. S. Buckley has been Vicar of Gulval, Cornwall, that delightfully situated parish on the fringe of Penzance, for 25 years, and his parishioners arranged a week of celebrations to coincide with the harvest thanksgiving.

Many visitors have rung at Gulval when on holiday, and it is a normal port of call for touring bands, so the well-kept and neatly furnished ringing chamber and the good bells are well known.

Mr. W. Wood, still a very active veteran of the Exercise, is in charge, and has the full support and co-operation of his vicar. Canon Buckley, popular amongst so many, is popular too amongst ringers. He supports them and gladly lets his bells be rung.

It was a compliment to the Truro Diocesan Guild that a peal was asked for as part of the celebrations. Because of Guild autumn festivals this had to be a week late, but it was rung and proved to be the quickest on the bells; maybe the band was trying to catch up with what had gone before, or perhaps was more eager for what was to follow. Canon Buckley had welcomed the band, and had invited them to a high tea at the 'Coldstreamer' afterwards, to which he sat down with them.

When the meal was over, and stories had begun, it was realised the house was 'open,' which gave an opportunity for perhaps an even yet warmer round of congratulations, and the president of the Truro Guild (Mr. Alan Carveth) called for a further happy quarter of a century for Canon Buckley at Gulval. Time came all too soon for the party to disperse, but all went away with the certain feeling that Gulval bells hold a very real place in its incumbent's heart, and also mean much to the parish in general.

Mid-Cornwall Branch

The Mid-Cornwall Branch held their autumn festival at the Parish Church of St. Newlyn East on October 12th. Ringers came together from St. Mewan, St. Ewe, St. Gorran, St. Stephen-in-Brannel, St. Columb Minor, St. Austell, Veryan and St. Newlyn East.

Tea was served in the Pheasant Inn, and the festival service conducted by the Vicar (Rev. P. B. Denney). The lesson was read by a bellringer, the organist was Mr. E. V. Bennett and the crucifer Mr. P. Tippett, also a bellringer. In the evening refreshments were served in the newly-restored Oxenham Room by the wives and other relatives of the ringers.

Judges for the test ringing were Messrs. C. E. Lanxon and A. Locke. Mr. W. H. Southcard, a vice-president of the Truro Guild, also attended. The invitation to held the next festival at Fowey was accepted. D. B.

JOINT MEETING AT BANSTEAD

The annual joint meeting of the Surrey Association (Northern District) and the Kent County Association (Lewisham District) was held at Banstead on October 12th. A most pleasing feature was the excellent attendance by Kent ringers, who had made the rather difficult journey to Banstead in good numbers.

The bells were rung up at 3 p.m., and under the direction of Mr. Gordon Peters the methods rung catered for all tastes, but the quality of the ringers present enabled a higher than usual proportion of touches to be Surprise Major. A service at 4.30, conducted by the Vicar, was followed by an excellent tea, prepared by the local young ladies in the Bowls Pavilion. The usual votes of thanks were proposed and passed with enthusiastic acclamation. The ringers then returned to the belfry for further ringing from Grandsire to Spliced Surprise.

TOWER-HUNTING IN DEVON

Tower-hunting can be of fascinating interest not only to the change-ringer but to those who have interest in history and lore. In picturesque Devon the towers are sometimes found in pleasant vales, sometimes they dominate the uplands and their pinnacles point to the heavens like sentinels on guard. Some stand as landmarks for ships of the ocean.

On June 19th our party met at Witheridge, where the rehung octave gave every satisfaction. The revised weight of the tenor is 23¾ cwt., and a local ringer made a good job of drumming her to Grandsire and Stedman Triples as our party was short. Then followed Chawley, with a fine six, where we were joined by the Rev. J. H. B. Andrews. At Chulmleigh, another rehung eight, the rector showed us many things of interest in the church, and we enjoyed the ringing. At Colebrook, the Vicar (Rev. G. Rogers) gave us a welcome. At North Tawton Preb. E. V. Cox had to leave the company, and we rang Stedman and Grandsire Triples with the help of a local tenor man who did well. In the tower there is a board on which the following is recorded:—

'A peal of 2,861 call-changes was rung at North Tawton Church tower on the 17th June, 1914. The peal took 4 hours. William Fewings rang the treble and called the changes. Tenor 18 cwt.'

Mr. Fewings was an early pioneer for good striking, and this feat stands as a record for call-change ringing in Devon. We finished the day at Sampford Courtenay, on a good six.

On August 14th the party met at St. Mark's, Exeter, and Preb. E. V. Cox brought along Mr. and Mrs. Cross, Mr. H. Luxton brought Mr. C. Savage, Mr. M. Atkins, Mrs. Hood, and with the Rev. W. H. Smale were 'Will' and Freddy Jennings. Messrs. Truman came along with Mr. Betts. We much appreciated St. Mark's bells (tenor 13 cwt.). The next call was Pinhoe, a rehung and retuned six. The screen and Norman font were of interest, as also was the story of how the Vicar came to receive 13s. 2d. per annum as granted by King Ethelred the Unready in 1001.

At Broadclyst we were joined by Mr. J. L. S. Glanville, and good touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples with Bob Major came round. Whimple (6) was the next tower, and proceeding through rather puzzling and narrow byways we reached Awliscombe, where the tower was in 'splints'; nevertheless we enjoyed the heavy six (tenor 19 cwt.). The heavy six (tenor 23 cwt.) at Honiton (St. Michael's) tested the brawn and muscle; even so, all appreciated the ring. We finished at Ottery St. Mary, where the new-cast ring (tenor 19½ cwt.) proved to be a delight, though the treble has its personality.

Some 20 ringers and friends, including those already mentioned, made up our company on September 11th. Some called at Staverton on their way to Cornwood, the meeting place, situated on the verge of the moor. Here we were delighted to greet Mr. G. H. Myers, looking almost fit after his operation, and Messrs. Tom, Bill and Fred were with him, and Mr. G. H. Lavers. Some lady friends and ringers also came with them.

The next call was Modbury, a fine six (tenor 17 cwt.). The party seemed to like the handy six at Yealmpton, hence we arrived at Plympton (St. Maurice's) a little late. The fine eight (tenor 16 cwt.) were a treat to ring, and touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples came round all right. Even so, one or two of the company did not forget that the painter Joshua Reynolds has a monument and a picture in the church.

As we listened to the fine octave at St. Mary's, Plympton, and glanced towards the site of the ruins of the richest priory and religious house in the county, there came the reflection: 'Did the metal in these bells (tenor 25 cwt.) come from the ancient bells of the priory church?'; and again, the churches at Pilton, Totnes, Crediton, Exeter Cathedral and St. Andrew's, Plymouth, were connected with pre-Reformation religious houses, and all these have old and fine heavy rings of bells.

Twenty-one sat at tea, and it was decided that the next trip should be on April 9th, 1958. Visits to St. Budeaux and Tamerton Foliott, where the local band showed lively interest in change-ringing, ended the day for most of the party.

F. C. S.

A SILENT SOMERSET TOWER RINGS AGAIN

Close to the River Tone and not far from its source deep in the Brendon Hills in Somerset lies the little church of St. Mary Magdalene, Clatworthy. Here on the evening of October 13th, in a beautifully-decorated church lit by candles, oil lamps and incandescent lamps, a typical village harvest festival service was held. It was conducted by the Rev. P. W. P. Hancock, of the neighbouring parish of Huish Champflower, for Clatworthy, population 100-plus and only two-dozen on the Electoral Roll, has had no rector of its own for a very long time, nor has it a band of ringers for its four bells (tenor 13 cwt., approx.).

However, Mr. C. Stevens, of West Buckland, had previously spent an evening looking over the bells, fitting ropes and trying them out, so that this small, silent tower could send forth thanks for the harvest once again. It was the first time they had been rung for service for about nine years.

About 12 ringers were present from Ashcott, Bampton, Exford, North Petherton, Rockwell Green, Wembdon, West Buckland and Yeovil, and included the Master of the Bath and Wells Association (Rev. H. F. Warren), who preached the sermon.

Ringing before and after the service was composed of Plain, Reverse and Double Bob Minimus, and some fast call-changes. An all-ladies band rang rounds. At the conclusion of the service a course of Grandsire Caters was rung on handbells.

R. D. S.

SOUTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. R. Crouchman 1, J. E. Race 2, F. R. Goddard (cond.) 3, G. W. Procter 4, B. W. Parke 5, D. J. Crouchman 6. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. B. Stuteley, also 25th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Wood.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

Crewe Branch at Nantwich

There was praise for some of the oldest and the youngest in the world of campanology when Crewe Branch paid their annual visit to Nantwich Parish Church on October 19th.

A story of the devotion of an old ringer was told by a veteran member of the Guild, Mr. A. E. Richards (Farndon), speaking at the annual tea in Nantwich Church Hall. He referred to an 85-year-old ringer at Christ Church who was reported to have crawled up the steps to the belfry at his church so that he could take part with the rest of the team.

'Ringing is a joy and a wonderful work for the Church,' declared Mr. Richards, advising young people to 'stick to it.' They would find, he said, that it filled a gap in their lives.

Praise for the youngest ringer present came from Mr. J. W. Clarke (Master of the Diocesan Guild), who was among the guests. He referred to the skill shown by 10-year-old Anthea Baker (Chester), and Anthea bashfully stood to acknowledge the applause of her fellow-ringers.

Mentioning that the Diocesan Guild was 70 years old this year, Mr. Clarke said he was sorry that there had not been more from the Crewe area present at the county dinner.

Along with the other speakers, Mr. W. F. Stenson (treasurer of the Crewe Branch)—who spoke in the temporary absence of the secretary (Mr. W. Kerr)—expressed appreciation of the hospitality shown at Nantwich, and thanked the Rector (Rev. E. M. B. Southwell) for the use of the bells. He welcomed the visitors from as far afield as Coalbrookdale and West Wickham, Kent.

Mr. Stenson also referred to the recent death of Miss Molly Boyer, of Nantwich, who had worked for the ringers. Her passing would be a great loss.

Mr. Derek Smith, seconding the vote of thanks, said the meeting at Nantwich was one of the most enjoyable they held.

The Rector of Nantwich thanked the ringers for their donation of £2 14s., made during a collection at the tea, towards the Parish Church Restoration Fund. A lot of people seeing the indicator board outside the church might think they had nearly finished the restoration work, but he could say without fear of contradiction that another £20,000 was required.

The meeting, at which 17 towers were represented, began with two hours' ringing with methods to suit all tastes, from the experienced ringer to the novice. Before tea the ringers attended a short service, conducted by the Rector. Afterwards followed another two-hour ringing session.

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OBITUARY

REV. D. P. ROBERTS

By the death of the Rev. David Paterson Roberts at an early age the Exercise has lost a well-known and much-loved figure.

The son of a clergyman, D. P. Roberts studied theology at St. John's Hall, Highbury, and was ordained in the Liverpool diocese in 1932. Apart from a three-year incumbency in Staffordshire, he served the whole of his ministry in that diocese, and at the time of his death had been Vicar of Whiston since 1954.

Although he rang in only a few peals, 'D. P.' had been a keen ringer from the days of his youth, and had travelled widely in many parts of the country in pursuit of his love for bells and ringing, and he might fairly be described as an enthusiast for ringing tours. In the course of his ringing activities he made a wide circle of friends throughout the Exercise. Perhaps he will be best remembered as a loyal and enthusiastic member of the two Associations which were very dear to his heart—the Lancashire Association and the Guild of Clerical Ringers—both of which he served to the best of his ability, always putting the good of the Association before personal considerations.

By those he served in his parochial ministry, and by his fellows in the ringing fraternity, David Paterson Roberts will be remembered with affection as a man of great kindness of heart, unfailing in his consideration for others, and of such modesty and humility that his very real abilities as a ringer were often unrealised. The sympathy of all who knew him will go out to his widow in her bereavement.

R. D. St. J. S.

MR. ALEC RACKHAM

With the passing of Mr. Alec Rackham, of Gilwern, on September 19th, at the age of 79, a long family reputation of high-class ringing has come to an end. He was the last of a family of four brothers—Sid, Alec, Vic and Jack—who made their mark in the Brecon and Abergavenny area in their younger days.

Alec became leader of the Llanelly Hill ringers in 1908, when the bells were rehung and augmented to six. Sid and Alec maintained the bells, and the 'go' of the bells today is ample proof of their skilled workmanship. Alec took part in many peals of Treble Bob Minor methods, also Stedman, on this fine ring of six. His services were much sought after to make up peal bands over a wide area, including Swansea and Brecon, Llandaff and Monmouthshire, and Hereford Guilds. He was a member of a band of Llanelly Hill ringers who took part in, and won, many shields in competition ringing between the wars.

He was an ardent church worker, and nothing was too much trouble for him to do. Of a quiet disposition, he was a pleasant friend, and extremely patient with beginners; ringing in the area is much poorer by his passing. He leaves a widow and two sons, to whom is extended deepest sympathy in their loss. G. W.

FUNERAL OF CANON A. RUST

The funeral of Canon Albert Rust took place at St. James' Church, Husborne Crawley, on October 15th, followed by cremation at Bedford.

The service was conducted by the Rev. R. C. Jeffries, of Aspley Guise, assisted by Bishop Wood, Suffragan Bishop of Bedford, and the Rev. T. N. Gunner, of Woburn.

Many friends and ringers were present, including Miss Evelyn Steele (president, Beds Association of Change-ringers) and Mr. Kenneth Spavins (secretary, Luton District, Beds Association), who joined local ringers in a course of Grandsire Triples rung half-muffled on the bells he so loved as the cortège left the church. R. R. C.

MR. C. WOODCOCK

We regret to announce the sudden death on October 19th of Mr. Charles Woodcock at his home, Pauline Street, Ipswich, aged 71 years.

Charlie was a member of St. Margaret's company for some 30 years, becoming tower keeper later. His last peal was rung on November 14th, 1953. Until the last two years, when the stairs became too much for him, he was a regular service and practice ringer. The number of his peals is not known, but he rang in many counties during his duties as engine driver on the railway.

The funeral took place at the old Ipswich Cemetery on October 24th, when the Suffolk Guild was represented by Mr. Cecil W. Pipe (vice-president), Mr. Charles J. Sedgley (St. Mary-le-Tower) and Mr. Ernest V. Blake (St. Margaret's). Handbells were rung over the grave. In the evening a well-struck quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung half-muffled.

May he rest in peace. E. V. B.

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WOOTTON BASSETT, WILTS.—A set of handbells has been given to the church by the widow of the late Harold Flewelling. Service of dedication, Saturday, Nov. 16th, at 6 p.m. Ringing before and after service. All welcome.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—General Committee meet Monday, Nov. 18th, at 7.30 p.m., in the Cathedral belfry. Important business.—B. G. Warwick, Hon. Gen. Sec. 1303

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MEETINGS

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Kirkthorpe, near Wakefield, Saturday, Nov. 9th. Bring your own food. Cups of tea provided. Bells available 2.30 p.m.—J. W. Buxton. 1286

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Macclesfield, on Saturday, Nov. 9th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. W. Whittaker, Hockley Cottages, Robin Lane, Macclesfield. — B. Corbishley, Hon. Sec. 1258

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—On Saturday, Nov. 9th: Buxted (8) bells. Tea at The Ramblers.—C. A. Bassett. 1251

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting, Saturday, Nov. 9th, Hertingfordbury, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Bengeo after tea. Names for tea, please, to T. J. Southam, 17, Upper Heath Road, St. Albans.—T. J. S. 1247

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District. — By-meeting, Saturday, Nov. 9th, at Barming. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5.—R. L. Sills, Dis. Sec. 1186

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Woodchurch on Saturday, Nov. 9th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mrs. D. J. Russell, 63, Front Road, Woodchurch.—C. T. H. 1203

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION and ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting at Southgate (near Cherry Tree), N.14, on Saturday, Nov. 9th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow.—T. J. Lock and C. E. Willmington, Secs. 1229

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Nov. 9th, at Mortimer. Ringing 3 p.m. Service, St. John's, 4.15 p.m. Tea, meeting and ringing after.—R. G. Burton. 1284

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Bury St. Edmunds District.—Meeting at Bury St. Edmunds, Saturday, Nov. 9th. St. Mary's (8) 2.30 to 5 p.m. Norman tower (10) 6.30 to 9 p.m. Meeting, Church Room, 6 p.m. Own arrangements for tea.—K. G. Brown, Dis. Sec. 1224

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting at Alverstoke, Saturday, Nov. 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. Nobes, 26, Peel Road, Gosport. 1249

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Combined practice at Ewell, Tuesday, Nov. 12th, at 7.45 p.m. All welcome.—W. Parrott, Hon. Sec. 1268

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Election of officers meeting at the Rising Sun, Carter Lane, Saturday, Nov. 16th, 6 p.m. Ringing, St. John's, Leytonstone, 3.30 p.m.—A. B. Peck, Sec. 1294

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION — Chew Deanery.—Meeting at Nailsea, Saturday, Nov. 16th, 5 p.m.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 1295

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Luton District.—Afternoon meeting, Saturday, Nov. 16th. Tilsworth (6) 2 to 4 p.m. Stanbridge (5) 4 to 5.30 p.m. No tea arrangements possible. Luton–Wing buses (frequent), service No. 18b and No. 18.—K. G. Spavins, Dis. Sec. 1282

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch.—Wrenbury, Saturday, Nov. 16th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea must be received by Nov. 13th.—W. Kerr, 102, Moreton Road, Crewe. 1301

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Darlington on Saturday, Nov. 16th. St. Cuthbert's 3 p.m. Tea, St. Cuthbert's Church Hall, 5 p.m. Ringing after tea at St. John's. Names for tea by Wednesday, 13th, to P. W. B. Semmens, 52, Belle Vue Grove, Middlesbrough.

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District.—Meeting, Saturday, Nov. 16th. Arrangements for Bedworth have been cancelled. Provisional arrangements are made for Bulkington. Details next week.—D. A. Carpenter. 1300

DEVON GUILD. — N.W. Branch. — Annual meeting at Hatherleigh, Nov. 16th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea to follow.—J. W. Sangwin, Hon. Sec. 1304

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Monthly meeting, Saturday, Nov. 16th, at Tibshelf. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. T. H. Radford, 64, High Street, Tibshelf, Derbyshire.—B. A. Sollis. 1269

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Buckden (5) on Saturday, Nov. 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 1273

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, St. Mary's, Wisbech, Saturday, Nov. 16th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 1277

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. —Meeting at Finchingfield, Saturday, Nov. 16th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to F. W. J. Roper, Crest Lodge, Finchingfield, Braintree. 1246

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under Edge Branch.—Meeting, Upper Cam (6), Saturday, Nov. 16th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Notify by Nov. 13th Mary Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall. 1296

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Chippenham Branch. — Meeting, St. Paul's, Chippenham, Saturday, Nov. 16th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5. Service 6.15 p.m. Names for tea to H. Heath, 89, London Road, Chippenham. 1302

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Nomination meeting at Chobham (8), Saturday, Nov. 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Wednesday, Nov. 13th, to Mr. R. Collins, The Mount Cottage, Chobham. Good attendance, please. 1262

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Wittersham, Saturday, Nov. 16th, 2.30 p.m. Tea names by Nov. 14th to V. Wood, Ewe and Lamb, Wittersham, Tenterden, Kent.—G. Billenness, Hon. Sec. 1263

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Social, Saturday, Nov. 16th, in St. Dunstan's Church Hall, Orchard Street, Canterbury. Tea 4.45 p.m., followed by social evening. Tickets, 2s. 6d. each, from the undersigned not later than Wednesday, Nov. 13th. Enclose cash, please.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 1232

LADIES' GUILD.—Kent Branch.—Meeting at Tonbridge, Saturday, Nov. 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5. Service 6.45 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, Nov. 12th, to Mrs. S. M. Dobbie, 13, Baltic Road, Tonbridge. Gentlemen cordially invited. 1221

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Ringing meeting at Christ Church, West Didsbury, 3 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 16th. Cups of tea. All welcome.—R. Benson. 1299

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—Meeting, at Higher Walton, Saturday, Nov. 16th. Refreshments provided. Names, please, by 13th, to Mr. F. Stead, 57, School Lane, Bamber Bridge. Buses 158, P26-28-29 from Preston, 158 from Blackburn. — L. Walmsley. 1237

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—Meeting at Bury on Saturday, Nov. 16th. Tower open 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Nominal charge. Those requiring tea please notify (not later than Wednesday) Mr. J. Porter, Branch Sec., Chesham Green Cottages. 1275

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch. — Meeting, Ulverston, Saturday, Nov. 16th, 2.30 p.m. Names to me.—N. M. Newby, 45, Oakwood Drive, Ulverston. 1305

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Gainsborough District.—The next meeting will be at Kirton Lindsey on Saturday, Nov. 16th. Bells afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify by previous Tuesday Mr. G. E. Feirn, Cleatham, Kirton Lindsey; tel. 316.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec. 1248

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Meeting at Anstey (8) on Nov. 16th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to Mr. R. F. Elkington, 24, High Street, Anstey, by Wednesday previous. Good attendance, please. — W. A. Lacey, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1306

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Meeting at Cossington on Saturday, Nov. 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Room 5 p.m. Names by the previous Wednesday to Miss M. Carpenter, Homestead, Main Street, Cossington. 1274

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD and SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Joint meeting on Saturday, Nov. 16th, at Brant Broughton. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., for those who notify by Wednesday previous Mr. E. Brown, The Forge, Brant Broughton, Lincs.—C. Brown and M. Exton, Hon. Secs. 1255

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Pinchbeck, Saturday, Nov. 16th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Tuesday to Mr. R. Withyman, Glenlivet, Spalding Road, Pinchbeck, Spalding. The meeting will be followed by a social at the Bull Inn, Pinchbeck.—M. Bennett, Hon. Sec. 1243

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Nov. 16th. All Saints', Poplar (10), 3 to 4.30 p.m. Tea, own arrangements. Business meeting, St. Mary-atte-Bow East (8), 5.45. Ringing until 8.30 p.m. Everyone welcome. A good attendance requested.—L. W. Bullock. 1285

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Ruislip on Saturday, Nov. 16th. Bells 3 to 4.30 p.m. Business 4.30 to 5 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. Further ringing 6.15 to 8 p.m.—F. A. Finch. 1283

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Evening meeting, Burton Parish Church, Saturday, Nov. 16th. Bells (8) 5.30 to 8 p.m.—J. Cotton.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dereham. Rededication of recast tenor, Saturday, Nov. 16th, by the Bishop of Norwich. Service 3 p.m. Bells available after service. All ringers welcome. Special invitation is extended to Ely and Suffolk Associations. Buffet tea. Names by Wed., Nov. 13th, to G. Adams, 37, Sandy Lane, Dereham.—W. Love, Gen. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Sandhurst on Saturday, Nov. 16th, at 6 p.m. Special method for practice, Norwich Surprise.—B. C. Castle. 1289

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rutland Branch.—General meeting, Glaston, Saturday, Nov. 16th, 3 to 8 p.m. Numbers for tea by Tuesday previous to Miss Jean Hoy, 54, Braunston Road, Oakham. Please note change of address. 1244

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch. — Annual meeting, Marlborough, Saturday, Nov. 16th. Names to T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Wilts.

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Sherburn-in-Elmet, Saturday, Nov. 16th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (moderate charge) 5 p.m. Names to Mr. A. Sheppard, 7, Everslay Avenue, Sherburn-in-Elmet, Leeds, on or before Nov. 14th.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 1271

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Nomination meeting, Saturday, Nov. 16th. Clapham Park bells 2 to 3.30 p.m. Holy Trinity, West Hill, 3.30 to 4.30. Service at Holy Trinity 4.30 p.m., followed by tea in new Church Hall, for those who notify Mr. L. H. Ford, 40, Tonsley Road, Wandsworth, S.W.18, by Wednesday previous. Business meeting following tea. All Saints' bells available after the meeting.—W. Parrott, Hon. Sec. 1267

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBRIDGE.—Dedication of new octave by the Lord Bishop of Ely on Saturday, Nov. 16th, at 3 p.m. Ringers and friends are invited to tea in the Church School. Bells available after tea. Practice on Wednesdays, 7.30 to 9 p.m. Visitors welcome.—E. W. Bullman. 1292

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Ranmoor, Saturday, Nov. 16th. Bells (10) from 3 p.m. Tea in the Church Hall 5 p.m. Names by 14th to Mr. F. B. Ditcher, 19, High Storrs Drive, Sheffield, 11. Buses every few minutes from Leopold Street, Sheffield.—J. J. L. Gilbert. 1298

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Derby District) and LADIES' GUILD.—Joint meeting at St. Peter's, Derby, Saturday, Nov. 23rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea in Parochial Hall 5 p.m., following service at 4.30 p.m. All welcome.—Vivienne M. Horton, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1261

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Practice meeting at Great Bromley, Saturday, Nov. 23rd. Bells (6) 2.30 to 9 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea. Everybody welcome.—J. H. Gould, Dis. Sec. 1281

ESSEX ASSOCIATION (N.W. District), HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Eastern District), ELY DIOCESAN GUILD and CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD. — A joint meeting will be held at Saffron Walden (12) on Saturday, Nov. 23rd, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea at 5.15 p.m. Names, please, to G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 1287

LADIES' GUILD. — Yorkshire District. — Meeting at Thrybergh on Saturday, Nov. 23rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Please bring sandwiches; cups of tea provided. Gentlemen cordially invited.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Benington on Saturday, Nov. 23rd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, Parish Hall, 5 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, Nov. 18th, to me.—W. E. Clarke, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston. 1280

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Debenham District.—Meeting at Debenham on Saturday, Nov. 23rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Nov. 20th to W. J. Button, Stonham Aspal, Stowmarket. 1278

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Saxmundham District. —Meeting at Benhall (ringing 2.30 p.m.) and Saxmundham (ringing 6.30 p.m.) on Saturday, Nov. 23rd. Service at Benhall 4.30. Tea at Clarks, Saxmundham, 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by Nov. 21st must be sent to Alan R. Bridges, Post Office, Theberton, Leiston. 1279

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A RECORD GATHERING AT ROTHERHAM

ANYONE travelling from the north and passing through Rotherham at night, with its forest of chimneys all belching forth smoke, bright flames and fumes, might be excused for thinking that if Dante could have had a similar experience his description of 'that awful other world' might have been even more vivid.

It must have been a great act of faith which impelled the organisers of the Yorkshire Dinner to hold that function at Rotherham, which could hardly be described as one of the country's beauty spots. And how that faith was justified, when no less less than 176 turned up for the dinner. Most of the visitors converged on the parish church in the afternoon, where they found a fine classic example of Perpendicular architecture and a beautiful ring of ten bells. The approach to the ringing room would suggest, however, that no great thought was given when the church was designed as to how the upper part of the tower was to be reached.

To get to the ringing room it was necessary to crawl through a flue-like opening on a vertical steel ladder, which is fixed flat against the wall, then wriggle through an opening by means of hauling up on two steel hand-holds and then reach some stone steps which were evidently not designed to accommodate the infirmities which come with age!

Those who braved this climb, however, were well rewarded on reaching the spacious ringing room, which had been recently redecorated and was bright and clean.

Whatever might be said about Rotherham's faults, the fact remains that this district is producing a race of bright-eyed and alert youngsters who are a joy to watch when they are in action. They all have *style* and are in complete control of their bells. Their striking is good, and these youngsters have a keenness and enthusiasm which is most impressive.

An elaborate timetable had been prepared for the afternoon's ringing, providing opportunities for the capabilities of all present, from rounds to London Surprise, and, marvel of marvels, this programme was carried out to the letter!

At the dinner, which was a meal fully up to Yorkshire tradition (if lacking the Yorkshire pudding), the President, the Ven. C. O. Ellison, was in the chair, and controlled the proceedings in his quiet yet efficient way. It should be remembered that he is only the *third* president the Association has had in its long history and, as the Archdeacon is now in the prime of life, it is likely it will be many more years before a new President will be thought of. It was good to see the Secretary of the Central Council, his wife and daughter present, and how glad everyone was when the President called on him for a few words.

It had been decided to cut speeches to a bare minimum and allow more time for fraternisation—a wise thought. Scattered about the room were some of the old stalwarts—Sid Palmer, many years treasurer, now in his 84th year and still going strong, Leslie Morris, secretary, Percy Johnson, many years secretary, Percy Knights, son of a famous father, and many others, too numerous to mention here.

Entertainment was of a very high order and the offerings of Misses D. Saul and Susan Chaddock (on a piano which was not worthy of such artistry) and the Rotherham High School ringers were much appreciated by an attentive audience. (These Yorkshire folk know what good music is!) Items of Yorkshire dialect and stories were contributed by Messrs. J. Hancock and C. Rees, and it was a pity that time did not permit their completion of a fine collection of wit and humour.

Mr. N. Chaddock and Mr. J. J. L. Gilbert, who organised the dinner, are to be congratulated on a splendid job well done. Everyone was delighted with the results of their efforts to provide a happy evening.

JAFUS.

TEN BELL PEALS

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Oct 25, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in D.

JAMES FERNLEY	*Treble*	JOHN WORTH	6
FRED DUNKERLEY	2	BRIAN HARRIS	7
JOHN E. BIBBY	3	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	8
BASIL JONES	4	PETER LAFLIN	9
C. KENNETH LEWIS	5	EDWARD JENKINS	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

Rung on the 111th anniversary of the first peal of Treble Bob Royal on the bells.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 32 cwt.

*CHARLES SHEMMING	*Treble*	RONALD G. BUGG	6
HARRY D. LISTER	2	CHARLES A. ANDREWS	7
WILLIAM B. DUNCAN	3	GILBERT R. GOODSHIP	8
IVAN COOPER	4	EDWARD E. DAVEY	9
ALAN R. ANDREWS	5	ERNEST V. BLAKE	*Tenor*

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by ERNEST V. BLAKE.
* First peal on ten bells.

Rung in honour of the golden wedding of George E. Symonds and his wife, Eva; also the marriage of their daughter, Alma, to Reginald Corner, of Mortlake, which took place during the ringing of the peal.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 2, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb. in F.

MAURICE BENNETT	*Treble*	RONALD C. NOON	6
STANLEY E. BENNETT	2	GEORGE H. RANDLES	7
*MRS. F. G. BLOOMFIELD	3	GEOFFREY R. PARKER	8
JACK L. MILLHOUSE	4	GEOFFREY PAUL	9
JOHN R. SMITH	5	JOHN WALDEN	*Tenor*

Composed by J. A. BURFORD. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* 100th peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BORDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 12, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt.

LAURENCE A. MITCHELL	*Treble*	CYRIL S. JARRETT	5
JOSEPH E. GRENSTED	2	TERENCE BARTON	6
RONALD C. BURNS	3	*ALBERT DUNK	7
HARRY SPRINGATE	4	GEORGE KENWARD	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by CYRIL S. JARRETT.
* 50th peal.

CHILHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 12, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5056 BRAUNSTONE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18¼ cwt.

DEREK C. CHATFIELD	*Treble*	JOHN R. COOPER	5
GEOFFREY PEARSON	2	WILFRED W. KING	6
MRS. D. A. CHAPMAN	3	DENNIS A. CHAPMAN	7
CRAWFORD T. HILLIS	4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by THOMAS CULLINGWORTH.
The first peal in the method by all the band and for the Association.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., Oct. 14, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

NORMAN J. GOODMAN	*Treble*	GEORGE E. FEARN	5
*RUTH M. JACKSON	2	PETER BORDER	6
GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	3	*DAVID BEACHAM	7
TERRY R. HAMPTON	4	GERALD C. HEMMING	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
* First peal of Rutland.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Oct. 16, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

MRS. PHYLLIS POOLE	*Treble*	BRIAN G. WARWICK	5
ERNEST MORRIS	2	JOHN A. ACRES	6
JOSEPH W. COTTON	3	G. RONALD EDWARDS	7
ARTHUR E. ROWLEY	4	ERNEST J. JELLEY	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

SHIRLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Oct. 19, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6½ cwt.

CLIFFORD T. BLUNDELL	*Treble*	CYRIL A. WRATTEN	5
*ELIZABETH M. YARDLEY	2	GEORGE E. FEARN	6
*SHIRLEY M. PARSONS	3	*PAUL J. RIGBY	7
RUTH M. JACKSON	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
* First peal of Superlative.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Oct. 22, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND THOMAS OF CANTERBURY.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's No. 2 variation of Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

WILLIAM LOVE	*Treble*	F. CHARLES GOODMAN	5
NOLAN GOLDEN	2	CLIFFORD BIRD	6
GEORGE SAYER	3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	7
ARTHUR G. BASON	4	BERT GOGLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Rung by members of the St. Peter, Mancroft, Guild, to commemorate the 850th anniversary of the founding of the priory by William d'Albini.

FRESSINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Thurs., Oct. 24, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's variation of Middleton's. Tenor 17¼ cwt. in F.

L. EDWARD ETHERIDGE	*Treble*	WALTER W. MILLER	5
*EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	2	FRANK B. LUFKIN	6
LESLIE G. BRETT	3	WALTER RUFFLES	7
JOHN W. BLYTHE	4	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.
* First peal of Surprise Major.

LONG STANTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Fri., Oct. 25, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation). Tenor 7¼ cwt.

C. M. P. JOHNSON (Sel.)	*Treble*	P. F. WINDLEY (Jesus)	5
*JO BOISSARD (Girton)	2	*H. NEILL (St. Cath.'s)	6
SUSAN JACKSON (Girton)	3	A. R. HEPPENSTALL (Sel.)	7
A. J. HOWARD (Trinity)	4	M. J. HARBORD (Trin. Hall)	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. R. HEPPENSTALL.
* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor.

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(Officers' Peal.)
On Thurs., Oct. 24, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

E. MAURICE ATKINS, General Secretary	*Treble*		
ROBERT T. PERRY, Aylesbeare Branch Secretary	2		
FREDERICK WREFORD, Exeter Branch Secretary	3		
NORMAN MALLETT, Peals Secretary	4		
THOMAS G. MYERS, S.W. Branch Secretary	5		
REV. JOHN G. M. SCOTT, Librarian	6		
JOHN L. S. GLANVILL, Aylesbeare Branch Ringing Master	7		
WILLIAM J. HARVEY, General Committee	*Tenor*		

Composed and Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.

A tribute, by fellow officers, to the memory of Ernest J. Taylor, late General Secretary, who passed to higher service one year ago this day.

CHEWTON MENDIP, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb.

*ERIC C. WADMAN	*Treble*	GWILYM SALMON	5
*ROGER H. ABBOT	2	VICTOR ROBERTS	6
DAVID HOARE	3	†DONALD LEE	7
†MICHAEL ROSE	4	ERIC NAYLOR	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by ERIC NAYLOR.
* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method
In memoriam Mrs. A. Cheal.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb. in E.

ISOBEL INMAN	*Treble*	IAN H. ORAM	5
ARTHUR G. MASON	2	JOHN L. MORRIS	6
DORIS E. COLGATE	3	ROBERT COLLINS	7
PETER N. BOND	4	PHILIP A. CORBY	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS (C.C.C. 16).
Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.
First peal in the method on the bells.
Rung for the church's dedication festival.

DORCHESTER, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5088 DORCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt.

JEAN M. HARRIS	*Treble*	HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS	5
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	2	MICHAEL J. BEST	6
DOROTHY T. GARDINER	3	FRANK L. HARRIS	7
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER	4	RONALD N. MARLOW	*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.
First peal in the method for all the band, in the county, and by the Guild.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5016 ROXBOURNE LITTLE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in A.

PHYLLIS M. MAYNE	*Treble*	JOAN M. WILCOCKSON	5
B. CLARE WEBSTER	2	SYDNEY A. WARWICK	6
ELSIE K. HART	3	JOHN R. MAYNE	7
H. GEORGE HART	4	BRIAN BLADON	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
The first peal in the method. The first peal of Little Surprise by all the band, in the county, and for the Association. The shortest peal of Surprise Major yet rung
Rung for the dedication this day, by the Lord Bishop of London, of the Church of St. Andrew, Roxbourne, Harrow.

ROXBOURNE LITTLE SURPRISE MAJOR
—58—4. 58—58. 1236—14—36
2nds place lead. 4ths place bob.

HYDE, CHESHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 11 lb.

FREDERICK W. GROCOTT	*Treble*	DENNIS MOTTERSHEAD	5
TREVOR TAYLOR	2	*DEREK TAYLOR	6
*CAROL EUSTACE	3	NEIL D. LOMAS	7
*BARRY HENDRY	4	DEREK OGDEN	*Tenor*

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

MARSHFIELD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

*MICHAEL T. ROTHWELL	*Treble*	BRIAN J. WYLDE	5
DAVID HEIGHTON	2	†MAURICE E. DOWNS	6
PATRICK J. BIRD	3	MICHAEL T. SPRACKLING	7
ELISABETH A. G. GRIME	4	TUDOR P. EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by DAVID HEIGHTON.
* First peal. † First peal of Plain Bob, and first on eight bells.
A coming-of-age compliment to Patrick J. Bird, secretary of the Society.

SAWBRIDGEWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF GREAT ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5008 REVERSE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 25 cwt.

EDWARD ROCHESTER	*Treble*	ERIC EDMONDSON	5
*CHRISTOPHER E. HAYTER	2	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	6
MRS. C. A. CRITCHLEY	3	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM	7
GEOFFREY DODDS	4	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by GEORGE W. DEBENHAM.
* First peal. The first peal in the method by the Association and by all the band.
Rung with 5ths place bobs when treble lies behind.

STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's transposition of Thurstans' Four-part.
Tenor 12 cwt. 19 lb. in G.

KENNETH R. DUNSTAN	*Treble*	BRIAN BLADON	5
ELSIE K. HART	2	*RALPH E. W. WENBAN	6
H. GEORGE HART	3	JOHN R. MAYNE	7
JOAN M. WILCOCKSON	4	WILLIAM WENBAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
* First peal of Stedman Triples. The tenor ringer has now 'circled the tower.'
Rung in honour of the wedding of Albert C. Wenban and Margaret B. Mesley, which took place at this church prior to the peal: both are members of the local band.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

A. ROWLAND TYSOE	*Tenor*	E. WINIFRED KEYS	5
ALEXANDER PAGE	2	RAYMOND P. WOOD	6
LEONARD STILWELL	3	WILLIAM ROGERS	7
THOMAS E. SONE	4	WILLIAM T. BEESON	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.

STOKE-BY-NAYLAND, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt

IVAN J. M. SAUNDERS	*Treble*	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS	5
MARY DOWSETT	2	*HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE	6
ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON	3	PETER J. EVES	7
PATRICK W. SALTMARSH	4	JOE E. G. ROAST	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.
* First peal in the method.

TURNER'S HILL, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1957, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.
A PEAL OF 5048 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR
Consisting of 1,520 Plain Bob, 1,416 Gainsborough Little Bob, 1,152 Little Bob and 960 Double Bob, with 271 changes of method.
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb. in F.

*FREDA HANKEY	*Treble*	†BARWELL B. DIBBEN	5
†GEORGE OLLIVER	2	*BRIAN A. CRACKNELL	6
*EDWARD G. L. COWARD	3	F. ERIC ROBERTS	7
*ALAN STREETER	4	*WILLIAM F. SLAUGHTER	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by F. ERIC ROBERTS.
* First peal of Spliced. † First peal of Spliced Plain Major. First peal of Spliced Plain Major on tower bells for the Association.

WHITWORTH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Rochdale Branch.)
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1957, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. BARTHOLOMEW AND GEORGE.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's transposition. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb.

PHILIP J. H. HUDSON	*Treble*	HAROLD HAMER	5
SELWYN H. DEARDEN	2	GEOFFREY S. MILLS	6
MRS. P. J. H. HUDSON	3	IVAN KAY	7
*ALLAN SMITH	4	*COLIN S. TAYLOR	*Tenor*

Conducted by IVAN KAY.
* First peal in the method.
Arranged and rung as an 80th birthday compliment to Mr. Herbert Barlow, of Oldham.

HANBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Oct. 27, 1957, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in F sharp.

*A. PATRICK CANNON	*Treble*	RALPH BIRD	5
*RALPH G. EDWARDS	2	C. MICHAEL ORME	6
ARTHUR D. COOK	3	DEREK P. JONES	7
GEORGE E. FEARN	4	PHILIP MEHEW	*Tenor*

Composed by RICHARD F. B. SPEED. Conducted by RALPH BIRD.
* 25th peal together.
Rung in memory of the late Mrs. A. L. Hill, of Hanbury, benefactor and oldest member of the Worcestershire Association, who died on October 16th, aged 95 years.

CAYTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Oct. 29, 1957, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VINCENT.
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

NORAH M. BIBBY	*Treble*	JACK BRAY	5
EDWIN A. BARNETT	2	JOHN FREEMAN	6
GEORGE E. FEIRN	3	GEORGE H. RANDLES	7
GEOFFREY R. PARKER	4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Tenor*

Composed by H. G. CASHMORE. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Oct. 29, 1957, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.
A PEAL OF 5056 BRANSTON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb.

H. MICHAEL WILLIAMSON	*Treble*	*THOMAS J. LOCK	5
RALPH BIRD	2	BRIAN BLADON	6
ALFRED J. HOUSE	3	ROBERT COLLINS	7
JOHN L. MORRIS	4	PHILIP A. CORBY	*Tenor*

Composed by R. F. B. SPEED. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.
* 50th peal for the Association. The first peal in the method by all the band and for the Association.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Oct. 29, 1957, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

JOHN A. ACRES	*Treble*	F. W. BURNETT	5
ERNEST W. RAWSON	2	*E. KEITH JORDAN	6
MRS. PHYLLIS POOLE	3	JOSEPH W. COTTON	7
SHIRLEY BURTON	4	PETER J. STANIFORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.
* First peal of London Surprise.
A birthday compliment to Mrs. P. J. Staniforth.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Oct. 30, 1957, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-THE-MARTYR,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19¾ cwt.

*DONALD J. CROUCHMAN	*Treble*	ALBERT PRYKE	5
ROBERT C. HEAZEL	2	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE	6
ERNEST W. FURBANK	3	LAURENCE H. TURNER	7
JOHN H. SITCH	4	HARRY TURNER	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by HARRY TURNER.
* First peal of Major.
Rung to mark the visit to Brentwood of Her Majesty the Queen and H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh.

GRESSENHALL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Oct. 30, 1957, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

GEORGE P. ADAMS	*Treble*	SIDNEY MARSHALL	5
*MIRIAM A. HIGDON	2	BERT GOGLE	6
NOLAN GOLDEN	3	GEORGE SAYER	7
ARTHUR G. BASON	4	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY W. WILDE. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Oct. 31, 1957, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

GEORGE H. PAULSON	*Treble*	HERBERT E. TAYLOR	5
RONALD H. BULLEN	2	FRANCIS R. LOWE	6
PATRICIA A. M. FOSTER	3	VIVIENNE M. HORTON	7
GORDON A. HALLS	4	DEREK P. JONES	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by GORDON A. HALLS.
A birthday compliment to George H. Paulson.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Nov. 1, 1957, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5056 ERITH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	*Treble*	*JOHN L. MORRIS	5
*ARTHUR G. MASON	2	*RALPH BIRD	6
FREDERICK J. CULLUM	3	*BRIAN BLADON	7
*ARTHUR S. RICHARDS	4	*PHILIP MEHEW	*Tenor*

Composed by F. H. DEXTER. Conducted by RALPH BIRD.
* First peal in the method. The conductor's 450th peal.

HARWELL, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Fri., Nov. 1, 1957, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In six methods, comprising 1,280 each of London and Rutland, 1,120 Bristol, and 480 each of Cambridge, Superlative and Yorkshire, with 129 changes of method. Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.

*JAMES H. PAILING	*Treble*	†ROBIN A. HODGSON	5
*D. ROY STODDARD	2	*COLIN J. B. TAYLOR	6
*DERMOT J. ROAF	3	*ROBIN N. PITTMAN	7
†DONALD H. NIBLETT	4	STEPHEN IVIN	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major. † First peal of Spliced Surprise in six methods, also the first such for the Society.
Rung as a compliment to Ashley C. P. Pugh and Hélène Fischer, on the eve of their wedding in Geneva.

BOLDMERE, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Nov. 2, 1957, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 13½ cwt.

*MICHAEL N. LAWRENCE	*Treble*	†EDRICH J. FRANKLIN	5
RICHARD C. INGRAM	2	†PAUL D. BOOTH	6
†JOHN A. ANDERSON	3	TERRY R. HAMPTON	7
PAUL J. RIGBY	4	*JOHN E. NEALE	*Tenor*

Conducted by RICHARD C. INGRAM.
* First peal † First peal of Grandsire Triples.
Rung to celebrate the centenary of St. Michael's Church.

DORCHESTER, OXON.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Nov. 2, 1957, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's. Tenor 15¼ cwt.

DAVID HOARE	*Treble*	GWILYM SALMON	5
ANTHONY J. SANGER	2	VICTOR SAVAGE	6
VICTOR ROBERTS	3	STEPHEN IVIN	7
LAURENCE E. HITCHINS	4	STANLEY ATWELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID HOARE.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Nov. 2, 1957, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb.

RICHARD J. WARRILOW	*Treble*	GEORGE W. HUGHES	5
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	2	RODERICK J. LEES	6
GEORGE GOLDER	3	EDMUND MALEN	7
BARNABAS G. KEY	4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD	*Tenor*

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 2, 1957, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19¼ cwt.

*JOE HOBBS	*Treble*	AUGUSTIN V. GOOD	5
*WILLIAM J. PUDDIFOOT	2	FREDERICK J. PLUMMER	6
MRS. G. MANCHIP	3	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN	7
WALTER AYRE	4	WILLIAM C. HUGHES	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by WILLIAM C. HUGHES.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major. First peal of Surprise Major as conductor.

Rung to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the dedication of the daughter church of All Saints, Piccotts End. Also a farewell to the Rev. G. McNeil Shelford on his resignation of the benefice owing to ill health.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 2, 1957, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
F. H. Dexter's variation of Thurstans' Four-part.
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

MRS. PHYLLIS POOLE	*Treble*	JOHN H. BLUFF	5
*E. KEITH JORDAN	2	ERNEST J. JELLEY	6
FREDERICK W. BURNETT	3	BRIAN G. WARWICK	7
*JAMES W. HAW	4	*JACK P. KESTERTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal of Stedman.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 2, 1957, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In 12 methods, being 960 each of London and Rutland and 320 each of Bristol, Cambridge, Cray, Eastcote, Lincolnshire, New Gloucester, Pudsey, Superlative, Wembley and Yorkshire, with 139 changes of method. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

JOHN E. BIBBY	*Treble*	EDWARD JENKINS	5
FRED DUNKERLEY	2	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	6
C. KENNETH LEWIS	3	BRIAN HARRIS	7
BASIL JONES	4	JOHN WORTH	*Tenor*

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

RICHMOND, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 2, 1957, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11½ cwt.

J. HENRY FIELDEN	*Treble*	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	5
GORDON BENFIELD	2	J. FREDERICK MILNER	6
MILTON C. FOWLER	3	VERNON BOTTOMLEY	7
DORIS M. KILLINGLEY	4	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

The first peal in the method on the bells.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 28, 1957, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 extents (ten callings). Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in F.

*IVY ROE	*Treble*	WILLIAM L. EXTON	4
ARTHUR J. CHAMBERLAIN	2	MARK W. LEWIS	5
GEORGE E. FOSTER	3	†F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. FOSTER.

* First peal. † 25th peal on the bells.
Rung for the Festival of Michaelmas.

SPONDON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Oct. 25, 1957, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH,
A PEAL OF 5040 SNOWDON TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being two 2,160's and an extent (C.C.C. Nos. 125, 127, 128).
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in G.

DEREK P. JONES	*Treble*	PATRICIA A. M. FORSTER	4
KENNETH BALLINGTON (13)	2	VIVIENNE M. HORTON	5
PETER G. BELLAMY-KNIGHT	3	GORDON A. HALLS	*Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

The first peal in the method (C.C.C. T.B. 28).
A birthday compliment to Mrs. H. M. Ballington, mother of the second ringer.

BARTON-IN-FABIS, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1957, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr.

*CHARLES WOODS	*Treble*	SYDNEY ADAMS	4
FRED PRIESTLY	2	F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER	5
GEORGE E. FOSTER	3	WILLIAM L. EXTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM L. EXTON.

* First peal.

BRANT BROUGHTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1957, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.

DENIS A. FRITH	*Treble*	PETER E. PARRY	4
W. RUSSELL READ	2	J. MICHAEL SIMPSON	5
ROY STEPHENSON	3	H. REGINALD WOODS	*Tenor*

Conducted by DENIS A. FRITH.

BURTON-IN-KENDAL, WESTMORLAND.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1957, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one 720 Cambridge Surprise and two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*ERIC PEPPER	*Treble*	*WILFRED BOLTON	4
ALAN CAPSTICK	2	GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE	5
*LAWRENCE CLEMENT	3	*ROLAND F. ECCLES	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE.

* First peal in four methods. First peal in four methods as conductor.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Alan Capstick.

DANBURY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1957, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in nine methods: (1) Thelwall and Childwall, (2) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (3) Oxford Bob, (4) Ipswich and Cambridge, (5) Kent Treble Bob, (6) and (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

MICHAEL EDWARDS	*Treble*	PATRICK W. SALTMARSH	4
MARY DOWSETT	2	IVAN J. M. SAUNDERS	5
ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON	3	JOE E. G. ROAST	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

LEVERINGTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1957, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

*FREDA P. GREAVES .. .. *Treble*	T. A. BEVIS 4
R. W. SPENCER 2	GRAHAM J. MANN 5
MICHAEL GATHERCOLE .. 3	NORMAN V. HARDING .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by NORMAN V. HARDING.
* First peal in four methods.

LONG BUCKBY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1957, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two extents of St. Simon's and ten extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb.

*EDWARD A. GAUTREY .. *Treble*	MICHAEL F. AMOS 3
DAWN V. ELSON 2	ROBIN WILSON 4
W. JOHN KINCHIN .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by MICHAEL F. AMOS.
* First peal.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1957, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents (two callings). Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

SIDNEY HARRISON .. .. *Treble*	E. KEITH JORDAN 4
MRS. PHYLLIS POOLE 2	JOHN A. ACRES 5
F. W. BURNETT 3	JOHN M. JELLEY .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY. Umpire: ERNEST J. JELLEY.
First peal of Surprise Minor as conductor.

NORTH CREAKE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1957, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two 720's of Kent Treble Bob, one 720 of St. Clement's and four 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

*DENNIS ALLCOCK .. .. *Treble*	ROBERT ALLCOCK 4
†SAMUEL H. WATERFIELD .. 2	JOHN E. COUZENS 5
JACK S. WILLIAMSON .. 3	TONY OWEN .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by TONY OWEN.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside' in three methods.

PURTON, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1957, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten different callings). Tenor 20 cwt. 14 lb. in C sharp.

*JANET WIGGINS .. .. *Treble*	VICTOR GRIFFIN 4
RALPH SHAILES 2	*FRANK H. STRANGE .. 5
CYRIL R. SHAILES 3	*MARK HILDER .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by VICTOR GRIFFIN.
* First peal. First peal in the method and of Doubles as conductor.
Rung to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the induction of the Vicar (Canon N. S. Willis).

STOKE PRIOR, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1957, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 ELSTON DELIGHT MINOR

Being seven different extents with tenor never reversed in 5-6. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in A flat.

A. PATRICK CANNON .. .. *Treble*	RALPH BIRD 4
ARTHUR D. COOK 2	C. MICHAEL ORME 5
PHILIP MEHEW 3	DEREK P. JONES .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
The first peal in the method (C.C.C. 4D 25). The conductor's 250th peal and 100th as conductor.
A welcome to Michael Orme, on completion of his National Service with the R.A.F. in Malaya.

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1957, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Kent T.B. and St. Clement's, two extents Oxford T.B. and three extents Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

*GILLIAN R. BROWN .. .. *Treble*	PERCY W. MILLS 4
†MARIAN H. MILLS 2	GEORGE WATERMAN .. 5
A. EDWARD LEGGETT .. 3	†URBAN W. WILDNEY .. *Tenor*

Conducted by MARIAN H. MILLS.
* First peal. † 25th peal together. First peal as conductor.

REEPHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Oct. 27, 1957, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford T.B. and Kent T.B., and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

TONY OWEN .. .. .. *Treble*	CECIL V. EBBERSON 4
HERBERT LASKEY 2	WILLIAM R. CATCHPOLE .. 5
JOHN R. SMITH 3	WALTER FORD .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. SMITH.

BLADON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Mon., Oct. 28, 1957, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Comprising seven different extents, all 5-6's at backstroke. Tenor 7 cwt.

DERMOT J. ROAF .. .. *Treble*	GLYN F. JENKINS 4
*JOHN G. PUSEY 2	COLIN J. B. TAYLOR 5
DAPHNE R. CLOKE 3	STEPHEN IVIN .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.
* First peal. The first peal of Cambridge Minor for all except the tenor man.

DENVER, NORFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Oct. 28, 1957, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

*FREDA P. GREAVES .. .. *Treble*	CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 4
*MICHAEL GATHERCOLE .. 2	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 5
ERNEST H. MASTIN 3	NORMAN V. HARDING .. *Tenor*

Conducted by NORMAN V. HARDING.
* First peal in seven methods.

CHEDISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Tues., Oct. 29, 1957, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of St. Clement's and Oxford Treble Bob, three of Kent Treble Bob and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

WALTER KERRISON .. *Treble*	E. JACK THURLOW 4
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN 2	REGINALD J. DARCH 5
C. JACK GIBSON 3	JOHN W. BLYTHE .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.
Rung in honour of the forthcoming induction of the Rev. L. P. Wormald, who has been curate-in-charge for the last eight years.

COITY, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Oct. 29, 1957, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being two 240's and 38 six-scores. Tenor 11 cwt.

ELLIS C. TURNER .. .. *Treble*	THOMAS E. HIDDINS 4
JOHN HALE 2	D. WALFORD DAVIES 5
WILLIAM T. PETTY 3	HAROLD PREECE .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM T. PETTY.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Davies, on the birth of a son.

BUXHALL, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Thurs., Oct. 31, 1957, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 15 cwt. 7 lb.

*HENRY IVINGS .. .. *Treble*	DOUGLAS H. ROOKE 4
ARTHUR W. ROLFE 2	ERNEST BISHOP 5
HUBERT MITSON 3	KENNETH G. BROWN .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by KENNETH G. BROWN.
* First peal of Minor. The conductor's 75th peal.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Oct. 30, 1957, *in* 1 *Hour and* 54 *Minutes.*
At the Bell Foundry Campanile,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in five methods: (1) Double Oxford Bob, (2) Plain Bob, (3) and (4) Cambridge Surprise, (5) Oxford Treble Bob, (6) Kent Treble Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

Ernest J. Jelley .. .. *Treble*	*Frederick W. Burnett .. 4
Mrs. Phyllis Poole 2	*E. Keith Jordan 5
John A. Acres 3	Brian G. Warwick .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Brian G. Warwick.

* First peal in five methods.

RAVENSTHORPE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Oct. 30, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Denys,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six 120's each of Stedman and St. Simon's and ten 120's each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 7 cwt.

Ernest G. Orland .. .. *Treble*	Bernard E. Frost 3
Brian Austin 2	Sydney G. Osborne 4
Eric Nobles .. .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by Ernest G. Orland.

Rung to celebrate the 100th birthday of Mrs. S. A. Johnson, resident of Teeton in this parish.

RAMPISHAM, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Oct. 31, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten callings). Tenor 16 cwt.

Joseph T. Barrett .. .. *Treble*	*Martin D. Bishop 3
Harold C. R. Vine 2	H. Dennis W. Bishop .. 4
†Jesse Davis .. .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by H. Dennis W. Bishop.

* First peal in the method. † First peal.

Rung on the eve of All Saints' Day.

YOXFORD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Thurs., Oct. 31, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in ten methods: (1) London Surprise, (2) Norwich Surprise, (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) St. Clement's and Double Oxford, (5) Childwall and Thelwall, (6) Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

C. Jack Gibson .. .. *Treble*	Peter S. Bedford 4
Jack Pilgrim 2	H. William Barrett 5
Edwin T. Chapman 3	John W. Blythe .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by John W. Blythe.

OCKBROOK, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Nov. 1, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes.*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt.

*Michael Knight (13) .. *Treble*	Kenneth Ballington (13) 4
Peter G. Bellamy-Knight 2	Derek P. Jones 5
†Clive Walklate (14) .. 3	Vivienne M. Horton .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Derek P. Jones.

* First attempt at a peal. † First peal 'inside.'

Rung for the Patronal Festival, and as a 14th birthday compliment to Clive Walklate.

ATCHAM, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 2, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Eata.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 11 cwt.

Mrs. E. F. Willcox .. .. *Treble*	Frederick A. H. Cattell 4
Ernest F. Willcox 2	Richard F. Davies 5
Alfred E. G. Owen 3	Frederick G. Beddow .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Richard F. Davies.

Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter (Philippa Mary) to Mr. and Mrs. F. A. H. Cattell.

BLYTHBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 2, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
At the Church of The Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.

Reginald J. Darch .. .. *Treble*	Jack Pilgrim 4
C. Jack Gibson 2	Peter S. Bedford 5
Kenneth L. Brown 3	Edwin T. Chapman .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Edwin T. Chapman.

First peal in the method as conductor. Mr. R. J. Darch has now 'circled the tower.'

DERSINGHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 2, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 8 lb.

Miriam A. Higdon .. .. *Treble*	Cecil V. Ebberson 4
Freda P. Greaves 2	Michael Gathercole .. 5
Edward Greenacre 3	Norman V. Harding .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Norman V. Harding.

HARPOLE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 2, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes.*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 ALL SAINTS' DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (four callings). Tenor 10¾ cwt. in G.

Allan R. Jones .. .. *Treble*	Delia M. Miller 3
George F. Roome 2	Michael R. Bennett .. 4
Robin V. Baker .. .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by George F. Roome.

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

Rung to mark the Festival of All Saints.

MITCHAM, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 2, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
At Christ Church,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

*Edmund C. Jacobs .. .. *Treble*	Alan J. Frost 4
†Anne C. Garnett 2	Robin G. Leale 5
‡James Phillips 3	Michael P. Moreton .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Michael P. Moreton.

* First peal. † First peal on six tower bells. ‡ First peal on six bells.

HANDBELL PEALS

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Oct. 27, 1957, *in* 1 *Hour and* 36 *Minutes.*
At 17, Queen Street,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 11 in G.

*Patricia Doorn .. .. 1—2	Geoffrey Dodds .. .. 3—4
Joyce Dodds .. .. .. 5—6	

Conducted by Geoffrey Dodds.

* First peal of Minor.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Oct. 30, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes.*
At Trentwood.
A PEAL OF 5152 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

Edwin A. Barnett .. .. 1—2	John Freeman .. .. .. 5—6
George E. Feirn .. .. 3—4	Jack Bray .. .. 7—8

Composed by E. Whiteman. Conducted by George E. Feirn.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Oct. 31, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 26 *Minutes.*
At Glyn Garth.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 13 in E.

Mrs. E. A. Barnett .. .. 1—2	Edwin A. Barnett .. .. 5—6
Ronald C. Noon .. .. 3—4	Stanley E. Bennett .. 7—8

Composed by C. H. Martin. Conducted by E. A. Barnett.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Reverse St. Bartholomew Doubles: Margaret E. Perry (first in method) 1, Diana M. Gough 2, Valerie Mepham 3, I. C. Forrest (first in method 'inside') 4, H. W. Brown (cond.) 5, Pamela R. Gough 6. A farewell to June Grieveson, former treasurer of the band, who has now moved away from this district.

AYLESTONE, LEICS.—On Oct. 30th, 1,344 Grandsire Triples: A. Pawley 1, J. Poyner (first quarter) 2, S. Harrison 3, Rev. P. Blackman 4, T. Bolingbroke 5, T. Roper 6, R. Morris (cond.) 7, B. Smith (first quarter) 8.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Varney (first quarter) 1, J. Dear 2, L. Hughes 3, P. Flack (first in method) 4, E. Buck (cond.) 5, R. Castledine 6, D. Sutcliffe 7, C. Harwood 8.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. R. Smerdon 1, Hilda Kingcott 2, A. Rogers 3, R. I. Parsons 4, N. Hobden 5, W. Kingcott 6, H. N. Pitstow (cond.) 7, A. E. Cheeseman 8. For patronal festival.

BARCOMBE, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Reed 1, Miss R. Patching 2, S. Brown 3, B. Turner 4, H. Brown (cond.) 5, S. Brook 6. For the engagement of P. Tomsett and Miss R. Hayhurst, two local ringers.

BERRICK SALOME, OXON.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): W. Absolom 1, J. Godman 2, F. Godden 3, R. Tuckwell 4, F. Absolom (cond.) 5, W. Fulker 6. For harvest thanksgiving.

BICESTER, OXON.—On Oct. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Crutchfield 1, H. Hatfield 2, C. H. Kinch 3, H. Clifton 4, W. Baggett 5, F. Sharpe 6, E. J. Smith (cond.) 7, F. Keeves 8. Rung in memoriam Herbert Gregory.

BLECHINGLEY, SURREY.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. B. A. Cracknell 1, T. H. Bird 2, A. Streeter 3, G. Olliver 4, B. A. Cracknell 5, F. E. Roberts (cond.) 6, E. G. L. Coward 7, E. J. Burgess 8. First of Stedman for 1, 2, 3 and 5. For Evensong.

BOBBINGWORTH, ESSEX.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. M. Salisbury 1, S. Penfold 2, Miss J. Peacock 3, F. V. Gant 4, T. East 5, A. J. Salisbury (cond.) 6. For the visit of the Bishop of Colchester.

BRADFORD, YORKS.—At the Cathedral, on Oct. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. B. Schofield (first quarter, aged 9) 1, H. B. Schofield 2, B. Gillian Schofield (aged 12) 3, Mrs. H. B. Schofield 4, F. Rayment 5, E. H. Simpson (cond.) 6. The first four ringers are the same family (father, mother, son and daughter), and all six Sunday service ringers at the Cathedral.

BRAMPTON, HUNTS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: R. F. Baker 1, Lucy Allen (cond.) 2, Maureen Allen 3, E. J. Whiting 4, J. W. Allen 5. For harvest festival.

CANNOCK, STAFFS.—On Oct. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Butler 1, R. W. Barker (first quarter as cond., aged 15) 2, G. Bradbury 3, A. Armstrong 4, W. L. Exton 5, A. E. Barker 6, W. Benton 7, W. Watkins 8. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to P. J. Barker.

COMBE MARTIN, DEVON.—On Sept. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Walters 1, Elizabeth Yardley (Birmingham) 2, R. Gubb 3, C. Rooke 4, D. Jewell 5, R. Hill (North Tamerton) 6, F. Sangwin (cond.) 7, A. Smallridge 8.

COURTEENHALL, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 24th, 1,440 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss F. Curtis 1, R. S. Roberts 2, B. Jeffreys 3, J. C. Rainbow 4, G. F. Roome (cond.) 5.

CROYDON, SURREY.—On Nov. 3rd, at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, 1,323 Stedman Cinques: R. Davies 1, Mrs. F. E. Collins 2, Mrs. W. F. Oatway 3, E. W. Razzell 4, P. G. Humphries 5, F. E. Mitchell 6, N. G. Steere (first of Stedman Cinques) 7, G. H. Humphries 8, R. G. Abbott 9, W. F. Oatway 10, F. E. Collins (cond.) 11, G. Cartwright 12.

DOWNTON, WILTS.—On Oct. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Willott (first quarter) 1, Ann Bacon 2, H. Abrahams (cond.) 3, R. Marlow 4, L. Cobb 5, C. Churchill 6. Rung as a farewell to Brian Willott, who is leaving Salisbury for Sandwich, Kent.

QUARTER PEALS

EAST HARLING, NORFOLK.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Creasy 1, W. Arnold 2, L. King 3, P. Jonason 4, W. G. Saunders (cond.) 5, J. King (cover). For morning service and thanksgiving for success of Church Week.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On Oct. 27th, 1,316 Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original): P. Clarke 1, K. Small 2, F. Hurrell 3, J. Sims 4, C. Philpott 5, E. B. Crowder (cond.) 6, J. Hurrell 7, E. J. Coode 8. For Evensong, also a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Richardson on their 55th wedding anniversary.

FRINDSBURY, KENT.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 4, 6, 8 covering): R. Burns 1, S. T. Jarrett 2, R. C. Burns 3, Miss E. Wharton 4, H. Springate 5, A. Hutchings 6, C. S. Jarrett (cond.) 7, J. Tanton 8. First quarter for 4, 6 and 8. For harvest festival Evensong.

GRIMSBY, LINCS.—At St. James' Church, on Oct. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (with tenor covering): W. H. Longbottom (first quarter) 1, Miss M. M. Hamilton 3, F. Kennington 4, R. C. Warburton (first quarter) 5, J. B. Budd 6, A. Pashley (cond.) 7, H. Hadwick 8. Rung for All Saints' Day and also as a farewell to Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Bloomfield, who are leaving the district.

HALESOWEN, WORCS.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. H. Harris 1, B. E. Woodall 2, A. Greenhall 3, J. H. Cox 4, Miss W. Pretty 5, T. Greenhall 6, L. Clissett (cond.) 7, G. Bradley 8. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Clissett, parents of the conductor. Mr. Clissett was clerk and verger to the church for 32 years.

HAMPTON, MIDDLX.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Minor (720 Superlative Surprise and 540 Yorkshire Court): P. Feddern 1, R. G. Leale (cond.) 2, P. A. Lawrence 3, R. Woodcock 4, W. S. Deason 5, S. J. Woodcock 6. For Matins.

HANDSWORTH, WARWICKS.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Carol Yardley 1, A. Crump (first in method 'inside') 2, Miss E. M. Yardley 3, M. F. Hall 4, I. D. Thompson, (cond.) 5, D. Harrabin 6. For Evensong. Also on Oct. 30th, 1,260 St. Simon's Doubles: A. R. Crump 1, M. F. Hall 2, Miss D. J. Perrins 3, I. D. Thompson 4, C. T. Blundell (cond.) 5, R. L. Bond 6. First in method for all the band.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.—On Oct. 27th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: F. Whitby 1, J. Collins 2, R. Parish (first quarter) 3, S. Clark 4, G. Miller 5, R. Hayden 6, J. Aley 7, L. Whitby (cond.) 8. Rung to commemorate the 52nd anniversary of the installation of the bells.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.—On Oct. 31st, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: F. Bowden (cond.) 1, H. Gauntlett 2, Miss M. Cox 3, Miss J. Miles 4, Miss A. Carpenter 5, Mrs. F. Bowden 6, Miss E. Pearson 7, J. MacDermott 8, A. Queen 9, D. Farrant 10. Rung in honour of the Rector's (the Rt. Rev. Bishop B. M. Dale's) appointment as Assistant Bishop of Guildford.

HOPTON, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Ivings (first quarter) 1, L. Pierce 2, M. Sharpe 3, L. Sharpe 4, K. G. Brown (cond.) 5, H. Ivings 6. For Evensong.

HUNTINGDON.—At All Saints' Church, on Nov. 3rd, 1,272 Plain Bob Minor: A. T. Howes 1, Miss B. Spicer 2, Miss D. Robinson 3, J. R. G. Spicer 4, H. S. Peacock 5, S. Gilbert (cond.) 6. For patronal festival morning service.

KENTISBURY, DEVON.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. Sully 1, Mrs. N. Mallet 2, L. Walters 3, D. Gay 4, D. Jewell 5, N. Mallet (cond.) 6.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Harper 1, J. Cadd 2, G. Bennett 3, P. Franklin 4, J. H. R. Freeborn 5, G. Lamborne 6, Wm. Judge (cond.) 7, J. Cleaver 8. First quarter 1, 2, 4, 6 and 8. Rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to W. Cross, a regular Sunday service ringer, who was interred the previous Wednesday.

KNOWLE, WARWICKS.—On Oct. 31st, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. K. R. Foot (first quarter) 1, A. A. Upton 2, K. R. Foot 3, A. C. Morris 4, J. K. Foot 5, B. Nix 6. On the eve of All Saints' Day.

LECKHAMPTON, GLOS.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. A. Farmer (cond.) 1, F. Pratt 2, Rev. J. Humphreys 3, A. Pendlebury 4, D. Newcombe 5, H. Harmson 6. For Family Communion service.

LEWKNOR, OXON.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): W. Collins (first quarter) 1, R. Baker 2, F. Godden 3, J. Godman (cond.) 4, R. Tuckwell 5, W. Fulker 6.

LITTLE SHELFORD, CAMBS.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (10 callings): T. Sherman 1, E. J. Sibson (first quarter) 2, D. E. Sibson (first as cond.) 3, G. Easy 4, A. R. Hurst 5. For harvest festival Matins.

MILVERTON, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Commins 1, Miss J. Taylor 2, S. N. Bristow 3, W. Nurcombe 4, C. Tarr (cond.) 5, H. Taylor 6. For the evening harvest service, and a congratulatory compliment for Mrs. Mary Cridland, who was 100 this day.

MOUNTSORREL, LEICS.—On Oct 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. A. Lindsay 1, Miss M. Blakesley 2, R. Wilmore 3, G. V. Harrold 4, R. Handford 5, J. Cunnington 6. For harvest festival.

NEW BUCKENHAM, NORFOLK.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: W. Garrard 1, N. Garrard 2, T. C. Browne 3, R. E. Burt 4, F. C. Arnold 5, F. Phillippo (cond.) 6. Rung in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. Chenery.

NEWTON HALL, NORTHUMBERLAND.—On Oct. Oct. 28th, 1,296 Treble Bob Minor (720 Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and 576 Cambridge): T. Sewell 1, K. Arthur (cond.) 2, Miss M. Caney 3, G. S. Dean 4, K. W. Cheeseman 5, J. A. Ainsworth 6. A 67th birthday compliment to Mr. W. Amos, leader of the local ringers.

NORTH BRADLEY, WILTS.—On Oct. 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. Knight 1, Miss J. M. Gray 2, W. C. West 3, F. S. Slatford 4, E. J. Hitchins 5, P. W. J. Harding 6, R. T. Jones (cond.) 7, P. G. Morgan 8. A birthday compliment to Mr. W. C. West.

NORTHAMPTON.—At the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, on Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent and 540 Plain Bob), with tenor covering: G. F. Roome 1, R. G. Chater 2, R. Finch 3, Miss D. M. Miller 4, J. C. Rainbow 5, A. R. Jones (cond.) 6, D. Reece 7. For morning service.

NORTHMOOR, OXON.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Trinder 1, C. Bowsher 2, B. Costar 3, V. Clifton 4, H. Farmer (cond.) 5, A. Cantwell (first quarter) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Percy Trinder, ringer at this church for 50 years, interred this day.

NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTS.—On June 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Ivy Roe (first quarter) 1, M. K. Lewis 2, G. E. Foster 3, A. J. Chamberlain 4, F. W. Midwinter 5, W. L. Exton (cond.) 6.

PENN, STAFFS.—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Ford 1, D. G. Smith 2, C. Griffiths 3, E. Stitch 4, G. Smallwood 5, C. F. W. Eyre 6, E. G. Bowyer (cond.) 7, J. Bloor 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam John Atherstone Tomkins, churchwarden and former ringer.

OXFORD.—At St. Mary Magdalen's Church, on Oct 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. R. C. Coussmaker (first of Minor) 1, J. G. Pusey 2, N. J. Maggs 3, J. A. M. Salter 4, D. J. Roaf (cond.) 5, D. H. Niblett 6. For morning service. Also at St. Thomas' Church, on Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. R. Hamilton 1, J. A. Steadman (first of Grandsire) 2, M. H. Keen 3, J. G. Pusey 4, D. J. Roaf (cond.) 5, S. Zvegintzov 6. First quarter 1 and 6. Rung by Old Wykehamist members of the O.U.S.C.R. for Matins. Also on Oct. 27th, at St. Giles' Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. R. Chaundy 1, P. Walker 2, Margaret Wynn 3, Daphne R. Cloke 4, D. O. Wilks 5, D. J. Roaf 6, A. H. Gearing (cond.) 7, H. J. Pratley 8. For Evensong.

PENKRIDGE, STAFFS.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. E. Oliver 1, R. L. Hawkesworth 2, A. G. Garbett 3, S. K. Seery 4, R. J. Warrilow 5, R. K. Mowforth 6, E. Malin (cond.) 7, R. Bastone 8. For harvest festival.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. H. Warboys 1, F. C. May 2, E. J. Blower 3, T. Loxton 4, G. D. Sandwell 5, M. F. Hatch (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

REEDHAM, NORFOLK.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,440 Doubles (being six extents of Grandsire, four of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and two of St. Martin's Bob): Mary Solomon (first quarter) 1, M. J. Stokes 2, P. M. Adcock 3, T. N. J. Bailey 4, L. N. Melton (cond.) 5. First quarter in three Doubles methods by 2, 3 and 4. Average age of the band 15½. Rung for the Feast of All Souls.

ROCKWELL GREEN, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Morrell (first away from tenor) 1, D. Salter (first quarter) 2, G. Walford (cond.) 3, S. N. Bristow 4, R. Trickey (first quarter) 5, H. Bristow 6. Also on Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Taylor 1, D. Salter 2, A. Cooke 3, C. Webber 4, G. Walford (cond.) 5, R. Trickey 6.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At St. Peter's Church, on Oct. 6th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: J. Thwaites (first quarter) 1, H. V. Frost 2, R. W. Darvill 3, H. G. Mason 4, C. F. Sayer 5, B. C. Johnson (cond.) 6, F. J. Spicer 7, T. J. Southam 8, G. W. Debenham 9, A. Ewer 10. For harvest festival. Also on Nov. 3rd, 1,313 Grandsire Caters: J. Thwaites 1, Miss P. M. Bourn 2, R. W. Darvill 3, H. G. Mason 4, F. J. Spicer 5, B. C. Johnson 6, T. J. Southam 7, A. E. Ewer (first on 10 'inside') 8, G. W. Debenham (cond.) 9, R. A. Porter (first quarter) 10. For the festival of All Saints.

SANDIACRE, DERBYS.—On Oct. 20th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. Ferguson 1, V. Carlisle 2, I. Barlow 3, A. Barlow 4, A. Salsbury 5, D. R. Carlisle (cond.) 6. For the christening service for the Rector's daughter. Also on Oct. 27th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor and 540 Bob Minor: V. Carlisle 1, Eva Shepherd 2, Nora Carlisle 3, I. Barlow 4, A. Shepherd 5, D. R. Carlisle (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

SHARESHILL, STAFFS.—On Oct. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Williams 1, H. Butler 2, R. W. Barker 3, L. S. Woods 4, P. J. Barker (cond.) 5, A. E. Barker 6. A 21st birthday compliment to the conductor.

QUARTER PEALS

SHOREDITCH, E.—On Oct. 27th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: Miss M. Prockson 1, A. R. Ling 2, F. E. Hawthorne 3, C. A. Hughes 4, R. D. Tomlin 5, W. Prockson 6, H. W. Eggleston 7, B. F. Baker 8, T. H. Francis (cond.) 9, B. J. Howard 10. For Evensong.

SOUTHGATE, N.—At Christ Church, on Oct. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (540 Stedman, 480 Plain Bob, 240 Grandsire): Pam Miller 1, Ann Aldridge 2, S. G. Peck 3, J. Wallman (cond.) 4, C. Aldridge 5, M. Stanyon 6. For the Parish Communion. Also on Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Pam Miller 1, Ann Aldridge 2, C. Aldridge 3, J. Perrett (first of Triples 'inside') 4, S. G. Peck 5, M. Stanyon 6, J. Wallman (cond.) 7, Wainwright 8. For Evensong.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (5 extents of Plain Bob, 5½ of Grandsire): A. Norman 1, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 2, E. J. Jelley 3, A. E. Bodycote 4, J. M. Jelley 5, V. Norman 6. First in two methods for 1 and 6. For harvest festival Evensong.

STAFFORD.—At the Church of St. Mary, on Oct. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: I. Vaughan 1, R. J. Warrilow (jun.) 2, Miss S. K. Seery 3, F. Eley 4, D. Friend (first quarter) 5, A. E. Garbett 6, R. J. Warrilow (cond.) 7, F. R. Wiggin' 8. Rung in memoriam the Rev. D. P. Roberts, Vicar of Whiston, Lancs, who was interred at Whiston this day. He formerly held the living of Marston, Staffs.

STANWELL, MIDDLX.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Spliced Doubles in five methods (120 Winchendon Place, 360 St. Martin's, 180 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 300 Plain, 300 Grandsire): Miss R. Thomson 1, C. B. Fynes (cond) 2-3, Miss K. S. Hawthorn 4, M. G. Lane 5, D. G. Pickett 6. For Evensong, and a welcome back to the tenor ringer.

STORRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss G. Smith 1, Miss J. Horton 2, Miss A. Dovey (first 'inside') 3, W. Curtis 4, B. Farhall (cond.) 5, J. Young 6.

SYSTON, LEICS.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Minchin 1, Miss J. A. Kirkman 2, Miss A. Mansfield 3, Miss M. C. Payne (first as cond.) 4, E. F. Payne 5, H. Humphreys 6, B. S. Payne 7, C. Sanders 8. For Evensong.

SUCKLEY, WORCS.—On Oct. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Cale 1, P. Cale (first quarter) 2, F. Boucher 3, J. Ranford 4, F. Merrick (cond.) 5, J. Cale 6. Rung in memoriam Elsie M. Griffin and F. Giles.

TRURO, CORNWALL.—At the Cathedral, on Oct. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss H. Davey 1, Miss R. Hosken 2, A. Carveth 3, A. Burley 4, D. Penrose 5, S. A. Read 6, D. Burnett (first of Triples as cond.) 7, R. Tall 8. Rung as a compliment to Mr. S. A. Read, of Bath, who is a frequent welcome visitor, also a birthday compliment to Mr. W. H. Southeard, Cathedral ringing master.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. S. N. Brown 1, T. J. Milsom 2, B. Davies (first quarter on six bells) 3, R. O. Fry 4, A. F. Lee (cond.) 5, D. J. Barnett (first quarter) 6. Rung within the octave of the festival of All Saints.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—On Oct. 26th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Mrs. C. W. Roberts 1, S. Penfold 2, Miss C. Ford 3, M. C. Austin 4, D. M. Salisbury 5, F. V. Gant 6, F. B. Lufkin (cond.) 7, A. J. Salisbury 8, T. East 9, R. D. Pearson 10. Rung to celebrate the presentation of the Grant of Arms to the town by the Lord Mayor of London.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 19th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: P. Westerman 1, Miss D. Elson 2, M. J. Chown 3, W. J. Kinchin 4, E. G. Orland 5, S. G. Osborne 6, R. Wilson 7, M. F. Amos (cond.) 8.

WILLINGHAM, CAMBS.—On Oct. 13th, 720 Ipswich, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: A. Denson 1, N. Robinson 2, D. Murfet 3, G. E. Crisp 4, G. A. Lucas 5, D. E. R. Knights (cond.) 6. For Matins.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Margaret Ward (first in method) 1, J. Tomsett 2, Anne Garnett 3, E. Jacobs (first away from treble) 4, A. Bishop 5, M. Sinden (cond.) 6.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The visit of the Lord Mayor of London to Waltham Abbey on October 26th to present the town with its coat-of-arms was marked by much ringing. Prior to the service at the Abbey, attended by 900 people, a quarter peal of Grandsire Caters was rung and part of this was relayed to the congregation over loudspeakers. It was also tape-recorded. Afterwards the bells were rung for another hour.

Who was the conductor who forgot to wind his watch before commencing a peal and found that the full complement was rung in 1 hour?

The quickest peal of Stedman Triples 'in hand' was rung at the Royal Grammar School, Guildford, on December 16th, 1911, in 1 hour 44 minutes. Leicester friends please note.

The rest of the band in the peal at Holywell on October 26th would like to thank 'Mac' for continuing to ring when he looked, and obviously felt, very ill.

A recent issue of 'The Scout' contained an article headed 'Campanology,' written by Mr. Anthony A. Upton, of Knowle, Warwicks. It contained photographs of the bells at Packwood and Honiley and ringers at Solihull, one of whom was Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd.

There is much young life at Bradford Cathedral, and Barry Schofield, aged 9, has rung his first quarter peal on the bells. His sister, Gillian (12), also rings. Another youngster is Miss J. Brook (12) who has scored her first 720. We shall watch the progress of Mr. H. B. Schofield's young band.

Regarding the peal of Spliced Surprise Major in six methods, rung at Harwell on November 1st, Oxford University Guild believe that this is the first peal of six spliced to be rung for any University Society with a band comprising all-resident members.

We are certain ringers from East Anglia and farther afield will join with us in congratulating Mr. Geo. E. Symonds, of Ipswich, and Mrs. Symonds on their golden wedding anniversary. The day was honoured by a peal of Royal on the bells of St. Mary-le-Tower on October 26th. Mr. Symonds has been a representative on the Central Council of the Suffolk Guild since 1948.

Woburn bells will be available next Saturday from 7 to 8.30 p.m. after the Bedfordshire Association meeting at Tilsworth and Stanbridge.

We are sorry to learn that Mr. Harry Hoverd, captain of the ringers at Holy Trinity, Dartford, is in hospital at Hammersmith.

Who was the gentleman who went tower-grabbing on a steam roller some 80 miles from home? Is this a new form of transport for the modern generation?

Mr. Derek P. Jones' 250th peal, rung at Stoke Prior, Worcestershire, was his 100th as conductor. His peals have been rung in 166 towers for 24 Associations. Mr. Philip Mayhew has rung in 93 of his peals and Mr. C. Michael Orme, now back from Malaya with the R.A.F., in 37.

In connection with the peals at Spondon and Stoke Prior, great hospitality was shown to the bands. Accommodation and meals were provided by the Rev. L. and Mrs. Birch at Hanbury Vicarage, and also by Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Cooke.

In appreciation of her kindness to ringers of Penn, Staffs, over many years, an illuminated address of a peal rung in May this year was presented to Mrs. Twentyman, of Muchall Hall, Penn, at a dinner on October 18th. The address was done in Gothic style by Mr. Ernest Morris, of Leicester, and is a lovely piece of work.

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320th ANNIVERSARY DINNER OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

MR. A. B. PECK'S SWAN SONG AFTER TWENTY YEARS AS SECRETARY — ANCIENT SOCIETY'S APPEAL: ATTITUDE, SOLIDARITY, CROWN, YORE — 800 NEW MEMBERS IN TWENTY YEARS

THE 320th anniversary dinner of the Ancient Society of College Youths, held at the Bridge House Hotel, London, on November 2nd, was a happy reunion of members of the Society, many coming from distant parts of the country. The Master (Wing Commander J. S. Mason) was escorted by Dr. P. A. F. Chalk (senior steward) and Mr. W. Williams (junior steward), and the Society was fortunate in its speakers, who included the Lord Bishop of Southwark and the Provost of Southwark, and they made brilliant contributions to the evening's entertainment.

The evening was also memorable in that Mr. A. B. Peck, who had been hon. secretary of the Society for 20 years, announced his impending resignation from office. The name of Mr. John Chilcott was mentioned as his probable successor.

Members of the Society of over 50 and 60 years' standing were toasted, and among those of over 60 years were Mr. Albert Walker, Mr. A. A. Hughes and Mr. John R. Sharman, who rang in the first peal of Surprise rung in the City of London in 1898.

In proposing the toast of 'The Church,' the Master said this offered an opportunity for an expression of views on that branch of Church activity which occupied so much of their time. They obtained great enjoyment from their ringing and made many friends as a result of it, but they must never ignore the fact that ringing was a Church matter which needed Church support.

'We need bells and, if we are to follow English custom, ringers. The bells we shall find, with very few exceptions, in church towers. The ringers, I think you will agree, will be recruited from some other branch of Church activity. But the fundamental requirement is that the Church must be in a position to allow its bells to be rung, and this is a fact which is so often overlooked or simply not given any thought. That this should happen is a natural effect of the position which the Church holds in our society, and our freedom to ring bells is very much bound up with this.

SUNDAY SERVICE RINGING

'I have emphasised the connection between the Church and the Exercise because although ringers are well aware of it, I am sure that strangers to ringing and ringers reading the publications devoted to the subject must wonder what is going on. The most important ringing activity is Sunday service ringing, but this is not news, and consequently one reads very much about peals, physical prowess on heavy bells, ringing holidays, and so on. Not so obvious is the fact that those who indulge in these activities are usually most punctilious in attending to their Sunday service ringing—they are in fact the enthusiasts who provide an atmosphere which so often helps to bring the young ringer through the laborious early stages of learning change-ringing. They also find time to earn a living!'

Their organisation consisted of many different societies—some with titles like their own which seemed to have no connection with the Church. In the last 20 or 30 years there had been a tendency for societies to adopt titles which had diocesan connections, and this might suggest to a stranger that societies not so named were secular bodies with no Church connections. That, of course, was not true: indeed, the great belfry reforms which took place in the latter half of the last century and the advances in the art of change-ringing which were still continuing were assisted greatly by the work of the county associations, led by clerical ringers and laymen, many of whom were members of their Society, and good churchmen as well as good ringers.

'A BY-PRODUCT OF THE CHURCH'

The Lord Bishop of Southwark, who replied, mentioned that it was 26 years since he was directly connected with ringing when he was rector of Stepney. He would remind them that they were a by-product of the Church. Looking back on the history of the Church they would find many valuable by-products—drama, education, hospitals, and all sorts of artistic things. The message of the Gospel was brought to the simple mind by dramatic presentations and also by stained glass windows. To call people to church they adopted the bell, and the number of bells in a church increased to 2, 3, 4, 8, 10 and 12, and the art of ringing those bells became a secondhand by-product of definite practical and religious importance.

As their Master had said, their main purpose was to ring bells for church services, and for that they had developed the fascinating hobby of campanology. It was delightful to hear their bells from a long distance [laughter]. When people rang at Wimbledon he was always grateful that there was one-third of a mile between his house and the church. They got a lot of interest from ringing and it seemed to him to be a very innocent pastime, but it was not so with John Bunyan for in 'Grace Abounding' he wrote of the temptation of the devil to go to the ringing room. That was an idiosyncratic reaction.

One of the delightful things about ringing was the team business in which each one took his part. If one was ringing bell No. 3 he could not assert himself above the rest as a tenor might in a choir. He asked them to remember that that team was part of a bigger thing—the family life work of the Church. He did not think congregations realised that ringers were part of the family of the Church. 'I want you all to remember that great family; I am part of the family and so are you,' concluded the Lord Bishop.

APPEAL OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

The toast of 'The Ancient Society of College Youths' was proposed by Mr. F. E. Haynes (Master of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham). He said that 30 years ago he was proposed a member of the Ancient Society by the late Mr. Wilfred Hooton, and that membership had given him great pleasure. Why did the College Youths make such an appeal to ringers throughout the country? There were many reasons, and he had thought of some based on the initials of their title.

The first was 'attitude' or 'approach' of College Youths to ringing. The approach to their ringing was like matrimony, which the Church told them was not to be undertaken lightly. 'You can go into many towers today where young people are skipping about and treating ringing as a party game. If a stay or a rope is broken no notice is taken. The College Youths' attitude is that it is something to be undertaken seriously—a service to the Church that requires the best of our ability.'

The 'S' stood for solidarity. That was the Society's 320th anniversary, and there were few other societies that could compare with it. The 'S' also meant among other things Stedman Cinques, which they would find when they came to London.

For the 'C' he would take the word crown. The College Youths had the privilege of ringing in not only historic buildings like St. Paul's and Westminster Abbey, but for great occasions like the Coronation, royal funerals and the Lord Mayor's show.

'Y' stood for yore, and he could picture College Youths of 500 years ago wending their way through the devious alleys of the City on their way to their church. 'Y' also stood for Youths, and they still had some great personalities among their Youths. Among them was Mr. Alfred Peck, who had been their secretary for the last 20 years and who was shortly to relinquish that office.

Mr. A. B. Peck, who was given a great reception on rising to reply, said that was probably the last time he would respond to that toast. That was a very happy gathering and the thing he lived for was the Ancient Society of College Youths.

He had received apologies for absence from the rector of St. Mary-le-Bow, Messrs. E. H. Lewis, Harry Miles, Harry Sanger, A. York-Bramble, J. T. Dyke, J. Waugh, R. Cousens, W. F. Judge, Selwyn Dearden and Sqdn. Leader George Massey (R.A.F., Malta).

Reviewing the year Mr. Peck said they were now having a practice once a week with St. Lawrence Jewry bells available. The outstanding social of the year was the outing to Yeovil, where Mr. Setter gave them the time of their lives. 'Everywhere we went in Somerset we were well received. You would have thought it was Khruschev' [laughter].

NEW MEMBERS

During the year 43 new members were made, and Mr. Bailey, of Beccles, elected last week, was the 800th since he had been secretary. Those elected were: Terry Earle (Tisted, Essex), Michael J. E. Best (Bournemouth), R. James Cook (Upper Norwood), James C. Malden (Brixton), Thomas W. Sheppard (Bushey Heath), Arthur W. Gravett (Brighton), Albert W. Bond (Hove), John V. Lonsbrough (Seaford), Derek P. Jones (Hitchin), Herbert W. Pearce (West Coker, Yeovil), Brian Cracknell (Horley), H. David Holland (Sheffield), Charles T. Bartlett (Chelsea), John H. Chance (Old Stratford, Bucks), Frederick E. Day (Plymouth), Norman V. Harding (King's Lynn), Kenneth J. Cherrill (Southwark), Dennis R. Randall (South Lambeth), Allan Smith (Rochdale), Henry W. Knauss (Stepney), Gerald E. Hemmings (Great Hampton, Worcs), Alan J. Frost (Kettering), J. A. D. Woolford (Acomb, Yorks), Michael Maskell (Acomb, Yorks), Kenneth G. Spavins (Woburn, Beds), William Marsh (Street, Somerset), Eric E. Speake (Dudley), Brian D. A. Woolley (Great Barr, Birmingham), Hugh Neill (Ilford), F. Brian Cookson (Wollaston, Stourbridge), Gordon W. Rendell (Yeovil), Michael C. Gathercole (King's Lynn), Leonard B. Scoot (Baldock), Dr. C. T. Brown (Wareham), Laurence E. Hitchins (Trowbridge), Cyril J. Gould (Chatham), Ernest E. Bray (Buckland Dinham, Som.), W. John Phippen (Buckland Dinham, Som.), Trevor N. J. Bailey (Beccles), Dennis Napper (East Hagbourne), Edward G. Sawyer (East Hagbourne), Stanley G. Atwell (Pilton, Som.), H. E. G. Jeans (Somerton, Som.).

Peals rung by the Society totalled 23 and among them were four peals of Stedman Cinques on May 18th. Another notable peal was that rung at Waterford Cathedral on the 75th anniversary of the first peal rung in Ireland, which was by a band of College Youths. He had rung with some of those who took part in that peal.

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COLLEGE YOUTHS—Cont.

LEICESTER'S GREETING

The Leicester Diocesan Guild were holding their dinner that night, and Mr. Peck said he had received the following message from Mr. Brian G. Warwick (hon. general secretary of that Guild):—

'We in Leicester send to the College Youths gathered in London our very best wishes for a happy and successful evening. The College Youths have held over 300 such functions—we are celebrating our tenth. During the years the College Youths have always been held in high esteem, and we hope that the Society will continue in the same way.'

LOSSES BY DEATH

The company stood in silence while the following who had died during the year were remembered (some were not College Youths):—

C. E. Borrett, I. Emery, E. Humphrey, F. J. Freestone, E. T. Allaway, Stafford Green, Rowland Fenn, F. B. Yates, W. E. Hewson, J. E. Burton, E. C. S. Turner, James Napper, R. Lathbury, George Large, Edward Evans, F. A. Coward, F. Farrant, Joseph Keen, Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, Josiah Morris, Sidney Wade, Frank Attwater, Percy Dyke, George Daynes, W. W. Wolstencroft, Walter Prior, W. Manser, sen., G. F. Woodhouse, C. H. Page, A. Crawley, H. J. Collis, P. Underwood, E. Palmer, E. G. Walker, R. Coles, S. J. Jessop, Canon A. Rust and Mrs. R. J. Wilkins.

Concluding, Mr. Peck said: I think it is better to hand over while I am capable of doing so. There are not many of my age left and I think you deserve an hon. secretary who is younger. I have and am doing my best for the Society. It will not break my heart: I shall still take as much interest as I did in the Society.'

MASTER AS LORD MAYOR

The toast of 'The Visitors and Kindred Societies' was proposed by Dr. P. A. F. Chalk (senior steward). He reminded the guests that in the 18th century Sir Henry Tulse was Lord Mayor of London when he was Master of the Society. Ringing was then a secular sport. It was a pleasure to have with them the Rector of Cripplegate (Rev. E. G. Turner), whose magnificent ring of bells had been at their disposal that afternoon.

They had with them two members of the Cumberlands—Mr. E. A. Barnett (secretary of the Central Council) and Mr. C. Cullen, who had written up the peal book of the Society.

The Provost of Southwark (the Very Rev. G. E. Reindorp) in reply said he had several things against ringers. One was their amazing camaraderie. They all shared a profound contempt for those who were not ringers. Another was that at Harlington once a year the ringers rang a long peal and afterwards sat down to supper. The rector had to be present and pay for it! His father, who was 81 that day, was rector there for ten years.

The Provost mentioned the happy meeting he had with the ringers of Southwark after his installation, and how from his new house at Bankside he looked out on the cathedral that had stood there not 300 years but 900 years.

GOOD FEELING

Mr. E. A. Barnett also responded to the toast and said one of the features of today was the good feeling between the various ringing societies; it was not always so. Some 50 years ago the Middlesex County Association rang their first peal of Cinques—he thought it was at Cripplegate; and two of those ringers were still alive—Harry Hoskins and Thomas Groombridge, senior. The peal was successful and duly appeared in 'The Bell News.' The following week a member of their Society wrote that the peal was of such an inferior quality that it was impossible to tell whether it was Cinques or Maximus. The reply he got was that the writer was so drunk that he was incapable of distinguishing the peal! Whatever might be said in the past of their Society, he would say that he had been treated with every respect and consideration by their members.

It had not always been their custom to hold their annual dinner in London; in fact, 78 years ago they honoured his native town with a visit. Why, it was hard to understand, as it was only a village in those days. A short paragraph about their 242nd annual dinner being held at Crayford appeared in 'Church Bells.'

He was sure that all members of kindred societies would be just as sorry as the College Youths that Mr. Peck was about to retire from the secretaryship of their Society. He had gained the respect of the Exercise. Mr. Barnett mentioned that he had the privilege of taking part in a peal not with his predecessor, Mr. Cockerill, but the secretary before him, Mr. Richard T. Woodley. This peal was rung at Lowestoft to celebrate his 74th birthday.

Mr. Barnett concluded by wishing Mr. John Chilcott, whom he understood would be Mr. Peck's successor, the best of luck.

'THE HEART OF THE EXERCISE'

Mr. R. B. Meadows proposed the toast of '"The Ringing World".' He said while 'The Ringing World' was not insolvent it would never be a money spinner, and the other fact was that it was said it was a dull journal. If 'The Ringing World' with all its faults should die, the heart would have gone out of the Exercise.

Mr. F. J. Smallwood, convener of 'The Ringing World' committee, replied and said they had fought unsuccessfully against rising prices and had to succumb to the new price of 6d. When he was told that the paper was not worth 6d., he had replied he was sorry but he could not help it. The Exercise had never realised its responsibilities towards the paper and its improvement was bound up with increased circulation. The Editorial Committee did not do the editing: they had an editor and all the Committee did was to tell the Editor the policy. What the Editorial Committee did was to keep matters financially straight and give readers as much as they could. A way they could increase the circulation was to pay the subscription (28s. a year) for an old retired ringer who could not afford the 6d. and was cut off from ringing news.

The Master proposed the concluding toast, 'The Fragrant Memory of the Masters of 300, 200 and 100 years ago.' He said their Master in 1657 was Mr. George Covey, and he had not been able to find out anything about him. In 1757 the practice of keeping a record of the name of the Master was not done; all they knew were the members who were elected that year. In 1857 their Master was Mr. William Cooter, and he rang in the peal at Waterford. A number of ringers alive had rung with him and Mr. Peck had rung with four of them—James Pettit, R. Hayworth, William Cooter and Matthew Wood.

During the evening a touch of Stedman Cinques was rung by Messrs. F. E. Haynes, John Chilcott, M. Chilcott, A. Walker, J. F. Smallwood and W. Williams.

THE COMPANY

Supporting the Master (Wing Comdr. J. S. Mason) were the Lord Bishop of Southwark, the Provost of Southwark, the Rev. E. G. Turner, Messrs. F. Sharpe (president of the Central Council), A. B. Peck, E. A. Barnett, C. G. J. Watts, F. E. Haynes, A. A. Hughes, P. A. F. Chalk, F. J Cullum, C. Cullen, R. B. Meadows, A. Walker, J. F. Smallwood, H. W. Pitstow, R. Wilson and S. Fox.

Others present were Messrs. K. Spavins, H. Edwards, R. Russ, L. Dawson, S. Holgate, A. Beard, D. Randall, C. Ottley, J. Ward, J. Lott, C. Bartlett, C. Wood, C. Gower, D. Mitchell, W. Yates, R. Howson, S. Foskett.

E. Fenn, B. Lunn, J. Phillips, D. Burnett, James Phillips, W. Coles, A. Rose, G. Harding, L. Derrick, A. Sanger, S. Atwell, W. Osborn, V. Savage, T. Setter, L. Hitchins, V. Roberts, D. Hoare, G. Salmon.

H. Stalham, A. Gravett, J. Lilley, W. Riddington, M. Stevenson, D. Neal Smith, J. H. Jones, J. W. G. Hayward, M. Hallett, G. Webb, F. Barrett, F. Wilkins, F. White, E. G. Moore, W. Porter, P. Walker, J. Chaundy.

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W. Williams, E. P. Duffield, D. Clift, J. H. Champion, F. Darby, M. P. Moreton, A. Thirst, A. J. Frost, R. Leale, S. Johnson, B. Cookson, R. Keeley, H. Neill, J. Painter, W. T. Cook, R. J. Cook, B. D. Threlfall, F. E. Roberts.

N. Cherrill, E. Langley, A. C. Winn, F. W. Budgen, W. A. Theobald, R. H. Begric, C. H. Meers, J. O. Weller, H. Weedon, E. J. Rowe, W. T. Grice, H. C. Mallett, R. W. Sumner, H. E Thompson, W. R. Manser, C. E. Norris, A. Lewry, S. Smith, B. Baker, R. E. Norris.

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PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

The Asian 'flu reduced the numbers attending the quarterly meeting of the Wellingborough Branch at Irchester on October 19th to 40. Nevertheless it was a successful meeting. The Guild service was held in St. Katharine's Church, conducted by the president (Rev. W. C. Knight, Bozeat), in the absence of the Vicar of Irchester. Mr. R. Brudenall was the organist, and the collection for the bell restoration fund amounted to £1 6s.

The meeting followed tea, served in the schools by Mr. E. Allen and helpers. Rushden was selected for the next meeting in January. Messrs. Patrick Pailing and David Blackwell, both of Earls Barton, were elected ringing members. Good use was made of the eight bells during the afternoon and evening.

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JASPER SNOWDON COMMEMORATION DINNER



A happy picture of some of the ringers who helped to entertain at the Snowdon Dinner: Back row (left to right): Miss P. Walker, Messrs. N. Chaddock, J. T. L. Gilbert, G. Benfield, L. W. G. Morris, W. E. Critchley. Front row: The Misses M. Atkinson, S. Chaddock, M. Mills, E. A. Wardill and C. Rodgers.

A RECORD number attended the 25th commemoration dinner to Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and past officers of the Yorkshire Association, held for the first time at Rotherham on October 26th.

Features of the gathering, which was supported by a large number of young ringers of both sexes, were the brevity of the few speeches and the excellent ringing facilities available.

During the morning and the early afternoon good use was made of the bells at Rawmarsh (8), Eastwood (8), Thrybergh (6) and Whiston (8). From 3.15 p.m. onwards the ten bells of Rotherham Parish Church were kept going almost continuously until nearly 6.30 p.m., with ringing to suit all tastes up to Cambridge Royal. A planned and timed programme of ringing had been arranged and copies posted at various vantage points. It was found necessary to alter only two out of 21 touches arranged, and only one failed to come round. Before ringing commenced, the usual belfry prayers were said, and during the afternoon those present were welcomed to Rotherham Parish Church by the Rev. J. K. Pennington.

Over 170 sat down to the dinner in the Co-operative Restaurant, and guests included various local clergy and Mr. J. S. Mitchell, churchwarden and greave of Rotherham Feoffees. Visitors present were: Mr. J. F. Smallwood (representing the Ancient Society of College Youths and 'The Ringing World') and Mrs. Smallwood, Mr. E. A. Barnett (Kent County Association and secretary, C.C. of Church Bellringers), Mrs. E. A. Barnett and Jean Barnett, Mr. Paul L. Taylor (president, Leicester Diocesan Guild), Mr. E. B. Crowdy, Mr. J. A. Ainsworth, Miss M. A. Softley and Miss M. S. Capey (Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Guild), Mr. N. M. Newby, Mr. J. Dickinson (Lancashire Association), Mr. C. Raddon (Chester Diocesan Guild) and Mrs. C. Raddon, Mr. F. Adams, Mr. J. Saxton, Mr. C. Wright (Derby Guild) and Mrs. C. Wright, Miss J. Roper (Oxford Diocesan Guild).

The loyal toast was followed by a well-struck course of Grandsire Caters on handbells by P. J. Johnson, J. J. L. Gilbert, W. E. Critchley, W. F. Moreton and L. W. G. Morris, and during the interval following these ringers were able to hear a tape recording of their ringing.

MISS SNOWDON'S MESSAGE

In his opening remarks, the chairman (Ven. C. O. Ellison, president of the Association) said that that day's large attendance broke the previous record attendance of 160 made in 1937. He read a message from Miss M. E. Snowdon, daughter of William Snowdon. It read: "Miss Snowdon sends her best wishes to the meeting —from the president to the newest member— with the sincere hope that the Yorkshire Association may continue to prosper. What ensures this is hard work for the cause with a mixture of *love of the Art* that each member may be aware that he has a *special job*, that he studies punctuality and is conscious of the *religious backing* to be upheld.'

Archdeacon Ellison then read a reply which had been sent to Miss Snowdon on behalf of the Association, also a message received from Mr. A. E. Sellars (vice-president, Eastern District), who recently celebrated his 80th birthday and who was unable to attend.

The toast, 'Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and Past Officers of the Yorkshire Association,' was proposed by Mr. Norman Chaddock. He said he would confine himself to the first two presidents, Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and William Snowdon, who by their devotion to church bellringing through their local band and the Yorkshire Association, and by their earnest churchmanship, symbolised the attributes of the many past officers coming within the scope of the toast. He referred to the valuable contributions of officers' wives, whose sympathetic co-operation made possible their great efforts, and asked what better way of perpetuating the memory of those and other stalwarts was there than by ensuring that the work which they started continued fruitfully.

'Ringing is something of which to be proud, and as a cultural activity which is a branch of Church work is something worthwhile to offer to the youth of today. By applying ourselves wholeheartedly to the cause of ringing and by remaining ever conscious of the religious background to our work, we may indeed perpetuate the memory of Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and other past officers.'

STALLHOLDER'S APPRECIATION

The toast of 'The Visitors' was proposed by Bishop G. V. Gerard (Vicar of Rotherham and Assistant Bishop of Sheffield). He referred to the many distinguished visiting ringers from other counties, and expressed pleasure that Rotherham had been given the honour of entertaining them and other visitors on this memorable occasion, and thanked clergy and ringers from other neighbouring churches for their tremendous support. He said that there was tremendous public goodwill towards bellringing in his parish and throughout the country generally, a goodwill that we should endeavour to maintain. That very afternoon, as the first bell sounded whilst he was in the market place

SNOWDON DINNER—Cont.

within a few yards of the church, a stall owner had asked him: 'What is the bell ringing for?' On telling him (rather apprehensively) that over a hundred campanologists would be gathering to ring all afternoon, the stall owner replied: 'Let 'em get on with their ringing, I love to hear the bells.' 'There,' said Bishop Gerard, 'you have an up-to-date, unsolicited testimonial.'

Replying on behalf of the visitors, Mr. J. F. Smallwood said that he at first wondered what it was that attracted such a large and enthusiastic gathering to an industrial town like Rotherham. He had heard that 'where there's muck there's money,' but he now knew that Rotherham had other attractions for bellringers. He appealed to ringers to support 'The Ringing World,' and referred humorously to the loss in circulation caused by marriage between two ringers.

Supporting Mr. Smallwood's response on behalf of the visitors, Mr. E. A. Barnett said how enjoyable it was to be present once more at the Snowdon dinner after a lapse of 21 years.

In his concluding remarks, Archdeacon Ellison expressed regret that the Ecclesiastical Authorities in their recent deliberations made so little reference to bells and bellringers. He went on to emphasise the importance of the ringer as a *person* in the work of the Church. Archdeacon Ellison then expressed thanks on behalf of all those present to the local organisers of the function (Mr. John J. L. Gilbert and Mr. Norman Chaddock) and to many others who had helped in various ways.

Musical items were provided by Miss Diane Saul (piano) and Rotherham High School Handbell Ringers. Mr. J. Hancock and Mr. C. Rees contributed an enjoyable dialogue entitled 'Yorkshire Relish.'

During the informal hour or so that followed friends had an opportunity to chat together and listen to tape recordings of bellringing. Those who stayed overnight were able to join an organised party to ring at Handsworth (Sheffield) on Sunday at lunch time.

JOINT MEETING AT BURTON LATIMER

A company of over 60 attended the Kettering Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild and the Bedfordshire and Northamptonshire Branch of the Ladies' Guild joint meeting at Burton Latimer on September 28th, when the eight bells were kept ringing in most of the standard methods. Grandsire Triples and Stedman Triples were the methods favoured by the ladies' bands.

The two business meetings were held consecutively after tea in the nearby school, but the usual order of 'ladies first' was reversed so that the gentlemen weren't kept waiting. In spite of thinly veiled suggestions by some of the 'weaker' sex, the ladies were soon back in the belfry.

Thanks were expressed to the Vicar, the caterers and to the local tower captain by the secretary of the Ladies' Guild (Miss A. Amor) and seconded by the Kettering Branch secretary (Miss S. Collins).

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

About 80 ringers with their wives and friends attended the annual supper and social of Sudbury and District on October 26th. A very happy evening was spent, the programme including change- and tune-ringing on handbells, songs, dancing and community singing. Among those present were Mr. L. Brett (Guild Ringing Master), Mr. S. Twitchett (District Master) and Miss R. Seabrook (District secretary).

LEICESTER GUILD'S ANNUAL DINNER AND SOCIAL

THE festival dinner and social are looked upon as an important occasion during the year by members of the Leicester Diocesan Guild. This year the popular function was held in Leicester on November 2nd.

During the afternoon three rings of bells were available to members and visitors, and from 2 to 6.15 p.m. the bells of St. Mary's (8), St. John's (10) and the Cathedral (12) were made good use of to a variety of methods.

Previously, in the morning, two peals had been arranged especially for visitors—Stedman Triples at the Loughborough Bell Foundry, which was successful at the third attempt, and Stedman Cinques at St. Margaret's, Leicester, which came to grief after the turning course.

THE DINNER

At the dinner, held in the Co-op Cafe, the president (Mr. P. L. Taylor) was supported by Mrs. Taylor, Archdeacon Lyon (Rector of Loughborough), Messrs. E. C. Turner and Philip A Corby (vice-presidents), Arthur E. Rowley (treasurer), Shirley Burton (peal secretary), Brian G. Warwick (general secretary), Peter J. Staniforth (C.C. representative), Mrs. E. C. Turner, Mrs. A. E. Rowley, Mrs. S. Burton, Mrs. B. G. Warwick and Mrs. P. J. Staniforth, and approximately 130 members and friends.

After the loyal toast had been honoured the secretary announced that apologies had been received from the Lord Bishop of Leicester, the Archdeacon of Leicester (Ven. I. D. Edwards) and the Archdeacon of Loughborough (Ven. R. B. Cole), who were unable to be present owing to the British Legion festival of remembrance being held at the same time at the De Montfort Hall. The secretary also announced that he had sent letters to the secretaries of the Ancient Society of College Youths and the Kent County Association, giving them the best wishes of the Leicester Diocesan Guild. These two Guilds were also holding their annual dinners on the same day. A greetings telegram was read from the Kent County Association, who reciprocated best wishes.

The toast of 'The Leicester Diocesan Guild' was proposed by Mr. Gordon A. Halls, of Derby. He said that the Leicester Diocesan Guild was unique among ringing associations in that ever since its foundation 11 years ago it had held the respect and admiration of ringers everywhere. He had heard it said that this success was attributable to the efforts of their excellent officers and the influence of the outstanding ringing personalities of the Guild. Whilst those in Derbyshire agreed with this, they believed that a large measure of success as a ringing association stemmed from the enthusiasm of the large number of ringers the Guild had, and it was they who had inspired the officers and ringing personalities to make the Guild the great association it was.

A SECRET OF SUCCESS

In maintaining the interest of this large number of ringers the officers were to be congratulated on the skilful and cunning method they had used; perhaps those in Derbyshire were alone in realising what it was. They had noticed that the Leicester Guild had a large number of pretty young lady ringers, and they had seen that where young ladies were ringing there was never a shortage of men ostensibly keen on learning the art. The secret of this success was discovered quite by accident when a member of the Derbyshire Association made rapid progress in ringing as a result of frequent visits to Leicester. Indeed his second peal was of London Surprise.

It was soon realised that the main attraction in Leicester was not the peals but the fair sex and that his progress in ringing was purely coincidental. His peal attempts were not always successful, as a peal of Superlative could be recalled when, included in the band was one of the lasses of the Leicester Guild who arrived for the peal wearing brief cycling shorts! Needless to say, the gentleman in question was quite incapable of counting 5-pull dodges with her and the ringing soon ended in chaos.

Mentioning that the Leicester Diocesan Guild had for many years been one of the leading peal ringing Guilds in the country, Mr. Halls commented that recent correspondence had led him wondering whether they were becoming a little apprehensive about retaining this position. Could it be that in forming a buffer zone by sponsoring the foundation of a new association (the North Leicestershire and South Derbyshire Association) the Guild was hoping to ward off peal grabbing expeditions by their neighbours to the north? Mr. Halls assured the Guild that they need not fear competition from the Derbyshire Association in regard to peal ringing, though it was not for the want of trying on their part.

HOW PEALS WERE LOST

Whereas the Leicester Guild could boast of the variety and complexity of the peals they rang, all the Derbyshire Association could boast of was the variety of ways in which they are lost! To give a few examples, they had recently lost peals due to broken ropes, broken stays, broken hearts, bearings running dry, throats running dry, clappers falling out, ringers falling out, false compositions, false starts, false ringing, false promises and falsehoods, meeting short, taken short, fallen arches, fallen trousers, lights out and nights out.

It gave Mr. Halls great pleasure to have had the honour of proposing the toast of 'The Leicester Diocesan Guild,' and in doing so he wished the Guild continued prosperity and even greater success in the future.

Mr. Peter J. Staniforth, replying on behalf of the Guild, thanked Mr. Halls very much indeed for proposing the toast.

Mr. Arthur E. Rowley proposed the toast of 'The Visitors.' He said they should remember not only the visitors present that day but also all those people who were visitors to their monthly meetings throughout the year. They were always welcome and he hoped that they would continue to support the Guild. Visitors present included John H. Bluff (Stamford), Mr. and Mrs. James W. Haw (Peterborough), Frederick W. Burnett and E. Keith Jordan (Portsmouth), Gordon A. Halls (Derby), Mr. and Mrs. H. Taylor (Derby), Harry Gaylard and Walter H. Poole (Yeovil), Mr. and Mrs. G. Stedman Morris (Lyme Regis) and M. and Mme Dubois (France).

Mr. John H. Bluff replied on behalf of the visitors.

After the formal business had been disposed of, there followed the social evening for which the Leicester Guild dinner is noted. It was ably organised by Mr. Frank K. Measures (chairman of the Hinckley District).

During the course of the evening, Miss Dorothy Cox, of Stoney Stanton, was crowned as bell(e) queen by Mrs. P. J. Staniforth. Later a course of Stedman Cinques was rung on handbells by B. G. Warwick 1-2, Mrs. P. J. Staniforth 3-4, P. J. Staniforth 5-6, A. Ballard 7-8, G. S. Morris 9-10, J. A. Acres 11-12.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. R. Young 1, J. R. Hobbs 2, R. O. Fry (cond.) 3, B. Davies (first quarter) 4, D. E. Cobb 5, A. F. Lee 6, W. E. Wilkinson 7, T. J. Milsom 8. For Evensong.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ATTEMPTED RECORD IN MINOR

Dear Sir,—In accordance with the rules of the Central Council I wish to give notice to the Exercise of an attempt for record of Minor ringing.

By kind permission of the rector of All Saints' Church, Stisted, six ringing members of the Essex Association will attempt to ring 25 extents of Minor in 25 methods, commencing at 12 o'clock on Saturday, November 16th, 1957, at Stisted Church.

I have been unable to find out who holds the record, so I can only say will any Associations or Guilds interested please note.

The methods and the order of ringing them will be as follows:—

1. Norwich Surprise.
2. Bourne Surprise.
3. Ipswich Surprise.
4. Oxford Bob.
5. Double Bob.
6. London Surprise.
7. York Surprise.
8. Wells Surprise.
9. Durham Surprise.
10. St. Clement's Bob.
11. Childwall Bob.
12. College Exercise Treble Bob.
13. Norbury Exercise Treble Bob.
14. Duke of Norfolk Treble Bob.
15. Beverley Surprise.
16. Surfleet Surprise.
17. Double Oxford Bob.
18. Thelwall Bob.
19. London Scholars' Treble Bob.
20. Kingston Treble Bob.
21. Sandal Treble Bob.
22. Cambridge Surprise.
23. Oxford Treble Bob.
24. Kent Treble Bob.
25. Plain Bob.

Yours truly,
FRANK B. LUFKIN.

Bocking, Essex.

NOTE.—This letter was received in 'The Ringing World' office on Monday, November 4th. We regret that it was not published in our last issue and that the statutory seven days' notice was not given.—*Ed.*

OPEN OR 'CARTWHEEL'

Dear Sir,—It was interesting to see Mr. A. H. J. Buswell dogmatising about open and closed leads ('R.W.', November 1st). It is to be hoped that the Exercise will be spared another spate of letters on this subject, especially if the protagonists on either side resuscitate arguments which, as in this instance, were very old when Mr. Buswell was, presumably, very young.

As one who has had a fair amount of experience at both open and 'cartwheel' Minor, and whose predilection is still towards the latter, may I suggest there are at least seven good reasons why many ringers choose to ring closed leads?

The seventh is because they enjoy doing it: the first six may be found hanging in the tower.
—Yours sincerely, H. CHANT.

Wakefield.

WHO IS SHE?

Dear Sir,—Grantham ringers were amazed to see a letter in 'The Ringing World' the other week from a correspondent who signs herself 'J. E. Washbottle (Miss).'

We have never heard of this lady, who very kindly defends our tower-snatching, and we would like to take this opportunity of inviting her up to St. Wulfram's belfry, if she is a ringer.
—Yours faithfully,
Grantham. F. J. NERQUE.

NYLON ROPES

Dear Sir,—I have followed the correspondence in 'The Ringing World' about nylon ropes with considerable interest, I imagine our eight at Madron, Penzance, are the only ring in the country with nylon ends, and these have been in use for nearly two years with complete success. The idea came to me after seeing nylon safety ropes fitted to the milk collection lorries from the local depot.

Several visitors, including Mr. Collins, of Croydon, have shown surprise and interest at the innovation. I was pleased to give Mr. Collins, through Mr. Harry Miles, of Carbis Bay, the benefit of my experience, and would point out that any shop which sells rope would be able to obtain nylon rope.

As regards Mr. Collins' grouse about dirty ends: wash and scrub them in hot water and a good detergent and they will show great improvement.

One final note: the ends which are tucked in may be sealed by holding them for a moment in a gas or candle flame.—Yours sincerely,

W. ARNOLD WHITE.

Landithy Farm, Madron.

Abbey Bells in Broadcast

To mark the tenth anniversary of the wedding of H.M. the Queen and H.R.H. Prince Philip there will be a special television broadcast on Wednesday, November 20th.

Included in the life story of the royal couple will be a short film inset, taken in the belfry of Westminster Abbey, with a recording of the bells.

PARKER'S ONE-PART PEAL

Dear Sir,—Having called Parker's One-part a good many times I was interested in W. Birmingham's remarks as to its good qualities. He compares it with Holt's Original, and I am bound to agree with him that it is less arduous to commit to memory and just as pleasing to ring. Moreover, it is a good peal to call, as he says, because of its simplicity and having so many five-lead courses a conductor is well able to keep an eye on those who are trying to ring their first peal and at the same time check the coursing of the bells. Many are the 'first pealers' who have scored because of this.

There are those who decry the peal chiefly because, I presume, of its lack of musical part and sub part ends, as in the 12-part. But after all, there are only 5,040 changes in any peal of Triples, and it has been a pleasing experience to have the musical changes coming up in unexpected places, especially if the ringing is really good.

Mr. Birmingham draws attention to the peal having the minimum of 90 calls, all bobs except for two ordinary singles both at the commencement of the peal, and the bells running home at a plain lead. These are novel features in a peal of Grandsire Triples. Obviously the peal is called by the bells Before, and my plan is slightly different to W. Birmingham's, viz.:—S.B.B.S., 3 twice, 4 once, 5 four times bringing 6 in, 2 five times bringing 6 in, 5 with double, 5, and so on.

I also divided the peal into four irregular parts, using as part-ends 342675, 243657, 432576, being easy to remember and conveniently placed.
—Yours, etc.,

W. J. PAICE.

Henley-on-Thames.

BREAKAWAY ASSOCIATION'S EFFECT ON PARENT BODY

Dear Sir,—In common with Mr. Hibbert I also deplore the formation of breakaway associations. As far as I can make out, there is no evidence whatsoever to suggest that the newly-formed South Derbyshire and North Leicestershire Association is anything other than a breakaway Association. The Derbyshire towers concerned—Derby, St. Andrew's (10), Alvaston (6), Melbourne (8), Shardlow (6), Aston-on-Trent (6)—have all been associated with the Derbyshire Association since its formation in 1946 and ringing meetings have hitherto been held at these towers by the Derby District of the D.A. at regular intervals in accordance with a rota system.

Whilst expressing admiration at the enthusiasm of this group of young ringers in founding a new Association, I cannot help feeling that the foundation of a new Society within Derbyshire (which is already served by four Societies) will be a weakening if not a mortal blow to the D.A.

The finances of the D.A. are at present at the lowest level ever, and though a recent increase in subscriptions may improve matters, a serious drop in membership will inevitably lead towards bankruptcy. The attendance at Derby District meeting is as a rule very small and does little to encourage the officers who have to cope with an unusually large district; further reductions in attendance will make meetings a waste of time.

If it is not too late, I would earnestly beg these young enthusiasts to reconsider their actions and ask themselves whether their interests could not equally well, if not better, be served by forming a new District within the D.A.: I am sure all loyal members of the D.A. would welcome this.

If, however, they are determined to have complete independence, in offering my good wishes for prosperity and advancement to the new Association I cannot help feeling apprehensive about the future of the D.A., of which I hope to remain a loyal member for a long time to come.—Yours sincerely, G. A. HALLS.

Alvaston, Derby.

THE NEW BEAT

Dear Sir,—The NEW BEAT is not new—30 years ago this beat was demonstrated to me by the Lavenham ringers, as a novelty, on handbells in the local after a peal attempt. It was called 'The Nagging Wife.'

This beat has been in vogue for many years in the Canterbury district of Kent; the Cathedral company and the bands at Walmer and Deal were particularly proficient at it. In fact, owing to my inability to fall into line I was once told at a Cathedral practice I might not again be allowed to ring. Having myself been taught to ring in the old beat by the Rhythm Kings of Leicester early this century, this beat did sound to me like a prolonged and ragged version of what we used to call 'firing,' and which we at Leicester used only at weddings when the happy couple were leaving the church. However, in Kent it must have been 'the thing' because I once listened to a peal of Doubles at Mongeham rung throughout in this 'new beat' which was hailed as a most meritorious performance in the Kent County report of that year.

I do not now ring, but I do sometimes listen, and it is apparent that the 'new beat' is gaining ground northwards. Friend Peter Crook need not worry—no doubt it will eventually reach as far as Bolton.

The alarming thing is that the 'new beat' used so long at so many churches on the bells before service is now being taken up inside the church itself. Although I have ceased church attendance, I might relent if I could see the vicar conducting the service to 'Rock 'n' Roll.'
—Yours, etc., W. BOTTRILL.

Luton.

THOSE I REMEMBER

By ERNEST MORRIS

(Continued from page 658)

WILLIAM H. BARBER

IN a recent issue (p. 593) in an account of the Durham and Newcastle Association's 80th birthday, the name of William H. Barber was mentioned. I have happy remembrances of meeting him and of a very disappointing episode at Gateshead. He had kindly fixed up two peal attempts for me—one in Durham and one in Northumberland. This was in August, 1912, when at Gateshead we rang most perfectly over 5,000 changes of Stedman Triples, and he had just finished calling the peal. We were just waiting for 'That's all' when down came Barber's rope! thus making one of the most disappointing efforts I ever had, particularly so as it would have been my first of S.T.

The next day (Sunday) at North Shields, we rang for service 1,057 S. Caters, and in this was that fine veteran Joel Hern, who reminded me so much of my own grandfather both in features and speech. On the Monday at Newcastle Cathedral Mr. Barber called a most musical peal of 5,007 Stedman Caters, reversing the big bells from 'tittums' to 'home-at-hand' every four courses. During this peal the 'Major' (5 tons 18 cwt.), which hangs directly over the rest of the bells, struck the hours 7, 8, 9 o'clock, and to me it was most alarming and strange. I was told afterwards they could stop this by taking off the clock hammer but usually left it on to liven up the ringers! Thus I rang a peal in Northumberland but have not yet rung one in Durham.

I visited Newcastle again after the bells were augmented to 12, but an attempt for a peal of Stedman Cinques 'went west.' However, the next day (Sunday) I had a delightful ring at Whitley Bay with the famous Gofton family. It was wonderful to be introduced to them as they came along. 'This is my son—this is my nephew—this is my brother'—and so on. They were a wonderful family and rang many peals up to London Surprise; in this method four brothers—James E., Thomas T., Joseph A., R. Alder—rang the first on handbells. I met two of these brothers, Thomas T. and Joseph A., who, with the brothers Pye—William and George R.—Harold Poole and myself, rang an excellent handbell peal of Stedman Cinques, this being George R. Pye's 900th peal. It was umpired by the late Charles T. Coles at his house in Walthamstow. He (T. C.) ticked off the courses of much of the first part, then went off to the Parish Church and called a quarter peal of Stedman Triples and came back and finished his job as umpire to the last part of the peal! The previous day we had rung a peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus at Southwark.

BIRMINGHAM MEMORIES

This kind of umpiring a handbell peal repeated itself at Birmingham when, during a peal of Stedman Cinques at the home of that eminent enthusiast, Albert Walker, the late Tom Russam was ticking off the figures, he had a sudden call, so waiting a favourable moment he slipped through the circle and out. When he came back he did not go through the circle again, to where the figures were, but just sat by the door and wrote the courses out as they came up to the end of the peal!

I had at this time many happy visits to Birmingham and well remember my first of Cinques at the Bull Ring, when Mr. A. Paddon-Smith (later Lord Mayor) congratulated me on what he thought was my first of Stedman Cinques—but I had rung one here at St. Margaret's, Leicester, the previous Saturday! Once in a most beautifully-struck peal we had gone about two hours and reached one of those 'stagnant' periods which occur in most peals when the bells seem to be ringing automatically—everything was quiet except for Albert Walker's occasional 'bobs,' when all at once Mr. Paddon-Smith said out loud 'What are we doing it for?' Instantly we were all startled and it caused a bit of a flutter in the rhythm, but A. W. soon put us in order with a few well-chosen remarks!

On another occasion we lost a peal and one of the visitors was bemoaning and bewailing the fact so much that it got on one's nerves, so A. W. said: 'Look here! I've got 300 of these peals—I'll sell you as many as you like for half-a-crown each!' That shut him up!

Another time we started very late owing to the Rev. Cyril Jenkins arriving from Oxford late, his train being overdue. We rang a glorious peal with the reverend gentleman on the 11th, but it wanted only a few minutes to 10 p.m. when the bells came round. Everyone rushed down the spiral stairway at breakneck speed, across the road to the hotel opposite. There we found 12 pints all in a row on the table—kindly put there by some thoughtful friend—and it was wonderful to see his reverence grab one—drink it off in one go, and say 'Fill it up again, quick!' I had the pleasure of ringing 15 peals at St. Martin's, mostly called by Albert Walker, but others called by the late Bernard Mitchell, James E. Groves and William Pye. One was a special composition of 5,070 to mark the 70th birthday of James George, whose very last tower-bell peal I conducted.

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JOHN O. LANCASHIRE

Before I finish this series I must not omit one fine old English gentleman, who happily we have still with us at 92 years of age—who, only a few weeks ago, I met still going to work, travelling by bus daily to and from Cropstone. He is John O. Lancashire, who in his middle life was a wonderful ringer and composer attached to St. Martin's, Leicester (now the Cathedral). John O. (as he was always affectionately called) delved deeply into the intricacies of Stedman and produced some very 'classic' peals which only an expert could hope to call. With his companions, J. Buttery, G. Cleal, S. Cotton, A. Millis and W. Willson he made ringing history in the 'silent' handbell peals of Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques (the latter being his composition). An architect of no mean ability, he won several awards for his designs of various churches, inns and houses. Advancing years have kept him away from the belfry of late years, but his interest in the art continues.

One of the 'good old sort' of Loughborough was the late Edward Reader, who came from Bucks, but who in later life became very deaf. He could call Stedman Triples and Caters very well indeed, but when not conducting would occasionally get lost! I remember so well ringing the tenor at Loughborough Bell Foundry tower with 'Ted' on the 7th. H. J. Poole was calling Dexter's Variation with six singles in which the 7th is involved. He bungled the first, so Harold said to me 'Tell him, Ernest,' so when he was due for the rest I yelled in his ear, 'Single'; he smiled serenely and made them correctly. In this peal the late Rev. Ll. Edwards rang. 'Ted' Reader joined the Midland Counties Association in 1889 and rang 179 peals for them.

Another Loughborough worthy was John Grundy, the verger, a grand man and a good ringer. When I was doing a genealogical search at his church he told me that his family were connected there for generations as vergers and officials. When discussing infant mortality of the old days, how that when a child baptised in one name died, the next would be given the same name. John Grundy was the third so named—he had two older brothers John who died in infancy. Among the many peals he rang he took part in the only vergers' peal yet rung, which I conducted at All Saints', Leicester.

(To be continued)

ROYAL VISIT TO BRENTWOOD

Ringers played an important part in the visit of H.M. the Queen and H.R.H. Prince Philip to Brentwood on October 30th. The bells of the parish church were ringing as the Queen entered the town, stopping for a time for a fanfare as the royal car arrived outside the Council Buildings.

Ringing recommenced as the royal visitors walked to the school and again as they left Brentwood at 5 o'clock. During the evening a peal of Plain Bob Major was rung to mark this first royal visit since 1778.

BEVERLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

A successful meeting of the Society was held at All Saints' Church, Pocklington, on October 12th, and attended by 30 members.

The bells were raised and rung to rounds and standard methods until the service, which was conducted by the Vicar (Canon Richardson), who welcomed the Society.

Tea in the Sellers Hall was provided and served by the wives and mothers of the local ringers. The president (Mr. A. E. Sellers) presided at the business meeting, which was followed by further ringing.

OBITUARY

MR. FRANK BENNETT

We regret to announce that Mr. Frank Bennett died on Sunday at Brighton General Hospital, aged 88 years. The funeral service will be held at St. Nicholas' Church, Brighton, to-day (Friday) at 3 p.m. A memoir will appear in our next issue.

MRS. R. A. CHEAL

A great friend of many ringers who have visited Rainham, Kent, Mrs. Rose Anne Cheal died on October 20th, aged 78. She was always happy entertaining ringers at her home, and for nearly 30 years had followed their activities through the medium of 'The Ringing World.' A devoted Christian, she had worshipped at St. Margaret's Church, Rainham.

A widow since 1919, she was married at St. George's Church, Halifax, Nova Scotia, in 1912 to P.O. F. J. Cheal, R.N. She is survived by one son (Mr. Francis J. Cheal), a daughter (Mrs. George A. Naylor) and a son-in-law (Mr. G. A. Naylor), all of whom are ringers and members of St. Margaret's Church.

The funeral service was at Rainham on October 25th, and to her memory on the following Sunday evening 1,260 Grandsire Triples was rung at St. Margaret's Church with the bells half-muffled. The band was T. G. Dennis 1, Miss E. B. P. Walker 2, F. J. Cheal 3, E. C. Barton 4, G. A. Naylor (conductor) 5, W. A. J. Knight 6, C. E. J. Norris 7, D. Baldock 8.

MR. HERBERT GREGORY

Mr. Herbert Gregory was a greatly loved member of the band at St. Mary's, Launton, and his passing after a very brief illness came as a great shock to all. He was 68, and the death of his wife only six weeks previously dealt him a severe blow, from which he never recovered.

As a boy he learned to ring at Loughton, in Buckinghamshire, where most of his family were ringers. Later he moved to Bicester, and after the 1914–18 war went to Launton, where for almost 40 years he was one of the most loyal members of the band. His name never figured in the peal columns, but he was seldom absent from Sunday service ringing or from local Guild meetings, and he was ever ready to help teach others. A man of the utmost integrity, he would never let the band down: good striking he loved, and praised; bad striking he was quick to condemn. He will be greatly missed.

After the funeral at Launton the parish church bells were rung half-muffled, but unfortunately a broken rope brought a quarter peal to an untimely end after some 800 changes. A quarter peal was rung in his memory at Bicester. May he rest in peace.

MR. JOHN A. TOMKINS

The death occurred on October 15th, after a long illness, of Mr. John Atherstone Tomkins, Penn, Staffs, aged 57. Prior to his devotion to the office of churchwarden he was a member of the St. Bartholomew's band of ringers and had taken part in several peals.

'Jack,' as he was known to all the ringers and church workers, was a tower of strength and a friend to all who made his acquaintance. He was an extremely well-read man and could converse with great versatility on churches and their workings.

Although he had not rung for a number of years with the Penn band, he was still a very fair critic on change-ringing. Following the funeral service a half-muffled quarter was rung by the St. Bartholomew's band. C. F. W. E.

MR. FREDERICK W. HODGSON

The death occurred on October 28th of Mr. Frederick Wm. Hodgson, of Hurworth-on-Tees, near Darlington, aged 53, after a long illness.

Mr. Hodgson played a big part in the life of the village. He was a building contractor, a member of the village hall committee since its inception and a sidesman of the Church of All Saints, where he captained the belfry for many years. He played a major part in building up a band of ringers in the post-war years. Not a peal ringer, he only scored one, but he rang many quarters.

He was laid to rest very close to the tower which he loved on October 31st at a service which was largely attended. The Southern District of the Durham and Newcastle Association was represented by Mrs. R. M. Cooke, wife of the vice-president, Mr. F. W. Cooke and members of his own belfry.

A half-muffled quarter peal consisting of 720 Kent Treble Bob and 540 Plain Bob (the methods he rang) was rung on Saturday, November 2nd, by R. T. Simpson treble, Mrs. R. M. Cooke 2, F. W. Cooke 3, G. F. Newton 4, L. Hodgson 5, T. Cooke (conductor) 6.

F. W. C.

MR. F. W. RICHARDSON

With regret, we record the passing of Mr. F. W. Richardson, of St. John's company, Deptford, in King's College Hospital, London, on November 6th, after a major operation. He was 77 years of age. The funeral service took place at St. John's Church, Deptford, on November 13th, and was followed by interment at Brockley Cemetery.

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BIRTH

WHITE.—At St. Luke's Hospital, Guildford, on November 8th, 1957, to Audrey, wife of T. Mark White, the gift of a daughter (Susan Amanda). 1312

DEATHS

BENNETT.—On November 10th, 1957, peacefully, Frank Bennett, aged 88 years, father of Mrs. E. L. Hairs and grandfather of Mrs. O. D. Barnett. Funeral to-day (Friday) 3 p.m., St. Nicholas' Church, Brighton. 1314

GLANVILL.—On Nov. 5th, 1957, at Higher Bagmores Farm, Woodbury, Devon, Emma Louise, aged 51, beloved wife of John L. S. Glanvill and dear mother of June, John, Pat and Brian. Funeral, Woodbury Church, Nov. 9th. 1339

PERSONAL

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As from November 26th, the home address of Instructor Commander Gordon Cross and Mrs. Cross will be 4, Hoylake Road, Draytori, Portsmouth. Cdr. Cross's normal address: Office of the Commander-in-Chief, Home Fleet, c/o G.P.O., London. 1321

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The address of Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Genna, formerly of 17, Tintern Way, West Harrow, Middlesex, is now Nyetimber, The Green, Middleton Cheney, near Banbury, Oxon. 1315

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ST. PETER'S, BUSHEY HEATH, practice night changed from Thursday to Wednesday until further notice. 1311

STAMFORD HILL, ST. ANN'S.—Sunday service and practice ringing has recommenced: Tuesdays, 7.30, open; Thursdays, 7.30, tied; Sundays, usual times. All serious exponents and learners of the art welcome. N.B.—We now have eight bells. 1317

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MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Election of officers meeting at the Rising Sun, Carter Lane, Saturday, Nov. 16th, 6 p.m. Ringing, St. John's, Leytonstone, 3.30 p.m.—A. B. Peck, Sec. 1294

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District.—Meeting tomorrow, Saturday, Nov. 16th, at Bulkington. Bells 3 p.m. Tea will very kindly be provided by Mr. A. J. Hinde at his house, 15, Church Street, Bulkington, Nuneaton. A good turn-up would be appreciated.—D. A. Carpenter. 1334

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Buckden (5) on Saturday, Nov. 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 1273

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, St. Mary's, Wisbech, Saturday, Nov. 16th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 1277

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Finchingfield, Saturday, Nov. 16th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to F. W. J. Roper, Crest Lodge, Finchingfield, Braintree. 1246

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Saturday, Nov. 16th, St. Michael's (6). 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Please try to attend.—A. Bennett. 1326

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Nomination meeting at Chobham (8), Saturday, Nov. 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Good attendance, please.

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Wittersham, Saturday, Nov. 16th, 2.30 p.m.—G. Billenness, Hon. Sec. 1263

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, St. Stephen's, St. Albans, Saturday, Nov. 16th, 3 p.m. Bells 6 p.m. Service. Tea.—S. Huckle, Dis. Sec. 1327

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Social, Saturday, Nov. 16th, in St. Dunstan's Church Hall, Orchard Street, Canterbury. Tea 4.45 p.m., followed by social evening.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 1232

LADIES' GUILD.—Kent Branch.—Meeting at Tonbridge, Saturday, Nov. 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5! Service 6.45 p.m. Gentlemen cordially invited. 1221

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Great Glenn, Saturday, Nov. 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., Crown Inn.—L. W. Allen. 1329

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Nov. 16th. All Saints', Poplar (10), 3 to 4.30 p.m. Tea, own arrangements. Business meeting, St. Mary-atte-Bow East (8), 5.45. Ringing until 8.30 p.m. Everyone welcome. A good attendance requested.—L. W. Bullock. 1285

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Ruislip on Saturday, Nov. 16th. Bells 3 to 4.30 p.m. Business 4.30 to 5 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. Further ringing 6.15 to 8 p.m.—F. A. Finch. 1283

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Evening meeting, Burton Parish Church, Saturday, Nov. 16th. Bells (8) 5.30 to 8 p.m.—J. Cotton.

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Ditchling (8), Saturday, Nov. 16th, 3 p.m. Numbers for tea by Wednesday, Nov. 13th, please.—Geo. North, 11, Richmond Terrace, Brighton.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBRIDGE.—Dedication of new octave by the Lord Bishop of Ely on Saturday, Nov. 16th, at 3 p.m. Ringers and friends are invited to tea in the Church School. Bells available after tea. Practice on Wednesdays, 7.30 to 9 p.m. Visitors welcome.—E. W. Bullman. 1292

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District. — A practice meeting will be held at Hursley (8) on Saturday, Nov. 16th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., King's Head Hotel.—P Nash. 1332

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Ranmoor, Saturday, Nov. 16th. Bells (10) from 3 p.m. Tea in the Church Hall 5 p.m. Buses every few minutes from Leopold Street, Sheffield.—J. J. L. Gilbert. 1298

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Axbridge Branch.—Practice meeting, Blagdon, Saturday, Nov. 23rd. Bells (8) 5 p.m. The December meeting will be held at Berrow on Saturday, 14th. Bells (6) 5 p.m. — E. C. Wickham, Hon. Branch Sec. 1338

BRADLEY, NEAR BILSTON, STAFFS. — Dedication of the recast octave (John Taylor and Co.) by the Lord Bishop of Lichfield on Saturday, Nov. 23rd, 3 p.m. Ringing after service until 8 p.m. Limited refreshments until 6 p.m.

CHESTER GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—The Branch annual meeting will be held at Grappenhall on Saturday, Nov. 23rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—C. Raddon. 1320

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at St. Paul's, Stalybridge, on Saturday, Nov. 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. For tea, please advise by Tuesday, Nov. 19th. Mr. A. Hodgson, 9, Stocks Lane, Stalybridge.—C. K. Lewis. 1335

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Derby District) and LADIES' GUILD.—Joint meeting at St. Peter's, Derby, Saturday, Nov. 23rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea in Parochial Hall 5 p.m., following service at 4.30 p.m. All welcome.—Vivienne M. Horton, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1261

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Practice meeting at Great Bromley, Saturday, Nov. 23rd. Bells (6) 2.30 to 9 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea. Everybody welcome.—J. H. Gould. Dis. Sec. 1281

ESSEX ASSOCIATION (N.W. District), HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Eastern District), ELY DIOCESAN GUILD and CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD. — A joint meeting will be held at Saffron Walden (12) on Saturday, Nov. 23rd, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea at 5.15 p.m. Names, please, to G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 1287

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Meeting, Elkstone (5), Saturday, Nov. 23rd, 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by Nov. 19th. Annual meeting, St. Mary's, Cheltenham (12), Saturday, Dec. 14th.—Mary Bliss, Beech Pike, Cheltenham. 1319

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—South-West Branch. — Lamerton, Nov. 23rd. Meeting specially arranged for learners. Usual arrangements. Tea only for those who notify by 18th T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth. 1341

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Aldershot (8) on Saturday, Nov. 23rd, from 7 p.m.—C. J. Beadle. 1340

LADIES' GUILD. — Yorkshire District. — Meeting at Thrybergh on Saturday, Nov. 23rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Please bring sandwiches; cups of tea provided. Gentlemen cordially invited.

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Joint meeting with the Derbyshire Association at St. Peter's, Derby, Saturday, Nov. 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Everybody welcome. 1333

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Barwell, Saturday, Nov. 23rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30. Names for tea, please, by the Wednesday previous, to Mr. C. R. Belton, Westgate, Hinckley Road, Barwell, Leicester.—Michael Vernon, Dis. Sec. 1310

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Benington on Saturday, Nov. 23rd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, Parish Hall, 5 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, Nov. 18th, to me.—W. E. Clarke, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston. 1280

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — South Oxon Branch.—Combined practice at Dorchester on Saturday, Nov. 23rd, at 3 p.m. Tea for those who notify me by Nov. 19th. All welcome.—H. Badger, 23, Stanway Road, Headington, Oxford. 1322

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Penn, Nov. 23rd, 3.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify me by 19th.—W. Butler, 17, Forest Road, Windsor (Windsor 1484). 1337

SALISBURY GUILD. — Calne Branch. — Meeting, Heddington (6), Saturday, Nov. 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea, please.—W. Hacker, Downs View, Heddington, Calne, Wilts.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Debenham District.—Meeting at Debenham on Saturday, Nov. 23rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Nov. 20th to W. J. Button, Stonham Aspal, Stowmarket. 1278

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Saxmundham District.—Meeting at Benhall (ringing 2.30 p.m.) and Saxmundham (ringing 6.30 p.m.) on Saturday, Nov. 23rd. Service at Benhall 4.30. Tea at Clarks, Saxmundham, 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by Nov. 21st must be sent to Alan R. Bridges, Post Office, Theberton, Leiston. 1279

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Nov. 23rd, Willingdon. Frequent buses eight minutes from Eastbourne Station. London Minor again. Tea names.—H. Reynolds, Sec., 10, Eastern Avenue, Polegate. 1323

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—The sixth annual dinner will be held at the Westgate Lodge Hotel, Winchester, on Saturday, Nov. 23rd, at 6.30 p.m. Service 5.15 at St. Lawrence's Church. Bar open at 6 p.m. Tickets available, 12s. each, from P. Nash, 10, Portal Road, Winchester.—R. F. Brewer, Dis. Sec. 1331

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—Annual meeting, St. David's, Exeter, Saturday, Nov. 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to F. Wreford, 24, Normandy Road, Exeter. 1324

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Nomination meeting will be held at Bramley (6) on Saturday, Nov. 30th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at Jolly Farmer at 5.15 p.m. Notifications for tea by previous Wednesday to Miss M. Collins, 3, Hawthorne Way, Burpham, Guildford. 1276

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Meeting for nomination of District officers at Ewell on Saturday, Nov. 30th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea by Nov. 27th to J. E. Beams, 4, Cottage Road, West Ewell. 1328

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Monmouth Branch.—Joint meeting with Ladies' Guild, Saturday, Nov. 30th, Caerleon. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Ladies' Guild meeting 4 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and Branch business meeting. Names for tea, please, by Nov. 25th.—J. S. King. 1325

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Nov. 30th, at North Creake. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by the business meeting. Names for tea not later than Thursday, 28th, to R. Alcock, Church Street, North Creake, Fakenham. 1313

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting at Stony Stratford on Saturday, Nov. 30th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Please notify for tea by Nov. 25th, R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bucks. 1330

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Meeting at Moulton on Saturday, Nov. 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Tuesday previous, to Mr. G. F. Roome, 116, Derby Road, Northampton. Practice meeting (Surprise) at Brafield, Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells from 6 p.m. 1307

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Practice meeting, Saturday, Nov. 30th, at East Knoyle (6, anti-clockwise). Bells from 2.30 p.m. and after tea. Service 4 p.m. Tea specially arranged by ringers' wives, so numbers by 26th essential, to Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 1316

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Meeting at Freckenham (5), Saturday, Nov. 30th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Mildenhall bells from 6 p.m.—E. M. Peachey, Dis. Sec. 1336

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WALMER, KENT.—On Oct. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: A. C. Rye 1, Mrs. F. W. Lawrence 2, F. B. Lufkin 3, F. A. Rye 4, P. J. Westwood 5, P. J. Rye 6, F. W. Lawrence (cond.) 7, E. A. Dixon 8. For Evensong.

TONBRIDGE, KENT.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. R. Richards (first quarter) 1, Mrs. S. M. Dobbie 2, C. Hancock 3, S. A. White 4, E. J. Ladd 5, B. Collison 6, W. H. Dobbie (cond.) 7, E. Brunger 8. For harvest festival.

SOCIETY OF ROVING RINGERS TOUR, 1957

THE 11th annual tour of the Society was held from July 27th to August 5th in S.E. England, visiting Kent, Sussex, the Isle of Wight and Hampshire. The touring party of 20 met at St. Stephen's, Hackington, Canterbury, where the first ringing of the tour included Grandsire, Stedman and London before members struggled up the hill to Canterbury youth hostel.

Sunday dawned fine and clear and so it was for the rest of the tour, and 9.45 found all at the Cathedral patiently waiting. By 10.30 a.m. it was decided that the 'extra' service being held by the famous local school would prevent our ring on the looked-forward-to 12. However, after obtaining permission, we decided to return to ring for Evensong and forgo the eight at Birchington as planned.

The afternoon found us at Quex Park, where most members climbed to the top of the tower to see the splendid view. The 12 were rung to Grandsire and Stedman Cinques, Cambridge Royal and Maximus. We returned to Canterbury for Evensong ringing, where the bells and the welcome by the 'locals' made up for our morning disappointment. Two, who went swimming at Whitstable, later returned to find handbells ringing in full swing with a delighted audience of hostellers.

On Monday we started our journey to the south coast, stopping first at Wye to ring Bristol, Rutland and Spliced Surprise on this fine eight. After lunch at Ashford we pushed on to the anti-clockwise ring at Tenterden and then Biddenden, where Lincolnshire and four Spliced Plain Major were rung. The programme next said: Dinner—Goudhurst Y.H.—7.30 p.m.; but six weary members finally sat down to eat at 9.30 p.m., thanks to the shortcomings of their self-styled map reader and a broken crank on his bicycle. Handbells were again enjoyed in the Green Room.

CAMERA INCIDENT

We all enjoyed Rotherfield bells on Tuesday morning, where Erin was rung for the first time along with Spliced Surprise. Also discovered here was a magnificent set of handbells, the sound of which filled the church like an organ. Lunch had been organised locally so that one member had to carry his cheese for another 24 hours before it was opened. At Mayfield, among other things, Stedman was surely rung at a record speed for these bells, or so the seventh man would certainly declare. There was a surprise for one member on reaching Southover to discover that he had left his camera at Mayfield, some 14 miles back! London Royal, sad to say, was not to be rung here, at least not more than three leads, on this favourable ten. From Lewes the final steppingstone of the day was Brighton. No meal was booked at the hostel and members went various ways before meeting later at The Good Shepherd to join the local practice night. A birthday was celebrated later, but the local brew was found to be unworthy of the occasion.

Wednesday dawned at 5.30 a.m. for one, and three started the day with an early morning swim at 7, but were all late back for breakfast! The morning was spent in Brighton, first at the Church of St. Nicholas of Myra and then at St. Peter's for enjoyable ringing of Stedman, Grandsire and Cambridge Royal; the London this time went to five leads. We were improving! This day the cheese was opened and eaten on the beach at Hove in scorching sunshine. A wedding delayed ringing at Shoreham, where we were joined by two nurses for the rest of the day. Led once again by the Master, on the now very familiar tandem, we sailed along at great speed to Lyminster. London and Spliced Plain Minor were achieved along with someone's Principle, but whose I'm not sure!

A CHARMING WELCOME

The next morning ringing commenced at Arundel, where cameras were soon busy on the many architectural sights of the town. Rutland, London and Spliced Surprise on the easy-going eight proved enjoyable. Chichester Cathedral with its detached campanile was next on the list. Our absent-minded member met us here, believing it to be the first tower of the day. Here there was a delay while the key was found, but who could be annoyed with the charming nurse who eventually arrived very breathless to meet us? Certainly not the Master!

At Portsmouth Cathedral that afternoon a complete copy of Holt's Original (plus a frame) caused much comment. After five days of cycling we now travelled by water on the ferry to the Isle of Wight, having a good view of the 'Queen Mary' on the short trip over to Ryde. After ringing here we again took to our bikes for the last stretch to Sandown, where we were to spend two overcrowded nights jammed in a very full hostel.

Friday began with a mist but this soon cleared for another sizzling day. Brading was our first call and we crowded into the small belfry to look as crowded as at the Y.H. Enjoyable ringing was soon in the capable hands of the Master, and Stedman, Erin, Bristol and Six Spliced Plain were rung; here we were joined for the weekend by a gentleman from Crewe. At the next tower, Godshill, our now ex-Oxfordian arrived complete with bow tie, bus timetable and mackintosh! Many holiday-makers watched attentively the varied Minor ringing and two had a pull themselves. Then on to Whitwell, where the third picnic was held, the cry being for more bread to eat up the cheese and pickles! After all had rung in methods from Plain Bob to London, we went to Niton, the first five of the tour.

Ringing was delayed for the third time this week, this time owing to a funeral. Several considered themselves lucky to get back to Sandown in the evening after being led astray again by our poor map reader as far as St. Catherine's Point. A swim was very welcome on arrival and the cycle capes were put to good use, even if not to keep the rain out!

Saturday's first tower was Newport, then on to Cowes for the ferry to Southampton. Cowes was in full regalia for the regatta, and we had a good view of the Royal Yacht, the racing and the 'Mauretania,' on a very interesting sail up Southampton Water.

ALMOST 40 STRONG

At St. Michael's, Southampton, we met most of the weekenders, and ringing ranged from Caters to Royal. By bike or by car we made our way to Bishopstoke to ring Cambridge, Lincolnshire and Spliced Surprise, and then hastened to Winchester for dinner at the Winchester Hotel. The company was now almost 40 strong and assembled for a short business meeting before we reverted to handbells and the pleasure of meeting old friends again. Midnight was seen in by a few revellers to celebrate yet another birthday.

Sunday, the hottest day of the tour, began at the Cathedral, nearly all the bikes by this time locked up for a short rest, and cars were the order of the day. August 4th, being a royal birthday, was celebrated by the firing of the bells, in which one or two of our members joined the Cathedral ringers. The fine 12 were then set going to Grandsire and Stedman Cinques and Cambridge Maximus. In the afternoon we once again sampled them before going to ring on the five at Sparsholt.

The weather was marvellous and enthusiasm for ringing dwindled to a pull and a 'quiet' sit

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in the churchyard, before we went on to Hursley to ring for Evensong. The local inn provided us with cups of tea (!) before ringing, and 'Uncle Mac' gave us modern selections on the piano, a typical Borge act. Even the waitress wondered at our sanity on discovering him under the piano. Back at Winchester for dinner we found that an attempted handbell peal had never really got going. The evening was spent in the usual fashion, and on leaving after two very comfortable nights the landlord actually said he'd be pleased to have us again.

The first stop on our last day was North Stoneham, where quite a few had difficulty in controlling the light trebles. However, Stedman and Cambridge were brought round before we actually achieved the test of the tour, a course of London Royal at last! Our last tower was St. Mary's, Southampton. This rebuilt war-blitzed church was greatly admired. Caters and Surprise Royal were rung as members glanced through the old ringing records to be found in this tower.

After ringing here the tour ended, and goodbyes were said as each departed, by train, car or bike, after a most enjoyable tour and successful weekend. As usual, there is only one thing left to say through 'The Ringing World,' and that is a 'Thanks' to the Master for keeping law and giving the orders, to the secretaries, and to incumbents and tower captains for the ready use of their bells; in fact we thank old Uncle Tom Cobley and all! D. D. D.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

The North Norfolk Branch held its quarterly meeting at Buxton on October 19th, with a good attendance of ringers from a wide area of Norfolk and a few from Suffolk.

The service was taken by the Rector (Rev. W. B. Dryden), Miss O. E. Digby played the organ and the lesson was read by Mr. W. R. Catchpole. A very nice tea was given by the local ringers and their wives.

At the business which followed, in the absence of the chairman, the Rev. H. G. Lillingston presided. New members elected: Christine and Hilary Golden, Nona Allard (Norwich), F J. Bramble (Heydon), Norman Cushion (Marsham), probationary members; Marjorie Bird, honorary member; Joy Benton (Wroxham), ringing member, with ratification of the following N.R.L.M. elected prior to ringing peals: G. R. Goodship (Ipswich), Mr. and Mrs. Hudson (Rochdale), C. Wratten (Cheltenham), A. Carveth (Truro), R. Elkington (Anstey, Leics) and R. Prime (Burstall, Leics).

A vote of thanks was passed to the Rector and to all who had helped to make the meeting a success.

It was decided (subject to permission) to hold the annual Branch meeting at Wroxham on January 11th. C. B.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

A meeting of the Eastern District took place on October 12th at Northaw (6, 13 cwt.). Ringing in the ornate tower commenced at 3 p.m. and was followed at 4 p.m. by tea at the Two Brewers.

At the business meeting it was decided to hold the next meeting at Hertingfordbury and Bengeo, subject to the availability of the bells. New members were elected from Great Amwell, Bengeo and Northaw towers. Ringing continued after the meeting in methods up to Cambridge Surprise, the Ringing Master being Mr. E. B. McKie.

Thanks are due to the Rev. J. M. Bryant, and to Mrs. Martin for supervising a most acceptable tea. C. E. H.

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63254	—			L K L
45236	—	—	—	M C M
24536			—	M K L
52436			—	R C W
34625	—	—	3	E C R B B
64523	—			E S E
62345	2	—	—	E B Y W
32546	—			R Y L
24365	2	2		L B C B W
36245		—	—	L S W
65243	—		2	W S M B
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CALLING EXTENTS OF MINOR

YOUNG conductors who for Sunday service ringing are calling extents of Kent and Oxford Minor may be interested to hear of the large variety of callings available. The standard system of 9 bobs called with any one bell in and out of the slow excepting when a certain other bell is present has 20 variations, i.e., 6 without 5, etc., to 2 without 3.

Having worked through the above 20 extents, the next step is the 12 bob extent and the calling is similar to the standard system, but in addition a bob is called when two other bells are together in or out of the slow. For instance, if the conducting is being done from the tenor with the 5th as sub-observation bell, the usual nine bobs will be called and three additional bobs are called when the 2nd and 5th are together in or out of the slow; extents can also be obtained by using 3 and 5 or 4 and 5. If, however, 2 and 4, 2 and 3 or 3 and 4 are used the bells will come round at 504. Here are the figures for the six callings:—

6 without 5, 5 & 4.....720
6 without 5 & 3.....720
6 without 5 & 2.....720
6 without 4 & 3.....504
6 without 4 & 2.....504
6 without 3 & 2.....504

It will be seen that if the sub-observation bell, the 5th in this case, is coupled with another bell for the extra three bobs, a 720 will be the result. Thus using the 6 without 5 calling, three 720's can be obtained, and by going through the standard callings, 6wo5, 6wo4, 6wo3, etc., sixty different extents can be rung.

In the Collection of Doubles and Minor Methods 3rd Edition, on page 63 there are given six 12 bob extents which are 2wo4 with 5&4, 4wo3 with 5&3, 3wo2 with 2&5, 3wo4 with 4&6, 2wo3 with 3&6, 4wo2 with 2&6. So much for the 12 bob extent which is not too difficult to call if observation bells are used.

The 15 bob extent is not complicated for the standard system to which reference has been made is still used, i.e., 6 without 5 and one other bell must be watched; the calling now being 6 without 5 and 5 without 4, meaning that a bob must be called when 6 is in and out of the slow excepting when 5 is present and also when 5 is in and out of the slow unless 4 is present: this may appear rather involved, but it can be likened to calling a standard extent from two bells. There are 60 extents using this system of calling, six of which are given herewith:—

6wo5 and 5wo4,
6wo5 and 5wo3,
6wo5 and 5wo2,
6wo4 and 4wo5,
6wo4 and 4wo3,
6wo4 and 4wo2, etc., etc.

On page 64 of the book previously mentioned, six extents are given:—

3wo4 and 4wo2, 4wo2 and 2wo3, 2wo3 and 3wo4,
2wo4 and 4wo3, 3wo2 and 2wo4, 4wo3 and 3wo2.

The conductor has now 140 different extents of Oxford or Kent at his command and the systems can be applied to Duke of York, College Pleasure and Tanners Pleasure. Plain Bob can also be rung with the calling being made when the bells concerned are in 5–6 when the treble leads. On page 44 of the Collection there are two 12 bob half extents which are:— 4wo2 and 2with6, 3wo2 and 2with5, also two 15 bob half extents:— 6wo 5 and 5wo3, 2wo3 and 3wo4; these will, of course, require a single and the calling repeated to make the full extent.

The greater proportion of the extents will not have 5–6 the right way, but in the cartwheeling towers this is a minor detail. The method of conducting by using observation and sub-observation bells may be new to many ringers and can be used for calling touches in addition to extents; it may be found that a closer watch can be kept on the position of the bells.

Other methods will respond to these systems including Cambridge Surprise, but methods which bring up rounds with three successive bobs appear to work out correctly.

N. F. MOXON.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Nov. 4, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 25 cwt.

*NORMAN V. HARDING	*Treble*	ARTHUR G. MASON	7
G. STEDMAN MORRIS	2	J. FREDERICK MILNER	8
PHYLLIS POOLE	3	JOHN A. ACRES	9
*RICHARD F. D. SPEED	4	HERRICK B. BOWLEY	10
JACK L. MILLHOUSE	5	†WILLIAM J. ROOT	11
SHIRLEY BURTON	6	JOHN FREEMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by RICHARD F. D. SPEED.
* First peal of Surprise Maximus. † 100th peal in this tower.

TEN BELL PEALS

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 2, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

HARRY D. LISTER	*Treble*	GILBERT R. GOODSHIP	6
*†RODERICK W. PIPE	2	GEORGE A. FLEMING	7
‡DAVID H. BUXTON	3	CECIL W. PIPE	8
GEORGE E. SYMONDS	4	ERNEST V. BLAKE	9
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY	5	*ALAN CLARKE	*Tenor*

Composed by F. N. GOLDEN. Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.
* First peal of Grandsire Caters. † 50th peal. ‡ First peal in the method.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 9, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 25¼ cwt. in D flat.

W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON	*Treble*	LEONARD STILWELL	6
ALBERT W. BOND	2	WILLIAM ROGERS	7
RUTH M. K. HOW	3	*E. KEITH JORDAN	8
*BERNARD V. COLLISON	4	WILLIAM T. BEESON	9
E. WINIFRED KEYS	5	FREDERICK W. BURNETT	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. HALEY. Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.
* First peal of Stedman Caters.
Specially rung as a 76th birthday compliment to Arthur W. Gravett.

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 9, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL AND ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. ALBAN,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

BERTIE A. CORNELL	*Treble*	*MICHAEL D. FROST	6
ARTHUR DAY	2	ERIC EDMONSON	7
DONALD G. CLIFT	3	HAROLD V. FROST	8
PATRICIA DOORN	4	WILLIAM J. ARNOLD	9
GEOFFREY DODDS	5	GERALD PENNEY	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY W. HALEY. Conducted by WILLIAM J. ARNOLD.
* First peal in the method 'inside.'
Rung for Remembrancetide.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

HARLINGTON, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIO. GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 7½ cwt.

*DEREK FOWLES	*Treble*	*H. MICHAEL WILLIAMSON	5
ALAN F. THIRST	2	*R. JAMES COOK	6
*DENNIS R. RANDALL	3	*GEORGE E. RUCK	7
FREDERICK A. FINCH	4	WILLIAM T. COOK	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN H. WOOD. Conducted by WILLIAM T. COOK.
* First peal in the method.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Oct. 30, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Taylor's Six-part. Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

MILDRED M. JONES	*Treble*	DAVID YOUNG	5
*ROGER MAHER	2	PETER CROOK, SEN.	6
NORMAN TOMPKINS	3	JOSEPH THORNLEY	7
JAMES FIELDING	4	JOHN F. WOOD	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.
* First peal of Grandsire 'inside.'
Rung to celebrate the birth of a son to the Rev. and Mrs. W. Martin, Vicar of St. Luke's, Weaste, Salford; and first grandchild of Mr. Vincent Martin, head ringer at this church, and Mrs. Martin.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 2, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (second observation). Tenor 21¼ cwt.

DOROTHY R. FLETCHER	*Treble*	JESSE HARRISON	5
HARRY WINGROVE	2	†DAVID LAMB	6
*ANN SHIELS	3	ALBERT BRIDGES	7
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER	4	MICHAEL BROADLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.
* First peal of Grandsire Triples 'inside.' † First peal in the method.
Rung by the local band for the Patronal Festival of the Church.

MANCHESTER, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 2, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL AND COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, ST. GEORGE AND ST. DENYS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Thurstans' Five-part. Tenor 27¼ cwt. in D.

LESTER GRAY	*Treble*	JOSEPH THORNLEY	5
MARY WALSHAW	2	PETER CROOK, SEN.	6
GWEN HOWLETT	3	EDWIN C. BIRKETT	7
HUGH REYNOLDS	4	JOHN F. WOOD	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.
Rung as a farewell to the Rt. Rev. Frank Woods and Mrs. Woods on their departure for Melbourne, Australia, where Bishop Woods is to be Archbishop.

SUTTON COLDFIELD, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Nov. 2, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in E flat.

MURIEL REAY	*Treble*	NORMAN J. GOODMAN	5
RUTH M. JACKSON	2	JOHN PINFOLD	6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	3	GEORGE E. FEARN	7
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the daughter and the granddaughter of Mr. John Pinfold.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., Nov. 4, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL OF ST. CHAD,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in F.

ARTHUR F. BURLEY	*Treble*	NORMAN J. GOODMAN	5
DIANA J. PERRINS	2	JOHN PINFOLD	6
RUTH M. JACKSON	3	HENRY H. FEARN	7
PETER BORDER	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

LODDON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Nov. 6, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

ARTHUR G. BASON	*Treble*	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	5
NOLAN GOLDEN	2	STANLEY W. COPLING	6
WILLIAM LOVE	3	GEORGE SAYER	7
F. CHARLES GOODMAN	4	BERT GOGLE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
A diamond wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. George Reeve, parishioners for 48 years.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Thurs., Nov. 7, 1957, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19¼ cwt.

C. JACK GIBSON	*Treble*	CHARLES W. BEECROFT	5
*EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	2	WALTER W. MILLER	6
FRANK RUFFLES	3	LESLIE G. BRETT	7
WALTER RUFFLES	4	JOHN W. BLYTHE	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY (No. 50). Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.
* First touch of Superlative.

ASPENDON, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 9, 1957, in 3 Hours.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	*Treble*	*BERNARD L. MARKS	5
FRANCES M. WELCH	2	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	6
JACK S. DEAR	3	DAVID SUTCLIFFE	7
RICHARD J. CASTLEDINE	4	COLIN A. S. HARWOOD	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LEWIS. Conducted by COLIN A. S. HARWOOD.
* First peal of Major 'inside.' First peal as conductor.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 9, 1957, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ILLTYD,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 16 cwt.

D. WALFORD DAVIES	*Treble*	GWYN I. LEWIS	5
ALFRED HANNINGTON	2	ALBERT J. PITMAN	6
FRANK ROWSELL	3	*WILLIAM T. PETTY	7
THOMAS YEOMANS	4	HAROLD PREECE	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT J. PITMAN.
* 50th peal.
Rung for the new Archbishop-elect of Wales.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 9, 1957, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr 24 lb.

PERCY STONE	*Treble*	JAMES DRAYCOTT	5
FRANK REYNOLDS	2	JAMES L. GARNER-HAYWARD	6
DAVID A. CARPENTER	3	JAMES F. CLARKE	7
DOROTHY E. BEAMISH	4	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON	*Tenor*

Composed by ROGER LEIGH. Conducted by FRANK REYNOLDS.
Rung to mark the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. L. Thompson.

COGGESHALL, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 9, 1957, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-AD-VINCULA,
A PEAL OF 5024 COGGESHALL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt.

ROBERT J. LINDSELL	*Treble*	TERRY EARLE	5
ALAN R. SYDER	2	HILDA G. SNOWDEN	6
LEWIS W. WIFFEN	3	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD	7
ALLEN W. CANSDALE	4	HARRY J. MILLATT	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by HARRY J. MILLATT.
The first peal to be rung in this method, which is 2nds place variation of Colchester Surprise. The first peal of Surprise in this tower since restoration of the church after war damage.

EPSOM, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 9, 1957, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.

GEORGE MARRINER	*Treble*	TREVOR A. CROSS	5
ALFRED H. WINCH	2	EDWARD G. L. COWARD	6
*PATRICIA SMEE	3	†FRANK OAKSHOTT	7
ARTHUR H. SMITH	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
* First peal of Surprise 'inside.' † First peal of Surprise, and first attempt. The conductor's 50th peal of Cambridge Major, rung in 50 different towers.
Rung as a 'bon voyage' peal for Mr. F. Oakshott, who is leaving for a four-months' holiday in Australia.

STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIO. GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 9, 1957, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF 5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 19 lb. in G.

PHYLLIS M. MAYNE	*Treble*	*RICHARD G. OUSTON	5
*B. CLARE WEBSTER	2	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN	6
†WILLIAM WENBAN	3	HAROLD E. CLAYTON	7
JOAN M. WILCOCKSON	4	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES S. WILDE. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major. † 150th peal of Major.
Rung on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the first peal on these bells.

AUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Nov. 11, 1957, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's No. 2 variation. Tenor 14 cwt.

JAMES MARSH	*Treble*	EDWARD ASHCROFT	5
RONALD KENRICK	2	ROBERT LARKEY	6
JOSEPH RIDYARD	3	HARRY POYNER	7
JOHN LUNHAM	4	J. HENRY MOORCROFT	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY POYNER.
Rung half-muffled in memory of the fallen.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., Nov. 11, 1957, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

RUTH M. JACKSON	*Treble*	JOHN PINFOLD	5
DIANA J. PERRINS	2	H. DAVID HOLLAND	6
NORMAN J. GOODMAN	3	JOHN R. JOYNER	7
GEORGE E. FEARN	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

SIX BELL PEALS

BARMING, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1957, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

*EVELYN RAY	*Treble*	REGINALD E. LAMBERT	4
ERNEST J. LADD	2	ROBERT T. LAMBERT	5
BERNARD V. COLLISON	3	COLIN A. TESTER	*Tenor*

Conducted by COLIN A. TESTER.
* First peal.

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DISLEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In nine methods: (1) and (2) Norbury, College Exercise, Duke of Norfolk and Ockley Treble Bob; (3) and (4) Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure, Sandal and Capel Treble Bob; (5), (6) and (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

*BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	*Treble*	BERNARD GROVES	4
†WILLIAM H. DOWSE	2	*FRANK OSBALDISTON	5
‡JOHN R. KENNETT	3	ROBERT B. SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by BERNARD GROVES.

* 25th peal together. † First peal in nine methods 'inside.' ‡ First peal of Minor and in nine methods. First peal as conductor. Brian J. Woodruffe has now 'circled the tower.' Average age 15.5 years.

BRANSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents, viz.: Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Single Court, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

RONALD RUSSELL	*Treble*	*G. LEONARD THOMPSON	4
PERCY BALDOCK	2	JAMES H. MUSSON	5
AMOS INGALL	3	LOUIS WILLDERS	*Tenor*

Conducted by LOUIS WILLDERS.

* 25th peal. The conductor's 25th peal in this tower.
Rung within the octave of the Feast of All Saints.

WEST BUCKLAND, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 17 cwt.

BARBARA J. STEVENS	*Treble*	SIDNEY W. WHITE	4
PAMELA M. STEVENS	2	CYRIL J. STEVENS	5
RAYMOND P. SELWAY	3	WILLIAM E. TURNER	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM E. TURNER.
First peal of Minor on the bells since rehanging.

SAPCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Nov. 1, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in A flat.

RITA M. STRATFORD	*Treble*	*ERNEST W. RAWSON	4
LEONARD TREVOR	2	*JOHN B. BENNETT	5
GRAHAM T. BALL	3	MICHAEL E. BROWN	*Tenor*

Conducted by MICHAEL E. BROWN.

* First peal of Minor in the method.
Rung for All Saints' Day.

ASHWICK, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 2, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 12 extents of Plain Bob and 30 extents of Grandsire. Tenor 7 cwt.

*FRANCES M. MASSEY (10)	*Treble*	W. JOHN PHIPPEN	4
†GRAHAM C. GRANT	2	DAVID T. ROBERTSON	5
ERNEST E. BRAY	3	PERCY BRAY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST E. BRAY.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

EYAM, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 2, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. in A.

WILLIAM H. DOWSE	*Treble*	†JOHN H. ALLEN	4
FRANK OSBALDISTON	2	ROBERT B. SMITH	5
*BERNARD GROVES	3	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

* 50th peal. † First peal of Surprise.

PRISTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 2, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Rev. E. Bankes James' arrangement. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

ROBIN S. M. STUBBS	*Treble*	GEORGE J. HAWKINS	4
WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT	2	ERIC NAYLOR	5
*S. ARTHUR READ	3	†TERRENCE T. JONES	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERIC NAYLOR.

* First peal of Minor in the method. † First peal of Surprise.

CRANFORD, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Nov. 3, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B. and Kent T.B., and one extent of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

DAVID PERKINS	*Treble*	BRIAN AUSTIN	4
RAY IDLE	2	DAVID W. JAMES	5
SHELAGH COLLINS	3	BRYAN S. COPE	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRYAN S. COPE.
Rung on the 50th anniversary of the installation of the bells.

TOLLESBURY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Nov. 3, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and two 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

ROBERT W. LEAVETT	*Treble*	WILLIAM J. BRUNT	4
ERNEST W. BRIGHT	2	FRANK B. LUFKIN	5
SYDNEY C. EASTER	3	BERNARD W. FAIRHEAD	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.
Rung for the harvest of the sea service.

DEEPING ST. NICHOLAS, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Nov. 4, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 6¼ cwt.

STANLEY E. BENNETT	*Treble*	MAURICE BENNETT	4
MRS. J. R. SMITH	2	JOHN R. SMITH	5
FRANK TAYLOR	3	RONALD C. NOON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. SMITH.

BRENTFORD, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIO. GUILD.
On Thurs., Nov. 7, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Cambridge, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb. in G.

BARWELL B. DIBBEN	*Treble*	JOHN L. MORRIS	4
JOAN M. PHILLIPS	2	ROBIN G. LEALE	5
GERALD M. ROUSE	3	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

ACLE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 9, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being extents of Double Oxford, St. Clement's, College Bob, Oxford Bob, Double Court, Double Plain Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 47 lb. in G.

HERBERT W. LIDBETTER	*Treble*	NOLAN GOLDEN	4
H. WILLIAM BARRETT	2	GEORGE SAYER	5
DORIS E. LIDBETTER	3	ARTHUR G. BASON	*Tenor*

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
Rung in honour of Mr. Herbert W. Lidbetter's 85th birthday.

BOBBING, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 9, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 9¼ cwt. in A flat.

*LAWRENCE MITCHELL	*Treble*	EDWARD C. BARTON	4
*HAZEL V. DADSON	2	GEORGE KENWARD	5
†KATHLEEN M. WALSH	3	GEORGE A. NAYLOR	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.

* First peal in seven methods. † First peal of Minor.

Rung with the bells open, in thankful remembrance of all who gave their lives in the two world wars.

DUXFORD, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 9, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in 11 methods, viz.: (1) Hull, (2) Annable's London, (3) London and Wells, (4) Beverley and Surfleet, (5) York and Durham, (6) Ipswich and Cambridge, (7) Norwich. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

DONALD F. MURFET	*Treble*	DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS	4
GEORGE E. CRISP	2	GEOFFREY A. LUCAS	5
HAROLD S. PEACOCK	3	MANSFIELD GINN	*Tenor*

Conducted by MANSFIELD GINN.

The first peal in 11 Surprise methods by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.

EAST HENDRED, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 9, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 22 cwt.

GORDON HEDGES	*Treble*	REGINALD F. CROOK	4
GILBERT J. TOWNSEND	2	ROBIN G. LEALE	5
ARTHUR SAYERS	3	GEOFFREY K. DODD	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

First peal of Plain Bob Minor on the bells.

LLANELLY, CARMARTHENSHIRE.
THE ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 9, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ELLI,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being six 240's and 30 six-scores. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb.

J. ALCOCK	*Treble*	R. SCUDAMORE	4
DERIK ASTRIDGE	2	E. SAGE	5
J. T. WILLIAMS	3	E. THOMAS	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. T. WILLIAMS.

Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day.

Derik Astridge hails from Surrey.

SWANMORE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Nov. 10, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 8¼ cwt.

FREDERICK W. BURNETT	*Treble*	ERNEST TREAGUS	4
*ADRIAN J. TUMBER	2	S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT	5
E. WINIFRED KEYS	3	E. KEITH JORDAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT.

* First peal of Bob Minor. First peal as conductor.

Rung for Remembrance Sunday.

YAXHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Nov. 10, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

SYDNEY MARSHALL	*Treble*	GEORGE ADAMS	4
NOLAN GOLDEN	2	WILLIAM BARRETT	5
ARTHUR BASON	3	BERT GOGLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by BERT GOGLE.

First peal ever rung at this tower.

The bells have just been retuned and rehung by John Taylor and Co. and a new treble added, the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Gogle as a memorial to their parents.

APPLEFORD, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Tues., Nov. 12, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise and two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

JOHN G. PUSEY	*Treble*	DAPHNE R. CLOKE	4
RICHARD A. JACKSON	2	JAMES H. PAILING	5
*GLYN F. JENKINS	3	ROBIN N. PITTMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBIN N. PITTMAN.

* 25th peal.

NEW MILLS, DERBYSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Nov. 12, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE-THE-MARTYR.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. in G sharp.

*CAROL FERNLEY	*Treble*	†JAMES FERNLEY	4
†SHIRLEY HARRIS	2	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	5
BASIL JONES	3	BRIAN HARRIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN G. WOODRUFFE.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor.

HEENE, WORTHING, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Nov. 13, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Cambridge, Oxford and Kent, and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

DOROTHY K. SAUNDERS	*Treble*	GEORGE FRANCIS	4
LEONARD STILWELL	2	HENRY C. WEAVER	5
RICHARD WILSON	3	RAYMOND P. WOOD	*Tenor*

Conducted by RAYMOND P. WOOD.

Rung with the bells half-muffled to the memory of Frank Bennett.

HANDBELL PEALS

SCOTHERN, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Nov. 1, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
AT GLENGARIFF,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

NORAH M. BIBBY	1—2	GEORGE E. FEIRN	5—6
JACK L. MILLHOUSE	3—4	*GEORGE H. RANDLES	7—8

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

* First peal of Little Bob 'in hand.'

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Nov. 5, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two extents of St. Martin's Bob, 22 extents of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob and 18 extents of Plain Bob. Tenor size 18 in G

*BERNARD GROVES	1—2	†BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	3—4
		‡JOHN H. ALLEN	5—6

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

Umpires: FRANK OSBALDISTON and WILLIAM H. DOWSE.

* First peal of Doubles in three methods on handbells. † First peal of Doubles on handbells. ‡ First peal on handbells and in three methods 'inside.'

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Wed., Nov. 6, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT CAMPANA, 54, ROLLESTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being ten 120's and 16 240's (different callings).

ALAN G. FOSTER	1—2	BARNABAS G. KEY	3—4
		E. MARION KEY	5—6

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

Rung to welcome Peter Key home from hospital, and a birthday compliment to Pamela Key.

ABERGAVENNY, MON.—On Oct. 31st, 1,320 Doubles (240 each of Plain Bob, April Day, Reverse St. Bartholomew, 600 Grandsire): Diane Avery 1, G. Ward (cond.) 2, Miss L. Temlett 3, G. Lewis 4, B. Johns 5, M. Roberts 6. First quarter 1 and 5. First in four methods 3, 4 and 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Alec Rackham, of Gilwern, an esteemed ringing friend of St. Mary's.

ALDGATE, E.—At St. Botolph's Church, on Nov. 3rd, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: J. Armstrong 1, L. E. Hitchins 2, A. J. Sanger 3, V. Roberts 4, G. Salmon 5, W. Cook 6, M. P. Morcton 7, D. Hoare (cond.) 8.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Forrest (first in method) 1, Pamela R. Gough 2, Diana M. Gough 3, H. W. Brown 4, M. W. Stephenson 5, S. W. Brown (cond.) 6. For the patronal festival.

ARDLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: P. Erith 1, F. Pike 2, C. A. Andrews 3, Miss E. M. Cansdale 4, A. W. Cansdale 5, F. Erith 6, R. Duesbury 7, B. W. Fairhead (cond.) 8.

BARCOMBE, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Reed 1, Miss R. Patching 2, P. Tomsett 3, B. Turner (cond.) 4, S. Brook 5, F. Smith 6. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday morning service. Also 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Abbott 1, S. Brook 2, P. Tomsett 3, Mrs. S. Brook 4, B. Turner (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled for British Legion service.

BARROW-IN-FURNESS, LANCS.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Tyson 1, F. C. Limb 2, J. Bracewell 3, R. Wilton 4, H. Barnes 5, J. Bagnall 6, J. E. Burles 7, G. Richins 8. For Remembrance Day Evensong.

BENHILTON, SURREY.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Patricia Collins (first quarter) 1, Angela H. Faulkner 2, Charlotte Gillman (first quarter) 3, P. Richardson 4, C. T. Blundell (cond.) 5, E. Goldsmith 6. A wedding compliment to David and Valerie Neville, married at this church, October 26th, 1957.

BILLINGBOROUGH, LINCS.—On Oct. 30th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. T. Rolt 1, F. T. Carford 2, G. S. Collishaw 3, S. R. Wilson 4, A. Chilton 5, B. H. Dalton 6, G. Creasey 7, L. P. Wilson (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam G. Carpenter, ringer and chorister at this church.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On Nov. 6th, 1,344 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: A. R. Greenough 1, M. Bishop 2, J. P. Blond 3, R. Tuckwell 4, F. Godden 5, J. Godman 6, J. O. Berry 7, R. B. Blond (cond.) 8. First in the method for all the band.

BODENHAM, HEREFORDS.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss D. Rushton 1, Mrs. T. Rushton 2, Mrs. J. Minton 3, R. Billings 4, T. Rushton (cond.) 5, G. Tong 6. Half-muffled for Remembrance service.

BRADFORD, YORKS.—At the Cathedral, on Nov. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. M. Evans 1, Gillian Schofield 2, Mrs. H. B. Schofield 3, A. Ashton 4, H. B. Schofield 5, F. Rayment 6, E. H. Simpson (son.) 7, T. Pedder 8. For evening service.

BRIDGEND, GLAM.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): D. J. Llewellyn 1, T. E. Hiddins 2, W. T. Petty (cond.) 3, D. Hughes 4, M. Williams 5, H. Preece 6, D. W. Davies 7, D. Bryant 8. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day.

BRISTOL.—At St. Stephen-the-Martyr's Church, on Sept. 30th, 1,367 Grandsire Caters: F. G. Leaker 1, S. G. Riches 2, H. Bennett 3, Harry Bennett 4, W. H. Parker 5, L. Pearce 6, T. P. Edwards 7, A. M. Tyler (cond.) 8, N. H. Coombs 9, F. C. Mogford 10. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the late Mrs. R. J. Wilkins (aged 89), a member of St. Stephen's Guild for over 30 years.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Evans 1, C. Cook 2, J. Pares 3, J. Rootes 4, E. Ashby 5, T. Clark 6, T. Norris 7, Mrs. T. Norris 8. For Remembrance Day service.

CAMBRIDGE.—At the Church of St. Andrew-the-Great, on Nov. 3rd, 1,280 London Surprise Major: C. M. P. Johnson (cond.) 1, M. S. Jackson 2, H. Neill 3, A. J. Howard 4, P. F. Windley 5, J. Schofield 6, A. R. Heppenstall 7, F. B. Cookson 8. For Evensong.

QUARTER PEALS

CHEDDON FITZPAINE, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (60 Stedman, 240 each St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place and Grandsire): Miss J. Stevens 1, D. Miller 2, Miss P. Stevens 3, R. Short 4, K. Prime (cond.) 5. First quarter in six Doubles methods for 1 and 3.

CHEDISTON, SUFFOLK.—On Nov. 4th, 1,440 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob and 720 Plain Bob): W. Kerrison 1, R. S. Payne 2, C. J. Gibson 3, E. J. Thurlow 4, R. J. Darch 5, J. W. Blythe (cond.) 6. For the induction and institution of the Rev. L. P. Wormald as Rector.

CHESTER.—On Sept. 27th, at the Church of St. Mary-within-the-Walls, 1,260 Bob Doubles: Miss E. Price 1, Miss J. M. P. Raban 2, J. Hughes 3, H. D. Baker (cond.) 4, D. Clay 5, R. King 6. First quarter for 1, 2 and 6. For harvest festival.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—On Oct. 28th, at the Parish Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. J. Lewis, sen. (cond.) 1, P. J. Lewis 2, H. L. Cooke 3, B. Wakefield 4, E. H. Jefferies 5, P. Morgans 6, F. J. Lewis, jun., 7, W. H. Hayward 8. Rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Col. W. A. T. Bowly. Also on Nov. 10th, at Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. J. Lewis, sen. (cond.) 1, F. J. Lewis, jun., 2, E. H. Jefferies 3, B. Wakefield 4, P. J. Lewis 5, P. Morgans 6, W. H. Hayward 7, W. Wrigley 8. First of Stedman by 4, 5 and 6. For evening service of dedication festival.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—On Oct. 27th, at St. Peter's Church, 1,216 Coggeshall Surprise Major: Brenda M. Balls 1, A. R. Syder 2, L. W. Wiffen 3, A. W. Cansdale 4, T. Earle 5, Hilda G. Snowden 6, E. P. Duffield 7, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 8. Believed to be the first quarter in this method.

CLIFTON, BRISTOL.—At Emmanuel Church, on Oct. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: W. P. Blake 1, Monica Fray 2, L. Derrick 3, C. Kortright 4, J. Brain 5, M. Horseman 6, D. Yeo (cond.) 7, H. Hardwidge 8. First of Plain Bob Triples by all.

CLIPSTON, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Wilford 1, Miss M. Wilford 2, F. Maguire 3, C. Swann 4, D. Griffin (cond.) 5. For morning service.

CRANTOCK, CORNWALL.—On Oct. 6th, 1,299 Grandsire Doubles: R. A. Southwood (cond.) 1, D. Docking 2, J. Roberts 3, C. Stephens (first 'inside') 4, Rev. W. R. Trewhella 5, A. Carveth 6. Rung as a thanksgiving for the return of Stuart Benney after two years in hospital.

EAST HARLING, NORFOLK.—On Oct. 27th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Jill Creasy 1, N. Garrod 2, L. W. King 3, P. H. A. Jonason 4, W. G. Saunders (cond.) 5, L. J. King (first quarter) 6. Rung to mark the end of Church Week.

EAST RETFORD, NOTTS.—On Nov. 10th, 1,344 Grandsire Triples: J. Morris 1, Mrs. D. Metcalfe 2, C. Cook 3, M. Kemp 4, H. Denman 5, H. Willows 6, K. Beardsall (cond.) 7, J. Bartram 8. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day service.

FELTHAM, MIDDLX.—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Margaret Westcott 1, C. Bloomer 2, Meriel Holden Brown 3, T. Price 4, Gillian Neal Smith 5, Dr. D. J. Neal Smith (cond.) 6.

FENNY STRATFORD, BUCKS.—On Oct. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Hooton 1, Miss S. E. Miles 2, P. R. Andrews 3, A. E. Butcher 4, J. R. Mosson 5, C. F. Loke (cond.) 6.

FOLKINGHAM, LINCS.—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Minor (720 Single Court and 540 Plain Bob): Miss I. Lindsey 1, H. Collins 2, J. H. Musson 3, W. Weston 4, C. Wilkinson 5, G. T. H. Bradley (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Miss Welbourn, an old inhabitant and loyal supporter of the church.

FORDINGBRIDGE, HANTS.—On Nov. 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. Redwood 1, G. Northway 2, H. H. Abrahams 3, M. Northway 4, P. Morgan 5, L. F. Cobb 6, R. N. Marlow (cond.) 7, R. Allen 8. First of Stedman for 2, 4 and 8.

HALIFAX, YORKS.—At All Souls' Church, on Nov. 10th, 1,280 Spliced London, Bristol, Superlative and Cambridge Surprise Major: J. N. Parkin 1, M. V. Copping 2, S. M. Taylor 3, R. E. Moulds 4, D. S. Hollas (first of Spliced) 5, J. H. Fielden 6, C. Sweeney 7, V. Bottomley (cond.) 8. Half-muffled for Remembrance Day.

HAMPTON, MIDDLX.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: D. Hawkins 1, R. Woodcock 2, Miss P. Feddern 3, W. S. Deason 4, P. A. Lawrence 5, P. C. Ridgway 6, R. G. Leale 7, S. J. Woodcock (cond.) 8. For morning service.

HAMPSTEAD, N.W.—On Nov. 10th, at St. Stephen's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Bevan 1, Sylvia Heasman 2, R. Newman 3, J. T. O'Dell 4, J. M. Payton 5, P. G. Foote 6, A. W. J. Butler (cond.) 7, J. W. Dennis 8. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day service.

HARWELL, BERKS.—On Sept. 26th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: D. Jordan 1, A. E. Lock 2, Mrs. A. E. Lock 3, G. Bishop 4, H. Bishop 5, P. Davies 6, W. Corderoy (first of Major) 7, A. H. Webb (cond.) 8. For harvest festival. Also on Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Davies 1, D. Jordan 2, A. Greenough 3, G. Bishop 4, D. Bosley 5, C. Corderoy (cond.) 6, W. Gilks 7, W. Corderoy 8. A wedding compliment to Mr. David Richardson and Miss Edna Woodley, a member of the church choir.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Bowden 1, Miss M. Cox 2, Miss J. Miles 3, Miss A. Carpenter 4, Miss E. Pearson 5, Mrs. F. Bowden 6, H. Gauntlett (cond.) 7, J. B. Sidebotham 8. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance service.

HEMYOCK, DEVON.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Morrell 1, G. Walford (cond.) 2, D. Salter 3, C. Webber 4, R. Trickey 5, D. Hart (first quarter) 6.

HEREFORD.—At the Cathedral, on Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss M. J. Roper (first of Stedman Triples) 1, Miss R. Jarrett 2, Mrs. E. C. Chandler 3, A. T. Wingate 4, W. F. Moreton 5, J. J. Webb 6, A. W. Davis (cond.) 7, T. Wood 8. For Evensong, and with the good wishes of the rest of the band to the ringers of 1 and 5 on their betrothal.

HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Whiting 1, O. Payne 2, W. Martin 3, D. Deighton 4, C. Palmer 5, W. Wilby (cond.) 6, A. Wilson 7, H. Pentelow 8. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day Evensong.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLX.—1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: T. Turley 1, M. Palmer (first of Surprise) 2, T. G. Bannister 3, F. W. Goodfellow 4, B. Twinn (first of Yorkshire) 5, D. N. Robinson 6, W. H. Coles (first of Yorkshire) 7, F. C. Price (cond.) 8. This is the first quarter of surprise by the St. John's, Hillingdon, Guild.

HONITON, DEVON.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Tapley 1, Miss S. Cope 2, W. Seldon 3, C. Webb 4, J. White 5, C. J. Turner 6, G. E. Retter (cond.) 7, W. Webb 8. First of Stedman Triples by 2, 4, 5 and 8.

IXWORTH, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Minor (720 St. Clement's, 540 Plain Bob): H. Ivings 1, L. Pierce 2, M. Sharpe 3, E. Bishop 4, D. Rooke 5, K. G. Browne (cond.) 6. For harvest thanksgiving. Also on Nov. 10th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles (in whole pulls): L. Pierce 1, M. Sharpe 2, L. Sharpe 3, E. Bishop 4, K. G. Brown (cond.) 5, H. Ivings 6. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss M. Erik (first quarter) 1, Miss W. Picton 2, R. W. R. Picton 3, R. V. Wallis (first as cond.) 4, B. M. Barker 5, K. Waples 6. For Evensong.

KINGSTHORPE, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Pat Neesham (first in method) 1, E. Frost 2, T. Haines (first in method) 3, J. Rainbow 4, A. Cozens 5, B. Cope (cond.) 6.

LONDON, S.W.—On Oct. 20th, at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. W. Coles (cond.) 1, Miss M. A. Prockson 2, W. Prockson 3, H. G. Hart 4, D. Neal 5, G. A. Parsons 6, T. J. Lock 7, C. F. Neal 8. Rung for the televised service.

MAIDENHEAD, BERKS.—At All Saints' Church, Boyne Hill, on Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Gibbs 1, E. E. Gosling 2, G. Lister 3, Mrs. K. North 4, B. Lister 5, Wm. Birmingham 6, Wm. Butler (cond.) 7, R. Blewitt 8. Rung for the thanksgiving celebrations for the centenary of All Saints' Church and for the patronal festival.

MARSTON, OXON.—On Oct. 31st, 1,260 Reverse Canterbury, Bob Doubles and Grandsire: P. May 1, B. Machon 2, Miss C. M. Woodward 3, C. Holloway (cond.) 4, A. Gammon 5. Rung for the institution and induction of the Rev. Leslie V. Wright.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mary Powell 1, B. Willgress 2, M. Horseman (cond.) 3, L. Derrick 4, H. Hardwidge (first 'inside') 5, Mrs. D. Strong 6.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Foster (first quarter) 1, C. Watson 2, R. Franklin 3, W. Welling 4, A. Cross 5, R. Wawman 6, A. H. Bates (cond.) 7, G. Coussins 8. For morning service.

OXENDEN, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Barton (first quarter) 1, W. Cropley 2, Miss M. Wilford 3, C. Swan 4, D. Griffin (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday on the occasion of Clipston and District British Legion visiting the church.

REIGATE, SURREY.—On Nov. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. B. Cracknell 1, G. Olliver 2, F. T. Hoad 3, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 4, A. Streeter 5, F. E. Roberts 6, E. G. L. Coward 7, B. Cracknell 8. For the induction service of the new Vicar (the Rev. G. A. Baker).

SAMPFORD ARUNDEL, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Taylor 1, D. Salter 2, C. Webber 3, G. Walford (cond.) 4, R. Trickey 5.

SANDHURST, BERKS.—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. E. Parker (first quarter, aged 13) 1, W. J. H. Parker (cond.) 2, L. W. Paice 3, J. E. Wightman 4, C. W. Barlow 5, W. Collins 6.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKS.—On Nov. 10th, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: W. Leeson 1, R. Cann 2, C. Dale 3, T. W. Warner 4, V. W. Rigg 5, E. C. Shepherd (comp. and cond.) 6, H. Bragg 7, J. Bragg 8, C. Bragg 9, T. Hayward 10. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day.

SOUTHGATE, N.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Ann Aldridge 1, Pam Miller 2, S. G. Peck 3, M. Stanyon 4, J. Wallman 5, C. Aldridge (cond.) 6. For the Parish Communion on Remembrance Sunday.

QUARTER PEALS

SOMERBY, LEICS.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (480 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 480 Plain Bob, 300 Grandsire: C. E. Cooper 1, Miss R. Tyler 2, H. T. Bonshor 3, J. Webb 4, G. A. Bowcutt (cond.) 5. A welcome to the Bishop of Leicester, preacher at Festal Evensong.

SPALDING, LINCS.—On Nov. 9th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. G. Ames 1, Miss F. Oldershaw 2, F. Taylor 3, A. Bennett 4, M. Bennett 5, A. D. Mills 6, R. C. Noon (cond.) 7, S. E. Bennett 8. In honour of the wedding of Miss Cynthia Mary Mason to Mr. Peter Moore, which took place this day at Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Leics.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—At St. Thomas' Church, on Nov. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. R. Smith 1, R. J. Chance 2, F. V. Nicholls 3, D. H. Watson 4, R. Smith (cond.) 5, A. L. Dunn 6, P. W. Webb 7, W—H. Cooper 8. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

STREATHAM, S.W.—On Nov. 10th, at St. Leonard's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Crowe 1, Mrs. R. Sanders 2, B. W. Story 3, J. W. Chapman (cond.) 4, J. W. Rea 5, C. D. Nichols 6, R. Sanders 7, T. W. Welbourne 8. For the Remembrance.

THURNBY, LEICS.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (360 St. Simon's, 480 Plain Bob 420 Grandsire): Miss N. Wykes 1, P. F. Pawley 2, G. K. Rands 3, H. L. Wykes 4, J. J. Pawley (cond.) 5, J. R. Cadwallader 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Richard Paynter (aged 15), a ringer of this church, also Frank Heathcote, 40 years organist.

TWICKENHAM, MIDDLX.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Jill E. Bowan (first in method) 1, Ann Muir (first in method) 2, A. J. Muir first in method) 3, W. A. Lewis 4, J. B. Thorp (first in method) 5, D. Hill (first in method as cond.) 6. For the patronal festival.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—At St. Mary's Church, on Oct. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Patmore 1, D. Hewitt 2, F. C. Maynard 3, W. Dowler 4, B. Downes (cond.) 5, A. Boyack 6, R. Chapman 7, M. Hayes 8. Also on Nov. 9th, 1,440 Yorkshire Surprise Royal: Miss B. Thompson 1, D. N. Layton (cond.) 2, D. Jackson 3, R. Keeley 4, J. L. Morris 5, P. P. Brown 6, J. Armstrong 7, J. Leeming 8, A. F. Thirst 9, R. E. Price 10.

WARMLEY, GLOS—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. B. King 1, Miss G. Newton (first quarter) 2, G. Sprules (cond.) 3, A. Gibbs 4, J. Sprules 5, P. King 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. V. Burge, for many years a ringer at this church.

WATH-ON-DEARNE, YORKS.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Green 1, S. Wright 2, C. Ashton 3, F. Brunt 4, B. Heppenstall (first as cond.) 5, T. Cutts 6. A 22nd birthday compliment to the conductor.

WHATTON, NOTTS.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Minor (720 Single Oxford and 540 Plain Bob): B. Buswell (cond.) 1, Pamela Clarke 2, T. Goodwin 3, T. O. Greasley 4, J. D. Clarke 5, R. Baldwin 6. Rung as a farewell to the Vicar on his departure for a world tour.

WHISTON, YORKS.—On Nov. 5th, 1,320 Kent Treble Bob Minor: C. Ashton 1, C. Rusby 2, F. Fisher 3, P. Longley 4, I. M. Holland (cond.) 5, G. Cutts 6. An 81st birthday compliment to Mr. F. Raddis, local ringer and verger for many years.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Tomsett 1, Anne Garnett 2, J. Euston (cond.) 3, Susan Jacobs 4, M. Sinden 5, A. Bishop 6, M. P. Moreton 7, E. Jacobs 8. For Remembrance Sunday.

WOODBURY, DEVON.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): Mrs. F. Loman 1, T. Gooding 2, A. G. Betts (cond.) 3, H. Miller 4, J. H. Briggs 5, J. Gooding 6, L. K. Dawe 7, J. Selick 7. Rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to Mrs. J. L. S. Glanvill, whose funeral took place earlier in the day. The widower is Deanery ringing master and, until recently, captain at this tower.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Since his 80th birthday in 1952, Mr. Herbert Lidbetter, of Acle, has insisted on ringing peals on that day. On Saturday week, the eve of his 85th birthday, he completed yet another peal. He has long had the distinction of being the oldest ringer in Norfolk to take part in peals. A feature of every occasion has been the bountiful hospitality offered at Hollycroft to his fellow ringers and their wives.

Cambridge, of all methods, would not go at Leiston on November 9th. This was the 50th anniversary of Mr. James M. Bailey's first peal. Better luck, Jim, on your 60th!

The band who rang the peal at Barming, Kent, appreciate the way Miss Evelyn Ray stood in at short notice and gave a very good performance for her first peal.

The quality of the practices at Bethersden, Kent, is beginning to surpass the standard of practice nights at Willesborough, but the latter band still maintain their supremacy at service ringing, a supremacy which would indeed be hard to challenge.

It was a disappointment to two young lady ringers from Guildford that they were unable to conclude their cycling tour of Kent by ringing a peal at Warehorne, but they enjoyed the supper kindly prepared in anticipation by Mesdames K. A. and J. T. Hillis, in whose honour the peal was to have been rung.

Mr. Terry M. Haines, who conducted the peal of Doubles at Newnham (page 669), has written denying the statement of Mr. Allan R. Jones that the peal in question is false. Any dispute about authenticity should be referred to the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, or to Mr. Walter Ayre, The Old School House, Leverstock Green, Hemel Hempstead, who is the convener of the Peals Analysis Committee.

After the peal of Cambridge at Christ Church, Epsom, the band were kindly entertained to tea by Mr. Frank Oakshott, local captain. Mr. Oakshott left on November 15th for a four-months' holiday in Australia to visit his relations, and the band wish him a safe return.

Anglers at Lake Burwain, a large reservoir near St. Michael and All Angels' Church, Foulridge, Lancs, complain that the bells frighten the fish away. Ringers have replied: 'If you were good Christians you'd be in church when the bells ring instead of fishing.'

Northern Ireland will be represented in the Christmas Day broadcast by the bells of St. Mark's, Dundela, Belfast—a new ring of ten (tenor 12¾ cwt.). The tower won this year the Cunningham cup for good striking, and the band have only been ringing just over two years.

The band which scored their first quarter of Double Norwich Court Bob Major at Blewbury on November 6th did so after many attempts at various towers in the North Berks and South Oxon area. Perhaps it was fitting that success should come at the home tower of the conductor, Bob Blond.

Will those ringers intending to fly to Dublin from London Airport early on Whit Saturday morning please communicate with Mr. C. W. Pipe, Grundisburgh, Woodbridge, Suffolk, as parties of 15 and over can travel at a cheap rate. S.A.E.'s, please. See also letter re travel from Bristol (page 759).

Mrs. Steeples will be unable to carry on managing the sales section of the Central Council's library after December 31st. Miss Elizabeth Sharpe, daughter of the president of the Council, has kindly offered to do this work from January until Whitsun. Mrs. Steeples' honorary work for the library over many years is, we are sure, deeply appreciated by the Exercise.

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WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION'S ANNUAL DINNER

THE 20th annual dinner of the Worcestershire and Districts Association was held at the Guildhall, Worcester, on October 5th, when there was a record gathering for the function of 188. The Lord Bishop of Worcester presided, and he was supported by Mr. W. B. Cartwright (Master) and Mrs. Cartwright, the Rt. Rev. Bishop C. E. Stuart and Mrs. Stuart, the Rev. L. J. Birch (chaplain) and Mrs. Birch, the Rev. A. Webb (vice-president) and Mrs. Webb, the Rev. H. L. Davies (Cradley), Mr. J. R. Newman (vice-president), Mr. J. D. Johnson (general secretary) and Mrs. Johnson.

After the loyal toast had been honoured, on the call of the chairman, Mr. C. Rouse (Gloucester and Bristol Association) proposed the toast of 'The Worcestershire Association.' They were, he said, this year celebrating the 75th anniversary of their foundation, and in that time they had gone from strength to strength. But the necessity of looking to the future should never be forgotten. It was the duty of each member to attempt to persuade young people of today to take up bellringing. 'We must try to guide them to this following, of which we are all part,' he said, and concluding: 'May your next 75 years be as successful as have been the past 75.'

CHIEF PUBLICITY AGENT

Replying, the Rev. A. Webb referred to the presence of the Bishop of Worcester and Bishop Stuart, and said this was greatly appreciated by the Association, as it was felt some incumbents did not show sufficient interest in the Exercise. All incumbents should be interested in this very strong organisation, as after all, it was the churches' chief publicity agent. One of the Association's great assets was the tolerance it showed to learners, and a praiseworthy feature of life in the belfry was the lack of jealousy, and everyone gave every encouragement to one of their number who showed promise of becoming a leader of the future.

Proposing the toast of 'Kindred Associations and Visitors,' Mr. A. D. Cook said it was always difficult to know what to say to this more than 'Welcome,' On behalf of the Association, this he most sincerely did. In that large gathering they had visitors from Cheltenham, Bristol, Reading, Oxford, Northampton, Bridgwater, Claverley and Birmingham. He went on to speak of the universal friendship which existed between the guilds and associations.

Mr. R. D. Short (Bath and Wells Association) replied on behalf of the visitors, and thanked Worcestershire for the warmth and sincerity of its welcome and for an enjoyable afternoon and evening. Until that evening, he was afraid his own experience of such functions was rather limited to local ringers' suppers, and he could not return an invitation on behalf of his own Association, as the Bath and Wells did not hold an annual dinner.

Proposing the health of 'The Chairman,' Mr. W. B. Cartwright said it was the first time they had had the Lord Bishop of the Diocese to preside, and trusted it would not be the last.

The chairman replied in humorous vein.

A full and varied musical programme was provided by handbell tunes by Miss S. Jackson, R. G. Morris and D. Beacham; songs by Miss J. MacLaren and Mr. P. Mills; entertainer, G. Atkins, and a course of Stedman Caters 'in hand' by J. D. Johnson 1-2, Mrs. J. Thomas 3-4, J. Thomas 5-6, D. J. Marshall 7-8 and Miss V. Barnes 9-10. Mr. D. Beacham was M.C. and Mr. L. Bedenham accompanist.



To members of the Ladies' Guild this picture taken at the dinner to mark the 45th anniversary of the formation of the Guild, held on October 19th, is of special interest. The Guild has only rung one peal of Caters — Stedman — at St. Clement Danes' on Jan. 30th, 1926. Eight of the ten ringers were present at the dinner and appear in the photograph. Standing (left to right): Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. Sanders and Mrs. Fardon. Seated: Mrs. Deal, Mrs. Fletcher (who conducted the peal), Mrs. Hairs, Miss Steel and Mrs. Davis.
[Photo: R. A. Deal, 118, Sarsfeld Road, S.W.12.

Leicester's Poser

After the usual handbell practice at The Wayside, Leicester, Stedman Doubles was rung on ten bells—one set on the front five and another on the back five. The ringers took identical bells in each set: treble, 6th; 2nd, 7th; 3rd, 8th; etc.

A course or two were successfully rung, and then the question arose if a peal was rung like this, could each ringer claim two peals of Stedman Doubles? This argument is advanced because the Central Council has relaxed its ruling so that it is not necessary to ring two bells each in a handbell peal.

OPEN UNIVERSITIES' MEETING AT READING

The open Universities' meeting, arranged by the Reading University Society, on October 26th at Reading was attended by representatives of Cambridge, Oxford and Southampton Universities, together with other visitors and friends; in all, there were about 50 people present. There was ringing at St. Mary's (8) and St. Giles' (8) in the afternoon, and at St. Peter's, Caversham (8), and St. Laurence's (12) in the evening. Fortunately, St. Laurence's bells had just been declared ringable again after tower repairs. The Rev. T. B. Randolph conducted the service at St. Mary's, which was followed by tea in the Church House.

Reading University Society would like to thank all those who attended for their support, the Rev. T. B. Randolph for officiating at the service, the organist—himself a member of St. Mary's band, the incumbents for the use of the bells, and Mr. and Mrs. A. Diserens for their help.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD DECIDE ON PEAL LEVY

The Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild held a special general meeting at Southampton on November 2nd to discuss the publication of Guild reports, and if so how to finance them. The Master (Mr. F. W. Rogers) presided, supported by the general secretary (Mr. J. A. S. King) and the general treasurer (Mr. R. A. Reed).

The Guild executive had recommended that the subscription for ringing members be reduced to 2s. 6d. and that the reports be not published. To this there were four amendments: (*a*) that reports be published in full and a charge made for them; (*b*) that subscriptions be fixed year by year to take effect from the following January 1st (*c*) that the subscription of honorary and ringing members be increased; (*d*) that a fee of 6d. be charged every ringer who rang a peal for the Guild, and that a report be published in full every third meeting.

After a full discussion, a large majority voted for (*d*), the peal levy amendment, and this was carried by the meeting nem. con.

This means that from January 1st next conductors are to collect 6d. from each ringer in a peal and forward this with the report of the peal to the Recorder of Peals (Mr. J. M. N. Lakin, 19, Bar End Road, Winchester). The Guild subscription will be unchanged and the report published every third year—the next in 1960.

The meeting concluded with Mr. A. York-Bramble thanking the Guild for their financial support to the appeal to augment Portsmouth Cathedral bells to ten, and asking individual ringers to continue their support.

The bells of St. Michael's were available before the service in that church, conducted by the Vicar (Rev. K. W. H. Felstead). Thanks were accorded by the Master to those responsible for local arrangements.

THE PASSING OF MR. FRANK BENNETT

A DISTINGUISHED RINGING CAREER OF 70 YEARS

THE death of Mr. Frank Bennett within two months of his 89th birthday has deprived the Exercise of one of its oldest and most distinguished members. His active ringing career spread over more than 70 years, during which he took part in more than 1,600 peals, conducting no fewer than 933 of them. The first, Grandsire Triples, at St. Nicolas', Guildford, was on March 2nd, 1889, and the last, Cambridge Major, which he conducted, on June 21st, 1953. Strangely, several later attempts which he made were unsuccessful.

Born at Basingstoke, Hants, on January 28th, 1869, he first visited the belfry there on St. Nicolas' Eve, 1885, and became a pupil of the late Mr. Henry White (whose daughter, Alice, was the first lady to ring a tower-bell peal). When just able to ring Grandsire Triples, Mr. Bennett moved to Guildford, where he joined the band at St. Nicolas' Church. His first peal was conducted by George Williams, with whom he was later to be associated in the famous band at St. Peter's, Brighton. Three months later he conducted his first peal, and on October 3rd, 1885, called the first local peal at St. Nicolas'.

SOME NOTABLE PEALS

In 1895 Mr. Bennett moved to Brighton and during the 12 years he spent there took part in 409 peals—good going, even to-day. The most notable were the first peal of London Surprise in the City of London, the first of Norfolk Surprise, in 1898, which was conducted by his old friend, George Baker, and on March 22nd, 1901, the first peal of Bristol Surprise. Mr. Baker, now 90 years of age, but still managing the firm of undertakers who carried out the funeral arrangements, is now the last survivor of these bands.

At the time, the St. Peter's Society used to hold annual 'ringing weeks,' starting for a peal each evening at different towers, and in one of these Mr. Bennett took part in seven Surprise peals in seven different methods, in eight attempts, a remarkable performance in the days when Surprise ringing was in its comparative infancy.

When he went to live at New Cross, London, in 1907, he built up a Surprise band which achieved a high standard and rang many peals in a great variety of methods in London, among them the first peals of Forward, Duffield, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise Royal for the Kent County Association, all of which he conducted at St. Clement Danes', and in April, 1913, he took part in the first peal of Cambridge Maximus by the Middlesex County Association, the first in that method by nine of the band, of whom Mr. Reuben Sanders is, happily, still an active ringer, although the rest of the band, of whom no fewer than eight were to ring more than 1,000 peals, have now passed on. For some years he was a member of the band at St. Alfrege's, Greenwich, and called a number of peals, including one of London, by the local company.

SECRETARY OF THE CUMBERLANDS

At the time of his arrival in London the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, of which he had been a member since 1889, was in very low water. He was quickly elected secretary, holding the post for seven years until returning to Brighton, in 1914, and played a considerable part in reviving the Society's fortunes. He represented the Society on the Central Council from 1909 to 1914, having represented the Sussex Association from 1906 to 1908, and subsequently from 1951 to 1953. For ten years he was peals secretary of that Association.

Mr. Bennett took part in many peal-ringing tours, and as one result he rang peals in all the counties in England, seven in Wales and six in Ireland. While touring in Ireland he took part in the first peals of Treble Bob Maximus and Stedman Cinques at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, which were the first 12-bell peals rung outside England. Another of his achievements was to have rung a peal in every tower in both Sussex and Kent having eight bells or more (at the time, five years or so ago), except one in Kent, at which no peal has been rung. Of the many other peals of which he had good reason to be proud, it would perhaps be most fitting to mention one of Bob Major at St. John's, Deptford, by a band of octogenarians, which he conducted in April, 1952. Altogether he rang peals in some 550 different towers.

Just before the last war the then Editor of 'The Ringing World' ran a series of articles on 'Leading Conductors.' Mr. Bennett was the third to be featured, and his conducting prowess, to which many ringers can bear witness, was summed up in the following words: 'Over a period of nearly fifty years, Mr. Frank Bennett, of Brighton, has been in the forefront of the Exercise as a conductor: indeed, there are very few men with his all-round ability in this sphere. All methods come alike to him and he is one of those endowed with an almost uncanny capacity for correcting mistakes. Moreover, his conducting is always done from one of the working bells, for "tenor" ringing has never been one of the things he has aspired to.'

THE FUNERAL

The funeral took place at Brighton Cemetery on November 15th, preceded by a service in St. Nicholas' Church. A beautifully-struck half-muffled touch of Stedman Triples, of which Mr. Bennett had rung getting on for 300 peals, was in progress as the cortege arrived at the church, those taking part being: A. W. Bond (Brighton), A. H. Pulling (Guildford), Mrs. R. Percy (Eastbourne), F. Cruttenden (Henfield), W. A. Riddington (Brighton), S. E. Armstrong (Brighton), W. Stalham (Brighton, one of the band who rang in the octogenarians' peal) and L. Stilwell (Worthing). Another touch of Grandsire Triples was rung as the funeral party left the church by: H. Stalham (conductor), A. H. Pulling, Mrs. R. W. R. Percy, E. R. Rapley, R. V. Johnson, S. E. Armstrong, W. A. Riddington and L. Stilwell.

Among those present at the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. F. I. Hairs (son-in-law and daughter), Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Bennett (son and daughter-in-law), Mrs. E. A. Barnett (granddaughter), Mrs. O. Hill (niece) and Mrs. L. H. Humphrey, together with Messrs. E. A. Barnett (representing the Central Council and the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths), F. Barnett, R. V. Johnson (Master), Mrs. R. Percy (representing Mr. R. Percy, secretary), Mr. S. E. Armstrong (late Master, Sussex County Association), Mr. T. E. Sone (representing the Kent County Association) and Mrs. Sone.

Others present were: Mr. George Baker (Brighton), Mr. Len Stilwell (Worthing), Mr. A. H. Pulling and Mr. A. C. Hazelden (Guildford), Mr. G. Pullinger (Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild), Mr. H. Stalham (Custodian, St. Nicholas', Brighton bells), Miss Baddeley (St. Nicholas', Brighton), Mr. A. W. Gravett (Leader, St. Peter's, Brighton), Mr. H. Brown and Mr. S. Brown (St. Leonard's, Hove), Mr. W. J. Webb and Mr. F. Lewis (The Good Shepherd, Brighton), Mr. and Mrs. G. Elphick (Southover), Mr. and Mrs. F. Cruttenden (Henfield), Miss Challen and Mr. T. Drinkwater (Shoreham-by-Sea), Miss F. Wyman (Crawley), Mr. E. R. Rapley (Horsham), Mr. G. Sturt (Burgess Hill), Mr. W. C. Hart, Mr. W. A. Riddington, Mr. A. W. Bond, Mr. and Mrs. F. Page and Mr. A. Hobden (St. Peter's Society, Brighton).

Unable to attend owing to indisposition: Mr. A. D. Stone (one-time general secretary, Sussex County Association) and Mr. J. Dearlove (late peal secretary, Sussex County Association).

At the graveside a course of Grandsire Triples on handbells was rung by Mrs. E. A. Barnett, Mrs. F. I. Hairs, F. I. Hairs and E. A. Barnett.

Among the floral tributes were wreaths from the Sussex County Association; Society of Royal Cumberland Youths; Ringers of St. Nicholas', St. Peter's and The Good Shepherd, Brighton; the Aldrington Ringers; and the Shoreham Ringers.

Mr. Bennett's list of peals is as follows:—

TOWER BELLS

(conducted shown in brackets)

Minor.—Seven methods 4, Cambridge 1 (1).

Triples.—Grandsire 70 (45), Stedman 276 (184), Plain Bob 6 (3), Union 1 (1), Oxford Bob 1 (1).

Major.—Plain Bob 94 (66), Canterbury 1 (1), Double Norwich 218 (136), Double Oxford 2 (1), Waterloo Reverse 1 (1), Little Bob 1, Kent Treble Bob 87 (59), Oxford 2 (1), Cambridge Surprise 179 (105), New Cambridge 10 (6), Superlative 213 (113), London 56 (5), Bristol 27 (12), Brighton 1 (1), Gloucester 3, Lincolnshire 1, New Cumberland 11 (6), Norfolk 17 (13), Oxford 3, Westminster 3, Yorkshire 23 (14).

Caters.—Grandsire 38 (28), Stedman 110 (69), Double Norwich 1.

Royal.—Plain Bob 12 (9), Double Norwich 4 (3), Duffield 1 (1), Forward 3 (3), Kent Treble Bob 31 (14), Oxford 1 (1), Cambridge Surprise 30 (10), London (Brighton version) 1.

Cinques.—Grandsire 1, Stedman 19 (5).

Maximus.—Plain Bob 2, Kent Treble Bob 6 (1), Cambridge 1.

Total tower bell peals.—1,573 (919).

HANDBELLS

Triples.—Grandsire 3 (1), Stedman 1 (1).

Major.—Plain Bob 10 (7), Kent 1.

Caters.—Grandsire 4 (1), Stedman 1.

Royal.—Plain Bob 5 (3), Kent 1.

Maximus.—Plain Bob 1 (1).

Total handbell peals.—27 (14).

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CHANGE-ROW RELATIONSHIP

Dear Sir,—In response to Mr. Brian Price's 'appeal' for naming of fundamentals of row-relationship, the following may be of some interest.

In 'Technology of Method Structure,' on which I have worked for more years than I care to remember and which is as yet incomplete, attention is drawn, early on, to the need for adoption of clear-cut, single-meaning terms for use in ringing *theory*, as opposed to ringing *practice* where the time-honoured ambiguities may still suffice! And I have quoted authorities no less than Shipway and Snowdon on this very point; the latter particularly as to the use of the word 'change,' which is one of the chief offenders in this respect. For some of the possible meanings of this word I have used the following distinguishing terms. (Again, the necessity for only their *theoretic* use is emphasised.)

(1) For the *sounds* of given orders of the bells as *heard*—the word 'changes.'

(2) For the *symbols* of given orders of the bells as *read or written* — the word 'change-rows.'

(3) For the exchange movement of a *pair* of adjacent bells, as all, in turn, make their transition from leading to lying, and vice-versa—a 'transit.'

(4) For the relationship of two rows which Mr. Price instances as '(*a*) position inter-change,' and which the Exercise recognises as a 'transposition'—'T-C.'

Before coming to Mr. Brian Price's second relationship noted under his '(*b*) figures changing places, etc.', I would explain that 'T-C' stands for 'Transposition Code,' and refers to a single row of letters, which can, alone, clearly indicate a transposition. These letters run, quite simply, in their row-order as transposed from the alphabetical order.

For example, take Mr. Price's first pair of exemplary rows—'(*c*) to (*d*),' and above row (*c*) write in letters in alphabetical order. Then below row (*d*) write in the letters which correspond to the figures in the top row, thus:—

a b c d e f g h The bottom row of letters
(*c*) 4 8 6 2 1 7 3 5 is the transposition code, or
(*d*) 1 7 4 8 2 3 5 6 T-C, for this particular pair.

e f a b d g h c And if Mr. Price's second pair of rows, (*a*) to (*b*), is treated similarly the same code—efabdghc—results. In other words, what Mr. Price calls 'position inter-change' and the Exercise recognises as a transposition, may be simply and clearly expressed by a generally applicable code of just one row of letters. These codes vary, of course, according to the nature of the row-comparison. They are found particularly useful in the mechanics of composition.

Coming now to Mr. Price's second concept—'Transfigure.' In this he says, of his given examples, that as (*b*) is to (*a*), so (*e*) is to (*c*). It may not be readily apparent to some readers what this relationship is. But, putting it into other words, the two rows may be regarded as composed of pairs of figures fixed together vertically, so that in comparing such rows the two figures of any such pair always appear in the same vertical relationship. Quoting his examples:—

		d h f b a g c e	
(*a*)	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	4 8 6 2 1 7 3 5	(*c*)
(*b*)	5 6 1 2 4 7 8 3	2 3 7 6 5 8 1 4	(*e*)
		b c g f e h a d	

Here he asks the reader to note 'which figures *change* places irrespective of the positions concerned.' With respect, I would alter this to read: 'which figures *adhere to their relative positions* irrespective of their changed places.'

For example, here 4, in the lower row, adheres to its position under 5 in each upper row: or again, 5, in the lower row, adheres to its position under 1 in each upper row; and so on for all figures, considered in vertical pairs, in both sets of rows.

(5) This I have called . . . 'Transfix.' Because, although the upper figures undergo *Transition*, the lower figures remain *fix*-ed to them, respectively. Here also a code, the 'Tf-C' (Transfix-code), may be derived as in the previous consideration (4).

For the Tf-C we simply write in the letters over the upper row alphabetically, according to the numerical order (as I have done above Mr. Price's row (*c*) above), and then write in the letters correspondingly with the figures below, as I have done below Mr. Price's row (*e*). The actual code-row can now be written straight down by taking in order from the lower row the letters that appear under those in alphabetical order in the upper row. Here, this becomes efabdghc. Translated, this code means:

'The Transfix for these rows is: 5 (or e) under 1; 6 (or f) under 2; 1 (or a) under 3; 2 (or b) under 4; etc.

Mr. Price goes on to say: '. . . the two ideas are complementary . . . with identical transfigures . . . etc.' An indication of this fact may be seen in the identity, for such 'complementary' sets of rows, of the 'T-C' and the 'Tf-C,' or transposition and transfix codes, that I have introduced above ('efabdghc' in these two cases).—Yours very truly,

A. YORK-BRAMBLE.

Southsea.

TRANSPOSITIONS AND TRANSFIGURES

Dear Sir,—With regard to the letter by Mr. B. D. Price on page 723. I would like to make the following observations.

I do not agree that transpositions and transfigures are both fundamentals, as there is, as Mr. Price points out, a basic relation between the two. This relation may be expressed in the following way.

Every transposition A to B is the same as some transposition C to D, where C = 12345678. To define a transposition it is therefore only necessary to specify D, C being understood to be 12345678. Thus in the following, a letter may be used as a transposition, or a permutation. Further, the sign of 'x' may be used to denote the operation of transposition. For example, suppose

A = 34187652 and B = 23165487

then A x B = 41367825 and B x A = 16278453.

In the former A is used as a permutation, and in the latter it is used as a transposition.

Similarly, we may define a transfigure with one symbol, and use the sign '+' to denote the operation of 'transfiguration.' Using the same A and B as above, we have

A + B = 16278453 and B + A = 41367825.

From the above examples the basic relation may be seen. It is:—

A + B = B x A.

This is a way (rather lengthy, I'm afraid) of showing that 'transfiguration' is the same thing as pre-transposition. The word 'transfigure,' although an excellent analogy to transposition, is, I suggest, unnecessary in our vocabulary.—Yours faithfully,

D. J. MARSHALL.

Cheltenham.

[Letters from F. E. Corfield and other ringers on this subject are also acknowledged.—Ed.]

TWO FUNDAMENTALS

Dear Sir,—It appears to me that Mr. B. D. Price's point with regard to transposition and what he terms (very aptly) transfiguration is mainly academic.

Composers do not carry out such operations mechanically but think of the significance of what they are doing and thus there is no confusion between the operations.

As definitions, I think his suggestions are very acceptable.

It strikes me that Mr. Price has something deeper in mind, and it would be interesting to know what it is.—Yours, etc.,

D. R. CARLISLE.

Derby.

CENTRAL COUNCIL, DUBLIN, 1958

Dear Sir,—It is possible to fly from Bristol to Dublin. The whole journey from city centre to city centre takes about 3½ hours. The return fare is £10 6s. 6d.

If ten or more people travel together there is a 5 per cent. discount on the fare and for 14 or more a 10 per cent. discount. It occurs to me that quite a few Council members might find this route a very convenient one and would like to take advantage of the cheaper fares if possible. I have been advised that because Whitsun is involved, bookings should be made early in the New Year. If anyone interested in this would like to write to me, letting me know on which days they wish to travel over and back, I will undertake to make the party booking if there are enough,—Yours, etc.,

PHILIP GRAY.

Orana, Eastmead Lane,
Bristol. 9.

EVESHAM BELLS

Dear Sir,—May I through your columns make the request that all future applications for Evesham bells be made in writing to the Vicar, the Rev. Canon T. Charles Jones, The Vicarage, Evesham, Worcs, or to me. To avoid misunderstanding, no other form of application will be considered.—Yours faithfully,

G. J. HEMMING, Ringing Master.

36, Peewit Road,
Great Hampton,
Evesham.

GRATITUDE SHOULD BE EXPRESSED BY OPEN BELLS

Dear Sir,—A recent peal was rung, according to the footnote, 'with the bells half-muffled in gratitude for the life of ——.'

I would suggest that bells are rung muffled, or half-muffled, to express grief or sorrow, and that if gratitude is the chief sentiment intended, the bells should be rung open.—Yours faithfully,

G. A. PECK.

Rugby.

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Maidstone District Annual

Owing to the bells of All Saints', Maidstone, being at Loughborough for recasting, the annual meeting of the Maidstone District on October 12th was held at West Malling. Mr. P. Carter, the local captain, and his band expressed appreciation of this decision by decorating the belfry with flowers and displaying a large 'Welcome' token.

Ringing for all standards preceded the service, which was attended by 35 ringers and was conducted by the Vicar. Tea was served at the Bear Hotel, where the 'Carter Touch' was again obvious.

There was an attendance of 46 for the business meeting, with Mr. A. Waddington in the chair. Mr. R. Sills, the District secretary, in his report announced a slight increase in membership and an average attendance of 40 at meetings. Five new members were elected to West Malling and another five for St. Michael's, Maidstone.

The re-election of the standing officers, Mr. R. Sills (District secretary), Mr. A. Waddington and Mr. W. Manser (District representatives), reflected the appreciation of their work during the past year. Mr. P. Town again agreed to carry on as 'R.W.' representative.

The programme for the coming year was provisionally agreed as follows: January 11th, Staplehurst; February 8th, Wateringbury; March 8th, Headcorn; May 17th, Yalding; July 12th, Harrietsham; July 19th, coach tour (Surrey); September 13th, Boughton Monchelsea; October 11th, A.G.M., Maidstone; November 8th, Charing.

Closing the meeting the chairman thanked Mr. Carter for his great welcome and congratulated him on his painting and decoration of the belfry.

During the evening ringing a course of Crayford College was successfully brought round—the special method of the day. P. M. T.

Ashford District

It was a raw, cold day when the 3.15 bus from Ashford deposited eight ringers outside the church of the beautiful old village of Woodchurch, but the warm welcome given to the visitors more than made up for the inclemency of the weather.

The service at 4.30 was conducted by the rector (Rev. V. B. Wynburne), and his address, appropriate to Remembrance Day, was worthy of a larger congregation. Mr. Barnes was at the organ.

The small but friendly gathering enjoyed an excellent tea, generously provided and served by the local band in the Methodist Hall. No business was transacted, but Mr. T. Cullingworth voiced the sentiments of the meeting when he thanked the rector and Mr. Barnes for their kind services, and the Woodchurch band for their generous hospitality. Mrs. D. J. Russell, secretary of the Woodchurch ringers, had made all the local arrangements.

After Grandsire Triples on the well-polished handbells, a small influx from Bethersden raised the standard of ringing in the tower to Cambridge and London Surprise Minor, under the direction of Mr. J. R. Cooper (Ringing Master). The local band, who are among the most loyal and keenest supporters of the Association, rang some very good call-changes, and an all-ladies' touch on this rather heavy six was particularly admired by the gentlemen.

The bleak wind was still blowing from Romney Marsh when the visitors left at 9 o'clock with happy memories of kind hosts and enjoyable ringing. C. T. H.

Wishful Thinking?

'Two Hopeful Northants Ringers' write:—

'You will gather from this that we don't want to "stay" "single" for long.

'"Bob" is rather "plain," but "Clifford's pleasure" is to take us "places," like "Canterbury" and "Reading."

'But others seem to "dodge" us, and then "surprise" us by "leading" us up the garden path, then leaving us "behind."

'We are hoping there will be a "union" soon, so that when we're "set up" we can hope for "doubles" or "triples," or to the "extent" of . . . .'

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

Stratton Branch

Between 50 and 60 ringers attended the annual meeting of the Stratton Branch at Poughill on October 26th. Representatives of the Guild present were Mr. A. Carveth (president), Mr. Burnett (Ringing Master) and the Rev. W. H. R. Trewhella (hon. secretary). The service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. S. W. Drewer) and the address given by the Rev. L. Dodd (Vicar of Stratton). The collection for Branch funds amounted to £2. A grand tea was supplied by the ringers' wives of Poughill.

The annual meeting followed and the Rev. L. Dodd was elected chairman for 1958, and R. J. Hicks and A. Bissatt re-elected as secretary and treasurer. The treasurer reported a credit balance in Branch funds of £6 13s. 4d. Next year's festival will be held at Stratton. Ringing included Grandsire, call-changes and rounds.

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ACTIVITIES IN WESTERN CANADA

In Victoria, B.C., the bells of Christ Church Cathedral were rung on October 12th to announce the arrival of H.M. Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip in Canada. At this time a quarter peal of Grandsire was rung and followed by touches of Stedman and Bob Major, including the firing of the bells. The tenor bell is named King George V and weighs 3,295 pounds.

Those taking part in the ringing were: Margaret Horne 1, Mrs. Guthrie 2, Mary Emmerton 3, Margaret Izard 4, M. V. Donaldson 5, Arthur Izard 6, E. W. Izard 7, B. Guthrie 8. The ringing of the Victoria bells was also broadcast by television on the local broadcasting station.

BENEDICTINE MONASTERY BELLS

The ring of ten bells (tenor 2,350 lb. in E flat), supplied by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, have now been installed in the 150ft. tower of the new Benedictine Monastery, Westminster Abbey, which is situated on the north side of the Fraser River Valley, approximately 55 miles east of the city of Vancouver, B.C. The installation of the bells was superintended by Mr. E. W. Izard, of Victoria.

On the invitation of the Abbot (Rt. Rev. Eugene Medved) and the Father Prior, ten of the ringers from Christ Church Cathedral, Victoria, travelled by air, making the trip over the Gulf Islands to the Vancouver airport and then by car to Mission, arriving in time for lunch at the Abbey. After lunch, they rang until 4.30 p.m., attended vespers, and rang again after supper until 7 p.m., when they left to return to Victoria. On arrival at the Vancouver airport at 9.30 p.m., they were informed that all flights to Victoria were cancelled due to fog. Fortunately the fog cleared later, and Trans Canada Airlines put on a special plane so that the ringers returned home about midnight.

The Abbey bells are a beautiful ring of ten and sound very well indeed, and owing to the height of the tower and the location can be heard for quite a long distance up the Fraser River Valley. The ringing consisted of two touches of Stedman Triples with the tenors 9, 8, 10, one touch of Grandsire 504 with the tenors in the same order, and Bob Major with tenors 9, 10. The striking was remarkably good considering the ropes were spring and visitors were moving around in the ringing chamber.

Those taking part in the ringing were: Margaret Horne, Mary Emmerton, Mrs. Guthrie, Margaret Izard, M. V. Donaldson, Arthur Izard, E. W. Izard, Dr. Longridge, T. Arkell and B. Guthrie.

The ringers spent a very enjoyable time at the Monastery, and much appreciated the kindness and enthusiasm of the Benedictines.

CHRIST CHURCH, CALGARY

At the beginning of September the two trebles arrived to complete the ring of eight in Christ Church, Calgary, and all eight of these bells were rung together for the first time on Sunday, September 8th, before and after the morning service.

The local ringers were assisted by Miss Margaret Izard and E. W. Izard, who travelled by air from Victoria to Calgary and back—a distance of 1,500 miles; and also by Mr. Godfrey White, who came from Edmonton, 200 miles away, and Miss J. Midgley, who came from Lacombe, 100 miles. Miss Midgley has since arranged to be stationed in Calgary, and will be of very great assistance to the Christ Church ringers. These ringers are extremely keen and should have a useful band in the very near future. E. W. IZARD, Master Ringer.

JOINT MEETINGS

At Hillingdon

The annual joint meeting of the Middlesex Association and Oxford Diocesan Guild was held on October 19th. Ringing was at St. Margaret's, Uxbridge, in the afternoon and at St. John-the-Baptist, Hillingdon, in the afternoon and evening, and ranged from Surprise Royal to rounds for learners.

At the service, the Vicar (Rev. F. C. Tyler) welcomed the ringers and gave an inspiring address. Mr. J. Ferguson (organist) and the choir also attended.

To mark the meeting being held in the 60th anniversary year of the Middlesex Association, the Hillingdon ringers and their wives provided an excellent tea for all present in the Church Hall. Mr. F. W. Goodfellow welcomed visiting members of the Oxford Guild and others, and spoke of the long and happy association which had existed between the two Societies, particularly at Hillingdon meetings.

After Mr. F. Finch had proposed the usual vote of thanks, Mr. W. H. Coles asked the company to honour especially Mrs. Goodfellow and the ringers' wives and other helpers who had for some years provided and arranged the teas at this function. He then presented a bouquet to Mrs. Goodfellow who, expressing her pleasure and surprise, suitably replied, making special reference to her helpers.

A social evening was later enjoyed, and the 'freq for all' balloon match ended in a draw, Oxford winning the toss to hold the cup for next year. Mr. Derek Judd arranged many amusing entertainments, and another happy occasion concluded at about 10.30 p.m.

At Southgate

The mostly unspoilt village of Southgate was the meeting place of ringers from the Essex and the Middlesex Associations on November 9th, and judging from the numbers who gave their support, it was most successful. Well nigh 70 ringers were in attendance during the afternoon and evening, and 99 per cent. showed their keenness to partake in the ringing on these lovely bells. But it was noticeable that all were not 10-bell ringers, and as it happened that perhaps only once did a 10-bell band take control, the outcome was that the striking was not up to usual standard. However, youth was quite predominant and it is hoped that the experience of this meeting will serve them a useful purpose. Ringing, under the guidance of Mr. A. Cutler, especially catered for those who were ringing on ten for the first time, and for those who preferred plain methods.

Evensong was conducted by the Rev. G. D. J. Walsh (curate), himself a learner in the ringing chamber. Mr. P. Noble was the organist.

Following the tea, Mr. H. G. Hart welcomed all the Essex friends to Middlesex territory, and wished success to further joint meetings. Mr. C. E. Willmington replied with appreciation, and pointed out his pleasure by mentioning that his following included ringers from Brentwood, Hornchurch, Southend and Waltham Abbey. He had already made arrangements for the next year's meeting in his district.

Mr. Hart also thanked the Vicar and curate, the organist, Mr. S. G. Peck (local captain) and Mrs. Richards and lady helpers for an excellent tea. T. J. L.

A S.E. LEICESTERSHIRE TOUR

A party of ringers from towers in the Hinckley District and Harbury, Warwicks, had an outing in S.E. Leicestershire on October 19th. A half-hour was spent at the Market Harborough District meeting at Oadby. Ringing afterwards took place at Hallaton, King's Norton and Illston-on-the-Hill. The day was concluded with joining the Syston District meeting at Billesdon.

OLDHAM RINGER'S 80th BIRTHDAY

Mr. Herbert Barlow, a keen and active ringer since the age of 17, celebrated his 80th birthday in a true ringer's fashion on November 2nd. Friezland ringers, who have been associated with him for many years, rang a touch of 700 Minor on the bells of Oldham Parish Church. Some 60 ringers and friends were present during the afternoon and evening to pay their compliments to this worthy veteran.

The tea in the Burnley Street Schools, given by local ringers, was arranged by Mrs. D. Sanderson, who gave a birthday cake as a personal present to Mr. Barlow, and was also responsible for the confectionery.

The good wishes of the company for health and happiness and many more years of ringing were voiced by the Vicar (Rev. H. Kirkman), who presented Mr. Barlow with a pipe and a few ounces of tobacco as a gift from ringing friends.

A social evening followed, with tunes by the Moorside handbell ringers and a course of Grandsire Triples, in which Mr. Barlow rang 1-2. Others participating were V. Sykes, F. Pritchard and J. T. Walmsley. Before the evening concluded, Mr. Barlow thanked his many friends for their present, and the local ringers for making it possible for him to have a chat with many old ringing acquaintances.

Finally, there was an hour's ringing at the parish church, with one or two good courses of Stedman Caters, Bob Royal and Grandsire Caters, also rounds on 12 for learners.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

The monthly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at Bishop's Cannings on November 2nd, and the attendance included visitors from Bath, Bristol, Nailsea, Worcester, Shrivenham and Salisbury.

The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. S. L. R. Sharp), with Mr. A. T. Weeks as organist. Forty-two members sat down to tea in the Clubroom, the catering arrangements being made by Mrs. P. M. Hale, Miss E. F. Bailey and Miss Rachael Hale.

Ringing included the following methods: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Oxford and Kent Spliced, and Cambridge and Yorkshire Surprise. There were also rounds for the learners. Among the visitors was Mr. W. H. Trueman (Swindon), Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Association.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

St. Albans District

Tewin was chosen for the October meeting of the St. Albans District. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m. and continued until the service, which was conducted by the Rev. C. J. Leeke. Mr. Dennis Bowen, of Barnet, was the organist.

Tea followed at the Rose and Crown Inn, at which 22 were present, and afterwards a short business meeting was held, Mr. B. C. Johnson, of St. Peter's, St. Albans, taking the chair. A collection taken for the Voluntary Bell Fund amounted to 11s. 9d.

Ringing continued during the evening until 8. Methods rung during the meeting were to suit all tastes and capabilities. It is hoped to arrange for the November meeting at St. Stephen's, St. Albans. M. A. C.

Eastern District

A meeting of the Eastern District was held on November 9th at Hertingfordbury. Ringing on the rather noisy five (tenor 9¼ cwt.) took place from 2.30 till 4.15 p.m. Mr. I. Peet, a local ringer for many years, surprised everyone by ringing Grandsire and Stedman for the first time for 17 years. He has also recently started a local call-change band.

Evensong, conducted by the Rev. F. H. Cleobury, was followed by tea at the White Horse Inn. Ringing took place after tea on the light ring of eight at Bengeo. The next meeting will be a joint one with the Essex Association at Saffron Walden. C. E. H.

LEEDS & DISTRICT SOCIETY

Past, present and future were represented among the 50 or so members present at the Society's meeting, held at St. Chad's, Headingley, on November 2nd. There were the veterans with upwards of 50 years' ringing service, a large group of young ringers, many from St. Chad's, others from further afield, and three small children, who were being introduced to ringing at a very early age.

The bells were raised just after 3 o'clock and continued to ring in a variety of methods ranging from rounds to Surprise Major until 9 p.m. A very enjoyable 'home-made' tea had been provided in the local schools and was much appreciated by those present. This was followed by a few words of welcome from the Vicar, who joined the Society for tea.

At the business meeting two new members were elected, and a hearty vote of thanks passed to all concerned with the arrangements for the meeting. The next meeting will be held at Ossett on November 30th.

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BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN

The quarterly meeting of the Chew Deanery Branch was held at Yatton on October 26th. Ringing preceded the Association service, which was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. G. A. Beechey). The usual 'Yatton standard' tea then followed, and the Vicar afterwards took the chair for the business meeting.

It was decided that the annual meeting should be at Long Ashton on the first Saturday in December. A recommendation is to be made to the general committee that in view of the Central Council meeting being held in Dublin next Whitsuntide, the allowances made to C.C. representatives should be reviewed in the light of the considerably extra expenditure which would be incurred.

After votes of thanks to the Vicar, the organist and those who prepared the tea, the tower was again visited for ringing in methods up to Yorkshire Major, under the direction of the Ringing Master (Mr. H. W. Knight).

CORPORATE COMMUNION

The half-yearly Corporate Communion, unavoidably a little later than usual, was held at Chew Magna on Sunday, October 27th—the morning following the quarterly meeting. Ringing commenced soon after 7 a.m. and continued until 8 a.m., when the ringers joined the parishioners in the Lady Chapel for Communion service. The celebrant was the Vicar (Rev. C. M. Luxmoore-Ball).

Breakfast, prepared by the local ringers and their wives, was afterwards enjoyed by about 18 ringers in the Church Hall, and those who were not required for duty at their own towers joined the local band for further ringing for Matins.

M. J. H.

SHEFFIELD & DISTRICT SOCIETY

The monthly meeting of the Society was held at Handsworth on November 2nd, and although the attendance was somewhat smaller than usual, several visitors were present and ringing reached quite high standards at times. The local company excelled themselves in providing an extra-cheap tea, and appreciation of this was expressed in due course by various members.

At the business meeting, new members were elected from Arksey, Barnby Dun, Doncaster and Thrybergh, and in passing, Mr. G. Watson stated that the next meeting of the neighbouring Doncaster and District Society would be held at Barnby Dun. Mr. J. Slyer reminded Sheffield members of the meeting to be held at Staveley in December, and asked for a more satisfying attendance.

A return was then made to the tower, and methods ranging from Bob Minor to Yorkshire and London Surprise were rung. I. M. H.

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION

The 6-bell contest and quarterly meeting was held at Brighouse on October 26th, when five teams entered to ring a three-lead practice and 504 changes in any method as a test piece.

As Shelley and Elland secretaries had notified the Association secretary that their teams would be unable to compete before tea, the committee waived Rule 12 as regards penalties. Mr. George Perrin was the judge and the result was: 1 Liversedge, 49 faults; 2 Friezland, 51; 3 Meltham, 69; 4 Shelley, 123; 5 Elland, 172.

At the commencement of the quarterly meeting, at the request of the president, the company stood in silence to the memory of Mr. Harry Haig, of New Mill, who died shortly after the annual meeting in August.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar, churchwardens and ladies for providing an excellent tea, and to Mr. H. Renshaw for the splendid local arrangements.

LATE NEWS

We are pleased to report that a new long length in Minor was established at Stisted, Essex, last Saturday. The 25 extents (18,000 changes) were rung in 9 hours 35 minutes. The band consisted of Brian J. Howard, Joe E. G. Roast, Howard W. Egglestone, Walter Arnold, Frank B. Lufkin (conductor) and Terry Earle.

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Round at 4

To replace the false 'quarter' which accompanied the article about the above peal, Mr. Birmingham has sent us another in the hope that anyone wishing to see how the peal concludes may find it worth while calling. He regrets publicising figures before checking them, and hopes that these will be acceptable.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

Previous to the Melton District meeting at Asfordby on November 9th, a quarter peal of Minor (720 Oxford Bob and 540 Plain Bob) was rung as an 84th birthday compliment to Mr. Evander Littlewood, who had been ringing at Asfordby for 68 years. Mr. Littlewood rang the treble faultlessly, and others taking part were A. E. Hinman 2, Roland H. Cook (15, conductor) 3, B. Bowns 4, J. H. Cook 5, G. A. Bowcutt 6.

The rector (Rev. S. A. Jackson) conducted the service, and the tea was served by ringers' wives and friends. At the business meeting Mr. J. H. Cook (chairman) paid tribute to Mr. Littlewood's long service. The Melton District dinner will be held at the Harborough Hotel, Melton Mowbray, on December 7th.

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There will be no practice at ALDERSHOT on Friday, Nov. 29th. — S. P. Tate-Mitchell, Secretary. 1375

MEETINGS

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at St. Paul's, Stalybridge, on Saturday, Nov. 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. For tea, please advise Mr. A. Hodgson, 9, Stocks Lane, Stalybridge.—C. K. Lewis. 1335

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Practice meeting at Great Bromley, Saturday, Nov. 23rd. Bells (6) 2.30 to 9 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea. Everybody welcome.—J. H. Gould, Dis. Sec. 1281

ESSEX ASSOCIATION (N.W. District), HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Eastern District), ELY DIOCESAN GUILD and CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.—A joint meeting will be held at Saffron Walden (12) on Saturday, Nov. 23rd, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea at 5.15 p.m. Names, please, to G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex 1287

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Aldershot (8) on Saturday, Nov. 23rd, from 7 p.m.—C. J. Beadle. 1340

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Joint meeting with the Derbyshire Association at St. Peter's, Derby, Saturday, Nov. 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Everybody welcome. 1333

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—South Oxon Branch.—Combined practice at Dorchester on Saturday, Nov. 23rd, at 3 p.m. All welcome.—H. Badger, 23, Stanway Road, Headington, Oxford. 1322

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Penn, Nov. 23rd, 3.15 p.m.—W. Butler, 17, Forest Road, Windsor (Windsor 1484). 1337

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Nov. 23rd, Willingdon. Frequent buses eight minutes from Eastbourne Station. London Minor again. Tea names.—H. Reynolds, Sec., 10, Eastern Avenue, Polegate. 1323

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—The sixth annual dinner will be held at the Westgate Lodge Hotel, Winchester, on Saturday, Nov. 23rd, at 6.30 p.m. Service 5.15 at St. Lawrence's Church. Bar open at 6 p.m. Tickets available, 12s. each, from P. Nash, 10, Portal Road, Winchester.—R. F. Brewer, Dis. Sec. 1331

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Branch.—Annual meeting at Curry Rivel, Saturday, Nov. 30th. Please notify for tea to J. T. Locke, Hon. Sec., School Street, Drayton. 1362

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Meeting at Burbage, Buxton, Saturday, Nov. 30th, 3 p.m. Cups of tea only. All welcome.—H. E. Taylor, Dis. Sec. 1355

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—Annual meeting, St. David's, Exeter, Saturday, Nov. 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to F. Wreford, 24, Normandy Road, Exeter. 1324

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Barnby Dun, Saturday, Nov. 30th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. Lunn, 133, Doncaster Road, Kirk Sandall, near Doncaster. Next meeting, annual general meeting, St. George's Parish Church, Doncaster, Saturday, Jan. 25th (provisional).—George Watson, Sec. 1354

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at St. Andrew's, Netherton, on Saturday, Nov. 30th (St. Andrew's Day). Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea for those who send names to R. A. Peakman, Les Cloches, Court Crescent, Kingswinford. 1367

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Tewkesbury Branch.—Annual meeting, Beckford (6), Saturday, Nov. 30th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Business 5.30 p.m.—G. H. Burrows, Branch, Sec., 24, Lansdown Place, Cheltenham. 1350

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Meeting for nomination of District officers at Ewell on Saturday, Nov. 30th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea by Nov. 27th to J. E. Beams, 4, Cottage Road, West Ewell. 1328

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Nomination meeting will be held at Bramley (6) on Saturday, Nov. 30th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at Jolly Farmer at 5.15 p.m. Notifications for tea by previous Wednesday to Miss M. Collins, 3, Hawthorne Way, Burpham, Guildford. 1276

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—Combined practice, Cleobury Mortimer, Saturday, Nov. 30th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Teas.—G. Randle, Ashford, Ludlow. 1359

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—Quarterly meeting, Bodenham, Nov. 30th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea, please, to A. T. Wingate, Huntington House, Hereford. 1373

LADIES' GUILD.—Beds and Northants Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, Nov. 30th, at Felmersham. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Nov. 27th, to Mr. C. Payne, 4, Council Houses, Felmersham, Beds.—Anne E. Amor. 1346

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Quarterly meeting on Saturday, Nov. 30th. Ringing at St. Mary's, Hampton, 3 to 4.30 p.m., followed by service. Tea and business meeting at St. Mary's, Twickenham. Evening ringing at Twickenham from 6 p.m. Gentlemen cordially invited. 1356

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Deane on Saturday, Nov. 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Business 6 p.m. Cups of tea provided. This ancient church welcomes all.—Thornley, Sec. 1348

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Ossett, Saturday, Nov. 30th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Names, please, to Fred Bennett, Carlton House, Dale Street, Ossett.—J. F. Hodson. 1364

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Monmouth Branch.—Joint meeting with Ladies' Guild, Saturday, Nov. 30th, Caerleon. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Ladies' Guild meeting 4 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and Branch business meeting. Names for tea, please, by Nov. 25th.—J. S. King. 1325

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Nov. 30th, at North Creake. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by the business meeting. Names for tea not later than Thursday, 28th, to R. Alcock, Church Street, North Creake, Fakenham. 1313

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting at Stony Stratford on Saturday, Nov. 30th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Please notify for tea by Nov. 25th, R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bucks. 1330

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Charminster, Saturday, Nov. 30th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea. No business meeting. Names by Nov. 27th to Miss T. Barnett, 9, West Hill, Charminster, Dorset.—Hayne, Sec. 1352

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Practice meeting, Saturday, Nov. 30th, at East Knoyle (6, anti-clockwise). Bells from 2.30 p.m. and after tea. Service 4 p.m. Tea specially arranged by ringers' wives, so numbers by 26th essential, to Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 1316

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Meeting, Wollaton (6), Saturday, Nov. 30th, 3 p.m. Tea for anyone who writes to Mr. R. Preston, Kenilworth, Wollaton, Nottingham. 1353

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Meeting at Freckenham (5), Saturday, Nov. 30th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Mildenhall bells from 6 p.m.—E. M. Peachey, Dis. Sec. 1336

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Ripple, on Saturday, Nov. 30th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Tuesday, Nov. 26th, to E. F. Cubberley, Park Cottages, Kempsey, near Worcester. 1357

PENN.—St. Bartholomew's Church ringers' service, Advent Sunday, Dec. 1st, at 6.30 p.m. Bells (8) at 5.30 p.m., also after service until approximately 8.30 p.m. Preacher, the Rev. C. H. Barker. All welcome. 1342

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Combined practice on Wednesday, Dec. 4th, at St. Martin-in-the-Fields. Bells (12), 6.30 to 8 p.m. All very welcome.—P. N. Bond, Hon. Sec. 1361

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Branch.—Annual meeting at Lympstone, Saturday, Dec. 7th. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Dec. 4th to R. T. Perry, Redcliff, Lympstone. 1351

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Dec. 7th, Watermoor (8), 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and business 5 p.m. Names by Dec. 3rd essential. Cirencester (12), 6 p.m.—Ralph Wenban, 21, Aldsworth Road, Bibury, Cirencester. 1347

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Stevenage, Saturday, Dec. 7th, 3 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. at the Elite Cafe. Special method, Rutland Surprise.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 1343

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting, Acle, Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Dec. 4th, certain, please, to Mr. H. W. Lidbetter, Hollycroft, South Walsham Road, Acle, Norfolk.—P. G. W. Newstead, Branch Sec. 1349

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS and MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting, Saturday, Dec. 7th, at St. Martin-in-the-Fields. Bells (12) available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in canteen. St. Giles-in-the-Fields (Tottenham Court Road underground three minutes) bells (8) available after tea. Names for tea by Tuesday, Dec. 3rd, please, to Mr. P. N. Bond, Gaywood, 30, Stocks Green Road, Hildenborough, Tonbridge, Kent. All very welcome!—P. N. Bond, T. J. Lock, Hon. Secs. 1360

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting at Radcliffe-on-Trent (8) on Saturday, Dec. 7th, 3 p.m. Cups of tea available—bring own food.—C. W. Towers. 1365

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Sudbury District.—Meeting at St. Gregory's, Sudbury, Saturday, Dec. 7th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at Chantry's. Names for tea to Mr. A. Fitch, 7, Croft Road, Sudbury. Ringing after meeting at All Saints'. 1374

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Southern District.—Annual meeting, Sketty, on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea. Names please.—J. A. Hoare, 6, Gendros Crescent, Swansea. 1344

WYKE REGIS, DORSET.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. J. Vardy (first of Triples) 1, Jack W. Rose 2, F. Symonds 3, G. J. Abbott 4, F. Crudge 5, J. W. Rose (cond.) 6, F. Stedman 7, J. Hart 8. Rung for the festival of All Saints, and for the 502nd anniversary of the rebuilding of the church.

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PEAL ATTEMPT

IT was Thursday when Alan rang up and said, 'Would you like to ring a peal on Saturday afternoon?' Playing for time and trying not to sound too alarmed, I said, 'Where?' Alan replied that it was at Betchworth and that he was asking me to stand in for Freda, who had hurt her foot and couldn't make it. 'What are you ringing?' I asked. 'Grandsire Triples,' he replied. I took my courage in both hands and said, 'Yes, I'll do it.' Alan said he was very pleased, and I too felt a certain pride in the thought that I had been asked to stand in a peal. I'd never rung one before and it would be quite an experience. Oh yes, on Thursday I felt very cocky about it.

On Friday a little shadow of doubt crept into my mind. A peal took a long time to ring—nearly three hours. Three hours of complete concentration — one mustn't let one's mind wander for an instant. Could I do it? It was Triples, too, and I was much more used to Doubles. True I had rung a quarter of Grandsire Triples—but a peal—that was a different matter. I went through all the motions and mechanics of the method in my mind. Yes, I could remember it—I should know what to do. But would it be as easy in the tower at Betchworth on Saturday? I told myself angrily that of course it would and that I was being ridiculous. All the same — rather like a drowning man grasps at a straw—I began to hope that Alan would ring again and say that someone else had dropped out and that they would have to call off the attempt, but it was a false hope and I didn't hear from him.

Saturday came. In the morning I did my usual chores—the hairdresser, arranging the flowers in the church, things in which I normally take pleasure, but to-day they were spoiled by the small black cloud that lurked on my horizon—that afternoon I had committed myself to ring in a peal, and I didn't want to. I tried to shake off this stupid depression and apprehension. There was absolutely no reason to feel like this—I was behaving like a child. It was a gorgeous autumn afternoon, mellow and golden, but somehow I couldn't enjoy it, and I arrived at Betchworth feeling very, very frightened. One by one the band arrived. Pat, who was conducting, said, 'It'll deserve a leading article in "The Ringing World," Nancy, if we get this peal.' Everyone said of course we would get it. I wished I could have felt as confident as they.

We started. Pat said, 'There's a bob in the first lead, so don't panic.' I didn't. Perhaps it wasn't going to be so bad after all. We had been ringing for about forty minutes or so, and I discovered to my surprise that I was beginning to enjoy it. Then it happened — five or six whacking great thuds. What on earth was it? Had something happened to the bells? Was someone trying to get in? We looked round at each other, mutely asking the same questions. And then I suddenly realised I'd no idea of what place I was in or what I should be doing next. It soon became apparent to Pat that the two and five had crossed over. Sadly 'Stand' was called and our peal was no more.

But the mystery remained. What had caused the noise? The bells were all right and no one was trying to get in. What could it be? Alan did some investigating. There was a water tank in the belfry and for some reason, possibly because of an airlock in the pipe, when water was drawn from down below it caused these thumpings and bangings. The mystery was solved, but I cannot help feeling it had cost us our peal. Anyway, we rang a quarter afterwards, so the afternoon wasn't really wasted.

Later when we were talking in the churchyard I said to Pat, 'I'd like to have another try some time if you wouldn't mind putting up with me.' Pat said of course we could try again and that we must fix something up. On my way home with horror I realised what I had said—*I'd like to try again.* And that meant once more I would have to go through that appalling apprehension and doubt and nervousness. What a fool I was—I'd let myself in for it all over again. Oh well, never mind, I dare say I will enjoy it as much as I did this last time!

By the way, Pat said he expected an article in 'The Ringing World' if we scored the peal. I don't know, but I think unsuccessful peal attempts as well as the successful ones deserve some publicity, don't you?

NANCY KEMPSELL.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 9, 1957, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 24 cwt.

GEOFFREY PAUL	*Treble*	ARTHUR G. MASON	7
GEORGE E. FEIRN	2	WALTER TOMLINSON	8
NORAH M. BIBBY	3	GEORGE H. RANDLES	9
JOHN FREEMAN	4	RAYMOND F. SMITH	10
GEOFFREY R. PARKER	5	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	11
JOHN WALDEN	6	FREDERICK E. COLLINS	*Tenor*

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

TEN BELL PEALS

DERBY.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 9, 1957, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 19 cwt. 1 lb. in D flat.

*PATRICIA A. M. FORSTER	*Treble*	ALBERT E. THOMPSON	6
GORDON A. HALLS	2	DENIS R. CARLISLE	7
†BURLEY P. MORRIS	3	ROBIN G. TURNER	8
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	4	FREDERICK WM. GROCOTT	9
HAROLD TAYLOR	5	DEREK P. JONES	*Tenor*

Composed by GORDON A. HALLS and DENIS R. CARLISLE.
Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
* First peal of Royal. † First peal of Royal in the method. First peal of Yorkshire Royal as conductor. This composition contains eight courses in the 'tittums' position and the 6th home throughout.
Rung for the Patronal Festival and to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the hallowing of the Cathedral.

LOUGHBOROUGH. LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Nov. 20, 1957, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

ERNEST MORRIS	*Treble*	JOSEPH W. COTTON	6
BRIAN G. WARWICK	2	ERNEST J. JELLEY	7
GORDON A. HALLS	3	JOHN A. ACRES	8
PHYLLIS POOLE	4	G. RONALD EDWARDS	9
PATRICIA A. M. FOSTER	5	*PERCIVAL W. GRICE	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal on ten bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 2, 1957, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 EALING SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

ERNEST H. KILBY	*Treble*	ALICK CUTLER	5
*ALAN R. PINK	2	STANLEY E. DARMON	6
CYRIL A. WRATTEN	3	DENNIS KNOX	7
JAMES WALLMAN	4	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by DENNIS KNOX.
* First peal in the method.

PULHAM ST. MARY, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Nov. 3, 1957, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Pritchard's Four-part. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO	*Treble*	ALAN F. ELLIS	5
*LEONARD J. MINNS	2	ERNEST WHITING	6
FRANK C. J. ARNOLD	3	†PAUL D. T. CATTERMOLE	7
E. AUSTIN HEAD	4	WILFRED G. SAUNDERS	*Tenor*

Conducted by PAUL D. T. CATTERMOLE.
* First peal of Major, † First of Major 'inside' and as conductor.

CROSS STONE, TODMORDEN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Nov. 13, 1957, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5016 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

ROGER MAHER	*Treble*	GEOFFREY S. MILLS	5
BARRIE HENDRY	2	J. BARRY PICKUP	6
DEREK BUTTERWORTH	3	DEREK OGDEN	7
PETER SCHOLFIELD	4	NORMAN SMITH	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by NORMAN SMITH.
First peal in the method by all except the ringers of the second and seventh.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Nov. 13, 1957, in 2 Hours,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
F. H. Dexter's variation of Thurstans' Four-part.
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

PHYLLIS POOLE	*Treble*	BRIAN G. WARWICK	5
JOSEPH W. COTTON	2	JOHN A. ACRES	6
DEREK P. JONES	3	ERNEST J. JELLEY	7
JOHN M. JELLEY	4	G. HARRY BRAY	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Thurs., Nov. 14, 1957, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21½ cwt.

C. JACK GIBSON	*Treble*	WILLIAM J. BUTTON	5
WALTER RUFFLES	2	CHARLES W. BEECROFT	6
*EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	3	JOHN W. BLYTHE	7
WALTER W. MILLER	4	LESLIE G. BRETT	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM WIGHTMAN. Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.
* First peal in the method.
A birthday compliment to H.R.H. the Duke of Cornwall.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Nov. 14, 1957, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE.
A PEAL OF 5024 WYE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

RUTH S. HODGSON	*Treble*	JOHN R. COOPER	5
JAMES H. PAILING	2	FRANK A. BARRETT	6
CHARLES COLES	3	COLIN J. B. TAYLOR	7
DERMOT J. ROAF	4	DONALD H. NIBLETT	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by DONALD H. NIBLETT.
The first peal in the method by all the band.
Rung on the birthday of Prince Charles, Duke of Cornwall.

BOURN, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Fri., Nov. 15, 1957, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. HELEN AND MARY.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

SUSAN JACKSON (Girton)	*Treble*	*D. J. KIRBY (Selwyn)	5
JO M. BOISSARD (Girton)	2	M. J. HARBORD (Trin. Hall)	6
D. H. B. WILLIAMSON (Caius)	3	P. F. WINDLEY (Jesus)	7
W. J. RIDGMAN (Queens')	4	A. R. HEPPENSTALL (Sel.)	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by A. R. HEPPENSTALL.
* First peal.
Rung with the best wishes of the band to F. B. Cookson (Master) on the eve of his 21st birthday.

COOKHAM, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 16, 1957, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Carter's Odd Bob Twenty-part. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

WALTER LEE	*Treble*	PERCY NEWTON	5
ARTHUR FOXALL	2	ARTHUR NEWTON	6
ARTHUR D. BARKER	3	JOHN D. KAPE	7
DAVID A. CORNWALL	4	ROLAND BIGGS	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN D. KAPE.

CRADLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 16, 1957, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Original. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

L. R. HALL	*Treble*	E. STITCH	5
H. WYRE	2	H. J. SHUCK	6
A. G. HALL	3	A. J. PITMAN	7
H. WHITE	4	W. T. LLOYD	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. STITCH.
Rung in memoriam Arthur Wyre.

ECCLESFIELD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 16, 1957, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (Groves' variation). Tenor 14 cwt.

THOMAS SENIOR	*Treble*	WILLIAM HOLLAND	5
LESLIE SMITH	2	DENNIS HOLLAND	6
GEORGE R. HINER	3	BARRY HOLLAND	7
RONALD BIRCH	4	LESLIE LEACH	*Tenor*

Conducted by BARRY HOLLAND.

EGHAM, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 16, 1957, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation).
Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in F.

*DAVID S. FROME	*Treble*	WALTER A. PECK	5
†PATRICIA DOORN	2	ARNOLD S. HARRIS	6
RONALD I. SHEPPARD	3	E. JOHN WELLS	7
*MARGARET L. GIBSON	4	MARTYN W. HARBOTT	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. JOHN WELLS.
* First peal. † First peal in the method. The conductor's 100th peal for the Guild.
Rung as a welcome to the Vicar (Rev. E. C. Strong), and as a compliment to the ringer of the sixth on his engagement.

GUISELEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 16, 1957, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,
A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In six methods, being 960 London, 928 Watford, 896 Bristol and 832 each of Cambridge, Superlative and Pudsey, with 137 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell.
Tenor 16¼ cwt.

HOWARD SCOTT	*Treble*	J. FREDERICK MILNER	5
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	2	ALEXANDER E. MARSH	6
J. HENRY FIELDEN	3	GORDON BENFIELD	7
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	4	VERNON BOTTOMLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
A birthday compliment to J. Frederick Milner.

HIGHCLERE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 16, 1957, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 11 cwt. 27 lb.

*DOUGLAS G. BYNG	*Treble*	REGINALD W. REX	5
GILLIAN E. BROWN	2	†WILLIAM NEWTON	6
NOEL J. DISERENS	3	RONALD F. DISERENS	7
FRANK W. LEWIS	4	GEOFFREY K. DODD	*Tenor*

Conducted by RONALD F. DISERENS.
* First peal away from the tenor. † First peal.

HORSMONDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 16, 1957, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 27 lb.

REGINALD E. LAMBERT	*Treble*	†STANLEY JENNER	5
*GEORGE FRY	2	MAXWELL F. OAKSHETT	6
ROBERT T. LAMBERT	3	BRIAN BLADON	7
JOHN L. MORRIS	4	RALPH BIRD	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by JOHN L. MORRIS.
* First peal of Cambridge Major 'inside.' † First peal of Cambridge. First peal of Cambridge Major on the bells.
In memoriam Frank Bennett.

MIDDLETON, LANCASHIRE.
THE MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 16, 1957, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12¾ cwt. in G.

*MARGARET ROSS	*Treble*	GEOFFREY HOPKINSON	5
DAVID W. JAMES	2	‡ALAN SHARPLES	6
†BARRIE HENDRY	3	JOHN F. BRYANT	7
CAROL EUSTACE	4	DEREK OGDEN	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by DEREK OGDEN.
* First peal of Major. † 25th peal. ‡ First peal of Surprise. First peal of Surprise for the Guild.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Carol Eustace, secretary of the Guild.

SOUTHPORT, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 16, 1957, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

*MRS. P. J. H. HUDSON	*Treble*	*PHILIP J. H. HUDSON	5
RONALD KENRICK	2	CYRIL LOW	6
HARRY POYNER	3	EDWIN C. BIRKETT	7
JACK ASHCROFT	4	JOSEPH RIDYARD	*Tenor*

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.
* First peal of London Surprise Major.

SOUTH SHIELDS, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 16, 1957, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HILDA,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 43 lb.

GEORGE S. DEAS	*Treble*	EDMUND P. CROWDY	5
CHARLES McGUINESS	2	ERIC N. HARRISON	6
ENID SOFTLEY	3	CHARLES N. LEA	7
DENIS A. BAYLES	4	J. ALAN AINSWORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY. Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.
A birthday compliment to Mrs. C. McGuiness and Mrs. D. A. Bayles.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 16, 1957, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in F.

*TERRY I. ROPER	*Treble*	G. HARRY BRAY	5
BRIAN G. WARWICK	2	JOHN A. ACRES	6
ROGER K. STRETTON	3	ERNEST J. JELLEY	7
BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	4	JOHN M. JELLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY (No. 2).
Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal of Major and of Treble Bob.

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SOUTHWOLD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 16, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Edmund, K. and M.,
A PEAL OF 5056 SOUTHWELL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

*C. Jack Gibson	*Treble*	John W. Blythe	5
Muriel R. Page	2	*Walter Ruffles	6
*Edwin T. Chapman	3	*Peter S. Bedford	7
*William J. Button	4	Leslie G. Brett	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Leslie G. Brett.
* First peal in the method.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

THRAPSTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 16, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb.

William J. Whitmore	*Treble*	Richard F. Roe	5
*Raymond H. Idle	2	George Care	6
*†Philip G. K. Davies	3	*Peter M. Giles	7
*Shelagh R. Collins	4	Geoffrey E. Watson	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Geoffrey E. Watson.
* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise. † First peal on eight bells.

WELLINGTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 16, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.

Arthur H. Reed	*Treble*	Geoffrey J. Gammon	5
*David T. North	2	*William F. Slocombe	6
*Stanley N. Bristow	3	Gordon Walford	7
†Patrick J. Bird	4	William G. Gigg	*Tenor*

Composed by J. Reeves. Conducted by William G. Gigg.
* First peal of Treble Bob Major. † First peal of Treble Bob. Believed to be the first peal of Treble Bob Major on the bells.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Nov. 17, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
At the Church of The Saviour,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. in E.

Norman Tompkins	*Treble*	Cecil Raddon	5
David Young	2	Peter Crook, sen.	6
Geoffrey Mills	3	Joseph Thornley	7
*Derek Yates	4	Harry W. Howard	*Tenor*

Composed by J. Reeves. Conducted by Harry W. Howard.
* First peal of Major.
Rung to mark the baptism of Kyra Dawn Golley, grand-daughter of Mr. H. Gorton, tower captain of the above tower.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Nov. 17, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicolas,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

*J. Lawrence Queen	*Treble*	David Forder	5
Margaret E. L. Beamish	2	†Don C. Exell	6
*John P. MacDermott	3	*Anthony V. Queen	7
*Eve Pearson	4	Raymond E. Finch	*Tenor*

Composed by F. Bennett. Conducted by Margaret E. L. Beamish.
* First peal. † First peal in the method.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

DENBY, DERBYSHIRE
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Nov. 8, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5040 LUDLOW DELIGHT MINOR
Being two 2,160's and an extent (C.C.C. Nos. 124, 127, 128).
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.

Derek P. Jones	*Treble*	*Peter G. Bellamy-Knight	4
*Kenneth Ballington (13)	2	Vivienne M. Horton	5
Patricia A. M. Forster	3	Gordon A. Halls	*Tenor*

Conducted by Derek P. Jones.
* First peal of Delight. The first peal in the method (C.C.C. 3D.5), rung without previous practice.
Rung to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the restoration and augmentation of the bells.

LITCHBOROUGH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 9, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Martin,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 14 extents of Grandsire, eight extents of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and 20 extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

Edwin F. G. Jones	*Treble*	Eric Billings	3
George F. Roome	2	Jim C. Rainbow	4
		*Richard G. Chater	*Tenor*

Conducted by George F. Roome.
* First peal.
To celebrate the birth of a son and heir to Captain and Mrs. R. C. Grant-Rennick, of Litchborough.

RADLEY, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 9, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James-the-Great,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being extents each of Cambridge, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Canterbury Reverse and Plain Bob.
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr., approx.

*Richard Raven	*Treble*	Daphne J. Pollard (14)	4
Marie R. Cross	2	Alan R. Pink	5
†Ruth Paton	3	Walter Lee	*Tenor*

Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
* First peal. † First peal in seven methods.
Rung as a welcome to the Rev. R. S. Brutton, who was inducted as Vicar of Radley that day.

STANWELL, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
(The Stanwell Society.)
On Sat., Nov. 9, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Tenor 13 cwt.

*Roger F. Swan	*Treble*	*Christopher G. Burgess	4
Frank T. Blagrove	2	*Christopher B. Fynnes	5
	3	*Malcolm G. Lane	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frank T. Blagrove.
* First peal.
Rung half-muffled on the eve of Remembrance Sunday.

SWEPSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 9, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In five methods, being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Single Oxford Bob, and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in G.

Clive Walklate (14)	*Treble*	Peter G. Bellamy-Knight	4
*Kenneth Ballington (13)	2	Joseph Wm. Cotton	5
*Richard J. Clifton	3	Derek P. Jones	*Tenor*

Conducted by Derek P. Jones.
* First peal in five methods.

BURNLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Nov. 10, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

*John Holden	*Treble*	David Gilbert	4
George Atkinson	2	Kenneth Lawson	5
Norman Smith	3	Mary J. Smith	*Tenor*

Conducted by Kenneth Lawson.
* First peal.

WEYBREAD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Wed., Nov. 13, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

Ernest Whiting	*Treble*	Robert Plummer	4
E. Austin Head	2	George Filby, jun.	5
Cyril J. Barber	3	L. Edward Etheridge	*Tenor*

Conducted by Ernest Whiting.
Second peal on the bells, the first being on December 8th, 1934.

CALVERLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Nov. 14, 1957, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Wilfred,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Kent Treble Bob and six extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 10½ cwt.

Harold B. Schofield ..	*Treble*	Douglas Thorp	4
*B. Gillian Schofield ..	2	Peter Dawson	5
Maurice J. Thurmott ..	3	David Atkins	*Tenor*

Conducted by Maurice J. Thurmott.

* First peal.
An 80th birthday compliment to Sam Helliwell, of Bramley, Yorkshire.

GOXHILL, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Nov. 14, 1957, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 14 lb.

Jack Bray	*Treble*	Harry Hall	4
Ronald Chafer	2	Michael Crowder	5
Septimus Neave	3	George W. Moody	*Tenor*

Conducted by Jack Bray.

SEEND, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Nov. 14, 1957, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
At the Church of the Holy Cross,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 14½ cwt.

William C. West	*Treble*	L. Michael Noad	4
Percival W. J. Harding ..	2	Frederick S. Slatford ..	5
Laurence E. Hitchins ..	3	Charles F. Andrews ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by Charles F. Andrews.
Rung for the 9th birthday of Prince Charles.

BLANKNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 16, 1957, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Oswald,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Single Court and Plain Bob.
Tenor 9¼ cwt.

Ronald Russell	*Treble*	Leonard G. Thompson ..	4
Percy D. Baldock	2	William R. Parker	5
Amos Ingall	3	James H. Musson	*Tenor*

Conducted by James H. Musson.

BRADDEN, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 16, 1957, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in five methods: Four each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Chase and Old, ten of Plain Bob (four callings), and 20 of Grandsire (ten callings). Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.

Eric Billings	*Treble*	*Gladys A. Ashby	3
Victor A. Perry	2	Percy Amos	4
Derek P. Jones	*Tenor*		

Conducted by Derek P. Jones.
* First peal 'inside' in more than one method.

CRANFORD ST. JOHN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 16, 1957, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Dunstan.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of St. Clement's and six extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 7½ cwt. in B.

*June R. Richardson	*Treble*	*Michael J. Palmer	4
Frank C. Price	2	*E. Russell Gotham ..	5
Frank C. Price	3	N. David Robinson ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frank C. Price.

* First peal.
Rung for the institution and induction of the Rev. Francis John Michael Dean, M.A., to this parish on Thursday, November 14th, 1957.

ERLESTOKE, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 16, 1957, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Saviour,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

*Archibald Knight	*Treble*	Percival W. J. Harding ..	4
†David Knight	2	Eric J. Hitchins	5
Laurence E. Hitchins ..	3	Frederick S. Slatford ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frederick S. Slatford.
* First peal of Minor. † First of Minor 'inside.' First peal on the bells.

GREAT PONTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 16, 1957, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.
At the Church of The Holy Cross,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In eight methods, being six extents of Stedman, three each of St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Nicholas' and Winchendon Place Bob, nine of Plain Bob, five of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and ten of Grandsire.
Tenor 15 cwt.

Brian Hunt	*Treble*	Denis A. Frith	3
Peter E. Parry	2	Roy Stephenson	4
J. Michael Simpson ..	*Tenor*		

Conducted by Denis A. Frith.
First peal in eight Doubles methods on the bells, and by all the band except the conductor.

STISTED, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 16, 1957, in 9 Hours and 35 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 18000 MINOR

Being one extent each of (1) Norwich Surprise, (2) Bourne Surprise, (3) Ipswich Surprise, (4) Oxford Bob, (5) Double Bob, (6) London Surprise, (7) Durham Surprise, (8) Wells Surprise, (9) York Surprise, (10) St. Clement's Bob, (11) Childwall Bob, (12) College Exercise Treble Bob, (13) Norbury T.B., (14) Duke of Norfolk T.B., (15) Beverley Surprise, (16) Surfleet Surprise, (17) Double Oxford Bob, (18) Thelwall Bob, (19) London Scholars' Treble Bob, (20) Kingston T.B., (21) Sandal T.B., (22) Cambridge Surprise, (23) Oxford Treble Bob, (24) Kent T.B. and (25) Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

Brian J. Howard ..	*Treble*	Walter Arnold	4
Joe E. G. Roast	2	Frank B. Lufkin	5
Howard W. Egglestone ..	3	Terry Earle	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.
Believed to be the longest length of Minor rung.

HANDBELL PEALS

CHILCOMPTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Nov. 13, 1957, in 1 Hour and 50 Minutes,
In the Belfry of the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being four six-scores of St. Simon's, eight of Old Doubles, four of Plain Bob, six of April Day and 20 of Grandsire, with 27 different callings. Tenor size 12 in F sharp.

*Edward J. Chivers ..	1—2	Ronald G. Beck	3—4
†Eric C. Wadman	5—6		

Conducted by Ronald G. Beck.
* First peal in five methods of Doubles away from tenors. † First peal in five methods of Doubles.

HARROW, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Nov. 15, 1957, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
At 170, Headstone Lane.
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, being 2,880 London, 960 Cambridge, 736 Bristol and 480 Superlative, with 118 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.

*Stanley E. Darmon ..	1—2	†Jean A. Darmon	5—6
*John R. Mayne	3—4	Christopher W. Woolley	7—8

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by John R. Mayne.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise on handbells. † First peal of Spliced Surprise. First peal of Surprise on handbells as conductor.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Nov. 17, 1957, in 2 Hours and 4 Minutes,
In St. Margaret's Select Vestry Hall.
A PEAL OF 5072 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Brian G. Warwick	1—2	John M. Jelley	5—6
John A. Acres	3—4	Ernest Morris	7—8

Composed by Harry Poyner. Conducted by Brian G. Warwick.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Linda M. Forrest 1, Pamela R. Gough 2, Diana M. Gough 3, 1. C. Forrest (first of Minor 'inside') 4, H. W. Brown (100th quarter peal) 5, S. W. Brown (cond.) 6. Rung in memory of Charles Batten, former ringer in this tower, who was killed on active service during the second world war, 1939–1945. Also on Nov. 17th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob: Diana M. Gough 1, Pamela R. Gough (first in method) 2, Valerie Mepham 3, R. D. Brown (first in method) 4, H. W. Brown 5, S. W. Brown (cond.) 6. Rung in memory of Frank Bennett, who passed away on November 10th.

ASHBRITTLE, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Taylor 1, G. Walford (cond.) 2, D. Salter 3, L. Morrell (first 'inside') 4, R. Trickey 5, J. Smith 6.

BEXLEY, KENT.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Mary Ward 1, Jean Jones 2, Brenda Foster 3, Susan Nicholson 4, Mary Andrews 5, J. L. Morris (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled on Remembrance Sunday.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.—On Nov. 12th, at All Saints' Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Tumber 1, Mrs. N. Bridges 2, T. Milsted 3, H. Luck 4, J. Russell (cond.) 5, A. Dadds 6, A. Hinkley 7, T. Day 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Albert Sayer, aged 93, ringer and captain at this tower for many years, interred in this church the same day.

BONVILSTON, GLAM.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 St. Simon's Doubles: N. A. James 1, B. Taylor 2, G. J. Stickland 3, T. T. Lewis 4, G. R. Marchant (first in method as cond.) 5, B. R. Kingston (first quarter) 6. First in method by all except conductor.

BOZEAT, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss F. Curtis 1, Miss P. Neesham 2, R. Line 3, N. Line 4, T. Haines (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance-tide. Also on Nov. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: C. Bird (first quarter) 1, S. Silsby (first quarter) 2, Miss C. Coleman 3, R. Line (cond.) 4, N. Line 5. For Remembrance service.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At the Church of St. Nicholas, on Nov. 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. A. Riddington 1, A. W. Bond 2, A. W. Gravett 3, E. R. Rapley 4, R. V. Johnson 5, S. E. Armstrong 6, H. Stalham (cond.) 7, L. Stilwell 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Frank Bennett, who was interred this day in his 89th year.

BRISTOL.—At St. Ambrose's Church, on Oct. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. J. Hunt 1, Miss M. Smith (first 'inside') 2, Mrs. D. Bennett 3, G. M. Nichols 4, V. E. Lucas 5, A. C. Baker 6, R. G. Hooper (cond.) 7, F. Hussey 8. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. and Mrs. Richard Easton and family, who have left for New Zealand. Also on Oct. 20th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Miss M. Smith 1, A. C. Baker 2, Mrs. D. Bennett 3, G. M. Nichols 4, F. Skidmore 5, V. E. Lucas 6, D. J. Hunt 7, R. G. Hooper (cond.) 8. First in method for 1 and 4. For Evensong and as a wedding compliment to Miss Miriam James. Also on Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Hussey (first away from tenor) 1, R. G. Hooper (cond.) 2, Mrs. D. Bennett 3, Mrs. N. Dart 4, Miss M. Smith 5, A. A. Hilliar 6, F. Skidmore 7, D. J. Hunt 8.

BROMHAM, WILTS.—On Nov. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: John Hughes 1, G. Minty 2, A. T. Weeks 3, F. Parramore 4, H. Gummer (cond.) 5, Jim Hughes 6. Rung for the wedding of Miss Audrey Hughes to Mr. Clive Leach, of Devizes. The bride is cousin to the ringers of 1 and 6 and a ringer at this church.

BROOMFIELD, ESSEX.—On Oct. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. E. Panton 1, J. R. Panton 2, W. Glover 3, R. Groves 4, G. Nicholls 5, H. Bradley (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. David Smith, chairman of the Parish Council.

CANTERBURY, KENT.—At St. Dunstan's Church, on Nov. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. G. Stockbridge 1, Mrs. B. Chatfield 2, Mrs. E. Philpott 3, A. Butler 4, D. Chatfield (cond.) 5, J. Stockbridge 6. Rung half-muffled as a last token of respect to Mr. A. H. Sayer.

CHALFONT ST. PETER, BUCKS.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. E. G. Swift 1, Ann Williams (first quarter) 2, M. G. Swift 3, E. G. Swift (cond.) 4, P. G. Badcock 5, T. W. Taylor 6. For Remembrance Sunday.

QUARTER PEALS

CLEWER, BERKS.—On Nov. 10th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Jennifer Shuttle 1, Monica Blagrove 2, A. Bird 3, J. Brooks 4, W. Butler (cond.) 5, F. T. Blagrove 6. First of Surprise for 1, 2, 3 and 4.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.—On Nov. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. M. Aspinall 1, J. Armstrong (cond.) 2, Mrs. R. L. Armstrong 3, A. Anstey 4, J. R. Fleetwood 5, B. Martin 6. Rung to celebrate the 21st anniversary of the foundation of Dagenham County High School.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On Nov. 13th, 1,316 Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original): P. Spice 1, B. Aldridge 2, E. H. Jones 3, F. J. Hurrell 4, T. Easterby 5, E. B. Crowder (cond.) 6, J. Hurrell 7, B. Boyce 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam F. W. Richardson, of St. John's, Deptford, interred this day. Five towers were represented.

EVESHAM, WORCS.—On Nov. 14th, at the Bell Tower, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Selby 1, Miss P. A. Turk 2, Rev. A. Webb 3, R. W. Selby 4, Miss B. M. Smith 5, C. B. Longmore 6, G. C. Hemming 7, G. J. Hemming 8. Rung half-muffled on Remembrance Sunday.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYS.—On Nov. 10th, 1,792 Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major: B. J. Woodruffe 1, S. Hough (jun.) 2, Mrs. E. Barton 3, E. Ellison 4, Mrs. G. Richardson 5, H. Kirk 6, N. D. Lomas 7, A. Richardson (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled for Evensong and in memoriam Mrs. K. B. Smith, wife of Isaac Smith, who died on October 30th.

FARNWORTH, LANCS.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mary Walshaw 1, A. Smith 2, N. Tompkins 3, J. Thornley 4, D. Butterworth 5, H. Hamer 6, P. Crook, sen. (cond.) 7, H. Prescott 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam David Paterson Roberts (priest), Vicar of Whiston, Liverpool, who died on October 25th.

FRENSHAM, SURREY.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Sheila Thayer (first quarter) 1, Anne Heath (cond.) 2, Patricia Badland (first quarter) 3, C. Beadle 4, D. Shepheard 5, K. Badland (first quarter) 6. For Remembrance Sunday.

GAYTON, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. V. Baker 1, W. F. Eyden 2, I. Markham (first of Minor) 3, R. Chater 4, M. Bennett 5, A. C. Cozens (first of Minor as cond.) 6.

GLOSSOP, DERBYS.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 covering): F. Booth (first of Grandsire) 1, P. S. Kay 2, J. M. Kay 3, D. W. Pimlott 4, R. M. Edwards (cond.) 5, C. Halliwell 6, D. K. Whittington 7, H. K. Button 8. First quarter for all except 1 and 5. For patronal festival Evensong.

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GOLDINGTON, BEDS.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Mixed Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor: L. Duffield 1, J. H. L. Blick 2, E. White 3, Ann Fundrey 4, J. H. Edwards 5, R. G. Corby (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day.

HAMPTON, MIDDLX.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Minor (720 Double Court, 540 Plain Bob): R. Woodcock 1, Miss M. A. Essen (first 'inside') 2, Miss J. Essen 3, D. Hawkins 4, W. S. Deason 5, S. J. Woodcock (cond.) 6. Rung muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

HARTEST, SUFFOLK.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire, Plain Bob and Reverse St. Bartholomew Doubles: G. Garwood 1, M. Willoughby 2, F. Payne 3, R. Seabrook (cond.) 4, R. J. Fruin 5. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

HEENE, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 10th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Dorothy Saunders 1, G. M. Rouse 2, R. Wilson 3, B. Dibben 4, H. Weaver 5, June Clemments 6, D. Mitchell (first in method) 7, R. P. Wood (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day.

HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. D. A. Price 1, Judith D. Funnell 2, Kathleen M. Yeo 3, G. Beeney (cond.) 4, F. H. Beeney 5, T. J. Matthews 6. Rung on the 23rd wedding anniversary of the conductor.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Nov. 10th, 1,280 Oxford Treble Bob Major: S. Penfold 1, Miss J. Peacock 2, J. Carrott 3, M. Bland 4, J. Fowler 5, D. M. Salisbury 6, T. East 7, A. J. Salisbury (cond.) 8. For Remembrance Sunday.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,280 Ealing Surprise Major: P. Newton 1, Mrs. A. E. Cox 2, A. Foxall 3, A. E. Cox 4, J. D. Kape 5, A. Newton 6, R. Biggs 7, D. Cornwall (cond.) 8. First in method for all the Sunday service band. Also on Nov. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss C. Wilson 1, J. D. Kape 2, D. Cornwall 3, A. Foxall 4, N. Cornwall 5, A. Newton 6, R. Biggs (cond.) 7, V. Evans 8. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

KINGSDON, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 15th, 1,260 Doubles (240 each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Old, Reverse St. Bartholomew and Plain Bob and 300 of Grandsire): Miss W. Harewood 1, E. Amey 2, P. Cox 3, R. J. Vardy 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5, D. Sweet 6. First in five methods for 1, 2 and 3. A loyal compliment to H.R.H. Prince Charles on his ninth birthday the previous day.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. W. R. Picton 1, K. Waples (first 'inside') 2, D. J. Goodman 3, R. J. Picton 4, B. M. Barker (cond.) 5, R. J. Scaplehorn 6. For Evensong.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Cambridge Surprise Royal (P.B. start): E. G. L. Coward 1, Patricia Smee 2, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 3, G. Marriner 4, A. H. Winch 5, B. Hawkins 6, A. S. Harris (first of Surprise Royal) 7, A. H. Smith 8, T. A. Cross 9, H. V. Young 10.

MAIDENHEAD, BERKS.—At All Saints' Church, Boyne Hill, on Nov. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Gibbs 1, A. Cross 2, D. Farthing 3, Miss K. North 4, E. E. Gosling (cond.) 5, A. Bates 6, G. Lister 7, R. Blewett 8. Rung as an 82nd birthday compliment to Mr. H. Baldwin, who is still a regular Sunday service ringer at this church.

NEWINGTON-NEXT-SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: B. G. Pepper (first quarter) 1, L. Mitchell (first as cond.) 2, Hazel V. Dadson 3, E. A. Gilbert 4, L. Gilbert 5, L. Wraight 6. For Remembrance service.

OLD HEADINGTON, OXON.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss L. Forward 1, T. H. Smith 2, Miss A. Mellor (first 'inside') 3, H. Badger 4, R. J. Trebilcock (cond.) 5, R. Brown 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Rev. H. Bird, Vicar from 1924 to 1946, and for Remembrance Sunday.

PAWLETT, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 4th, 1,260 St. Simon's Doubles: C. Clark 1, F. Sweet 2, K. Prime (cond.) 3, D. Miller 4, R. Short 5. First in method for 2, 3 and 4.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—At St. John's Church, on Nov. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Parker (first quarter) 1, Mrs. J. W. Haw 2, J. W. Haw 3, F. Boyall (first 'inside') 4, G. Bush 5, H. Goakes 6, J. H. Bluff (cond.) 7, J. Roffe 8. Rung for the rededication service by the Bishop of Peterborough.

PETERSTON-SUPER-ELY, GLAM.—On Nov. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss Glenys Evans 1, B. R. Kingston 2, G. J. Stickland 3, T. T. Lewis (cond.) 4, B. Taylor 5, G. R. Marchant 6.

RAINHAM, KENT.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Baldock 1, Emily B. P. Walker 2, F. J. Cheal 3, J. Hale 4, E. C. Barton 5, G. A. Naylor (cond.) 6, C. E. J. Norris 7, L. B. Dobbie 8. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance service. Also on Nov. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (with 6, 8 covering): Miss E. B. P. Walker 1, Miss H. V. Dadson 2, L. Mitchell 3, J. Hale 4, G. A. Naylor (cond.) 5, L. B. Dobbie 6, C. E. J. Norris 7, R. Nye (first quarter) 8. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to P.C. Raymond Nye, member of the above tower, now stationed with the Kent County Police Force at Gravesend.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.—On Nov. 17th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: C. J. Barber 1, Miss B. Gyrett 2, E. A. Head 3, C. A. Thompson 4, L. E. Etheridge 5, R. Plummer 6, T. N. J. Bailey 7, W. J. Flatt (cond.) 8.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: I. Tilling 1, Susan Chaddock 2, Miss M. Mills 3, Mrs. N. Chaddock 4, J. N. D. Chaddock 5, F. Fisher 6, N. Chaddock (cond.) 7, P. Walker 8. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At St. Peter's Church, on Nov. 10th, 1,287 Stedman Caters: C. F. Sayer 1, Mrs. J. Dodds 2, F. J. Spicer 3, H. G. Mason 4, R. W. Darvill 5, B. C. Johnson (cond.) 6, T. J. Southam 7, H. V. Frost 8, G. W. Debenham 9, R. J. Porter 10. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

ST. MELLONS, MON.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss Glenys Evans (first quarter) 1, B. R. Kingston (first 'inside') 2, L. I. Hulbert 3, G. R. Marchant 4, T. T. Lewis (first as cond.) 5, W. Dare 6.

QUARTER PEALS

STAMFORD HILL, N.—At St. Ann's Church, on Nov. 10th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: E. J. Rowe 1, Miss P. Rowe 2, Miss L. Hawes 3, Miss F. Secker 4, H. Howson 5, M. Cubitt 6, M. Rowe 7, B. Bladon (cond.) 8. First quarter on augmented eight. Rung half-muffled by local band for Remembrance Sunday. First of Major for 2, 3 and 4.

STEVENAGE, HERTS.—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Swain 1, S. E. Mynott 2, G. Johnson 3, F. Warboys 4, W. Brown 5, W. Lawrence (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to R. W. Smith, churchwarden.

SEVENOAKS, KENT.—On Nov. 17th, quarter peal of Bristol Surprise Major: Miss D. Colgate 1, Mrs. S. Dobbie 2, R. V. Fuller 3, C. Tester 4, E. A. Barnett 5, P. N. Bond 6, W. Dobbie 7, P. A. Corby (cond.) 8. First in the method for 2, 3, 4 and 7.

STANWELL, MIDDLX.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. F. Swan 1, C. B. Fynes (cond.) 2–3, Miss K. S. Hawthorn 4, M. G. Lane 5, D. G. Pickett 6. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday. Also on Nov. 17th, 1,260 Doubles (120 each of Huntspill, St. Simon's, St. Nicholas', St. Martin's, St. Peter's Winchendon Place and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 180 Grandsire, 240 Plain Bob): Miss D. Thomson 1, C. B. Fynes (cond.) 2–3, M. G. Lane 4, C. G. V. Burgess 5, Miss R. Thomson 6. For Evensong.

STOKE BISHOP, BRISTOL.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. Dixon 1, P. Gray (cond.) 2, J. Lavers 3, W. Naylor 4, R. Brocklehurst 5, M. Hill 6.

STRATFORD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS.—On Nov. 5th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: W. Cockings 1, C. R. Steed 2, F. C. Lyne 3, J. A. Print 4, G. Ingram 5, N. B. Hunt (cond.) 6, R. C. Chapman 7, H. Huxley 8, J. L. Findon 9, F. G. Kinchin 10. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Harry Brookes, for over 40 years a regular ringer at this church.

TOWCESTER, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. G. Mansfield 1, Betty M. Mansfield 2, C. Rigby 3, A. A. Booth 4, F. Eyden 5, A. W. Mansfield (cond.) 6. Also 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. A. Booth 1, Betty M. Mansfield (cond.) 2, G. G. Mansfield 3, C. Rigby 4, A. W. Mansfield 5. Both rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—On Nov. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (on the back eight): Miss V. Rain (first quarter) 1, Mrs. C. W. Roberts 2, L. S. Woods 3, F. Digby 4, A. J. N. Boyack 5, M. C. Austin 6, R. Chapman (cond.) 7, H. Duncan 8. Rung to celebrate the coming of age of Miss V. Pain.

WELDON, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: K. Bradshaw 1, J. Goode 2, R. Shaw 3, D. Urquhart 4, F. A. Ginns 5, R. W. Spencer (cond.) 6. Rung to welcome the Bishop of Peterborough on his first visit to Weldon. Also on Nov. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Lyons 1, K. Bradshaw (first 'inside') 2, R. Shaw 3, D. Urquhart 4, R. W. Spencer (cond.) 5, R. Webster 6. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

WENDOVER, BUCKS.—On Nov. 10th, 1,250 Grandsire Doubles: L. Andrews 1, Miss M. Hobbs 2, Miss M. Barrett 3, H. C. Jones 4, M. E. Stracey 5, R. Throsby 6. For Remembrance Sunday.

WEST BUCKLAND, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Ireland (first quarter) 1, G. Walford (cond.) 2, I. Hughes 3, C. Webber 4, G. Gammon 5, C. Baker 6.

WHITBY, YORKS.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. J. Mullins 1, Kathleen Mallinson (first quarter) 2, D. Elwick 3, G. W. White 4, H. Waters 5, J. Hodgson 6, S. R. Elwick (cond.) 7, F. Lamerton 8. For Remembrance Day.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Nov. 17th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: A. Bagworth 1, Anne Garnett 2, J. Tomsett 3, Susan Jacobs 4, P. Devenish 5, E. Jacobs (first of Major away from treble) 6, M. P. Moreton 7, M. Sinden (first of Major as cond.) 8.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

To mark his 80th birthday, Sir George Eddy has asked the Vicar of Kidderminster (Canon R. B. Jolly) to accept as an offering of thanks the gift of electric bell-ringing equipment for the church. Comments 'The Birmingham Post': 'The Vicar, who has seldom had enough ringers for the 12 bells, has been thankful to see an old problem solved just before he retires.'

New officers at Tewkesbury Abbey are: tower captain, Michael Sprackling; tower secretary, Ernest Leach.

With the peal of Minor at New Mills on November 12th Mr. James Fernley, of Norbury, has now rung peals of Cambridge from Minor to Maximus.

Mr. Brian E. Jeffrey, of Edenbridge, Kent, who has just completed his National Service, wishes to thank members of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild for their hospitality and kindness to him while stationed with the Royal Army Pay Corps at Northampton.

On November 13th the ashes of Canon J. R. Collins, for 26 years the vicar of St. Mary-de-Castro Church, Leicester, until his death two years ago, were laid under the floor of the church at a special service. Unfortunately, a muffled peal was lost at St. Mary's. To his memory a peal was rung at the Campanile, Loughborough. The Canon was a great friend of Mr. Paul Taylor.

Mrs. Arthur A. Shurcliff, a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, has resigned the presidency of the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers. The Guild has shown its appreciation of her devoted service by electing her as hon. president. We are sorry to hear that Mrs. Shurcliff has been in hospital for an operation and hope that by now she has made a complete recovery.

In our peal columns this week is Mr. Henry C. Sharpe, who at the age of 83 rang a peal at Wilburton on November 18th. He rang his first peal 61 years ago, which was the first peal on Wilburton bells, and has been ringing for 68 years.

Mr. Richard W. Logie, for many years associated with Barton Parish Church, has died in Leicester Infirmary in his 94th year.

Will 'D. G. P.' kindly send his name and full address to the Editor. Without this his letter cannot be considered for publication.

The band which rang the peal of Ludlow Delight at Denby would like to associate the peal with the memory of the late Rev. D. P. Roberts, of Whiston, Lancs.

One of the young ringers of Rotherham writes thanking Jayfus for his praise [see 'R.W.', November 15th], but adds: 'The credit should go to Mr. N. Chaddock, who has devoted many many hours to teaching us.'

Congratulations to Mr. C. M. Heathcote, of Sutton-in-Ashfield, Notts, who recently attended an investiture at Buckingham Palace to receive the M.B.E. awarded in the Queen's birthday honours list. Mr. Heathcote is hon. treasurer of the East Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Association of Change Ringers.

Five old students and a present member of the staff rang a quarter peal at Dagenham on November 13th in honour of the foundation of Dagenham County High School. The performance was even more creditable since three members of the band had done little or no ringing for five years or more. All, with the exception of Mr. Anstey, the present Master, had been trained at Dagenham during the immediate post-war period, but because of jobs and further education had drifted away. The quarter became, therefore, something of a reunion.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

Election of Officers

At the annual meeting at the Society's headquarters on November 16th, the principal business was the election of officers for the ensuing year. The treasurer (Mr. C. G. J. Watts) presented the accounts, which were approved.

A departure was made from usual custom, and the retiring Master (Wing-Commander J. S. Mason) was voted to remain in the chair after ordinary business, and to conduct the election of the officers. The following were elected: Master, Dr. P. A. F. Chalk; treasurer, Mr. C. G. J. Watts; senior steward, Mr. W. Williams; junior steward, Mr. B. K. Lunn; trustees, Mr. E. G. Fenn and Mr. J. F. Smallwood; secretary, Mr. J. Chilcott, 20, Crosslands Avenue, Southall, Middlesex.

Tributes were paid to the retiring Master for his splendid work during his two years in office, and to the retiring secretary (Mr. A. B. Peck) for 20 years of devoted and loyal service. Good wishes were expressed to his successor, Mr. John Chilcott, for a successful period of office, it being stressed that the usual period is not less than 20 years! JAYFUS.

'FIRE PREVENTION AND FIRE FIGHTING IN CHURCHES'

There were 1,132 fires in churches and other places of worship in the United Kingdom in the five years from 1951 to 1955. This is evidence enough that those who have charge of places of worship may benefit from some guidance on fire precautions. It is desirable that they should be aware of the most likely causes of fire, such as faulty, badly-installed or ageing heating and lighting systems, and should have some plan of action ready to deal with fire if it does occur.

Guidance on these and other matters can be found in this new Fire Protection Association booklet, which has been prepared in collaboration with the Central Council for the Care of Churches.

Copies of the booklet are being distributed by the Central Council to every church of the Church of England and to members of diocesan advisory councils, diocesan architects and other interested persons. Churches of other denominations will also be receiving copies.

The booklet is divided into two sections, the first containing precautions which can be put into effect by the church authorities and the second consisting of more detailed notes for architects, builders and contractors. It is illustrated by a number of photographs and interest is stimulated by the series of humorous drawings by the well-known artist 'Acanthus.'

Copies of the booklet, 'Fire Prevention and Fire Fighting in Churches,' are available to the general public on payment of 2s. 6d. per copy, from the Fire Protection Association, 15, Queen Street, London, E.C.4.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Northern District

For several years the Northern District meetings at Norton have not been well-attended, but the latest, on November 2nd, was very successful, with 24 members at tea, and visitors during the afternoon and evening. At the business meeting Mr. K. Fleming, of Marston (Beds), was elected a non-resident life member.

The Rev. G. G. S. Kenyon conducted the service, and during his address emphasised his wish for a fully-muffled Maundy Thursday peal. Mrs. E. Ulrich played the organ. Ringing continued until 8.30, the bells being dropped in peal at the end of a very satisfactory meeting.

J. S.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY

14 New Members Elected at Annual Meeting

About 30 members attended the annual meeting of the University Society of London on October 26th. Ringing at St. Olave's, Hart Street, a short service, conducted by the Rev. E. G. Turner (St. Giles', Cripplegate), and tea, prepared by three lady members, preceded the business meeting, at which the president (Dr. Denis Layton) presided.

In his report the Master (John Armstrong) said success and progress had been the keynotes of the Society during the year, and in almost every field an advance had been made. Seven peals were rung, a record for one session, and four lost and one drawn! 'The last named, Stedman Caters at Rickmansworth, quietly expired after an hour's ringing, neither side—ringers or bells—preparing to admit defeat.

The secretary (David Priestley) mentioned that subscriptions from 19 members were overdue and they had ceased to receive the Society's circulars. Additions to the library included Scott Parry's book on handbell ringing (from Mr. A. A. Hughes), a book on Norwich and the Broads (Mr. Nolan Golden), and 'Church Bells of Flintshire' (Mr. Ronald Clouston, the author, who is a member). Both the Master and the secretary thanked the Rev. A. Powell Miller for his help and interest during the year.

An encouraging start to the session's activities was the election of 14 new members. In accepting his re-election, the president intimated that this would be his last term of office, as he felt the position should not remain with one person for too long. Alan Thirsk was elected vice-president in recognition of his services, and Philip Gray and Geoffrey Carter re-elected. The new Master is Roger Keeley, secretary and treasurer Beverley Thompson, and committee Margaret Floyer, John Armstrong and Dennis Beresford.

The final choice for the Whitsun tour was left to the annual dinner, suggestions being Leicestershire, Haslemere or Thames Valley and Mayfield, Sussex. Four possibilities were considered for the summer tour, and finally Philip Gray's suggestion of Somerset was accepted. The tour will be in the last week of August instead of the customary week preceding the Bank Holiday. The date of the annual dinner was fixed for Saturday, February 15th, arrangements being left to the committee.

Margaret Floyer proposed an omnibus vote of thanks, which included the Rev. E. G. Turner, Dr. D. J. Neal Smith (for playing the organ), and the rector for the use of the bells and church hall. Films of scenes from two Whitsun tours and the Broadland holiday proved very popular.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

The quarterly meeting of the Elloe Deanery Branch was held at Pinchbeck on November 16th, attended by about 40 members from South Lincolnshire.

There was 1½ hours' ringing at St. Mary's Church tower, with Mr. J. G. Ames, of Spalding, as leader. Tea was served at the Bull Inn after a service in church, conducted by the Vicar of Pinchbeck (Rev. J. M. Corley).

A short business meeting was held, at which Mr. Alan Richardson, of Brigg, and formerly captain of the Pinchbeck team, presided. Two new members were elected.

A further two-hour period was spent in the tower and the day concluded with a social evening at the Bull clubroom. Mr. R. C. Noon, of Spalding, being M.C. Mr. Roy Withyman, of Pinchbeck, thanked the organisers.

RECORD LENGTH OF MINOR

25 Extents in 9 Hours 35 Minutes

CONGRATULATIONS will be extended to the Essex Association band which established a new long-length record in Minor by ringing 25 extents in different methods at Stisted on Saturday, November 16th, in 9 hours and 35 minutes.

The peal started at 12 noon, and Mr. Edwin Jennings, who was asked to listen to the peal, reports that he heard 19 of the 25 720's. The first was rung in 23½ minutes, and the other extents were rung around 23 minutes with ¼ to ½ minute either side with monotonous regularity. The ringing was of a high order.

The only 'casualty' was Terry Earle; his hands were 'hanging in blisters' at the end. All the band seemed to be quite fresh afterwards (except for Terry's hands).

Some amusement was caused throughout the peal by the third ringer, who had to stand very close to a wooden staircase, and he occasionally either struck his arm or head against the woodwork, especially when he wanted to help himself to some refreshment.

Walter Arnold cycled from Earl's Colne, a distance of about six miles, and rang the peal most excellently. He partook of no refreshment of any sort and cycled home afterwards.

After the peal some beer was had at the local inn and then came a meat supper, kindly given by Mrs. Earle (Terry's mother, 'who thought we were all mad'). The thanks of the band are due to her. 'And so,' writes the conductor, 'ended a successful and happy day.'

THE BAND

Treble.—Brian J. Howard, aged 22 years, has rung about 60 peals. He comes from Southend and learnt his ringing under J. B. Lufkin as a lad at Prittlewell.

Second.—Joe E. G. Roast is 21 years old and has rung about 140 peals. He comes from Danbury, Essex, and is already one of the leading conductors in Essex. Joe is now doing his National Service with the R.A.F.

Third.—Howard W. Egglestone, aged 21 years, has rung about 70 peals. He comes from Fryerning, Essex.

Fourth.—Walter Arnold, who is about 50 years old. He is verger of the Parish Church at Earl's Colne, Essex, and has rung between 300 and 400 peals.

Fifth.—Frank B. Lufkin, the conductor, is 46 years old. He has rung over 400 peals and is now attached to the Bocking band. For 25 years previously he was Master of Prittlewell band. Has rung lengths of 9,000, 11,568 and 12,740 changes.

Tenor.—Terry Earle, of Stisted, aged 20 years, who has rung 125 peals.

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ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD'S SUCCESSFUL DINNER

WHEN it was suggested that the sixth annual dinner of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford should be held at Tamworth, there were those who doubted whether sufficient support would be forthcoming to make the function a success. The dinner took place at the Castle Hotel, Tamworth, on November 9th, when the attendance of 107 was only one less than the number at Walsall last year—an answer to the critics.

As on previous occasions, the Archdeacon of Stafford (Ven. W. A. Parker) presided, and he was supported by Mrs. Parker, the Vicar of Tamworth and Mrs. Jones, the Vicar of St. Giles', Willenhall, and Mrs. Bond. Other visitors included the Rev. C. J. Raby (Vicar of Claverley), the Rev. T. O. Boulton (Vicar of Penn) and Mrs. Boulton. Mr. H. Thomas (Master of the Hereford Diocesan Guild), Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Pearson, Mr. and Mrs. N. Haycock, Mr. E. Drew, Mr. and Mrs. Courtman and Mr. G. Goodson. An apology was received from the Rev. C. H. Barker (clerical secretary) and a telegram of good wishes from Mr. and Mrs. F. Colclough (Bilston).

Following an excellent meal there were the usual speeches which one always hears at a ringers' dinner, and these were considered by many present to be the most amusing made at a 'Staffords' dinner to date. Proposing the toast of 'Church and State,' Mr. R. L. Pearson (assistant manager, Midland Bank Ltd., Lichfield Street, Wolverhampton) said that there were occasions when on opening his mail in the morning he found demands for rates, income tax, telephone rentals, wireless licences, etc., he began to feel that he really was financing the State. Mr. Pearson went on to say that there was very often criticism when Church leaders made statements on national issues, but in his opinion there were instances when a few bishops would probably do a lot better than many of the ministers of State.

Replying to the toast, the Rev. T. O. Boulton said that having that evening discovered that Mr. Pearson resided in his parish, the gentleman in question would now be receiving demands towards financing Penn Church, in addition to the State. It was essential, said Mr. Boulton, that the Church and the State worked in harmony together.

SUNDAY RINGING EXAMPLE

Proposing the toast of 'The Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford,' Mr. H. Thomas said he had been impressed when he learnt that all but seven of the 73 towers in the Archdeaconry had regular service ringing each Sunday. He felt sure that the affairs of the Society were in capable hands.

Replying, Mr. G. H. Peers, jun., of Tamworth, said that while being fully aware of the excellent efforts of the Society's officers in the past, it was the immediate present and future he was concerned with, and in this respect he would like to pay tribute to the good work being done by the lay secretary, Mr. F. Bennett.

Mr. Harry Griffiths proposed the toast of 'The Visitors,' and he prefaced his remarks by saying that the lay secretary had literally 'scraped the barrel' in asking him to speak. Mr. Griffiths extended a hearty welcome to the visitors and hoped they had enjoyed themselves to such an extent that they would wish to attend future dinners.

In reply, Mr. G. Goodson, of Claverley, said it always gave him great satisfaction to attend ringers' functions and observe the goodwill which so obviously existed in the ringing fraternity. He thanked 'brother Griffiths' for the nice things he had said about the visitors.

This concluded the speeches and Mr. F. Bennett thanked the Archdeacon of Stafford for the very able manner in which he had occupied the chair.

The entertainment which followed was provided by Major B. Pearson, of Wolverhampton (conjurer), and Sergeant P. S. Weatherhill (vocalist), of Tamworth. A course of Grandsire Triples on handbells was rung by Messrs. H. Howell, H. Knight, B. G. Key and F. Brotherton.

This report would not be complete without mentioning the assistance given to the dinner committee by Mr. G. H. Peers, jun., in arranging this dinner with such success at Tamworth.

F. C. A. B.

DEDICATION

Yaxham, Dereham, Norfolk

The dedication of the new treble bell at Yaxham was the fulfilment of the long-cherished wish of Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Gogle to give a bell to St. Peter's Church, Yaxham, as a memorial to their parents. It marked the completion of the great effort made by the parishioners, who raised the money for a new bell frame and have had the original five retuned and rehung. The result is a fine ring of six, tenor weighing 12 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in D sharp. The new treble weighs 4 cwt. 14 lb. in D sharp, and is inscribed 'Given by Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Gogle, in memory of their parents, John and Anna Gogle and Charles and Sarah Featherstone.—B. G. and D. G.'

The dedication was performed by the Bishop of Norwich in the presence of a large congregation, which included many ringers. Immediately after the dedication, the opening touch was rung by W. H. Barrett 1, F. C. Goodman 2, A. G. Bason 3, John Barnes 4, G. Adams 5, B. Gogle 6. The hymn, 'Set them nobly in the steeple, Let our bells be rung on high.' was sung in procession back to the High Altar.

Opening his address, the Bishop thanked Mr. and Mrs. Gogle for their gift as a memorial, which he said was far better than a wall tablet. Towers were built for bells to be hung on high to call the people to worship. Ringers ought to think they were church workers, and by their ringing were preparing themselves for worship too.

The bells were kept ringing after the service by the many ringers who attended.

Mr. C. Bird, of Norwich, while at the Home Office Civil Defence School at Falfield, Glos, was able to participate in a peal at St. Stephen's, Bristol. He writes thanking Mr. David Heighton and other members of the G. and B. Association for making the arrangements.

GOPHER DINNER AT NEWARK

Despite the tradition, no fog was experienced by the many visitors attending the fifth annual Gopher Dinner of Newark Parish Church Society of Ringers, held at the Northern Hotel, Newark, on November 15th. The president (Rev. J. H. D. Grinter) presided.

Proposing the toast of 'The Society,' Mr. M. Brewin said although the Society had been in existence for 61 years, the tradition of Gopher and of Sunday service ringing was carried on faithfully year after year. He coupled with the toast the names of Mr. E. C. Thrale and Mr. C. H. Chapman, who had been members since its foundation.

Mr. J. W. Raithby, the Master, in reply recounted the past year's activities. There were three learners this year and one who had returned to ringing from other duties. Each was making satisfactory progress. If Gopher had been alive he would not have got lost as each Sunday evening during the previous six weeks all ten bells had been rung. On the whole, ringing had improved during the year, and every service had been rung for.

The toast of 'The President' was proposed by Mr. F. W. Midwinter (secretary), who congratulated the Vicar on becoming rural dean of Newark. In reply, the Vicar said he always enjoyed coming to the annual dinner and also the annual outing, which this year had been into Norfolk where he had previously been a vicar.

Mr. W. L. Exton (deputy Master), in submitting the toast of 'The Visitors,' welcomed visitors from Nottingham, Ruddington, Bulwell, Balderton, Southwell, North Muskham, Sutton-on-Trent and the surrounding district. This was acknowledged by Mr. R. A. Bartham, chairman of the Nottingham District. 'The Ladies' toast was honoured on the call of Mr. D. N. Sellars, to which Mrs. G. France replied.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

Newark District's Joint Meeting

A very successful joint meeting of the Newark District with the Lincoln District was held at Brant Broughton on November 16th. Despite almost continuous rain, upwards of 50 ringers attended, and ringing ranged from rounds to various Surprise methods on these fine heavy bells.

A short service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. Thoroton), who kindly explained some of the finer details of his magnificent church. Catering arrangements were made rather difficult by 41 ringers sitting down to tea which had been arranged for the 31 who kindly sent their names in.

A short business meeting was held, where it was decided to hold the annual district meeting at Balderton and Newark jointly. A comprehensive vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar, the local ringers for the arrangements, and to all the ringers who turned up to make the meeting a success.

W. L. E.

From Aberystwyth we learn that Neil Bennett and David Walklate have benefited from the articles on Minimus ringing by ringing all the methods published 'in hand.'

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CHRISTMAS MORNING BROADCAST

Dear Sir,—I should like to refer to part of the Central Council's minutes, as published in the 'R.W.' (page 415), on the liaison between the C.C. and the B.B.C. What arrangements have been made, if any, with regard to negotiations for the Christmas ringing to be of a better standard than in past years? In the past, much criticism has been shown towards the many different towers which have been visited each year. Last year was no exception, and the 'jangle' heard from one tower was not advantageous to ringing on the festival of Christmas.

I was fortunate enough to hear the relay of Banstead bells on television, and this was surely a fine example which could be met when the Christmas round-up is broadcast.

I sincerely hope that this year the broadcast will be of the highest order and that the ringing will not mar the Exercise. I feel sure I am not alone in this plea for better ringing and liaison between the B.B.C. and the appointed committee.—Yours sincerely,

KENNETH R. DUNSTAN.

Watford.

'THE COPPER'S BEAT'

Dear Sir,—May I, through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' comment on Mr. Bottrill's humorous letter published in Nov. 15th issue?

I will not discuss this gentleman's past, recent and unnecessary criticism of ringing in the named East Kent towers, but I presume he is hinting that he would like to introduce his own 'Copper's Beat.' Has anyone any suggestions for this rhythm? (Perhaps plod, plod, plod!)

I am sure that the very young members who rang 'a most remarkable performance' will feel highly honoured to hear, for the first time after eight years, that such a many 'lettered' member of the ringing fraternity should have happened to have been listening to their hurriedly-arranged first peal in the heart of the Kent countryside.

Perhaps we are not yet 'in the groove' in our local towers, but at least we are not old 'squares.'

Looking forward to many future entertaining letters from this ex-ringer.—I remain, yours sincerely,

PETER J. RYE.

Walmer.

TWO CORRECTIONS

Dear Sir,—In your report of my remarks at the College Youths dinner you quote me as saying that Harry Hoskins and Thomas Groombridge, sen., of the band who rang in the first 12-bell peal by the Middlesex County Association are still alive. I am quite certain I said nothing of the kind: it was only the knowledge that all the parties concerned in the dispute are dead which led me to refer to it at all. What I do remember mentioning was that those two gentlemen were also well-known members of the Society.

Similarly, Canon C. Carew Cox has pointed out that I am credited with having said, to the Durham and Newcastle Association, that William H. Barber called 'Parker's Odd-Bob peal blindfolded on handbells.' This should, of course, be 'Carter's Odd-Bob peal of Stedman Triples blindfolded.' Here again I feel that while 'Parker's' and 'Carter's' sound very much alike, I am too conversant with the fact that he called the peal on tower-bells at Gateshead to have said that it was a handbell peal. Canon Cox, incidentally, took part in the peal. —Yours faithfully,

E. A. BARNETT.

Crayford, Kent.

Note.—The Editor expresses his regret at these two inaccuracies.

SYSTEMATIC COMPOSITION

Dear Sir,—Although I have made this point before I would like to reiterate it. There is not nearly enough published work on systematic composition, particularly with respect to Surprise Major methods.

Stedman, Grandsire and Treble Bob methods have been dealt with quite admirably in the past, and it is quite evident that some of our contemporary composers have extensive knowledge of systematic composition in the Surprise Major field. This knowledge is not being passed on and, despite what many people say to the contrary, I believe there is a sufficient number of ringers interested to make publication in the 'R.W.' worthwhile.

During the last two years we have had articles on composition which are thoroughly depressing by their 'ad hoc' approach. For example, we have been shown how to string enough courses together to yield a composition of Bob Major. If there is enough space to publish this sort of thing then there is enough space to publish the systems of such eminent composers as Mr. Pitman, Mr. Speed and others.

May I remind the Editorial Committee that bellringing is a technical subject and that the 'R.W.' is a technical journal, and that space should be allotted to all aspects of the subject as in other technical journals? I have estimated that 5 per cent. of the people who read the 'R.W.' would be sufficiently interested to read advanced articles on composition. Surely this warrants at least one column every other week? —Yours sincerely,

D. R. CARLISLE.

Risley, Derby.

PROOF OF RECORDS

Dear Sir,—What record is there for giving the dates of first performances of Kent Treble Bob Major and Royal as June 5th, 1774, and May 15th, 1784, respectively, as given in 'History and Art'? I ask because in the same book these peals are given in James Barham's peal list as Oxford T.B. Major and Treble Bob Ten In. Are there records (peal tablets or MS.) at Leeds, Kent?

As with Grandsire and Plain Bob, I think these methods should join the list 'Date of first performance not known.'—Yours sincerely,

F. T. BLAGROVE.

Windsor.

'FROST AT MIDNIGHT'

Dear Sir,—During a recent play on television, 'Frost at Midnight,' it gradually dawned on me that the bells in the background, which were helping to create the atmosphere of midnight on Christmas Eve, were ringing Major. What sort of Major I couldn't tell, as the voices of the actors rather got in the way.

Nothing noteworthy in this, except that the play is set in the year 1499—over a century before method ringing of any kind began.

I sympathise with B.B.C. producers. What a life, having to watch for every small slip like that!—Yours sincerely,

Cheltenham. SHIRLEY M. PARSONS.

A PEAL OF 10,080 MINOR

Dear Sir,—In answer to Mr. Lufkin as regards a record on six bells, I had the pleasure of conducting a peal of Minor, 10,080 changes in nine methods, in 5 hours 40 minutes at St. John-the-Baptist's, Tunstall, Kent, on August 5th, 1901.

It was the record for Kent, but whether there has been one rung later anywhere I cannot say. But anyway, go ahead Mr. Lufkin, and I wish the best of luck to you and your band on the achievement.—Yours sincerely,

Headington, Oxford. W. H. B. WILKINS.

LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Dear Sir,—I would like to comment on the composition of the peal of Lincolnshire Surprise Major rung for the first time at St. John's, Devizes, on September 7th ('R.W.', 1/11/57). The 5,024 is a reduction of a 5,248 which itself, although produced independently, is a variation of Mr. R. F. B. Speed's 5,152. The compositions are appended for comparison.

The 5,024 suffers, unfortunately, from losing two of the most musical courses, but it has the advantage of combining minimum length with simplicity.—Yours faithfully,

D. KNOX.

Neasden, N.W.

5,248 LINCOLNSHIRE
By D. KNOX

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5,152 LINCOLNSHIRE
By R. F. B. SPEED

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53246	X			3
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MARTHAM BELLS

Dear Sir,—In reply to Aidan Boyack's enquiry re the bells of Martham, I learnt from the vicar of that parish while spending holiday duty in Harwich that the bells of Martham are only chimable, but are chimed regularly each Sunday. This may be the reason for London University's failure to visit this tower during their tour of the county.—Yours sincerely,

GILLIAN R. BROWN.

Harwich.

YATTON (SOMERSET) RINGERS TRY LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL BELLS

The most enterprising outing yet undertaken by Yatton ringers and friends was when they visited Liverpool on November 10th. Use was made of a reserved coach on British Railways, starting the journey late on Friday night and arriving back in the early hours of Sunday.

After a rather sleepless journey, Lime Street station was reached at 6.25 a.m., where a welcome breakfast was had in the cafeteria. The first tower visited was Emmanuel, Everton, where good use was made of this light eight.

The attraction of the day was Liverpool Cathedral, where we were the first party, and modestly rang rounds, Queens and Grandsire Caters, and with further arrivals the first-ever all-ladies band, including six from our party, rang on the bells (on the 'light' eight). The whole layout here is unique, as so must be the organ-like sound produced by this mighty ring. This effect in the ringing chamber, however, makes it difficult to pick out individual bells and is particularly disconcerting to the less experienced.

The fine ring at St. Nicholas' was visited after lunch and was much appreciated. It was a pity that we were overwhelmed so quickly by all the other visitors before we could really sample the bells. What must be the cheapest 35 minutes' 'bus ride brought us to St. Peter's, Woolton. A West Country rise resulted in the tenor being 'backstroke,' with one strapping too! We *must* have been tired. At the conclusion of ringing here Mr. G. Prescott, on behalf of all, presented Mr. Bert Price with a gift in appreciation of the hard work he had put in in organising this and previous outings. This was in the form of a copy of 'Towers and Bells of Britain,' and was autographed by all the party.

Our Somerset party wish to thank the Dean and other incumbents, Mr. E. R. Humphriss and others who met us, for helping to make it a very pleasant day. R. D. S.

SURREY ASSOCIATION — STRIKING COMPETITION

The largest gathering of members of the Surrey Association seen for many years was attracted to Ashtead on October 26th by the striking competition and quarterly District meeting. Proceedings started with the Guildford Guild form of service, conducted by the curate (Rev. D. Cole).

At 3.30 the captains of the competing bands, all of which had to be regular Sunday service bands, met for the draw for order of ringing, which was made by the District Master. In the meantime the judge (Mr. C. H. Kippin) was installed with his marker in a porch where he could listen but not see.

Each band then went aloft to ring up to two minutes of rounds, stand, and then ring the test piece. This was about 252 changes of any Triples or Major method. All this was done in the presence of the District Master (Mr. G. T. Peters). Meanwhile, ringers and friends outside spent an afternoon listening. Mr. D. Parsons had arranged for a tape recorder to be available, and under his supervision this faithfully recorded all the touches. By 5.45 the last band had had its turn, and the large company then adjourned to the Church School Hall, where the local ringers, under the direction of Mr. J. T. Symonds, had found time to prepare a magnificent tea as well as take part in the competition.

This having been dealt with in the customary manner, Mr. Kippin was then introduced to the meeting and asked to give his report. He awarded first place by a very narrow margin to the team that rang third (St. Mary's, Beddington), followed by St. Mary's, Leatherhead, who rang fourth. In third place was St. Mary's, Ewell. Beddington and Ewell rang Grandsire Triples and Leatherhead rang Kent Treble Bob Major. Each band's performance was criticised in a constructive manner. Excerpts of each performance were then played back by the tape recorder.

The usual business meeting followed, concluding with the votes of thanks and special ones to the judge (Mr. C. H. Kippin), his marker (Mrs. E. M. Parrott), Mr. D. Parsons for arranging the tape recorder, and to Mr. J. T. Symonds whose wholehearted co-operation had made the venture such a success. Last, but not the least, to the six bands who entered, with commiseration to Wimbledon who had to withdraw at the very last minute because of Asian 'flu sweeping the belfry.

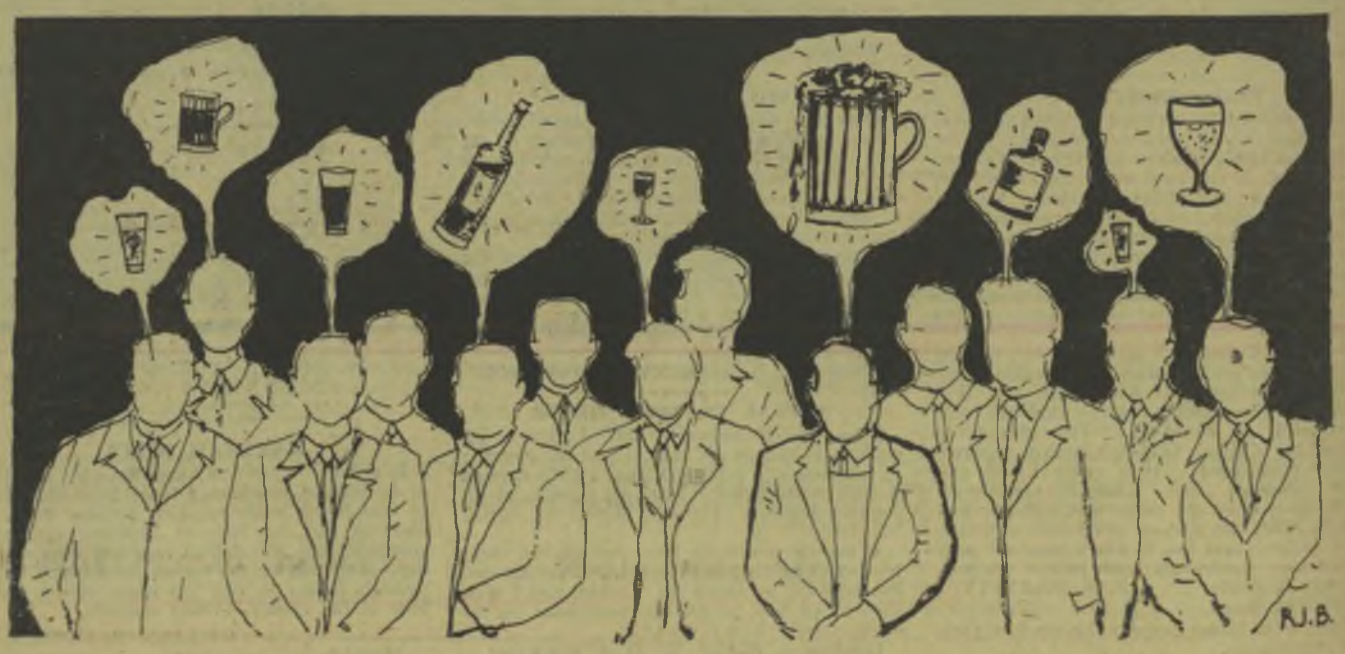
It may be opportune to conclude with a résume of the reasons why the District organised the venture. It was felt that very little was being done to encourage bands and ringers in general to listen to the bells and to strive for better striking. This applied particularly to Sunday service ringers who are not peal ringers. It was thought that the stimulus of competition might encourage greater attention to striking, and preliminary reports suggest that it has in fact had this effect. The judge concluded his report with the statement: 'A competition of this sort will make people striking conscious. If a band does become striking conscious there will be some benefit gained.'

Footnote.—The winning band had four ladies in it. A higher proportion than any other band!

Ladies' Guild Picture

The secretary of the Ladies' Guild writes, correcting the caption to the photograph in our last issue. Mrs. Mitchell and Miss Steel, founder members of the Guild, did not take part in the peal of Stedman Caters. The remaining members of the band, not present but still all happily alive and ringing, are Mrs. N. Tomlinson, Mrs. Diserens, Mrs. A. D. Barker and Miss N. Shorter.

LAUGH WITH R. J. B.



THOUGHTS AFTER CAMBRIDGE MAXIMUS

DEATH OF MR. HARRY HOVERD

The death on November 17th of Mr. Harry Hoverd, captain of the ringers at Holy Trinity, Dartford, at the early age of 51, will be deeply regretted by all who knew him.

A splendid ringer in every way, he was of a delightful disposition, a man who could not have had an enemy in this world, but who had endured more than his share of life's adversities. Infantile paralysis in his youth had left him with a slight limp; a serious illness seven years ago culminated in the removal of one of his lungs, after which, he confided in a friend, he was rarely free from pain. In 1953 his then only child died at the age of seven, and finally he himself succumbed shortly after undergoing a severe operation on the throat. He leaves a widow and a second daughter, little more than a year old, for whom great sympathy will be felt.

Harry (his names were Charles Henry, but among ringers he had always been just that) was a native of Churchill, Oxfordshire, where several of his relatives still ring. He taught himself to handle a bell there, and no one could have done it better. Any bell, whether heavy or light, he rang with no apparent effort. In 1927 he moved to Crayford, Kent, but, living a few doors away from a then member of the Dartford band, he joined the company at that tower, where he and one of his sisters rang their first peal—one of Grandsire Triples—on November 29th, 1928. At this time a great outburst of peal-ringing activity in the area was about to begin and, making progress rapidly, Harry quickly became a valued member of the band. A good striker, a safe ringer and a more-than-competent conductor, though he was content to leave peal-calling very largely to others, he had rung 496 peals when illness put an end to that part of his career. His last, Stedman Triples on March 26th, 1949, was his 150th on Crayford bells; he rang also 89 at St. John's, Erith. Harry and Bert Audsley were great friends, ringing 368 peals together. Much of the writer's boyhood was spent very happily in the company of these two, and altogether he rang in 171 peals in which they both took part, mostly before the war.

Apart from his peal-ringing, Harry had been captain of the Dartford ringers for 26 years. After his earlier illness he had resumed ordinary ringing, and on what must have been one of his last appearances in a belfry, he called a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples at Dartford, where a half-muffled quarter peal to his memory was rung by the local band on the eve of the funeral. An attempt for an in memoriam peal of Stedman Triples on the following day at St. John's, Erith, was unfortunately ended halfway by a rope breaking. His death leaves a big gap which will be hard to fill, if, indeed, it can be filled at all.

Ringers present at the cremation on November 22nd or the subsequent interment of the ashes at Crayford included Messrs. R. G. Rayfield, F. E. Walker and Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Hall (Dartford), Messrs. F. J. Cullum (Master, Society of Royal Cumberland Youths) and N. North (St. John's, Erith), Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Barnett, Messrs. E. Barnett and W. E. Bond (Crayford), Messrs. A. S. Richards (West Wickham), H. E. Audsley, A. G. Mason and Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Beer. Among the floral tributes were wreaths from the Kent County Association (Lewisham District), the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, ringers of Holy Trinity, Dartford; St. Paulinus', Crayford, ringers and Christ Church, Erith, ringers.

H19 PEALS

Minor.—1.

Triples.—Grandsire 23 (conducted 4), Stedman 80 (15), Union 2, Erin 2, Plain Bob 1, Canterbury 1.

Major.—Plain Bob 25 (4), Reverse Bob 1, Double Bob 2, Canterbury 2, Double Norwich 37 (1), Double Oxford 3, Hereward 1, Gonville 1, St. Clement's 1, Crayford College 1, Painswick College 1, Cheltenham Bob 1, Pulford Bob 1, Little Bob 2, Dartford L. Bob 1, Erith L. Bob 1, Northfleet L. Bob 1, Wellington L. Court 1, Gainsborough L. Bob 1, Kent Treble Bob 10 (2), Kent (Cam) 1, Oxford 3 (1).

Surprise Major.—Cambridge 85 (5), New Cambridge 8, Superlative 41 (3), London 22, Bristol 27, Ashtead 2, Belgrave 2, Belvedere 1, Camdon 1, Crayford 1, Eardley 1, Erith 1, Ipswich 3, Lessness 1, Lincolnshire 4, Norfolk 2, Painswick 2, Premier 1, Pudsey 3, Rutland 1, Staffordshire 2, Wheatley 1, Yorkshire 17 (2), 4 Spliced 8, 6 Spliced 1.

Caters.—Grandsire 1, Stedman 6.

Royal.—Double Norwich 1, Kent Treble Bob 1, Cambridge Surprise 2.

Cinques.—Grandsire 1, Stedman 16.

Maximus.—Plain Bob 2, Kent Treble Bob 1, Cambridge Surprise 2.

Total tower-bell peals 482 (37).

HANDBELLS

Major.—Plain Bob 5.

Caters.—Stedman 1.

Royal.—Plain Bob 2, Erith Little Bob 1, Kent Treble Bob 1.

Cinques.—Stedman 2.

Maximus.—Plain Bob 2.

Total handbell peals 14. E. A. B.

Other Obituaries on next page.

'The Ringer's Diary'

'The Ringer's Diary' for 1958 is now available, and is an attractive compendium invaluable to any ringer. The mass of information collected, both technical and general, about ringing matters makes it a handy book of reference. While the present standard of production is maintained the popularity of the Diary will not wane.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

North-West Branch

The N.W. Branch met at Hatherleigh for its annual meeting on Nov. 16th. In the square tower, surmounted by a shingled spire, is a pleasing Mears octave with tenor near 14 cwt.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. R. H. Rowdon), who gave the members a very hearty welcome. Tea followed at Jerwood's Cafe. At the business meeting the secretary and treasurer presented his report and balance sheet, which were adopted. He reported that the last annual meeting at Clawton and the summer meeting at Holsworthy were well attended. The number of performing members had dropped by eight and the balance in hand was £5 5s. 4d. The chairman thanked Mr. Sangwin for his work as secretary, as well as Mr. Charles Sangwin for his work as Ringing Master.

All the officers were re-elected, viz.: Chairman, Mr. F. C. Smale; secretary and treasurer, Mr. J. W. Sangwin; Ringing Master, Mr. C. Sangwin, and representatives to the Guild committee, Messrs. R. G. Collacott, R. C. Pearce and W. H. R. Smale. It was decided to hold the summer meeting next year in August at Bideford and the annual at Black Torrington in November. Mr. Rowdon was thanked for his service and excellent address, and the use of the bells. Mr. Hocking, the organist, was also thanked. Rounds and the standard methods were practised during the afternoon and after tea. F. C. S.

Mid-Devon Branch

On November 16th the bells of the ancient church of Coffinswell pealed out over the Devon countryside bathed in autumn sunshine, the occasion being a very successful meeting of the Mid-Devon Branch, which was attended by members from Teignmouth, Babbacombe, Coffinswell and Newton Abbot.

A feature of the meeting was the large number of young ringers present. After tea a discussion took place as to the place of the annual meeting of the Branch. The wish was expressed that it be held at a Guild tower. Teignmouth was suggested.

The chairman and Ringing Master, Mr. James E. Lilley, of Newton Abbot, thanked the archpriest (Rev. W. Dunn) for the bells and the very warm welcome they had received.

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OBITUARY

MR. FREDERICK W. RICHARDSON

With the passing of Mr. Frederick William Richardson, the Lewisham District of the Kent County Association has lost one of its oldest and most valued members.

He joined the Association at the turn of the century as a member of the band at St. John's, Deptford, and retained his connection with that tower for over 50 years until through deaths and lack of recruits ringing there unfortunately had to cease. Afterwards he rang on Sunday mornings at St. Mary's, Lewisham, and at Eltham Parish Church on Sunday evenings with unfailing regularity.

Most of his peals were in the plain methods although he could ring Surprise as well as the next. He was a safe conductor, especially with Holt's Original, which he called many times, and once took part in a non-conducted peal of this composition.

Owing to business and domestic circumstances he had been unable to stand in any peal attempts for 20 years until about two years ago when he called the Original once again at Eltham with all his old confidence. During the same period he had not been able to attend any ringing meetings, and in consequence he was practically unknown to most of the present generation of ringers, and for this they are all the poorer. We of the older generation have the happiest memories of him. E. B.

MR. WILLIAM H. CURTIS

Ringers of St. Mary's Church, Storrington, and of adjoining villages, received a sad shock early last week when news reached them of the sudden death of Mr. 'Bill' Curtis. As was usual, 'Bill' had rung for Evensong, taken his regular place in the choir, and wished them all 'Cheerio' in his happy manner after the service on the Sunday, but had died from a sudden heart attack the following day while preparing tea. All who love to ring or to hear the bells in Storrington know how greatly he will be missed.

He commenced ringing there in 1920. For 36 years Mr. Fred Blunden and he worked happily together as captain and vice-captain of that tower. They retired from office together earlier this year, and but for an illness affecting Mr. Blunden their great work together would have been reported earlier in the much happier circumstances of a special dual presentation to them from all of the parishioners which had been arranged.

'Bill' rang only one peal but he conducted numerous quarter peals as special occasions arose: but to many ringers he will be best remembered for having adopted his schoolboy motto of 'Never absent, never late' into his ringing, whether for Sunday service or Friday practice.

Mr. Curtis served for a number of years on the committee of the Western Division of the Sussex County Association, and among many floral tributes was one from this Division and also one from the local ringers.

The bells were rung muffled for the funeral service last Friday and in the evening a well-struck quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung by his regular associates, those taking part being: Ann Dovey 1, Miss G. Smith 2, John Young 3, Jean Horton 4, B. W. Farhall (conductor) 5, G. March 6.

Ringers present at the dedication of the recast tenor (23 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb) of Dereham bells on November 16th regard these as probably the finest eight in the Norwich Diocese. A new steel frame has been installed and the other bells retuned, the cost being approximately £2,400. A report of the dedication service will appear in our next issue.

MR. ALBERT H. SAYER

The death occurred recently of Mr. Albert H. Sayer, who reached his 93rd birthday last June.

Born on Plum Pudding Island, in the Thanet Marshes, Mr. Sayer worked in his early days as a carpenter and joiner in Birchington. It was here that he started his connection with ringing, at the age of 16. His first peal, Grandsire Triples, on May 23rd, 1885, was meritorious as it was the first peal by all local residents to be rung at Quex Park. It is believed that he was the last survivor of that band.

He was a ringer and sidesman at All Saints', Birchington, for many years, and formed the present band. A permanent memorial of his craft as a carpenter stands in the churchyard in the two seats which he gave in memory of his wife.

In 1942 he moved to Canterbury, where he joined the bands at the Cathedral and St. Dunstan's. Owing to the large number of steps at the Cathedral he was forced to give up ringing there some years ago, but continued to ring at St. Dunstan's: his last ringing was on his 90th birthday, when he called a 120 of Grandsire Doubles.

The funeral took place at Birchington, the service being conducted by the Rev. A. P. T. Barnes, assisted by the Vicar (Rev. C. Donaldson). The bells were rung half-muffled immediately prior to the service, during which his two favourite hymns were sung. Many of his old friends in the parish, and ringers from Canterbury Cathedral and St. Dunstan's, Sturry, and the local band were present. The Dean and Chapter were also represented by their agents. Many expressions of sympathy have been received by his niece, with whom he lived during his last years. So passes one who was loved by all who knew him. B. J. L.

NOTICES

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DEATH

STURTON.—On November 19th, 1957, at Orston House, Fosse Road, Farndon, Newark, Notts, the Rev. Charles James Sturton, aged 91, beloved husband of Emmeline and father of Cynthia and Myra. Funeral on Saturday, November 23rd, at Orston Church. 1384

RETURN THANKS

BENNETT.—Mrs. F. I. Hairs and family wish to thank all friends for letters of sympathy in their sad loss, and for floral tributes. 1390

Mrs. R. Hoverd wishes to express her thanks to all ringers and friends who sent floral tributes and messages of sympathy in her recent bereavement. 1398

PERSONAL

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MISCELLANEOUS

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—The annual tour will be centred in Bath from April 7th to 10th, 1958. Assemble previous Saturday. Excellent prospects for heavy-bell men! Would old members wishing to come make application, before the New Year if possible, to C. J. B. Taylor, Oriel College, Oxford, or (during vacation) 2, Walcot Buildings, London Road, Bath, Somerset. 1363

MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Branch.—Annual meeting at Curry Rivel, Saturday, Nov. 30th. Please notify for tea to J. T. Locke, Hon. Sec., School Street, Drayton. 1362

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Meeting at Burbage, Buxton, Saturday, Nov. 30th, 3 p.m. Cups of tea only. All welcome.—H. E. Taylor, Dis. Sec. 1355

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—St. Werbergh's, Bristol East, Saturday, Nov. 30th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m.—T. T. Walters, 17, Newlands Avenue, Coalpit Heath, Bristol. 1387

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Meeting for nomination of District officers at Ewell on Saturday, Nov. 30th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. 1328

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Nomination meeting will be held at Bramley (6) on Saturday, Nov. 30th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at Jolly Farmer at 5.15 p.m. Notifications for tea to Miss M. Collins, 3, Hawthorne Way, Burpham, Guildford. 1276

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—Quarterly meeting, Bodenham, Nov. 30th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea, please, to A. T. Wingate, Huntington House, Hereford. 1373

LADIES' GUILD.—Beds and Northants Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, Nov. 30th, at Felmersham. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—Anne E. Amor. 1346

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Quarterly meeting on Saturday, Nov. 30th. Ringing at St. Mary's, Hampton, 3 to 4.30 p.m., followed by service. Tea and business meeting at St. Mary's, Twickenham. Evening ringing at Twickenham from 6 p.m. Gentlemen cordially invited. 1356

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Charminster, Saturday, Nov. 30th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea. No business meeting.—Hayne, Sec. 1352

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Ripple, on Saturday, Nov. 30th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. 1357

PENN.—St. Bartholomew's Church ringers' service, Advent Sunday, Dec. 1st, at 6.30 p.m. Bells (8) at 5.30 p.m., also after service until approximately 8.30 p.m. Preacher, the Rev. C. H. Barker. All welcome. 1342

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION. — Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields Church (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station) on Monday, Dec. 2nd, at 7 p.m.—T. J. Lock. 1378

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Combined practice on Wednesday, Dec. 4th, at St. Martin-in-the-Fields. Bells (12), 6.30 to 8 p.m. All very welcome.—P. N. Bond, Hon. Sec. 1361

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Annual meeting, Long Ashton, Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 1394

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Branch.—Annual meeting, Wilton, on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea.—A. H. Reed, Mimosa, George Street, Taunton. 1383

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—Meeting at Milton Ernest (6) on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, please, to Miss P. Gray, 18, Durler Avenue, Kempston, Bedford. 1205

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Next meeting at Wellesbourne on Saturday, Dec. 7th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 and tea at The Tea Gardens Café at 5 p.m. Names for tea by Dec. 4th, please.—H. M. Windsor, The Bakery, Long Itchington, near Rugby, Warks. 1404

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Branch.—Annual meeting at Lympstone, Saturday, Dec. 7th. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Dec. 4th to R. T. Perry, Redcliff, Lympstone. 1351

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Dec. 7th, at North Wingfield. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to G. E. Hancock, Beech House, Hepthorne Lane, North Wingfield, Derbyshire.—B. A. Sollis, Hon. Sec. 1389

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Meeting at Willingham (6) on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. E. R. Knights, Dis. Sec. 1407

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Dec. 7th, St. Mary's, Redcliff (12), 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, Guinea Street Hall, 5 p.m.; meeting follows. Christ Church (10), 7.30 p.m.—A. Bennett. 1393

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Dec. 7th, Watermoor (8), 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and business 5 p.m. Names by Dec. 3rd essential. Circencester (12), 6 p.m. —Ralph Wenban, 21, Aldsworth Road, Bibury, Cirencester. 1347

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Stevenage, Saturday, Dec. 7th, 3 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. at the Elite Café. Special method, Rutland Surprise.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 1343

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Meeting, Oxhey (8), Saturday, Dec. 7th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names, please, by Dec. 4th.—K. R. Dunstan, 8, Bridge Road, Hunton Bridge, King's Langley. 1396

LADIES' GUILD.—West Midland District. —Meeting at Yardley (Birmingham) on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells available from 4 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Dec. 4th, please, to Diana Perrins, 153, Plank Lane, Water Orton, near Birmingham. 1391

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at Oswaldtwistle, Saturday, Dec. 7th. Ringing 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Cups of tea provided.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 1386

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch. — Meeting at Holy Trinity Parish Church, South Shore, Blackpool, on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bell (6) 3.15 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—John F. Turner. 1405

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch.—Meeting, Standish, Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those notifying by Thursday, 5th, Mr. E. Birchall, 163, Preston Road, Standish, Wigan.—M. E. Ridyard. 1406

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster and Furness and Lake District Branches.—Joint meeting at Heversham, Saturday, Dec. 7th. Ringing 2.30–7.30. Tea 4.30. Names to P. Handley, Heversham Hall, Milnthorpe, Westmorland.—N. M. Newby, R. F. Eccles, Secs. 1409

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Saddington, Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m., Queen's Head.—L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec. 1397

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District. — Meeting at Barrow-upon-Soar on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Room 5 p.m. Names by previous Wednesday to Mr. F. K. Thompson, 43, Warner Street. 1402

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at Stoke-on-Trent on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea, not later than Wednesday, Dec. 4th, to G. Burton, 71, Bagnall Road, Milton, Stoke-on-Trent.—E. H. Edge, Hon. Sec. 1408

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting, Acle, Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Dec. 4th, certain, please, to Mr. H. W. Lidbetter, Hollycroft, South Walsham Road, Acle, Norfolk.—P. G. W. Newstead, Branch Sec. 1349

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Meeting at Ewelme, Oxfordshire, on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to R. Baker, 18, Hampden Way, Ewelme. Ringing till 8 p.m. All are welcome. 1381

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Devizes Branch.—Meeting, Seend (6), Saturday, Dec. 7th, Bells 3 p.m. Service and tea. Names. —S. Cockell, 19, Craybourne Road, Melksham, Wilts. 1377

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Annual meeting to be held at Lyme Regis, Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting. All welcome. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. Pannell, Beaminster. 1382

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS and MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting, Saturday, Dec. 7th, at St. Martin-in-the-Fields. Bells (12) available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in canteen. St. Giles-in-the-Fields (Tottenham Court Road underground three minutes) bells (8) available after tea. Names for tea by Tuesday, Dec. 3rd, please, to Mr. P. N. Bond, Gaywood, 30, Stocks Green Road, Hildenborough, Tonbridge, Kent. All very welcome!—P. N. Bond, T. J. Lock, Hon. Secs. 1360

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting at Radcliffe-on-Trent (8) on Saturday, Dec. 7th, 3 p.m. Cups of tea available—bring own food.—C. W. Towers. 1365

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Sudbury District. — Meeting at St. Gregory's, Sudbury, Saturday, Dec. 7th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at Chantry's. Names for tea to Mr. A. Fitch, 7, Croft Road, Sudbury. Ringing after meeting at All Saints'. 1374

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division. — Quarterly meeting, Balcombe (8), Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Names by previous Wednesday, please, to I. Butcher, 14, Withypitts, Turners Hill. 1400

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Southern District.—Annual meeting, Sketty, on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea. Names please.—J. A. Hoare, 6, Gendros Crescent, Swansea. 1344

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District.—Quarterly meeting at Selborne and Newton Valence on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea by Dec. 3rd.—C. E. Bassett, Warsash, Southampton. 1379

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Christchurch District.—Annual meeting, Christchurch, Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names by Dec. 4th to W. T. Godfrey, Pinehurst, Shorefield Way, Milford-on-Sea, Hants. 1388

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ilchester Branch. — Dinner at White Hart, Somerton, on Friday, Dec. 13th. Bells 6.30 p.m. Short service 7.15. Dinner 7.45 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome. Tickets (8s. 6d.) before Dec. 7th, from W. Turk, Glebe Cottage, Martock. 1392

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Mary's, Cheltenham, Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells (12) 3 p.m. Service 4.30, conducted by Rev. G. Smith. Tea 5.15 p.m., followed by business. Names for tea by Dec. 10th.—Mary Bliss, Beech Pike, Cheltenham. 1395

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—A meeting will be held at King's Langley on Saturday, Dec. 14th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Dec. 11th, to Mr. B. Barker, 6a, Meadow Way, King's Langley. No names, no tea.—J. Good, Dis. Sec. 1368

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Halling on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, Dec. 10th, please, to T. Barton, Hon. Dis. Sec., 33, Ruins Barn Road, Sittingbourne. 1401

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, Dec. 14th, at Llantrisant. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—R. E. Coles, Branch Sec. 1376

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V. W. H. Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Stanford-in-the-Vale, Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Childrey (6) available evening. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, Dec. 11th, to R. F. J. Gilling, Branch Sec., Fernham, Faringdon, Berks. 1403

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Braunston, Saturday, Dec. 14th. Important: Tea only for those who notify me by Monday previous.—F. W. Hancock, Church View, Willoughby, Rugby.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Theberton, near Leiston.—Dedication of new treble and rededication of retuned five on Saturday, Dec. 14th, by Canon J. R. Chapman, at 3 p.m. Bells available after service. An invitation is extended to *all* ringers.—A. R. Bridges, Theberton. 1380

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Nomination meeting at Blechingley (8), Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting in Church House. Names for tea by Wednesday, 11th, to Mr. W. F. Bird, Braddon, Godstone Road, Blechingley. 1371

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Quarterly meeting at Queensbury on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Committee meeting 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in the Co-operative Assembly Rooms, Albert Edward Street. Business meeting in school near church at 6 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mr. C. Ellison, 9, Hazeldene Avenue, Queensbury, Bradford.—A. E. Marsh, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1385

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POINTS FROM RECENT SPEECHES

THE dinner season is now upon us, and as is customary at these functions the toasts are usually accompanied by speeches. Let us take a brief review of some of the points made at recent gatherings. At the College Youths' dinner it was said that 'The Ringing World' is reputed a dull journal. Using a famous phrase, it all depends on what you mean by dull. Nobody, for instance, could call the recent articles by Ernest Morris in any way dull, and their human story is amusing and interesting.

What do readers expect from their journal?—Peals and quarter peals, the activities of the 56 affiliated Guilds and Associations, compositions, personal items, instruction for the beginner, arguments and theories for the advanced ringer, and a first-class front page article written by the pen of the late Mr. J. A. Trollope or by the founder editor, Mr. John S. Goldsmith. The fact is that so wide are the attainments and interests of our readers that there are bound to be pages that do not appeal to them. Theory or composition is not understandable to more than 10 per cent of our readers, but such is the unusual position of 'The Ringing World' as the only weekly medium devoted to our art that space has to be given to this and other sections. At times attempts are made to brighten the pages with a little humour—but here again there are invariably protests. Nevertheless, this article is brightened at the end by one of those stories which delight ringers of the old time school.

The second point, also from the A.S.C.Y. dinner: That the Exercise has never realised its responsibilities towards 'The R.W.' The odds against this ever happening are very great. For a modest sum anyone can have a choice of newspapers delivered to the door every day of the week, and there is no responsibility at all. These daily papers are backed by a huge staff of reporters and agencies linked up throughout the world. There is no such organisation behind 'The Ringing World,' which is dependent on the goodwill of a comparatively few ringers, a number of whom act as local correspondents. The Editor also attends a number of gatherings and reports the proceedings. So unconsciously a person compares what he gets for his money in one place and in another—it is just human nature.

At the Yorkshire Association Snowdon dinner the point which stood out was the stirring message from Miss M. Snowdon. It was a restatement of the ringers' ideal, and it came from the living representation of the two famous brothers. Jasper Snowdon had the knowledge and his brother saw to it that this knowledge was presented to the Exercise in concise terms.

Lastly, there was the Leicester Guild dinner, and the theme was success. There is no doubt that Leicester is on the top of the ringing world. I do not know if all the bells in Leicester are rung Sunday by Sunday, but one church can manage Surprise Maximus for service. The other week, at Liverpool Cathedral's open day, there were present about 50 ringers from Leicester; there's real enthusiasm for you, travelling 100 miles to ring at a new tower. Well, we hope they keep up this success story and be an inspiration to us all.

Old stagers will enjoy the story concerning the late Harry Withers, of Birmingham, told to me by Arthur Knights. Harry Withers was a clever man; he could tap any method which he knew on the piano or the dulcimer. He would sometimes invite someone to call a touch of Stedman Triples and he would tap it out. Even more remarkable, he could sit and listen to a peal and present the conductor with the figures of the composition when the band came outside. Like most clever men, he had a weakness and he occasionally went on the spree.

It so happened that Arthur Knights was in Birmingham one Saturday for a peal or meeting, and who should he meet in the street but Harry Withers, obviously inebriated. Recognition was mutual, and they stopped for a chat despite Harry's condition. It should be here explained that Grandsire Caters was at the time a popular method for peals, most of which were brought home from the course end 42563978. However, A. K. was secretly worried about Harry, thinking that if he got any more drink he would fall foul of the police. So as he prepared to leave he said: 'And where are you going, Harry?' 'Well, Arthur,' he said, 'I have just got as far as 42563.' 'I am glad to hear it,' said A. K., 'and see that you go straight home.'

M. R. P.

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MICHAEL H. SOLLY	4	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by H. WILLIAM BARRETT.

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. W. J. Westwood, M.A., following his induction as vicar of the parish, and as a compliment to him and his wife on the birth of a son.

MILES PLATTING, MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Nov. 6, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*

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

A PEAL OF 5088 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 22 lb. in G.

*PETER SCHOFIELD	*Treble*	DAVID JAMES	5
BERNARD GROVES	2	BARRIE HENDRY	6
TREVOR TAYLOR	3	DEREK TAYLOR	7
ROBERT SMITH	4	DEREK OGDEN	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by TREVOR TAYLOR.

* First peal of Surprise. First in the method for all.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Nov. 14, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 48 lb. in G.

THOMAS R. SIMMONS	*Treble*	JOHN ALDIS	5
BRIDGET MUTIMER	2	FRANK C. J. ARNOLD	6
H. WILLIAM BARRETT	3	WILFRED G. SAUNDERS	7
ARTHUR G. BASON	4	CEDRIC F. W. PHILLIPPO	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN REEVES. Conducted by CEDRIC F. W. PHILLIPPO.

First peal in the method as conductor.

Arranged for Mr. J. Aldis, who has been a ringer at Saxlingham for 57 years.

BADSEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 16, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Hubbard's Ten-part. Tenor 17 cwt.

ANTHONY J. BRAZIER	*Treble*	ROBERT W. COLE	5
WILFRED J. NEWMAN	2	HAROLD F. RAXTER	6
MRS. J. THOMAS	3	ERIC T. LEE	7
JOHN THOMAS	4	LEONARD MILLS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERIC T. LEE.

First peal of Plain Bob Triples by all the band.

A farewell to the Rev. W. B. Chapman.

WATFORD, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(Watford Society.)

On Sat., Nov. 16, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E flat.

RAYMOND G. SMITH	*Treble*	WALTER G. PAUL	5
*DENNIS LAUD	2	STEPHEN H. HOARE	6
†MARY G. CARNOCHAN	3	RICHARD G. BELL	7
‡STEPHEN F. DOLLEY	4	GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN.

* First peal on eight. † First peal of Major. ‡ First peal. First peal by a local band for 19 years.

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. J. G. Downward, M.A., whose institution and induction as Vicar of Watford took place prior to the peal.

HINGHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Nov. 20, 1957, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5056 OXFORDSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16¼ cwt. in F.

A. SPENCER BROTHERS	*Treble*	ARTHUR G. BASON	5
H. WILLIAM BARRETT	2	GEORGE SAYER	6
GEORGE P. ADAMS	3	BERT GOGLE	7
JOHN S. BARNES	4	NOLAN GOLDEN	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First peal in the method by all, on the bells, and for the Association. In honour of the tenth anniversary of the Queen's wedding.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Nov. 21, 1957, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18¾ cwt.

*GEORGE NORTH	*Treble*	HERBERT W. WOOLVEN	5
ALBERT W. BOND	2	HENRY STALHAM (85)	6
ARTHUR W. GRAVETT	3	LEONARD STILWELL	7
*MAURICE W. STEPHENSON	4	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON	*Tenor*

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON.

* First peal of Major.

Rung to the respected memory of Frank Bennett, ringer for 30 years at this church.

CAYTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Nov. 22, 1957, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VINCENT.
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Treble*	GEOFFREY PAUL	5
NORAH M. BIBBY	2	GEORGE H. RANDLES	6
GEO. WILLIAM CREASEY	3	JOHN WALDEN	7
DENIS A. FRITH	4	*GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN J. IVIN. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* 1,400th peal.

ABERAVON, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 23, 1957, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 16 cwt.

*WILLIAM T. PETTY	*Treble*	EDMUND J. MORRIS	5
ALBERT J. PITMAN	2	D. WALFORD DAVIES	6
THOMAS YEOMANS	3	GWYN I. LEWIS	7
*ALFRED HANNINGTON	4	TREVOR M. RODERICK	*Tenor*

Conducted by GWYN I. LEWIS.

* 25th peal together.

BENINGTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 23, 1957, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's variation. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	*Treble*	RICHARD J. CASTLEDINE	5
*FRANCES M. WELCH	2	C. MICHAEL ORME	6
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	3	EDWIN G. BUCK	7
COLIN A. S. HARWOOD	4	JACK S. DEAR	*Tenor*

Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.

* First peal of Surprise Major.

BILLESDON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Nov. 23, 1957, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Bruerton's Twelve-part. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in F sharp.

*PAMELA M. GEARY	*Treble*	B. STEDMAN PAYNE	5
ROYSTON WILMORE	2	H. LESLIE WYKES	6
ERNEST MORRIS	3	†A. NORMAN GEARY	7
J. GEOFFREY GEARY	4	GORDON E. LEE	*Tenor*

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

* First peal. † First peal of Triples 'inside.' The first peal on the bells since their augmentation to eight.

CHESTER-LE-STREET, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 23, 1957, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.
AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY AND ST. CUTHBERT,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 2 lb.

*ROLAND HAIGH	*Treble*	WILFRED NICHOLSON	5
CHRISTOPHER J. HERBERT	2	SAMUEL C. WALKER	6
*GEOFFREY S. R. SIMMS	3	CYRIL MORDUE	7
J. WILLIAM ROBSON	4	DENIS A. BAYLES	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.

* First peal.

Rung for the birth of Penelope Elizabeth Nicholson.

DODDERHILL, DROITWICH.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 23, 1957, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation).
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in E.

ARTHUR J. MARTIN	*Treble*	†HAROLD E. RAXTER	5
FRANCIS J. POTTER	2	FRED CRUMP	6
*TERENCE A. SPARKES	3	REGINALD WOODYATT	7
ROBERT W. COLE	4	SIDNEY T. HOLT	*Tenor*

Conducted by REGINALD WOODYATT.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Grandsire Triples.

EAST DEREHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 23, 1957, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes.
AT THE BELL TOWER OF THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 86 lb. in D.

SIDNEY MARSHALL	*Treble*	WILLIAM LOVE	5
WILLIAM CLOVER	2	ARTHUR G. BASON	6
STANLEY W. COPLING	3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	7
F. CHARLES GOODMAN	4	NOLAN GOLDEN	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Rung half-muffled immediately following the memorial service to Major John Wormald, a Deputy Lieutenant for Norfolk, magistrate, former county cricketer, and vicar's warden for 12 years. His name is on the new tenor bell, and the recent rehanging of the bells was keenly supported by him.

Composition contains all the 7468's, 7568's, 65, 56, 64 and 4678's with 6th 18 course-ends home.

GRAVESEND, KENT.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 23, 1957, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes.
AT ST. GEORGE'S CHAPEL OF UNITY.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18¾ cwt.

PERCY GREEN	*Treble*	BRIAN J. HOWARD	5
*MARY DOWSETT	2	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE	6
†PATRICK W. SALTMARSH	3	††‡DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS	7
‡ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON	4	PETER J. EVES	*Tenor*

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW. Conducted by PETER J. EVES.

* First peal in the method. † 25th peal together. ‡ 50th peal together.

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HASLEMERE, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 23, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 6 lb. in F sharp.

ROGER KEELEY	*Treble*	MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	5
*ANGELA CARPENTER	2	JOHN P. MCDERMOTT ..	6
EVE PEARSON	3	FRANK C. PRICE..	7
ANTHONY V. QUEEN ..	4	RICHARD E. PRICE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by FRANK C. PRICE.
* First peal.
A birthday compliment to Mr. J. B. Sidebotham, for many years a ringer at this church.

HEYDOUR, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 23, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.

*LEONARD G. THOMPSON..	*Treble*	JOHN F. PEARSON	5
RONALD RUSSELL	2	LOUIS WILLDERS	6
PERCY D. BALDOCK	3	WILLIAM R. PARKER	7
WALTER WESTON	4	JAMES H. MUSSON	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.
* First peal of Major and first attempt.
A birthday compliment to Mr. Louis Willders.

MORECAMBE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 23, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN BAGNALL	*Treble*	LAWRENCE C. CLEMENT ..	5
JAMES E. BURLES	2	MRS. R. F. ECCLES	6
ALAN CAPSTICK	3	GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE ..	7
WILFRED BOLTON	4	ROLAND F. ECCLES	*Tenor*

Composed by W. HARRISON. Conducted by ROLAND F. ECCLES.
First peal as conductor.

OVERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 23, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM F. WOODWARD ..	*Treble*	H. GEORGE HART	5
ELSIE K. HART	2	ERNEST W. RAWSON ..	6
PHYLLIS POOLE	3	*JOSEPH W. COTTON.. ..	7
FRANCIS R. LOWE	4	PETER J. STANIFORTH ..	*Tenor*

Composed by G. BAKER. Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.
* First peal in the method. First peal of Rutland Surprise Major on the bells and for the Guild.

PETERSFIELD, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 23, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

RUSSELL H. R. PARKER ..	*Treble*	JOHN W. SINFIELD	5
*JUNE E. GLADMAN	2	ADRIAN J. TUMBER	6
S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT	3	*E. KEITH JORDON	7
ERNEST J. MUNDAY.. ..	4	FREDERICK W. BURNETT ..	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by FREDERICK W. BURNETT.
* First peal of Major in the method.

THURCASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Nov. 25, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

JOSEPH W. COTTON	*Treble*	JOHN A. ACRES	5
MRS. P. J. STANIFORTH ..	2	J. FREDERICK MILNER ..	6
ERNEST W. RAWSON ..	3	HERRICK B. BOWLEY	7
ERNEST MORRIS	4	PETER J. STANIFORTH ..	*Tenor*

Composed by FRED H. DEXTER. Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.

SIX BELL PEALS

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA.
THE ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL SOCIETY OF BELLRINGERS.
On Sun., Oct. 6, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb. in G sharp.

KENNETH J. MINCHINTON	*Treble*	GRAEME L. HEYES	4
BRENDA L. SHEPPARD ..	2	GERALD WESTON	5
GEORGE W. PIPE	3	JOHN J. F. ROPER	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE W. PIPE.
First attempt for a peal of Treble Bob by all the band except the conductor. The first peal of Kent in Australia by a resident band.
Rung as a welcome to Bishop Frank Woods, Archbishop-elect of Melbourne, and to Graeme Nevin, grandson of Ernest H. Hughes, member of this Society, late of Runcorn, Cheshire.

ASTON INGHAM, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 2, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 NEW GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 extents (ten callings). Tenor 5¼ cwt.

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

Conducted by REGINALD G. POWELL.
First peal in the method for the Guild.
Rung for the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. I. Jones.

WALLASEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 2, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HILARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Bob, and one 720 of Plain Bob.

WILLIAM STRONG	*Treble*	EDWIN JONES	4
VIVIAN T. O. BOASE	2	ALEX J. MARTIN	5
THOMAS ROGERS	3	JOHN A. WEBSTER	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN A. WEBSTER.
Rung as a welcome to Canon L. R. Healey, M.A., lately inducted rector of the parish.

ROTHLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Syston District.)
On Sat., Nov. 9, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY-THE-VIRGIN AND JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF 5040 REVERSE CANTERBURY PLEASURE BOB DOUBLES
Being 42 extents (eight callings). Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in F sharp.

NEIL BISHOP	*Treble*	ERNEST F. PAYNE	4
CHARLES LOWE	2	B. STEDMAN PAYNE	5
DAVID LOWE	3	MAURICE BISHOP	*Tenor*

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.
First peal of Canterbury Doubles on the bells, and by all the band. Rung by three fathers and their sons.

HINDERCLAY, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 16, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being an extent each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and five different extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 41 lb. in G.

ARTHUR E. COOK ..	*Treble*	HARRY MOSS	4
*FRANK J. BURLINGHAM ..	2	CHARLES R. CATCHPOLE ..	5
*LEONARD J. MINNS	3	†PAUL D. T. CATTERMOLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by PAUL D. T. CATTERMOLE.
* First peal in three methods. † First peal in three Minor methods.

KIMPTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 16, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being three extents of Kent T.B. and four of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

*ROBIN L. ARNOLD	*Treble*	†JOHN G. CULL	4
ROBERT A. COCHRANE ..	2	ALFRED E. RUSHTON ..	5
ERIC EDMONSON	3	‡FREDERICK W. ELLIS ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALFRED E. RUSHTON.
* First peal and first attempt. † First peal 'inside.' ‡ First peal in more than one method.
Rung as a compliment to the Rev. C. J. Hancock (Vicar of Kimpton) on his being appointed rural dean of Welwyn.

MOORLYNCH, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 16, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

*CHARLES GRATTON	*Treble*	ARTHUR CALLOW	4
†STELLA ALLEN	2	FRANCIS J. WHITE	5
FREDERICK G. SPARKS	3	ARNOLD BOWN	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANCIS J. WHITE.

* First peal at first attempt. † First of Minor. First of Minor as conductor.

NORTHREPPS, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 16, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In eight methods, being one extent each of combined Oxford and Kent T.B., Cambridge, College Single Reverse, Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

WILLIAM H. HOLDOM	*Treble*	*DERICK W. PARDON	4
N. JOHN A. PUMPHREY	2	†JOHN R. SMITH	5
RAYMOND W. BALLS	3	*†WILLIAM R. CATCHPOLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. SMITH.

* First peal in eight methods. † 25th peal together. The conductor's 350th peal.

RODBOURNE CHENEY, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 16, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 BEVERLEY SURPRISE MINOR
Tenor 8 cwt.

BARRY S. SHEPPARD	*Treble*	W. BERTRAM KYNASTON	4
ANTHONY R. PEAKE	2	*RICHARD E. G. LUTON	5
ERIC SUTTON	3	VICTOR GRIFFIN	*Tenor*

Arranged by REV. E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by VICTOR GRIFFIN.

* First peal of Surprise. First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.

WHISSENDINE, RUTLAND.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 16, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 720 each of St. Simon's, April Day, All Saints, Reverse Bartholomew, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and Grandsire.
Tenor 15 cwt.

FRANK T. LONG	*Treble*	HAROLD T. BONSHOR	4
ROLAND H. COOK	2	GEOFFREY A. BOWCUTT	5
J. HARRY COOK	3	FREDERICK WATSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. HARRY COOK.

The ringer of the treble has now 'completed the circle' of this tower.

WILBURTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Nov. 18, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 WOODBINE TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

LAURIE NORFOLK	*Treble*	GEORGE A. WALKER	4
HENRY C. SHARP	2	DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS	5
DONALD F. MURFET	3	ARTHUR YARROW	*Tenor*

Conducted by DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS.

Rung to commemorate the first peal on the bells on November 17th, 1896, in which the ringer of the second rang his first peal.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Hinckley District.)
On Wed., Nov. 20, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb.

FREDERICK WATSON	*Treble*	A. MAXWELL LINDSEY	4
RODNEY RICHARDSON	2	MICHAEL VERNON	5
GEORGE A. CHARLTON	3	JOHN VERNON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN VERNON.

Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of Mrs. Emma Cooper, mother of Mr. Harry Cooper, churchwarden.

FAIRWARP, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Nov. 20, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten callings). Tenor 15½ cwt.

*JANE BUTCHER	*Treble*	*CHARLES A. CATT	4
*ALLEN WELLER	2	ARTHUR J. HART	5
*BRENDA CATT	3	*THOMAS BRETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR J. HART.

* First peal. The tenor ringer is the first Fairwarp ringer to ring a peal.

GAMSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Nov. 20, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven standard callings. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*JEAN ROBERTSON	*Treble*	CHARLES COOK	4
†HAROLD DENMAN	2	†GEORGE CHALLANS	5
RICHARD HOBBS	3	ERNEST PRESTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST PRESTON.

* First peal and first attempt. † 50th peal together.

Rung for the tenth wedding anniversary of Queen Elizabeth II and the Duke of Edinburgh.

HEDDINGTON, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Nov. 20, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

*VALERIE PRESTON	*Treble*	RAYMOND G. SMITH	4
JOE E. G. ROAST	2	‡PETER J. SHIPTON	5
†DAVID MANSHIP	3	JAMES C. TAYLOR	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal. ‡ 25th peal. First peal of Minor on the bells.

Rung on the tenth anniversary of the wedding of Her Majesty the Queen.

HEMYOCK, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Wed., Nov. 20, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Ten different callings. Tenor 21 cwt.

FRANCIS C. TAYLOR	*Treble*	†W. RONALD TRICKEY	4
*W. DONALD SALTER	2	GORDON WALFORD	5
CHARLES H. WEBBER	3	*LESLIE V. MORRELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by GORDON WALFORD.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

COLTISHALL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 23, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Tenor 10¼ cwt. in G.

*ARTHUR C. WELLS	*Treble*	N. JOHN PUMPHREY	4
*MRS. HANBURY CARTER	2	GEORGE SAYER	5
*HANBURY F. CARTER	3	WILLIAM R. CATCHPOLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE SAYER.

* First peal in the method.

HANDBELL PEALS

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 16, 1957, *in* 1 *Hour and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT EAST VIEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor size 11 in G.

D. MARGARET HAWLEY	1—2	EDWARD M. BRADLEY	3—4
		J. MARTIN THORLEY	5—6

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Nov. 19, 1957, *in* 1 *Hour and* 52 *Minutes,*
IN THE RINGING CHAMBER OF THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being four callings. Tenor size 15 in C.

*MRS. J. R. READER	1—2	ALAN SHEPPARD	3—4
		JOHN POTTS	5—6

Conducted by JOHN POTTS.

* First peal on handbells.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On Nov. 24th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. Haynes (first quarter) 1, C. Harwood 2, L. Scoot 3, P. Flack 4, A. Leggett (first of Major) 5, E. Buck 6, D. Sutcliffe (first of Major as cond.) 7, R. Castledine 8.

BATH, SOMERSET.—At the Church of St. Mary, Bathwick, on Nov. 10th, 1,260 Doubles (240 Winchendon Place, 240 St. Martin's, 240 St. Simon's, 240 St. Nicholas', 180 Grandsire and 120 Plain Bob): Miss M. Greedy 1, E. Naylor (cond.) 2, T. T. Jones 3, S. A. Read 4, R. S. M. Stubbs 5, R. Stubbs 6. First quarter in six Doubles methods by all the band except the conductor. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday. Also at St. Michael with St. Paul's Church, on Oct. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. K. Tooze 1, F. Mills (first 'inside') 2, J. G. Davis 3, Miss B. Russell 4, J. G. Hobbs (cond.) 5, G. J. Hawkins 6.

BICESTER, OXON.—On Nov. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Clifton 1, H. Hatfield 2, D. Wheeler 3, W. Baggett 4, C. H. Kinch 5, E. J. Smith (cond.) 6. Rung to celebrate the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Keeyes. Frank is a member of the Bicester tower.

BILLESDON, LEICS.—On Nov. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. Geary 1, H. Faulkner 2, J. Wadkin 3, J. G. Geary (cond.) 4, G. Allen 5, C. T. Whitman 6, A. N. Geary 7, G. Lee 8. First quarter in the method by the local band. For Evensong.

BRAFIELD, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. R. Jones 1, Miss P. M. Tyson (first 'inside') 2, P. E. Jones (first quarter) 3, T. M. Haines (cond.) 4, J. C. Rainbow 5, P. G. Box 6.

CANTERBURY, KENT.—At St. Alphege's Church, on Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N. J. Muller (first quarter) 1, Mrs. D. A. Chapman (first in method) 2, A. Butler 3, P. J. Westwood 4, D. A. Chapman (cond.) 5, E. Codd 6.

CHURCHILL, OXON.—On Nov. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Frances 1, J. Keyte 2, R. Jarvis 3, J. Benfield 4, P. Coombes 5, E. Townsend 6, I. Harris (cond.) 7, W. Lewis 8. Rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to Charles Henry Hoverd, a native of Churchill, and former foreman of the tower, whose funeral took place at Crayford, Kent.

CONSETT, CO. DURHAM.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss E. Foreman 1, Miss M. Wilson 2, W. Tyson 3, N. Errington (first quarter) 4, R. B. Shelton 5, R. Oliver (first as cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day.

DARTFORD, KENT.—On Nov. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: N. North 1, S. Ball 2, Mrs. D. L. Hall 3, J. Taylor 4, A. Hall 5, D. L. Hall 6, R. G. Rayfield (cond.) 7, J. Merrett 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Harry Hoverd, captain of Dartford ringers for 26 years, who died on November 17th.

DORKING, SURREY.—On Nov. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Arminson (first quarter) 1, Mary Munt 2, Ethel Clear 3, Margaret Brown 4, E. G. L. Coward 5, Rev. C. Munt 6, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 7, I. Lloyd 8. Rung as a compliment to the Vicar (the Rev. Canon K. D. Evans) on his appointment as Rural Dean. All are members of the local band.

DOVER, KENT.—On Nov. 20th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Godfrey (first quarter) 1, Mrs. H. George 2, H. J. Saunders 3, C. George (cond.) 4, Miss A. Banks 5, J. Eagles 6, G. Gray 7, E. J. Walker 8. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. Gray for the christening of their daughter Susan.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): J. Warner 1, S. Jenner 2, E. C. Leigh 3, B. E. Jeffrey 4, E. J. Jenner (cond.) 5, W. A. Leigh 6, C. Pannell 7, N. Greenaway 8. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday service. Also on Nov. 17th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: B. V. Collison 1, Margaret A. Ladd 2, B. E. Jeffrey (first in method) 3, E. J. Jenner 4, E. J. Ladd 5, S. Jenner (first of Major as cond.) 6, E. J. Brunger 7, G. Fry 8. Rung as a welcome to the ringer of the 3rd on his return from National Service, also for Evensong.

EPSOM, SURREY.—At Christ Church, on Nov. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: I. Waterman 1, W. Parrott 2, Frank Oakshott (cond.) 3, G. A. Cockman 4, W. Robinson 5, D. J. F. Oakshott 6, Chérie Payne 7, A. Howells 8. Rung for Remembrance Sunday and as a farewell to the conductor (and local captain), who is going for a long holiday in Australia.

QUARTER PEALS

GRANTHAM, LINCS.—On Nov. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss E. C. Sharp (first quarter) 1, W. R. Read 2, Miss M. E. A. Bailey (first 'inside') 3, F. W. Pinchbeck 5, J. M. Simpson (cond.) 5, P. E. Parry 6.

HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On Nov. 17th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. White 1, H. L. Bishop 2, H. K. White 3, J. P. Blond 4, A. H. Webb 5, M. Bishop (cond.) 6, G. W. Bishop 7, J. C. Napper 8. For Evensong.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.—On Nov. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: M. Maddeson (first of Triples) 1, C. H. Moore 2, S. Barker 3, R. C. Lofty 4, A. F. Ellis (first of Triples) 5, T. Spight 6, H. Tooke (cond.) 7, H. Blake 8. For evening service.

KENILWORTH, WARWICKS.—On Nov. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss C. Morris 1, J. Royal 2, P. Merry (cond.) 3, J. Voyce 4, T. Ragg 5, T. Webb 6.

LEWISHAM, S.E.—On Nov. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Elizabeth Cairns 1, J. Dafters 2, June E. Mead 3, Mrs. G. G. Meyers 4, C. M. Meyers 5, M. Hawks 6, F. P. Mead (cond.) 7, R. Boyce 8.

LLANDILO, CARMS.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Alcock 1, A. Reynolds 2, D. Smith 3, R. Scudamore (cond.) 4, J. Turvey 5, J. Thomas 6. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance service.

MELLS, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 16th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: E. Wadman 1, M. Rose 2, A. Sanger 3, H. J. Sanger 4, E. Naylor (cond.) 5, V. Roberts 6, G. Salmon 7, D. Hoare 8. First in the method by 1, 2, 3 and 6.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—At St. Nicholas' Cathedral, on Nov. 10th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: Mrs. C. McGuiness 1, C. McGuiness (cond.) 2, C. N. Lea 3, W. Robson 4, D. Priestley 5, G. S. Deas 6, C. Hammond 7, J. Hedley 8, E. P. Crowdy 9, R. W. Leighton 10. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

NORBURY, HAZEL GROVE, CHESHIRE.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: Eileen Fearn 1, Carol Fernley 2, Shirley Harris 3, Mrs. J. Fernley 4, J. Fernley (cond.) 5, B. Harris 6, B. Jones 7, L. Boumphrey 8. For Remembrance Day, also a birthday compliment to Mrs. James Fernley.

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On Nov. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Wendy Bowak 1, C. Bingham 2, Doreen Peacock (first 'inside') 3, R. Bridges 4, J. McPhail (first as cond.) 5, J. Lodge 6. Rung before Matins. A 21st birthday compliment to C. Bingham.

ROTHLEY, LEICS.—On Nov. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Stone 1, B. S. Payne (cond.) 2, R. A. Brewin 3, G. M. Brewin 4, P. Plowright 5, M. Westbury 6. Rung to welcome the Lord Bishop of Leicester.

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SHIPLAKE-ON-THAMES, OXON.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Cobb 1, E. H. Smith 2, W. Paice (cond.) 3, J. A. Cobb 4, A. K. Street 5, F. G. Henbest 6, D. E. Cobb 7, F. Bonsey 8. For evening service.

SOUTHGATE, N.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Miller (first quarter, aged 13) 1, Mary Piper (first of Doubles 'inside') 2, Pam Miller 3, S. G. Peck 4, C. Aldridge (cond.) 5, M. Stanyon 6. For the choirboys' annual Evensong.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On Nov. 17th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Joan K. Brown 1, J. M. Jelley (cond.) 2, B. S. Chapman 3, R. K. Stretton 4, G. H. Bray 5, A. E. Bodycote 6, E. J. Jelley 7, B. G. Warwick 8. For Evensong. Arranged for ringers of 1 and 2, both on leave from H.M. Forces.

STEEPLE CLAYDON, BUCKS.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Hodges 1, A. Hodges 2, V. G. Phillips (cond.) 3, José Bassett 4, F. W. Thorpe 5, Pamela Bassett (first quarter) 6. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

STEPNEY, E.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: H. G. Weedon 1, L. J. Fox (cond.) 2, G. B. Boomsma 3, A. F. Lewry 4, R. W. Sumner 5, S. Smith 6.—First of Stedman Doubles by all. For Remembrance Sunday.

STOKE, COVENTRY, WARWICKS.—At St. Michael's Church, on Nov. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: E. Simpson (first quarter) 1, R. D. Hayne 2, F. Brassington 3, D. Sibley 4, J. R. Robinson (first quarter) 5, H. Folwell 6, D. Ellender 7, W. A. Stote (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

SWINTON, LANCS.—On Nov. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Bryan (first quarter) 1, G. Barbara Cooke 2, A. Moss 3, D. W. James 4, A. Sharples (first as cond.) 5, K. W. Cooke 6. For Evensong, and as a birthday compliment to David Leah, a local ringer.

TALGARTH, BRECON.—On Nov. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (60 Stedman, 480 Plain Bob and 720 Grandsire): Vera M. Powell 1, W. Chick 2, S. V. Edwards 3, D. H. Bennett (cond.) 4, W. G. Smith 5, J. Parry 6. First in three methods for all except the conductor. For Evensong, and as a farewell tribute to the Rev. W. Gurnos Davies (Vicar), who is retiring after 22 years, and Mrs. Davies.

WALSDEN, LANCS.—On Nov. 16th, 1,376 Plain Bob Major: P. Scholfield 1, W. Wilson 2, G. S. Mills 3, R. Maher 4, J. B. Pickup 5, D. Butterworth 6, N. Smith (cond.) 7, R. Leigh 8. Rung to mark the 85th anniversary of hte first peal on the bells.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—On Nov. 24th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: M. J. Hayes 1, A. J. N. Boyack 2, F. C. Maynard 3, H. Rumens 4, E. E. Holman 5, W. Dowler 6, B. Downes 7, D. Hewitt 8, R. J. Chapman 9, F. C. Taylor 10. For the service of Confirmation by the Bishop of Barking.

WESTON FAVELL, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 24th: 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: E. Rudkin 1, Mrs. M. Edmonds (first away from treble) 2, Miss G. A. Ashby 3, L. Earl 4, P. Amos (cond.) 5. For morning service.

WIMBORNE, DORSET.—At the Minster, on Nov. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Willis 1, L. Bishop (first quarter) 2, R. Groves 3, C. E. Bishop 4, C. Burt 5, E. A. Bishop 6, L. J. Lockyer (cond.) 7, A. Waterman 8. Rung in memoriam Frank Price, who died on Oct. 31st. Frank Price was a ringer in Wimborne Minster for 30 years (1921 to 1951), retiring to Swanage, where he assisted the local band.

WINSLOW, BUCKS.—On Oct. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Bull (first of Triples) 1, F. Vickers 2, F. Gibbard 3, H. France 4, C. Gough 5, J. Hall (first of Triples) 6, W. A. Yates (cond.) 7, G. W. Holland 8.

WOOTTON BASSETT, WILTS.—On Nov 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Beazley 1, E. F. Brooks (cond.) 2, W. Hacker 3, Miss R. Maundrell 4, L. A. Wilson 5, P. Spackman 6, R. Wells 7, J. Amor 8. First of Triples for 1, 2, 6, 7 and 8. Rung to mark the 60th anniversary of Mr. Wilson's ringing activities at Wootton Bassett.

WORCESTER.—At the Cathedral, on Nov. 23rd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: G. E. Evenden 1, J. J. Stanier 2, I. Goulter 3, R. G. Morris 4, J. C. Slater 5, D. R. Morris 6, D. Beacham (cond.) 7, T. W. Lewis 8. Rung on the middle eight as a welcome to the new Dean (the Very Rev. R. L. P. Milburn, M.A.).

A HALF DAY IN NORTH-WEST STAFFORDSHIRE

The ringers of St. Mary's, Stafford, and friends from nearby towers had an enjoyable half day's ringing recently on bells on the Staffordshire–Shropshire border.

The tuneful, easy-going eight at Holy Trinity, Eccleshall, were very different from the former very rough six. Everyone fell in love with the light eight at St. Swithun's, Cheswardine, where a near-perfect touch of Stedman Triples was rung. Other touches rung were Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Spliced Oxford Bob and Treble Bob.

After a quick tea at Market Drayton we rushed off, full of enthusiasm, to ring on the four bells at St. Margaret's, Adbaston. Most of the band gave a sigh of relief when these bells were eventually lowered! The beautiful church of High Offley was next visited. Although the rope-ends were again knotted, the bells ran well and the ringing was quite good. The treble in this tower was given by the Barron Bell Trust in 1941.

It was dark when All Saints', Forton, was reached. Here the ringers stand on a platform in full view of the congregation. These six were the heaviest ring of the day with a tenor of 14½ cwt. Methods ranged from Cambridge to Plain Bob, and everyone enjoyed the pleasant tone, though they had to work harder than in the previous towers. In every tower we were made welcome and we hope that our efforts in some cases have encouraged the local bands to have another try. R. V. M.

The band who rang in the peal at Chester-le-Street in honour of the birth of Penelope Elizabeth Nicholson consisted of six local and two students from Durham University. A previous attempt was lost after two hours' ringing.

BEVERLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

When the Barnsley District Society held their monthly meeting at Kirkthorpe, Wakefield, on November 9th, Mr. David Cubitt, in seconding the vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens and to Mr. Robinson and Miss P. Handscombe for making the arrangements, made some interesting observations on the east window of the church. This, he said, had survived the Reformation and Cromwell; then about 200 years later it was broken by a ringer who had a grievance against the Church. The present window was going to be replaced by one featuring the Resurrection.

Mr. Noel F. Moxon presided at the meeting, when one new member—Mr. Dyson Seargill, of Thornhill, Dewsbury—was elected. The next meeting at Monk Bretton, near Barnsley, on December 14th, will be of special importance.

Mr. Frank Robinson gave the Society a hearty welcome to Kirkthorpe, and said it had been decided to place a new oak altar with frontal in the lady chapel as a memorial to the late vicar (Rev. H. E. Jarman).

The ringing in the afternoon and evening was most useful.

THE LADIES' GUILD

Kent Branch

Numerous methods were attempted at the meeting of the Kent Branch of the Ladies' Guild at SS. Peter and Paul's, Tonbridge, on November 16th. Tea in the Parish Room was served by the gentlemen members of the local band.

After votes of thanks had been offered to all concerned, the gentlemen returned to the tower while the ladies held their meeting. At 6.45 p.m. the service was held, conducted by the Vicar (Canon Russell B. White), assisted by the curate and attended by 23 ringers.

A READING VETERAN'S FAREWELL

Farewells were said at St. Laurence's Church, Reading, on Sunday, November 17th, to Mr. 'Ted' Foster, who is leaving Reading to live with his son at Farnborough. 'Ted,' who is the last member of the famous band of this church, will be 80 on Boxing Day, and has an association of 70 years with the church, which he joined as a choirboy at the age of 10.

'Ted' learnt to ring at Tilehurst and rang there before joining the St. Laurence company over 30 years ago. He was always in the tower for Sunday ringing at both services, and until his eyes began to fail a few years ago most regular at the practices.

Of the few peals he rang, he was most proud of being in the first of Grandsire Cinques rung at St. Laurence's by an entirely Sunday service band, conducted by the late R. T. Hibbert, ringing the 11th to Stedman Cinques, conducted by the late Bill Pye, and ringing in a peal of Grandsire Triples with one of the five lady members of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

At his final appearance he took part in call-changes on the back ten, and rang the treble to a well-struck 168 Grandsire Triples before letting the bells down. Three old friends besides the writer were in the touch—Mrs. Catterall, Mrs. Lewington and Bill Rampton—the younger friends being Ray Burton, Mrs. Morley and 'Topper.' After the service, his good health was toasted in 'The Elephant' (well known to members of the A.S.C.Y.'s), and so 'goodbye' to one of the old brigade. W. H.

The band who have been ringing Spliced Surprise Minor in peals recently for the Ely Association would like to express publicly to Mr. C. W. Cook, of Harston, their thanks for his assistance in splicing and proof of composition.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The bells of Lydney, Gloucestershire, are due to be broadcasted prior to a service on the B.B.C. Overseas Service on Sunday next at 5.30 p.m. The service is to be 'made live' to South Africa and the Middle East and then 'recorded' to Canada, U.S.A. and the Caribbean at 2 o'clock the following morning.

We learn that there is a prospect of Wonersh, Surrey, bells being recast into a ring of eight.

An idea for a Christmas present—a year's subscription to 'The Ringing World,' price 28s. post free. Details on this page.

The bells will be heard prior to the service to be broadcast from St. George's Parish Church, Greenock, on Sunday, December 15th, at 9.45 a.m., in the Scottish Home Service. These bells are for chiming only and are a ten with a tenor of 18 cwt. 1 qr. in F.

A tape-recording was taken of a peal attempt of Cambridge Surprise Maximus at Southwark Cathedral on Saturday week. We hope the recording of the 'fire out' which occurred after the second course had been completed will be helpful evidence if an inquest is held!

An attempt was made on November 23rd to ring a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major on the middle eight at Worcester Cathedral to welcome the new dean. The attempt unfortunately broke down after three-quarters-of-an-hour; had it been successful this would have been the first peal on the middle eight.

Mr. Louis A. Wilson, the doyen of ringing at Wootton Bassett, Wilts, took part in a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples at Wootton Bassett on November 6th to mark the 60th anniversary of his association with this tower. Now in his 83rd year, he is still able to take an active part in ringing, despite two serious illnesses. And many more years of active ringing, Mr. Wilson!

St. Cuthbert's, Benfieldside, has had its six bells restored by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. The rededication of the bells and dedication of a book table to the memory of Mr. Thomas Westgarth took place on November 9th. A report will appear in our next issue.

Congratulations to Mr. George E. Fearn, who rang his 1,400th peal on November 22nd. It was a peal of London Surprise Major, rung at Caythorne, Lincs.

Will Mr. R. G. Leale kindly send details of 720 Superlative Surprise Minor and 540 Yorkshire Court rung in a quarter peal to Mr. Walter Ayre, The Old School House, Leverstock Green, Hemel Hempstead? It is generally thought that no true 720 can be obtained of either method.

Four young ringers from West Buckland, North Petherton and Ashcott had a half day's outing on November 9th, ringing in Somerset and Dorset. With local ringers they had Stedman, Kent and Cambridge on the six at Evershot. Most of the towers visited had four bells.

Spliced Doubles on handbells is being practised at Radstock, under the conductorship of Mr. David Hoare. We are hoping to have the pleasure of recording a peal in 47 methods shortly. One in 47 methods was rung, but alas, on a recheck of the composition it was found to be false.

The December issue of 'Surrey W.I. News' contains an interesting article headed 'Bell-ringer Extraordinary,' by N. B. M. P., on ringing at Westminster Abbey and of the services of an Institute husband, Mr. Harold Pitstow. Apart from being secretary of Westminster Abbey ringers Mr. Pitstow has been in charge of the Banstead tower since 1926. He is also musical director of Banstead Amateur Operatic Society.

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SUMMARY ANALYSIS OF PEALS RUNG DURING 1956

Ancient Society of College Youths.—Maximus 3, Cinques 3, Royal 3, Caters 3, Major 4, Triples 2, Minor 2; total 20.

Bath and Wells Association.—Royal 2, Caters 4, Major 9, Triples 11 (1), Minor 24, Doubles 25 (1); totals 76 (2).

Bedfordshire Association.—Royal 2, Caters 2, Major 18, Minor 14 (1), Doubles 2 (1); totals 38 (2).

Cambridge University Guild.—Caters 1, Major 11 (1), Triples 1, Minor 4 (2); totals 17 (3).

Chester Guild.—Royal 8, Caters 2, Major 39 (4), Triples 6, Minor 25, Doubles 5; totals 85 (4).

Cleveland and N. Yorkshire Association.—Nil.

Coventry Guild.—Royal 1, Caters 2 (2), Major 6 (1), Triples 2 (1), Doubles 3; totals 14 (4).

Cumberland and N. Westmorland Association.—Royal 2, Major 6, Triples 1; total 9.

Derbyshire Association.—Royal 8, Caters 1, Major 29, Triples 3, Minor 23, Doubles 5; total 69.

Devonshire Guild.—Maximus 1, Major 5, Triples 3, Minor 6, Doubles 11; total 26.

Dudley and District Guild.—Major 1; total 1.

Durham and Newcastle Association.—Royal 2, Caters 1, Major 21, Triples 6, Minor 9; total 39.

East Derbyshire and Notts Association.—Minor 3, Doubles 5; total 8.

East Grinstead Guild.—Triples 1, Minor 1; total 2.

Ely Association.—Royal 2, Caters 1, Major 14 (2), Triples 3, Minor 36, Doubles 10; totals 66 (2).

Essex Association.—Maximus 1, Cinques 2, Caters 2, Major 32, Triples 1, Minor 33, Doubles 1; total 72.

Gloucester and Bristol Association.—Royal 1, Caters 5, Major 10, Triples 6, Minor 13 (1), Doubles 16; totals 51 (1).

Guildford Guild.—Royal 1, Major 12, Minor 7, Doubles 5; total 25.

Hereford Guild.—Caters 1, Major 6, Triples 1, Minor 16, Doubles 14; total 38.

Hertford County Association.—Maximus 1, Royal 1, Caters 1, Major 17 (6), Triples 5, Minor 22 (10), Doubles 2; totals 49 (16).

Irish Association.—Major 2, Doubles 3 (3), totals 5 (3).

Kent County Association.—Royal 1, Caters 1, Major 48 (2), Triples 19, Minor 35 (2), Doubles 9; totals 113 (4).

Ladies' Guild.—Major 2; total 2.

Lancashire Association.—Maximus 2, Cinques 2, Royal 6, Caters 6 (1), Major 44 (4), Triples 21, Minor 13 (10), Doubles 3; totals 97 (15).

Leicester Guild.—Maximus 4, Cinques 3, Royal 7 (7), Caters 3 (1), Major 62 (19), Triples 18 (3), Minor 26 (5), Doubles 13 (1); totals 136 (36).

Lincoln Guild.—Cinques 6, Royal 6, Caters 2, Major 29 (5), Triples 8, Minor 50, Doubles 4; totals 105 (5).

Llandaff and Monmouth Guild.—Cinques 1, Royal 1, Caters 1, Major 6, Triples 8, Minor 3, Doubles 5; total 25.

London County Association.—Royal 5, Caters 1, Major 5, Triples 2, Minor 1; total 14.

London University Society.—Major 4, Minor 1; total 5.

Midland Counties Guild.—Major 14, Triples 4, Minor 8, Doubles (1); totals 26 (1).

Middlesex County Association.—Caters 2, Major 33 (1), Minor 2; totals 37 (1).

Norwich Association.—Cinques 2, Royal 3, Caters 2, Major 42 (1), Triples 6, Minor 52 (3), Doubles 6; totals 113 (4).

North Staffordshire Association.—Royal 1, Major 8, Minor 4; total 13.

North Wales Association.—Major 2, Triples 2, Minor 3, Doubles 1; total 8.

Oxford Guild.—Maximus 1, Royal 2, Caters 5, Major 39 (4), Triples 23, Minor 32, Doubles 15; totals 117 (4).

Oxford Society.—Cinques 2, Major 1, Doubles 6; total 9.

Oxford University Society.—Royal 1, Major 3 (1), Minor 3, Doubles 2; totals 9 (1).

Peterborough Guild.—Royal 1, Major 10, Triples 1, Minor 10 (2), Doubles 15; totals 37 (2).

National Police Guild.—Nil.

St. David's Association.—Major 1, Doubles 3; total 4.

St. Martin's Guild.—Cinques 7 (1), Royal 7, Major 41, Triples 3, Minor 1 (1), Doubles (1); totals 59 (3).

Salisbury Guild.—Major 7, Triples 1, Minor 9, Doubles 8; total 25.

Scottish Association.—Nil.

Sheffield and District Association.—Nil.

Shropshire Association.—Royal 1, Major 7, Triples 2, Minor 2, Doubles 1; total 13.

Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.—Cinques 2, Caters 2, Major 2, Minor 2, Doubles 2; total 10.

Southwell Guild.—Royal 1, Caters 1, Major 2, Triples 7, Minor 18, Doubles 3; total 32.

Archdeaconry of Stafford Association.—Maximus 2, Cinques 3, Royal 10, Caters 5 (1), Major 13 (1), Triples (1), Minor 3, Doubles 5; totals 41 (3).

Suffolk Guild.—Royal 7, Major 31, Triples 2, Minor 35, Doubles 8; total 83.

Surrey Association.—Maximus 1, Cinques 3, Royal 1, Caters 2, Major 9, Triples 2, Minor 2; total 20.

Sussex Association.—Royal 5, Caters 2, Major 35, Triples 8, Minor 21 (2), Doubles 6 (2); totals 77 (4).

New South Wales Association.—Doubles 1, total 1.

Swansea and Brecon Guild.—Nil.

Truro Guild.—Major 5, Triples 3, Minor 2, Doubles 3; total 13.

Universities' Association.—Caters 1, Minor 1 (1); totals 2 (1).

Worcester and Districts Association.—Cinques (2), Royal 3 (1), Caters 2 (2), Major 15 (3), Triples 8 (1), Minor 10, Doubles 2; totals 40 (9).

Winchester Guild.—Royal 5, Caters 3 (2), Major 45 (4), Triples 9 (2), Minor 14 (25), Doubles 4; totals 80 (33).

Yorkshire Association.—Maximus 2, Royal 9, Caters 3, Major 48, Triples 6, Minor 34 (3), Doubles 1 (8); totals 103 (11).

Other Societies and unattached.—Caters 1, Major 2, Triples 3, Minor 5 (1), Doubles 1; totals 12 (1).

Totals.—2,191 (175). Grand total, 2,366.

Figures in brackets denote handbell peals.

A FURTHER ANALYSIS

Particulars of methods having had more than ten peals rung in them during 1956:—

Maximus: None.

Cinques: Stedman 30.

Royal: Cambridge 33, Plain Bob 22, Yorkshire 18, Kent 10.

Caters: Stedman 38, Grandsire 31.

Major: Plain Bob 181, Yorkshire 104, Cambridge 95, Double Norwich 65, Bristol 52, Kent 45, London 44, Spliced Surprise (2 to 12 methods) 43, Superlative 29, Lincolnshire 25, Rutland 19, Little Bob 16.

Triples: Grandsire 123, Stedman 72, Plain Bob 13.

Minor: 14 methods and over 29.

Doubles: 7 methods and over 29.

W. AYRE
K. W. H. FELSTEAD
H. MILES
(Peals Analysis Committee).

Christmas Bells On The Air

From 9.20 to 9.30 a.m. on Christmas Day, immediately before the broadcast service from Nunton Parish Church, Wiltshire, a round-up of bells from seven churches will be heard in the Home Service.

The bells will be introduced and the various towers linked by Stuart Hibberd, and the churches will be St. Peter's, Colchester; St. Mary's, Brecon; Yardley Parish Church, Birmingham; the West Church of St. Nicholas, Aberdeen; St. Andrew's, Plymouth; St. George's, Doncaster, and St. Mark's, Dundela, Belfast.

PORTSMOUTH HAS NEW GUILD

On the principle that good bells are of little use without good and sufficient ringers, the recent efforts to get Portsmouth Cathedral bells rehung and augmented to ten have been followed by efforts to reconstitute and augment the original band of ringers.

Under the presidency of the Provost of Portsmouth (Very Rev. E. N. Porter Goff), there has now come into being the Guild of Ringers of St. Thomas of Canterbury, Portsmouth, with a carefully-framed constitution and duly elected officers. These are: Tower captain and steeple keeper, F. W. Burnett; chairman of the Guild and deputy tower captain, Albert York-Bramble; secretary-treasurer, Miss S. K. M. Knight (35, Brighton Avenue, Gosport); committee — Surgeon-Captain A. Lawrey (R.N., retd.); Russell Parker and F. J. Edwards. Remaining members, including learners, complete a present total of 24 ringers. There is also 'associate' membership.

The bells, now being rehung and augmented by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, are to be dedicated on Sunday, December 22nd, by the Bishop of Portsmouth during the 11 a.m. matins.

The bells will be open to local and visiting ringers that day from 2 to 4.30 p.m., and all interested in this new ring of ten will be welcome during those times. Contributions to the 'Augmentation Fund' will be gratefully received and should be addressed to The Cathedral Office, St. Thomas' Street, Old Portsmouth.

BRISTOL UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

Bristol University Society had an enjoyable outing to Gloucester on November 9th. Ringing on the six at St. Mary-de-Lode preceded the visit to the Cathedral, where Mr. Les Barry met the party. The enormous ringing room with louvres for windows surprised those who were making their first visit. Most of the space in the centre was taken up by Great Peter, the 58 cwt. Bourdon clock bell, and this struck while the back eight of the ten (tenor 25 cwt.) were being raised in peal. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Caters were rung before the back eight were lowered in peal. We had been warned that no bad ringing was allowed on the bells: we hope we did not disgrace ourselves.

After attending Evensong, the party took a bus to Barnwood, where touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Double Norwich C.B. and Bristol Surprise Major were rung (tenor 10¼ cwt.). Mr. Barry met us again afterwards at St. Mary-de-Crypt. Here an over-enthusiastic member overturned her bell at the command 'Stand.' which delayed ringing about ten minutes. Cambridge Surprise Major was among the touches rung here. Thank you, all.

M. E. D.

DEDICATIONS OF BELLS THAT WILL RING FOR CHRISTMAS

Bradley, Near Bilston, Staffs

It is almost exactly 50 years since the bells of St. Martin's Church, Bradley, were last heard, but this long silence has now been broken. For some time efforts have been made to raise the necessary funds for the restoration of the bells, and this was finally accomplished when the Bishop of Lichfield (Dr. A. S. Reeve) dedicated the new ring of eight on November 23rd.

The church was crowded for the service, which was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. E. A. Dentith), with the Rev. C. H. Barker, the clerical secretary of the Stafford Archdeaconry Society, acting as bishop's chaplain. The Society's lay secretary (Mr. F. Bennett) was also present, together with other officers, and the bell-founders were represented by Mr. Paul Taylor. A public address system had been installed in the ringing room in order that the actual dedication prayers spoken by the Bishop could be heard by the congregation in the nave below and also by other parishioners in the school nearby. This was followed by a few minutes' rounds by a band drawn from towers in the surrounding district.

In his address, the Bishop outlined the contribution made by the bells to both national life and Church work, and praised the efforts of ringers who were trying to maintain regular Sunday ringing. He also paid tribute to the amount of work done by the Vicar and his helpers in achieving their objective, as the whole cost of the restoration had been paid. Immediately following the service a touch of Grandsire Triples by the same band was successfully brought round, in spite of the sudden reappearance in the belfry of the Bishop and the church officials, headed by the indefatigable Press. His Lordship spoke a few words of appreciation and encouragement to the ringers before leaving.

The tower was then open until 8 p.m., and a large company, which included many ringing notabilities of the Midlands, enjoyed themselves on the new bells in a variety of methods from rounds to six-spliced Surprise Major. In spite of catering for a dance later in the evening, the ladies of the parish had arranged a bountiful tea in the school, which was greatly appreciated by all the visitors.

One person for whom this was a red-letter day was Mr. William Bayliss, now aged 78, who is the sole survivor of the original band. Although he does not enjoy good health and his sight has begun to fail, he took part in some rounds during a silent practice on the previous evening, when an excellent photograph of him was taken. He could not, however, be persuaded to take a rope for the dedication ringing.

The restoration consisted of lowering the bell-frame about 18 ft. in the tower and recasting the bells, their total weight being reduced by some 25 cwt. They are now a tuneful eight with a tenor of 11¼ cwt. in G, and are a typical product of the Loughborough foundry, the interior acoustics being first-class. A local team is at present undergoing training, directed by Mr. D. Holden, of Coseley, and it is a source of satisfaction that one of them was able to take part unaided in rounds during the evening. Practices have been fixed for Friday evenings, at which any helpers will be gratefully welcomed.

Dereham, Norfolk

A large congregation of parishioners and ringers filled the Parish Church of St. Nicholas, Dereham, on November 16th. for the dedication of the recast tenor by the Bishop of Norwich. The occasion was saddened by the sudden death of Major John Wormald, who was churchwarden when the Bell Fund was launched, and whose name is inscribed on the bell.

In his address, the Bishop said: 'Our natural joy at the successful conclusion of the work must be overshadowed by the death of Major Wormald, who by his uprightness and integrity was an example to all. It is fitting that Major Wormald's name is inscribed on the tenor bell, for it does mean some small but lasting memorial of his care for this church and the project which brings us here today.'

Continuing, the Bishop said that, without bells, the bell tower was nothing more than a relic of the past, dead and useless. Now they had given life back to the tower, and although it might be fanciful, he thought the tower itself was glad to be able to be true to the purpose for which it was built.

The Bishop referred to a discussion at the Church Assembly on the necessity for bringing the Church into touch with present-day life, and the idea which had been suggested of a national mission to call the people back to God. 'Whether that vision is practicable I am not going to discuss,' he said, 'but it does draw attention to the necessity for the voice of the Church being heard by the world outside.

'I always think of the bells of the church as to some extent fulfilling that purpose. Just as the church bells are a kind of voice, bringing a message of something higher and purer than this life, so they help us to realise that in some kind of way we have to shine forth among men, to be witnesses and, if you like, advertisements, of what our religion means.'

After his address the Bishop left the church and crossed to the bell tower, accompanied by other clergy and the churchwardens. In the tower he dedicated the new work, and his words were relayed by loudspeakers to the congregation.

The opening touch, a course of Grandsire Triples, was rung by officers of the Association. The Rev. H. G. Lillingston (president) 1, C. Bird (Branch secretary) 2, W. Love (general secretary and treasurer) 3, F. C. Goodman (Branch committee) 4, A. G. Bason (Branch chairman) 5, G. Sayer (Branch Ringing Master) 6, N. Golden (vice-president) 7, H. W. Barrett (Association Ringing Master) 8.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (Canon Noel Boston), prayers being led by Rev. A. A. Eden and Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow (Vicar of Great Yarmouth). One of the lessons was read by Mr. Frederick Sharpe, president of the Central Council. Also present were the Rev. G. G. E. Dodson (rector of Gressenhall), the Rev. A. R. Walter (rector of Scarning) and Mr. John P. Fidler, of the Loughborough Bell Foundry, who carried out the restoration.

A new steel frame has been installed and the other bells retuned. Weight of the tenor is 23 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. The cost of the work is estimated at £2,400 and the parish has already raised over £2,000 for it.

The bells were available to the many ringers —approximately 80 to 100—after the service till 9 p.m. The Suffolk Association was represented by Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Pipe, Mr. Chas. Sedgley (former Ringing Master of the Suffolk Guild) and Mr. Ronald W. Clouston. Mr. Norman Harding represented the Ely Association.

Our thanks and appreciation are recorded for the hospitality extended to us by the Vicar and parishioners after the service, and for the use of the bells. W. L.

Trumpington, Cambridge

The Church of SS. Mary and Michael, Trumpington, Cambridge, now has eight musical bells, installed by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. The dedication by the Lord Bishop of Ely was on November 16th in the presence of a large congregation of parishioners, ringers and friends.

During the singing of the hymn 'Lifted now within the steeple, All our bells are set on high,' the Bishop, clergy and churchwardens proceeded to the west end. After the dedication and prayers, rounds were rung by the local band, assisted by Mrs. F. E. Haynes (a member, until her marriage) and Mr. Peter Border (who learnt the rudiments of ringing in this tower). The signals for starting and standing were given by Mr. F. E. Haynes (who also first handled a bell rope at Trumpington) with Miss Ruth Jackson at the foot of the stairs flashing lights.

In his sermon, Dr. Noel Hudson said he brought the love and prayers and congratulations of all the churches in the diocesan family. He knew, he said, what enterprise, offerings, prayers and vision were behind the accession of the peal.

As the congregation left the church a touch of Grandsire Triples was rung, followed by Stedman, with Mr. Paul Taylor and Mr. T. R. Dennis taking part.

After tea, ringing ranged from rounds to London and Bristol Surprise, and continued until 9 p.m. Amongst the visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Heazel, Mr. F. Sharpe (president of the Central Council), Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Pipe, Mr. and Mrs. Coles, Mr. Sedgley, Mr. Clouston and Mr. Fordham.

That it would be hard to find a better ring for its weight was the general verdict, and the 'go' was perfect. Five of the old bells have been recast, more metal added to replace the mediæval bell, now on view in the church. The new trebles have been given as a memorial by one of the local band—the treble for her parents and the second for her four grandparents.

In 1928, a splendid oak frame was put in by Messrs. R. White, of Appleton: this has been used with the necessary additions. The eight bells just fit perfectly into the tower on one level.

Now an intensive drive is being made to find recruits and train them, in order to have all the bells ringing for morning and evening prayer on Sundays.

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TWIN HUNT AND SINGLE HUNT TRIPLES METHODS

Dear Sir,—At the Central Council meeting this year it was agreed that the new collection of Triples methods should include all symmetric twin-hunt five-lead and single-hunt three-lead pure Triples methods.

The complete list below of such methods will no doubt prove of interest to the Exercise, especially the purists and those who remember the outcry against irregular methods from certain learned gentlemen.

The single-hunt regular methods can be found in 'The Ringing World,' August 17th, 1956, and their classifications April 12th, 1957.—Yours sincerely,

Windsor. F. T. BLAGROVE.

TWIN HUNT (FIVE LEAD) TRIPLES

1.	3; 1, 5, 1, 7, 1, 7; 1; 7, 1, 7, 1, 5, 1;	Single Oxford Bob
2.	3; 1, 5, 1, 7, 3, 7; 1; 7, 3, 7, 1, 5, 1;	Hereward Bob
3.	3; 1, 5, 1, 7, 3, 7; 3; 7, 3, 7, 1, 5, 1;	Stanstead College Bob
4.	3; 1, 5, 1, 7, 3, 7; 5; 7, 3, 7, 1, 5, 1;	Double Oxford Bob
5.	3; 1, 7, 1, 7, 1, 7; 1; 7, 1, 7, 1, 7, 1;	Grandsire
6.	3; 1, 7, 1, 7, 1, 7; 3; 7, 1, 7, 1, 7, 1;	City Bob
7.	3; 1, 7, 1, 7, 1, 7; 5; 7, 1, 7, 1, 7, 1;	Double Grandsire
8.	3; 1, 7, 1, 7, 3, 7; 1; 7, 3, 7, 1, 7, 1;	Laughton's Pleasure
9.	3; 1, 7, 1, 7, 3, 7; 3; 7, 3, 7, 1, 7, 1;	St. Clement's College Bob
10.	5; 1, 5, 1, 7, 1, 7; 1; 7, 1, 7, 1, 5, 1;	Darlaston Bob
11.	5; 1, 5, 1, 7, 1, 7; 3; 7, 1, 7, 1, 5, 1;	Ledbury Delight
12.	5; 1, 5, 1, 7, 1, 7; 5; 7, 1, 7, 1, 5, 1;	Dunstable Bob
13.	5; 1, 5, 1, 7, 3, 7; 3; 7, 3, 7, 1, 5, 1;	Double College
14.	5; 1, 5, 1, 7, 3, 7; 5; 7, 3, 7, 1, 5, 1;	St. Albans Delight
15.	5; 1, 7, 1, 7, 1, 7; 5; 7, 1, 7, 1, 7, 1;	London Delight
16.	5; 1, 7, 1, 7, 3, 7; 3; 7, 3, 7, 1, 7, 1;	Reverse Ledbury Delight
17.	7; 1, 5, 1, 7, 1, 7; 1; 7, 1, 7, 1, 5, 1;	Single Court
18.	7; 1, 5, 1, 7, 1, 7; 5; 7, 1, 7, 1, 5, 1;	Grandsire Court
19.	7; 1, 5, 1, 7, 3, 7; 1; 7, 3, 7, 1, 5, 1;	Double Court
20.	7; 1, 5, 1, 7, 3, 7; 5; 7, 3, 7, 1, 5, 1;	London College Bob
21.	7; 1, 7, 1, 7, 1, 7; 5; 7, 1, 7, 1, 7, 1;	Reverse Grandsire
22.	7; 1, 7, 1, 7, 3, 7; 1; 7, 3, 7, 1, 7, 1;	St. Bride's Pleasure
23.	7; 1, 7, 1, 7, 3, 7; 3; 7, 3, 7, 1, 7, 1;	College
24.	7; 1, 7, 1, 7, 3, 7; 5; 7, 3, 7, 1, 7, 1;	Lancashire Delight

At a bob, all the above end 1, 3, 1:

SINGLE HUNT PURE TRIPLES

1.	3, 1, 5, 1, 7, 3; 7; 3, 7, 1, 5, 1, 3; 1;	—
2.	3, 1, 5, 3, 7, 1; 7; 1, 7, 3, 5, 1, 3; 1;	St. Dunstan's III
3.	3, 1, 7, 1, 7, 1; 7; 1, 7, 1, 7, 1, 3; 1;	—
4.	3, 1, 7, 1, 7, 5; 7; 5, 7, 1, 7, 1, 3; 1;	Grandsire Double III
5.	5, 1, 5, 1, 7, 1; 7; 1, 7, 1, 5, 1, 5; 1;	College Single III
6.	5, 1, 5, 3, 7, 1; 7; 1, 7, 3, 5, 1, 5; 1;	
7.	5, 1, 5, 3, 7, 3; 7; 3, 7, 3, 5, 1, 5; 1;	College Double III
8.	5, 1, 7, 3, 7, 1; 7; 1, 7, 3, 7, 1, 5; 1;	Twickenham III
9.	5, 1, 7, 3, 7, 5; 7; 5, 7, 3, 7, 1, 5; 1;	
10.	7, 1, 5, 1, 7, 1; 7; 1, 7, 1, 5, 1, 7; 1;	Fulham III
11.	7, 1, 5, 1, 7, 3; 7; 3, 7, 1, 5, 1, 7; 1;	
12.	7, 1, 5, 3, 7, 1; 7; 1, 7, 3, 5, 1, 7; 1;	London Double III
13.	7, 1, 5, 3, 7, 3; 7; 3, 7, 3, 5, 1, 7; 1;	
14.	7, 1, 5, 3, 7, 5; 7; 5, 7, 3, 5, 1, 7; 1;	
15.	7, 1, 7, 1, 7, 5; 7; 5, 7, 1, 7, 1, 7; 1;	Cundell's III
16.	7, 1, 7, 3, 7, 1; 7; 1, 7, 3, 7, 1, 7; 1;	London Reverse III
17.	7, 1, 7, 3, 7, 3; 7; 3, 7, 3, 7, 1, 7; 1;	Reading III

At a bob, methods 5 to 9 end 1, 7; 1: and the other methods end 1, 5; 1:

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

Preliminary Notice

The next meeting of the Council will be held in Dublin on Whitsun Tuesday, May 27th, 1958.

Headquarters will be the Central Hotel, Exchequer Street. Terms are 23s. bed and breakfast to members and friends. Those booking should mention the Council meeting.

Further details will be given later.

E. A. BARNETT, Hon. Secretary.

DUTCH SCOUTS' CAMPANILE



SCOUTS' 'CAMPANILE.'—This novelty at the Scout Jamboree at Sutton Coldfield was erected by one of the Dutch contingents. The bells were 'rung' by means of ropes attached to the clappers and leading to a small frame similar to those used for Ellacombe chimers. Mr. C. T. Blundell, who submitted the picture, regretted that he was unable to grab the tower.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD HOLD A BEGINNERS' MEETING

A most successful by-meeting, primarily for learners, was held at Lamerton on Nov. 23rd. Members came from Lifton, Kelly, Plympton St. Maurice, St. Andrew's and Emmanuel, Plymouth. The president (Preb. Cox) made the journey from Exeter and Miss Boyle brought two of her young ringers from Combe Martin.

The bells were going continuously from 2.45 to 8.30, except for a break for the service, tea and short meeting, and two spells to 'splice' broken ropes; but the Vicar was pleased to tell us new ropes were on order.

The Vicar conducted the Guild service, and the president read the lesson. An excellent tea with home-made pastries was provided by the ladies of the church.

After the Vicar had extended a very cordial welcome to the Branch, the president said that on seeing the advertisement in 'The Ringing World' of the meeting, with emphasis on 'learners,' he felt he must come, and he had been most impressed by what he had seen that afternoon and congratulated the Branch on such a forward movement.

The chairman (Mr. H. N. Thomas) expressed thanks to the Vicar, the organist, local ringers and ladies: carried with acclamation. The chairman added that he felt that sincere thanks and congratulations were due to Mr. W. Harvey for his work in the Lifton area in training beginners in change-ringing.

Ringing was under the direction of the Ringing Master (Mr. T. G. Myers), who is also the Branch secretary, and consisted of Grandsire Doubles with a beginner on the treble each time and two or three others who were able to ring 'inside' at each touch. The Ringing Master proclaimed that six of the 'learners' had passed the test and he would recommend them for Guild certificates. Mr. R. Lyndon, of Emmanuel, was presented with his certificate by the president, and two new members—Messrs. Wells and Fice, of Stowford—were admitted.

A touch of Stedman Doubles and Plain Bob by the experienced ringers present brought to a close a most successful meeting. H. H. T.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

TRANSPOSITION AND TRANS——?

Dear Sir,—Many thanks to the readers who answered my appeal. Mr. York-Bramble's comments agree with my ideas, but I do not see the necessity of inventing new terms more than is necessary. My definition of 'transposition' concurs with a generally accepted one; it is only the other term which is new. One cannot express either idea without comparison with an arbitrary row, be it 12345678 or abcdefgh, and the generally accepted first method need not be confused with just a row.

Mr. Marshall seems to have gone off the rails, as his stated values for A×B, B×A, A+B, B+A all seem incorrect. B×A is not equal to A+B, and I adhere to my point, stated more correctly as Mr. Carlisle points out, that transpositions and transfigures are 'co-fundamental,' and that they are exactly complementary. A. Y.-B.'s term 'transfix' seems to me to waive this relationship, although it has the merit of not approaching the devotional term 'Transfiguration.'

The 'something deeper' that I have in mind is the theory of part-composition, which admittedly is mainly academic, but does sometimes produce new peal plans. It may be proved that a group of rows used as part-ends is sufficient to generate the extent of a method; but the converse, that a group is necessary, has not been proved to my knowledge. The first proof involves the fundamental property I stated, and I venture to suggest that 'transfiguring' is a process which is often done by composers and conductors, e.g., in working out (I will not say transposing!) rows in a peal by the coursing order.

I do hope that a decision will somehow be reached, as a definite term will remove ambiguity from the term 'transposition.'—Yours faithfully, BRIAN D. PRICE.

Brighouse, Yorks.

A LONG CLAWSON MEMORY

Dear Sir,—I was delighted to read in 'The Ringing World' of October 4th of the meeting of Melton Mowbray District at Long Clawson in the lovely Vale of Belvoir. When the secretary prepared his report he little thought that his paragraph would give a thrill to a former member living 12,000 miles away.

As a youngster, I learned to ring on these bells. They are very difficult for a learner owing to the long draught of rope. I fully agree with Mr. Pat Cannon in the report of his visit here about a year ago that the bells can be well struck in changes, including Stedman, but the ringers must be expert in handling and bell-control and ring at a steady pace.

The bells have a lovely deep tone with a tenor of 19¼ cwt. The fourth bell is pre-Reformation, being cast about A.D. 1400. Mr. Harry Bartram, of Melton, used to warn visiting ringers that 'you can't ring these bells with your wrists.'

The bells have a very interesting history, and it was good of your correspondent to recall the only peal to be rung on them, conducted by Mr. Ernest Morris, and in which I took part during my last visit to England in 1927.

Like Mark Twain, I have to smile when he mentions me by name and adds 'who *was* a native of Long Clawson.' I think that it would have been correct to have written who *is* a native of Long Clawson.

May I congratulate the captain of Long Clawson (Mr. Edward Tinsley) upon having completed 50 years of continuous service with this tower. This is the type of steadfastness and loyalty of which the Exercise is so justly proud.

With all good wishes.—Yours sincerely,

W. SMITH (Capt., retd.).

Turramurra, Australia.

PEAL FEES TO ASSOCIATIONS

Dear Sir,—Many Associations which do not already charge a peal fee seem to be trying to introduce this extra source of income, and some have succeeded, so I think that an appeal for a certain amount of sanity over the question is not out of place, after so much sense and nonsense has been said on the subject.

The usual reason put forward for a peal fee is the high cost of annual reports. Many Associations publish peals in 'The Ringing World' style, which requires a lot of space. As far as the peal ringer is concerned, this is quite unnecessary, as the peals have already appeared once in 'The Ringing World.' Peals are published in 'The Ringing World' as news; by the time a report is printed they have become past history. Consequently the only obvious reason for printing them again is as a record for the Association. If the Association wants to keep a record of peals, surely it, i.e., every member, should pay for it. After all, an annual report should ideally be an account of all the activities of the Association, not just the peals, and would thus be of interest to all its members.

Much has been said about peal ringers and Sunday service ringers. Let me say now that I know many service ringers who are not peal ringers, but only two peal ringers who are not service ringers. It would seem from this that the deciding majority of ringers are biased against peal ringing, or are indifferent. It is easy to vote that somebody else pays. The essential financial difference btween the peal ringer and the Sunday service ringer is that while the former spends a considerable amount travelling and usually gives (or should give) a donation to the church he visits, the latter invariably just attends his own church, which the peal ringer does anyway.

In most cases it is up to the conductor to forward the fee to the Association. After a conductor has spent quite a lot of money and trouble arranging a peal, often for someone else's benefit, he is now asked to do even more. This is hardly an encouragement to the young conductor to arrange peals. I feel that the levying of a peal fee will discourage ringers to arrange peals, and that the resulting drop in peal ringing will in time cause a porportional drop in the standard of Sunday service ringing.

This letter is not intended as a criticism of any particular Association or body of ringers, so I feel justified in signing myself

'A SUNDAY SERVICE & PEAL RINGER.'

'THOSE I REMEMBER'

Dear Sir,—I read with great interest the article 'Those I Remember,' by Ernest Morris, especially the Birmingham memories, when I saw my own father's name, Bernard Witchell, mentioned (the name is Witchell and not Mitchell as printed in 'The Ringing World' dated November 15th); I felt very pleased.

I remember hearing my father speak of many of the names mentioned in the article, and how proud he would be if he were still with us to know that his only grandchild, my daughter, is a member of the Abbey band of ringers, Erdington.—Yours faithfully,

WINIFRED HAMPTON, née Witchell.

Erdington.

A COMPOSITION OF YORK GREEN'S

Dear Sir,—I should like to point out that the composition of Yorkshire Surprise Major published on page 764 of 'The Ringing World,' under the name of E. W. Tipler, was composed by York Green, a prominent London composer, over 50 years ago, as a peal of Superlative Surprise Major. It was rung at St. Mary's Church, Islington, on April 15th, 1902, conducted by W. Pye, and the figures appear in the Middlesex Association report for 1902, on page 82, peal No. 251.—Yours sincerely,

CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

Waltham Abbey.

DEATH OF MR. J. PILLING

At the advanced age of 93 years the death occurred on November 18th at Saddleworth Fold of Mr. Jonathan Pilling. A ringer at St. Chad's Church, Saddleworth, he was the second oldest resident of the district.

Though not a peal ringer, his chief delight was to hear bells rung well, and he was himself a good striker, though of recent years he had become slightly deaf. He often accompanied the ringers from Friezland to contests, and Jonathan and his contemporaries won many contests round about the latter years of the 19th century, both in Minor and Major towers. A much travelled man, he returned to Britain from America to volunteer for the Forces at the outbreak of the Boer War.

The funeral took place on November 22nd, and Mr. Joseph Burgess and Mr. George Perrin attended on behalf of the Friezland tower.

On November 24th a team consisting of Messrs. J. Smith, J. Hulme, G. Perrin, J. Burgess, A. J. Bennett and A. Farrand rang 720 Oxford T.B., fully-muffled, at the conclusion of morning service, and afterwards adjourned to the Church Inn, to obey one of Mr. Pilling's last instructions—to 'have one on me.' We've lost a grand old gentleman. A. T.

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THOSE I REMEMBER

By ERNEST MORRIS

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AFTER my father had started me off on my ringing career when I was a schoolboy of about 12 years of age, I remember my grandfather—George Morris—telling me that in his young days he 'did a bit of bellringing.' He was a native of Cattistock, in Dorset, whose church at that time had a small west tower with three bells. This tower formed a porch entrance to the church through which the congregation passed. The ringers performed from the ground floor, their ropes coming down in a straight line near the side wall. The three ringers used to stand and face the wall, throwing their ropes down it, thus making an admirable guide, and it was well nigh impossible to miss the 'sally.' The congregation meanwhile passing into church behind the ringers' backs did not disturb them.

CATTISTOCK'S CARILLON

In later years a rector of Cattistock—the Rev. H. Keith Barnes—who came of a wealthy family, pulled the old tower down and had a new and very fine one erected (a miniature of the central bell Harry tower of Canterbury Cathedral). In this tower (1882) he had installed a carillon of 33 bells by Van Aeschodt, of Belgium, with eight hung for ringing in full swing. Every year he arranged for a carillon recital to be given by the late Mons. J. Denyn, of Malines Cathedral, and before he left, that Master of this art used to rearrange the chime barrel to play different tunes at the appointed hours by the clock.

During the second world war (1941) a fire occurred in this tower and the carillon was destroyed—not a war casualty—and although covered by insurance the authorities would not allow a carillon to be erected, deeming this to be a luxury! They did, however, allow the erection of the present light ring of eight bells.

AN UNBURIED CORPSE—NO RINGING

Recently (June,1953) when on a visit to my brother, George Stedman Morris, of Lyme Regis, he arranged for a peal at Cattistock so that we both might ring at our ancestral home. After some difficulty he got a team together, some coming from long distances, and we met at the appointed time. Imagine our great disappointment, when all assembled, to be told: 'You cannot ring—there is an unburied corpse in the village!' It is an age-old custom here (and in other villages) that no bells shall ring while an unburied corpse lies around, and although we appealed to the rector to allow us to ring muffled he—very sorrowfully—informed us he dare not allow it; it would be looked upon as a scandal and an unforgivable sin! So, although I have visited the home of my paternal ancestors and been in the belfry, I have not rung there!

As a youth, and as soon as I had 'got going' as a change ringer, I remarked to my father: 'Anybody can ring bells—but how many of these fine gentlemen know all about the bells themselves—their founders, their inscriptions, their history, romance, legends, etc.?' There was no one in Leicester, certainly; so I set about finding out all I could from reference books and all other sources possible, eventually compiling—as the years progressed—a sort of library of campanology. I never regretted spending all the time and energy in this effort, fully realising that 'the more one puts into a thing, the more one gets out of it.'

Then shortly after I had begun to do all this came the great thrill of going to the bell-foundry and seeing the actual processes. This came at a time of a meeting of the old M.C.A., when—as today—the foundry was opened for visiting ringers to wander around and see bells in every state of manufacture, and old bells in for restoration from all parts of the globe. That inspiration I got well over 50 years ago still keeps my attention and fascination even though I have visited the foundry hundreds of times.

JOHN W. TAYLOR

An even more—to me—wonderful and inspiring event was when I first saw the bell-founder himself—John W. Taylor, sen. I had read so much of and been told such a lot about him, I could not help but gaze with awe at this great little man with the shaggy small beard and twinkling eyes. He it was who had engineered the casting of so many noble bells and famous rings, and the great masterpiece 'Great Paul'—the largest bell in the British Empire. This famous bell, cast in 1881 (before I was born!), had a most momentous journey from Loughborough to the Metropolis by road, it being too large and heavy to be transported by rail. There at St. Paul's Cathedral it was hung in the south-west tower, where—in the north-west tower—the fine ring of 12 bells was hung four years earlier.

Mr. John W. Taylor, sen., died on November 20th, 1906, in his 80th year, and at his 'passing' many tributes to his great achievements were received. The Leicester ringers rang handbells over his grave and followed with a half-muffled peal of Caters at Loughborough Parish Church. My father took part in this. In his younger days Mr. Taylor was an enthusiastic ringer and was very proud of one unique performance when he and two of his sons and seven employees rang a peal of Caters in 1888.

JOHN W. TAYLOR, JUN.

Mr. John W. Taylor, jun., followed his father as head of the firm, being born on May 23rd, 1853, and in his prime became one of the leading Midlands ringers, taking part in some 220 peals, of which he conducted about half. He travelled considerably on the Continent and his knowledge of the carillons of Holland, Belgium and France was unsurpassed by that of anyone on this side of the Channel.

After serving the M.C.A. as vice-president for many years, upon the death of Sir Arthur P. Heywood he became president, and for over 25 years served on the Central Council. Four of his sons served in the great war, three of them making the supreme sacrifice while the fourth (Pryce) was wounded. Mr. Taylor (jun.) was a great figure in more ways than one: big in body and in mind and ability, his passing on June 14th, 1919, at the age of 66, was a great blow to the Exercise at large.

E. DENISON TAYLOR

He and his brother, E. Denison Taylor, had shared the management of the foundry, and now Mr. Denison carried on with the assistance of his nephew, Mr. Pryce Taylor. The latter unfortunately died while on a business trip to Canada in 1927, and I well remember the sad home-coming as I took part in the handbell tribute to his memory at the graveside. Mr. Pryce Taylor was a good ringer and took part in the first peal of Maximus ever to be rung in Leicester, which I conducted at St. Margaret's in 1922. At this time I met Mr. Denison Taylor on many occasions, he invariably taking me in his car to various meetings of the M.C.A. whenever I could not get otherwise. On one occasion he sent for me and explained that for some

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years he had been trying to write up a 'Chronology of British Bell-founders,' but time would not allow him to finish the work, and he requested me to do this. As a bell-founder Mr. Denison Taylor had a complete knowledge of the art in all its phases. His opinions on bells were sought by campanologists the world over, and during the time he directed the business many thousands of bells—large and small—were cast and sent out to all parts of the world.

He, in his younger days, rang quite a number of peals, but a hunting accident injured his left arm and so ended that side of his many musical attainments. He was a bachelor. At his funeral in September, 1947, a large and representative gathering mourned his 'passing,' and at the graveside on a large set of handbells a slow and solemn course of Grandsire Triples was rung by J. P. Fidler 1-2, Harry Withers (Birmingham) 3-4, Ernest Morris 5-6, Horace Stubbs 7-8.

Mr. John Taylor, jun., had a fifth son, Paul Lea Taylor, who now so assiduously carries on the tradition of this long line of bell-founders; and he—like his predecessors—is a ringer of no mean ability. I have had the great honour and privilege of taking part in a number of peals with him and (D.V.) hope to attain many more.

(To be continued)

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

The Chertsey District held their nomination meeting at Chobham on November 16th. About 40 ringers attended, with ringing ranging from rounds to an attempt for Cambridge Major, which came to grief as some of the ringers could not see their Ringer's Diary! However, some were able to ring their first course of Stedman, others Double Norwich Court Bob, and yet others Plain Bob Major, so all was not in vain.

The Vicar (Rev. O. R. Acworth) conducted the Guild office and gave an interesting address, taking his text from the first prayer of that service, 'So that by our service to Thee, in the art of bellringing, and in the manner of our lives, we may continually play our part.' Tea followed in the Church Hall, prepared and served by the ladies of the local band.

The Vicar took the chair for the business meeting. The following were nominated to serve for 1958: Ringing Master, Mr. R. Colfins; assistant Ringing Master, Mr. J. King; hon. District secretary, Miss H. Hancock; executive committee, Mr. J. King and Mr. T. Luxford, the latter to serve for the remaining year of Mr. Goldstone's term, he wishing to retire.

The District Ringing Master gave a report on the meeting of the executive committee held the previous Saturday in Guildford. The question of restarting the Guild summer festival was also raised, and it was agreed to bring this before the Guild A.G.M. Mr. W. Horne proposed a very warm vote of thanks to the girls for such a grand tea, also to the Vicar, and Mr. P. Readings, the organist.

On view was the new tower peal record book, beautifully written by Mrs. B. Thompson. This would seem to be the answer to the high cost of peal boads, as the Delight books seem good for a hundred years.

Ringing continued till 8.45, a complaint to the Bishop being threatened the next day by a local resident! (The Vicar ignored one made to him.) R. C.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—At St. James' Church, Berwell, 1,440 Grandsire Doubles: F. Ross 1, Miss K. Stothard 2, A. Wallace 3, S. Dixon 4, R. S. Mallaburn 5, R. Borrow 6. Rung for Evensong at the re-dedication of the steeple after war damage. Also on Nov. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Ross 1, A. Wallace 2, G. Corse 3, S. Dixon 4, R. S. Mallaburn 5, R. Borrow 6. For Confirmation service.

OBITUARY

THE REV. C. J. STURTON

The death occurred at his home, Orston House, Farndon, Newark, on November 19th, of the Rev. Charles James Sturton, who was Vicar of Orston-with-Thoroton from 1911 to 1935. He was 91.

Mr. Sturton, who obtained his B.A. at St. Catherine's College, Oxford, was ordained a deacon in 1904, and held curacies in Wiltshire and Lincolnshire, before going to Orston in 1911.

In his younger days Mr. Sturton was a noted ringer, and was held in high esteem by a large circle of ringing friends. He had rung many peals in his day, and although these may not have included 'Surprise' peals or peals on the highest numbers, they were rung at a time when peals were harder to get and all the sweeter when earned. He represented the Midland Counties Association on the Central Council from 1918 to 1920.

The Rev. C. J. Sturton was one of nature's gentlemen and his kindly nature and genial disposition endeared people to him. He is survived by a widow and two married daughters, Mrs. R. W. K. Parlby and Mrs. Norman Smith, to whom much sympathy is extended.

J. W. R.

MR. DAVID McINROY

The tragic death of Mr. David McInroy at Glasgow last week is regretted by many friends. Aged 24 years, and of a quiet and unassuming nature, David had studied at Glasgow University and held the degrees of M.A. and B.Sc. He was finishing his training and had decided to be a maths teacher. He had graduated from choirboy to bellringer at Dunblane Cathedral and was making steady progress in the art of change-ringing.

During his National Service with the R.A.F. he was stationed at Farnborough, where he attended the local tower and spoke of the happy times he sent there. Since he came to Glasgow some months ago he regularly attended service ringing and practices at St. Mary's Cathedral, and was a welcome addition to the band.

The funeral service was held on November 23rd at Dunblane Cathedral, at which the various Church organisations were represented, and included Messrs. E. Boumphrey (captain), E. A. Stafford (secretary) and D. Stephenson, from St. Mary's, Glasgow. The many mourners present testified to David's popularity. Afterwards the cortège proceeded to the local cemetery, and in accordance with an old Scottish custom was attended only by males. A suggestion that handbells be rung at the graveside was abandoned on the grounds that they might not be appreciated locally.

With the approval of the Provost, St. Mary's bells were rung half-muffled for service ringing.

May he rest in peace. E. A. S.

MR. RICHARD W. LOGIE

One of the last links with the Burton ringers of the last century was severed with the recent death in Leicester Infirmary, following an operation, of Mr. Richard William Logie.

Mr. Logie was in his 94th year and was for many years a ringer at Burton Parish Church, although he gave up active ringing some 40 years ago.

He had taken part in a number of peals for the Midland Counties Association and his name appears on early peal boards in Winshill belfry.

LATE NOTICE

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Portsmouth District.—Practice meeting, Fareham, Dec. 14th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea, Wallington Hill Guest House. Please notify by previous Wednesday A. Sturgess, 4, Potters Avenue, Fareham. 1453

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ENGAGEMENT

PHILLIMORE—POWELL.—The engagement is announced between Thomas Charles Phillmore and Sylvia Powell, both of Canterbury. 1437

DEATH

LEE.—On Tuesday, November 26th, 1957, at 25, Joseph Street, Rotherham, Margaret Lee, beloved wife of George S. Lee and dear mother of Margaret and Janet. 1429

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MISCELLANEOUS

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS from readers to friends will be published in our issue of December 20th. Price 4s. for 36 words.

GUILD OF RAILWAYMEN CHURCH BELL RINGERS.—The Guild has had close upon 100 applications for information and membership, and whilst 'built to last,' its members must be live, interested, enthusiastic and progressive. Meetings have been arranged for York, May 3rd (A.G.M.), and Norwich, September 27th, and will be held regionally in rotation, whatever the outcome of negotiations with the Staff Association. Please forward subscription for 1957 (if not already done) together with 6d. for membership card. Subscription: 2s. 6d., Juniors 1s. Give name, grade, station and private address to W. Frank Stenson, hon. secretary and treasurer, North Col, 142, Minshull New Road, Crewe. 1418

MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Branch.—Annual meeting, Wilton, on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea.—A. H. Reed, Mimosa, George Street, Taunton. 1383

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Meeting at Willingham (6) on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. E. R. Knights, Dis. Sec. 1407

EWELME, OXFORDSHIRE.—Meeting, Dec. 7th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to R. Baker, 18, Hampden Way, Ewelme. Ringing till 8 p.m. All are welcome. 1381

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—South Forest Branch.—Annual meeting, Ruardean, Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. D. Stafford, Staunton, Coleford, Glos. 1413

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Meeting, Oxhey (8), Saturday, Dec. 7th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. —K. R. Dunstan, 8, Bridge Road, Hunton Bridge. King's Langley. 1396

LADIES' GUILD.—West Midland District. —Meeting at Yardley (Birmingham) on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells available from 4 p.m. 1391

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Annual meeting to be held at Lyme Regis, Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting. All welcome. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. Pannell, Beaminster. 1382

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS and MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting, Saturday, Dec. 7th, at St. Martin-in-the-Fields. Bells (12) available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in canteen. St. Giles-in-the-Fields (Tottenham Court Road underground three minutes) bells (8) available after tea. All very welcome!—P. N. Bond, T. J. Lock, Hon. Secs. 1360

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Sudbury District. — Meeting at St. Gregory's, Sudbury, Saturday, Dec. 7th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at Chantry's. Names for tea to Mr. A. Fitch, 7, Croft Road, Sudbury. Ringing after meeting at All Saints'. 1374

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division. — Quarterly meeting. Balcombe (8), Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells 3 p.m. 1400

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ilchester Branch. — Dinner at White Hart, Somerton, on Friday, Dec. 13th. Bells 6.30 p.m. Short service 7.15. Dinner 7.45 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome. Tickets (8s. 6d.) before Dec. 7th, from W. Turk, Glebe Cottage, Martock. 1392

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting, Saturday, Dec. 14th, 6 p.m., Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C. Ringing beforehand.—J. Chilcott, Sec. 1435

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Monkbretton, Barnsley, Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells available 3 p.m. Bring your own food—cups of tea provided. Special meeting. —J. W. Buxton. 1416

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—Annual meeting, Martock, Saturday, Dec. 14th. Kindly notify for tea T. J. Setter, 109, Middle Street, Yeovil. 1419

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—Meeting at Sandy on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—L. H. Bywater, Dis. Sec. 1446

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Tarporley, Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea must be received by Dec. 11th.—W. Kerr, 102, Moreton Road, Crewe. 1449

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch.—Meeting at Neston, Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea *free* for those notifying by previous Wednesday. Please note annual dinner, entertainment and dance at Moreton, Saturday, Feb. 1st, 1958. Tickets 17s. 6d. each.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 1450

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Skelton-in-Cleveland at 3 p.m. on Saturday, December 14th.—P. W. B. Semmens, Hon. Sec. 1451

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Chesterfield District) and SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting (annual for Chesterfield District), Staveley, Saturday, Dec. 14th, 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to W. Dickenson, High Street, Staveley, Chesterfield.—A. B. Cooper, J. Segar. 1426

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District. — Bishopwearmouth, Saturday, Dec. 14th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by 11th to Rev. R. E. Meredith, Bishopwearmouth Clergy House, Sunderland. 1424

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—On Saturday, Dec. 14th, Leigh (6). Names to Mr. B. Pankhurst, Chestnuts, Leigh, Tonbridge.—C. A. Bassett. 1447

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge and Huntingdon Districts.—A joint meeting will be held at St. Neots (8) on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—E. W. Bullman, H. S. Peacock, Dis. Secs. 1440

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Tydd St. Giles, Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells (6) 2.30. p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. —J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 1431

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Mary's, Cheltenham, Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells (12) 3 p.m. Service 4.30, conducted by Rev. G. Smith. Tea 5.15 p.m., followed by business. Names for tea by Dec. 10th.—Mary Bliss, Beech Pike, Cheltenham. 1395

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch.—Annual meeting, Malmesbury Abbey Church, Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to H. Heath, 89, London Road, Chippenham. 1433

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—North Forest Branch.—Annual meeting, Redmarley D'Abitot, on Saturday, Dec. 14th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. Dudley Wilson, Little Close, Redmarley, Gloucester. 1422

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Swindon Branch. — Christ Church, Swindon, Saturday, Dec. 14th. Names for tea to Dr. H. Craig, 22, Lansdown Road, Swindon. —W. B. Kynaston. 1420

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Annual nomination meeting at Farnborough (6) on Saturday, Dec. 14th, from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Miss M. Finch, 3, Union Street, Farnborough, Hants.—C. J. Beadle, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1432

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—A meeting will be held at King's Langley on Saturday, Dec. 14th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Dec. 11th, to Mr. B. Barker, 6a, Meadow Way, King's Langley. No names, no tea.—J. Good, Dis. Sec. 1368

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Halling on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, Dec. 10th, please, to T. Barton, Hon. Dis. Sec., 33, Ruins Barn Road, Sittingbourne. 1401

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Chewton Mendip on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells (8) available 3.30 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea *essential by Wednesday, 11th*, to Mrs. de Jong, 6, Beresford Close, Saltford, Bristol. 1423

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at Emmanuel, Everton, on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, 11th, to Mr. T. E. Radcliffe, 8, Radnor Place, Liverpool, 6.—T. E. Radcliffe, Sec. 1425

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—Meeting at Penwortham on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service and dedication of peal board 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., by kind invitation.—L. Walmsley. 1427

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Annual meeting at St. Bartholomew's, Whitworth, Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea arranged in café 5 p.m. Business 6 p.m. For tea notify by Wednesday, 11th, F. Pritchard, 13, Peveril Road, Oldham. 1443

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Meeting at Whitwick, Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. R. Beniston, 171, Hall Lane, Whitwick. 1436

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, Dec. 14th, at Llantrisant. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—R. E. Coles, Branch Sec. 1376

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at St. Ann's, Stamford Hill, on Saturday, Dec. 14th, 3 p.m. Business 4 p.m., tea to follow. Service and further ringing afterwards on the recently augmented ring of eight. Alight at St. Ann's Road from buses Nos. 623, 627, 659 or 679.—T. J. Lock. 1438

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V. W. H. Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Stanford-in-the-Vale, Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Childrey (6) available evening. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, Dec. 11th, to R. F. J. Gilling, Branch Sec., Fernham, Faringdon, Berks. 1403

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Central Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting at Granborough on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells (5) 2.45 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, please.—E. F. Gibbard, 30, Horn Street, Winslow, Bucks.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Oxford City Branch.—Annual meeting, Wolvercote, on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by Dec. 11th to Mr. W. Godwin, 18, Meadow Prospect, Wolvercote, Oxford. 1410

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Practice at St. Laurence's, Reading, on Saturday, Dec. 14th, at 6.30 p.m.—R. G. Burton. 1441

ST. DAVID'S GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Llandovery, Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—C. H. Hawkins, 2, Embankment Road, New Dock, Llanelly, Carms. 1417

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Dec. 14th, at Mere. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting. Visitors welcome. Please notify the Rev. R. A. Wells, Iwerne Minster Vicarage, Blandford, Dorset. 1414

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Notts District.—Meeting at Gamston (6) on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Please bring own food—cups of tea provided.—H. Denman. 1445

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Theberton, near Leiston.—Dedication of new treble and rededication of retuned five on Saturday, Dec. 14th, by Canon J. R. Chapman, at 3 p.m. Bells available after service. An invitation is extended to *all* ringers.—A. R. Bridges, Theberton. 1380

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Nomination meeting at Blechingley (8), Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting in Church House. Names for tea by Wednesday, 11th, to Mr. W. F. Bird, Braddon, Godstone Road, Blechingley. 1371

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting, Felpham (6), Saturday, Dec. 14th. Tea 5 p.m. Service 6 p.m. Names for tea by previous Tuesday to G. Francis, Hook Cottage, Itchingfield, Horsham.—W. L. Weller. 1442

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Winchester District. — A practice meeting will be held at Twyford (8) on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Tea 4.30 p.m. Service 5.15. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Tuesday, please, to Mr. P. Nash, 10, Portal Road, Winchester. 1439

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Quarterly meeting at Queensbury on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Committee meeting 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in the Co-operative Assembly Rooms, Albert Edward Street. Business meeting in school near church at 6 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mr. C. Ellison, 9, Hazeldene Avenue, Queensbury, Bradford.—A. E. Marsh, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1385

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Derby District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Dec. 21st, at St. Luke's, Derby (Parliament Street, off Uttoxeter Road). Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All very welcome.—Vivienne M. Horton, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1428

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch.—Meeting at Stroud (10) on Saturday, Dec. 21st, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting after service. Notify for tea by Dec. 17th.—S. T. Price, 12, Regent Street, Stonehouse, Glos. 1444

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—Joint meeting with Beverley and Selby Societies at Goole on Saturday, Dec. 21st. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Christmas tea in Church Rooms at 5 p.m. Names by Dec. 19th to Mrs. J. J. Taylor, 165, Dunhill Road, Goole.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Sec. 1445

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.—Annual ringing day and dinner, Saturday, Jan. 25th. Details later. Tickets (10s.) from Patrick Bird, 20, St. Michael's Park, Bristol, 2, or (during vacation) 2, Court Drive, Wellington, Somerset. 1421

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A Western District dinner will be held on Saturday, Feb. 8th, 1958, at the Crown Hotel, Berkhamsted, 7.30 for 7.45 p.m. Tickets (15s. 6d.) obtainable from Mrs. J. Good, 83, Leys Road, Hemel Hempstead, Herts. 1369

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CURIOUS PROPAGANDA

THE daily and weekly press sometimes give us some startling news about our activities, news that often brings a broad smile after perusing the article or paragraph. I wonder how many ringers spotted this peal of 'spliced' which was reported in a Midlands paper, a peal which must have been a difficult one to compose and conduct, especially when the number of changes is not given. After the heading 'Change Ringing,' the account says:—

> 'In honour of the re-election of the churchwardens, a peal of Grandsire, Single, Bob, Single, surprises, consisting of many changes, was rung yesterday upon the three bells of St. Peter's Parish Church. When round was called, the bells were clanged in peal and lowered in grand style. The peal was composed and conducted by the leader of the band, who is to be highly congratulated upon his fine performance.'

If the reader peruses the account a second time some probabilities might occur as to the source of such a paragraph, and much speculation could arise regarding the original writer. Was he a reporter who took notes from one of the three ringers after the performance? Did one of the performers send it to the paper, or was it written by somebody as a joke? This paper certainly gave a glowing account of some ringing on three bells but many interesting details were omitted, so we are left guessing as to the kind of change-ringing the conductor/composer led his band!

Another specimen on ringers and ringing comes from a well-known London daily paper, but the original writer was the vicar of a country parish who wrote in his parish magazine regarding the success of his ringers. He commends ringing to other country districts by declaring it to be a good, healthy exercise, and provides another interest for parishioners. He also says it is another means of making the most of one's environment, and another item with which to vary the monotony of country life. The vicar finished his writing on the subject with the following: 'More than 40,000 changes can be produced with a peal of eight bells, and our ringers expect that in due time they will be able to ring them all faultlessly.'

The four reasons advanced by this country clergyman sound quite good to those who contemplate ringing even from a local tower, but he has omitted to point out that the principal object for ringing bells is in connection with church services, and though it is possible to get pleasure, skill and friendship in various branches of the art, we cannot be true Church workers unless we regard service ringing as the most important duty. Generally speaking, our Guilds and Associations have three stated objects, such as the recognition of the true position of ringers as church officials, the due care and use of church bells and belfries, and the cultivation of change-ringing. These are worthy objects, but those who hold responsible offices are unable to do much in the way of carrying them out unless they get the support and co-operation of the clergy and ringers attached to parishes in the area.

The struggle to keep a band together is still acute, and the writer of these lines has listened to quite a number of different versions of the problem during the summer days of this year, the speakers being clergy, ringers and other church workers. Questions are being asked regarding the use of chiming the full number of bells instead of depending on the number of ringers who turn up for service ringing, sometimes not enough to ring.

And now a few words regarding the local ringers expecting to ring over 40,000 changes faultlessly and in due time. Faultlessly and due time are words that were meant to inspire a young band so that they might progress in change-ringing, but we know only too well that faultless ringing is very difficult to attain often in short lengths even in favourable conditions. A missed dodge, a wrong lead, forgetful places and other little factors are only human to ringers equally as well as people skilled in other technical callings, and many ringers feel like kicking themselves when they know it is their fault. One ringer I knew used to kick the seat behind him when he made a trip, but he caused so much damage inside a twelvemonth that he had to be shifted from the 4th to the 5th, the seat had to be repaired, and any ringers sitting out near the 5th duly warned about the kicker!

We cannot expect the public press to be correct in reporting all details of ringing news and I rather think some of the blame can be traced to those who supply the information in the first place. After all, how many editors know anything about ringing?

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

TEN BELL PEALS

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Nov. 18, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5080 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

MARY WORTH	*Treble*	DONALD PEARSON	6
MAY LOMAS	2	GERALD FARRER	7
JOHN WORTH	3	HARRY FARRER	8
EDWARD POTTS	4	HEDLEY WOOD	9
DENIS HENSHAW	5	ALAN A. POTTS	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

Rung to mark the wedding of Roy Booth to Miss Patricia Sellars, which took place at St. Michael's, Macclesfield, on Saturday, November 9th. All the above ringers are Sunday service ringers at Christ Church along with the bridegroom.

NORTH SHIELDS, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 23, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 16½ cwt.

*J. ALAN AINSWORTH	*Treble*	GEORGE S. DEAS	6
CHARLES MCGUINESS	2	W. NORMAN PARK	7
CHARLES N. LEA	3	KENNETH LAWSON	8
*KENNETH ARTHUR	4	†JACK SCOTT	9
THOMAS M. COX	5	ROLAND PARK	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by KENNETH ARTHUR.

* 50th peal together. † First peal of Stedman Caters. First peal as conductor on ten bells.

Specially arranged to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the first ringing meeting arranged by this Association, on Saturday, November 24th, 1877, at this tower.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in E flat.

WILLIAM H. COLES	*Treble*	FREDERICK R. SCOTT	6
THOMAS G. BANNISTER	2	JOHN E. CHILCOTT	7
*MARION J. SKINNER	3	FREDK. W. GOODFELLOW	8
†ALBERT R. G. TWINN	4	JOHN R. MAYNE	9
*N. DAVID ROBINSON	5	FRANK C. PRICE	*Tenor*

Composed by W. PYE. Conducted by FRANK C. PRICE.

* First peal of Surprise Royal. † First peal of Surprise.

A birthday compliment to the Vicar (Rev. F. C. Tyler).

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 21 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 35 cwt. in C sharp.

A. WILLIAM MYERS	*Treble*	REV. ARTHUR S. ROBERTS	6
THOMAS G. MYERS	2	†PHILIP J. WESTWOOD	7
H. FREDERICK MYERS	3	RICHARD J. BOWDEN	8
*FREDERICK E. DAY	4	ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD	9
*DAVID N. PENROSE	5	ALAN CARVETH	*Tenor*

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by THOMAS G. MYERS.

* First 10-bell peal. † First peal of Royal. A. William Myers has now 'circled the tower.'

Rung to commemorate the reconsecration of Plymouth's Mother Church, which was destroyed by enemy air raids on March 20th and 21st, 1941.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

LAMBOURN, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Nov. 6, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5184 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt.

COLIN J. B. TAYLOR	*Treble*	STEPHEN IVIN	5
J. HOWARD R. FREEBORN	2	JAMES H. PAILING	6
WALTER E. WILKINSON	3	FRANK A. BARRETT	7
DONALD E. COBB	4	ROGER O. FRY	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 16, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND LAURENCE,
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

CYRIL WRIGHT	*Treble*	SAMUEL SCATTERGOOD	5
JOSEPH SAXTON	2	ARTHUR B. COOPER	6
STANLEY SLANEY	3	DENNIS COOPER	7
MRS. B. HOLMES	4	HAROLD WAGSTAFFE	*Tenor*

Composed by W. HARRISON. Conducted by HAROLD WAGSTAFFE.

First peal as conductor.

Rung for the birthday of the daughter of the treble ringer.

BICESTER, OXON.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Sat., Nov. 23, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDBURGH,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 7 lb.

DAVID HODGSON	*Treble*	DONALD H. NIBLETT	5
*JAMES H. PAILING	2	*COLIN J. B. TAYLOR	6
SHIRLEY V. RYMER	3	WILLIAM H. JACKSON	7
*BARWELL B. DIBBEN	4	*PETER R. SANDERS	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by WILLIAM H. JACKSON.

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

BOURNEMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 23, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.
A PEAL OF 5056 SOUTHWELL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16½ cwt.

HERBERT A. MITCHELL	*Treble*	MICHAEL J. BEST	5
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	2	*LEWIS F. COBB	6
DOROTHY T. GARDINER	3	FRANK L. HARRIS	7
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER	4	RONALD N. MARLOW	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.

* First peal of Surprise 'inside.' First peal in the method for all except the ringer of the tenor.

Rung for the dedication festival and as a birthday compliment to Mr. Alan Mitchell.

MAULDEN, BEDFORD.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 23, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's One-part. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

C. EDWARD JEFFRIES	*Treble*	RONALD J. SHARP	5
JAMES G. NEWMAN	2	ROBERT CHURCHILL	6
EDMUND J. HOBBS	3	STEPHEN IVIN	7
ERIC SHARP	4	ANDREW C. SINFIELD	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.

ROTHWELL, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Leeds and District Society.)
On Sat., Nov. 23, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 21 lb.

GEORGE WM. STEEL	*Treble*	THOMAS WM. STRANGEWAY	5
ARTHUR G. WOOD	2	WILLIAM WARD	6
VALERIE M. MASSAM	3	FRANK RAYMENT	7
FRED BENNETT	4	IRVIN SLACK	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by THOMAS WM. STRANGEWAY.

Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. P. Massam.

WICKEN, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 23, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

WALTER F. JUDGE	*Treble*	GEORGE W. HOLLAND	5
J. RICHARD CHAUNDY	2	EDGAR J. SMITH	6
FRANK A. BARRETT	3	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS	7
WILLIAM A. YATES	4	GEORGE E. GREEN	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by GEORGE E. GREEN.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Nov. 24, 1957, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND THOMAS OF CANTERBURY.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 25¼ cwt. in D.

WILLIAM CLOVER ..	*Treble*	FRANK C. J. ARNOLD ..	5
JOHN R. SMITH	2	*GEORGE P. ADAMS	6
C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO ..	3	HENRY TOOKE	7
THOMAS E. SPIGHT	4	REUBEN APPLETON	*Tenor*

Composed by B. ANNABLE. Conducted by WILLIAM CLOVER.
* 60th peal on the bells. First peal in the method by all except the ringers of the third and fifth. First in the method on the bells.
Rung for the closing of the 850th anniversary year.

CHURCH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Nov. 26, 1957, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's One-part. Tenor 15 cwt.

ERNEST J. GOWER	*Treble*	VICTOR J. C. WOOD	5
ROSEMARY PARKINSON ..	2	CHARLES CLEGG	6
WALTER E. WILKINSON ..	3	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ..	7
*COLIN WIGNALL	4	FREDERICK H. PRICE	*Tenor*

Conducted by VICTOR J. C. WOOD.
* First peal.
A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. Clegg and Mr. and Mrs. J. Clegg for their 12th wedding anniversaries.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Nov. 26, 1957, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation). Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

DERMOT J. ROAF	*Treble*	†RICHARD A. JACKSON ..	5
DONALD H. NIBLETT ..	2	CHRISTINE M. WOODWARD	6
COLIN J. B. TAYLOR ..	3	GLYN F. JENKINS	7
*RUTH S. HODGSON	4	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by DONALD H. NIBLETT.
* First peal in the method. † First peal on eight bells.
Rung half-muffled in memory of John H. Flanders, a former ringer at this church and at Stanton Harcourt.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Thurs., Nov. 28, 1957, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

*C. JACK GIBSON	*Treble*	WALTER W. MILLER ..	5
PATRICIA M. CLARKE ..	2	WALTER RUFFLES	6
FRANK RUFFLES	3	*†JOHN W. BLYTHE	7
*EDWIN T. CHAPMAN ..	4	LESLIE G. BRETT	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY (No. 2). Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.
* First peal of Lincolnshire. † 150th peal.
Rung for the birth of Jane Blythe, grand-daughter of the treble ringer and niece of the seventh ringer.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Nov. 28, 1957, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In six methods, being 960 London, 928 Watford, 896 Bristol, 832 Cambridge, 832 Pudsey and 832 Superlative, with 127 changes of method.
All the bells do all the work of each method.
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

ERNEST H. KILBY	*Treble*	ALICK CUTLER	5
BRIAN BLADON	2	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ..	6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY ..	3	THOMAS J. LOCK	7
ALFRED J. HOUSE	4	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Nov. 29, 1957, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Washbrook's variation. Tenor 15 cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT..	*Treble*	DENNIS L. HALL	5
EDWIN A. BARNETT	2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ..	6
FREDERICK J. CULLUM ..	3	PHILIP A. CORBY	7
ALFRED G. HILL	4	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	*Tenor*

Conducted by HERBERT E. AUDSLEY.
An in memoriam peal for Harry Hoverd, rung by friends from six towers in the area.

AYLESTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1957, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's variation. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in F.

*CHRISTINE WAKEFIELD ..	*Treble*	REV. PETER R. BLACKMAN	5
†BRIAN G. WARWICK ..	2	ERNEST J. JELLEY	6
PHYLLIS POOLE	3	‡RUSSELL S. MORRIS ..	7
†ERNEST MORRIS	4	JOHN M. JELLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal of Major and Treble Bob. † 150th peal together. ‡ First peal in the method 'inside.' First peal in the method on the bells.
Rung for the Feast of St. Andrew, Apostle, patron saint of this church.

BARROW-ON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1957, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in F.

GILES C. GALLEY	*Treble*	MICHAEL W. CROWDER ..	5
JOHN F. PEARSON	2	FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD ..	6
JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM ..	3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	7
MRS. FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD	4	GEOFFREY PAUL	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM BARTON. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
First peal of Lincolnshire Surprise by all except the conductor.

BITTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1957, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5184 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 67 lb. in E.

DAVID HEIGHTON	*Treble*	†MAURICE E. DOWNS ..	5
*MICHAEL T. SPRACKLING..	2	*ALAN J. SMITH	6
ELISABETH A. G. GRIME	3	TUDOR P. EDWARDS.. ..	7
PATRICK J. BIRD	4	FRANK D. MACK	*Tenor*

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by DAVID HEIGHTON.
* First peal in the method. † First peal of Treble Bob. First peal in the method as conductor. First peal of Treble Bob for the Society.
A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Mack on the birth of a daughter, Shirley Jill, on September 15th, 1957.

CHATHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1957, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 25 cwt.

*WILLIAM J. A. LEWIS ..	*Treble*	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS ..	5
RONALD C. BURNS	2	RONALD E. NORRIS	6
THOMAS BEAUMONT	3	WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT ..	7
HARRY SPRINGATE	4	JOHN W. MEADE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.
* First peal.
A birthday compliment to Sir Winston Churchill, K.G. Also birthday compliments to Mr. E. J. Norris, his wife and grand-daughter, and to the mother and daughter of Mr. R. E. Norris.

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KIDLINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23¼ cwt.

Fredk. A. H. Wilkins	*Treble*	Frank A. Barrett	5
Howard W. Egglestone	2	Dennis Knox	6
Alan J. Frost	3	Patrick I. Chapman	7
Brian J. Howard	4	Stephen Ivin	*Tenor*

Composed by Charles W. Roberts. Conducted by Stephen Ivin.

KNEBWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Mary-the-Virgin and Thomas-a-Becket,
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

*Jill Mayes	*Treble*	Claudia A. Critchley	5
G. William Critchley	2	†Colin A. S. Harwood	6
†Patricia M. Bourn	3	†C. Michael Orme	7
†Richard J. Castledine	4	†Jack S. Dear	*Tenor*

Composed by Charles W. Roberts.
Conducted by G. William Critchley.
* First peal of Surprise Major. † First peal in the method.

LEIGH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21¼ cwt.

Sidney Hough, jun.	*Treble*	Neil D. Lomas	5
*†Trevor Taylor	2	Derek Ogden	6
*Carol Eustace	3	*†Derek Taylor	7
Frederick W. Grocott	4	*Dennis Mottershead	*Tenor*

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by Denis Mottershead.
* First peal in the method. † 50th peal together.
Rung to celebrate the coming-of-age of Miss Carol Eustace.

LEYLAND, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 23¼ cwt.

*Eric P. Sparks	*Treble*	Fred Howarth	5
Thomas Barker	2	Stanley Walmsley	6
*John H. Owens	3	Alan Meadows	7
Lawrence Walmsley	4	Cyril Crossthwaite	*Tenor*

Composed by E. W. Tipler. Conducted by Cyril Crossthwaite.
* First peal.
For the Patronal Festival. Also an appreciation of a generous donation (anonymous) for tower repairs at this church.

LONDON, E.C.
THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Olave, Hart Street.
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

*M. A. Floyer (U.C.)	*Treble*	D. G. Jackson (Imperial)	5
A. F. Thirst (Imperial)	2	R. Keeley (King's)	6
*B. A. Thompson (Bed.)	3	*P. P. Brown (N. Poly.)	7
*P. G. K. Davies (U.C.)	4	*J. Armstrong (Lon. Hos.)	*Tenor*

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by A. F. Thirst.
* First peal in the method.
Rung on the Feast of St. Andrew and as a compliment to the Rev. and Mrs. J. Miller on the occasion of their wedding.

LOWER BEEDING, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
At the Church of The Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5120 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.

George Olliver	*Treble*	*George Francis	5
Barwell B. Dibben	2	Robin J. Elliott	6
Maxwell F. Oakshett	3	George Jennings	7
George A. Parson	4	Edward J. Talbot	*Tenor*

Composed by David Hoare. Conducted by George Francis.
* 100th tower-bell peal.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

LYDNEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 21, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 16 12-scores (Morris's and Pitman's arrangements) and ten six-scores. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

*B. David Sims	*Treble*	*David A. Hoult	4
William H. Harris	2	*Ronald Thomas	5
William F. Scudamore	3	*Bryn B. Nash	*Tenor*

Conducted by William F. Scudamore.
* First peal.
Rung as a compliment to Viscount Bledisloe (one time Governor of New Zealand) on the occasion of his 90th birthday, and to William H. Harris on the occasion of his 80th birthday.

LANGLEYBURY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Nov. 20, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Paul,
A PEAL OF 5040 CARLISLE SURPRISE MINOR
Being composed of seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 13 lb. in A.

Dennis Laud	*Treble*	William Wenban	4
Phyllis M. Mayne	2	Kenneth R. Dunstan	5
Joan M. Wilcockson	3	John R. Mayne	*Tenor*

Conducted by John R. Mayne.
First peal in the method by all the band, in the county, and for the Association.

LUTTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Nov. 20, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and St. Clement's, and four extents of Plain Bob
Tenor 4 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. in C sharp.

George R. G. Butler	*Treble*	†Freda P. Greaves	4
*John V. Temple	2	Ernest H. Mastin	5
Leslie W. Houghton	3	Norman V. Harding	*Tenor*

Conducted by Norman V. Harding.
* First peal of Minor. † First peal in four methods 'inside.'
Rung in honour of the tenth wedding anniversary of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II and H.R.H. Prince Philip.

GREAT HASELEY, OXON.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Thurs., Nov. 21, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Comprising one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's, and two extents each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in F sharp.

*John G. Pusey	*Treble*	James H. Pailing	4
Peter R. Sanders	2	Donald H. Niblett	5
Glyn F. Jenkins	3	Colin J. B. Taylor	*Tenor*

Conducted by Colin J. B. Taylor.
* First peal in five methods. First peal as conductor.

RUMBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Thurs., Nov. 21, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. Michael, All Saints and St. Felix,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being six extents of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and nine extents each of St. Martin's, St. Simon's, Grandsire and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

Walter Kerrison	*Treble*	C. Jack Gibson	3
Edwin T. Chapman	2	Reginald J. Darch	4
John W. Blythe	*Tenor*		

Conducted by John W. Blythe.
Specially arranged for Mr. Walter Kerrison, who first rang a peal in this tower in 1907 (50 years ago).

WETHERDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Thurs., Nov. 21, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 11 cwt.

Henry Ivings	*Treble*	Kenneth G. Brown	4
Hubert Mitson	2	David Brand	5
Arthur W. Rolfe	3	Douglas H. Rooke	*Tenor*

Conducted by Kenneth G. Brown.

MELDRETH, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 23, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of The Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in 12 methods, viz.: (1) Lightfoot and Wearmouth, (2) Beverley and Surfleet, (3) London and Wells, (4) York and Durham, (5) Ipswich and Cambridge, (6) Annable's London, (7) Norwich.
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. in F sharp.

Harry F. Churchman ..	*Treble*	Donald E. R. Knights ..	4
George E. Crisp	2	Geoffrey A. Lucas	5
Harold S. Peacock	3	Mansfield Ginn	*Tenor*

Conducted by Mansfield Ginn.

The first peal in 12 Surprise methods by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.

An 81st birthday compliment to Mr. Arthur J. Ginn, of Over, the conductor's father.

ROYDON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 23, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

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

*Robert D. W. Sams ..	*Treble*	†William H. Aley	4
Benjamin G. Burton ..	2	Charles W. Sams	5
Walter P. Sams	3	Alfred A. Livings.. ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by Walter P. Sams.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles.

Rung as a silver wedding compliment to the conductor.

SHERBORNE, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 23, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten callings). Tenor 11 cwt.

Roger Harris (17)	*Treble*	Percy A. Oram	4
G. Harry Reeves	2	Trefor K. Farrow (15) ..	5
Richard M. Andrews (16)	3	John Slack (17)	*Tenor*

Conducted by Trefor K. Farrow.

First peal by all the band, including the conductor.

Rung to celebrate the founding of the Coventry Diocesan Guild 50 years ago that day.

WELCOMBE, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., Nov. 23, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nectan,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 38 six-scores and two 240's. Tenor 7 cwt. 17 lb.

*D. Garvie	*Treble*	*H. Heard	4
*R. Cann	2	H. Stacey	5
C. Sangwin	3	S. Stacey	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. Sangwin.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

SHEPPERTON, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 23, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Nicholas and John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5040 ERIN DOUBLES

Being 14 360's. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in B.

*Robin G. Leale	*Treble*	†David A. S. Hawkins ..	3
†William S. Deason ..	2	Alan J. Frost..	4
Michael P. Moreton ..	*Tenor*		

Composed by J. Topp. Conducted by Robin G. Leale.

* First peal of Doubles on tower-bells and as conductor. † First peal of Doubles. The first peal of Doubles in the method.

THORINGTON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 23, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being extents of Rossendale, York, London, Wells, Ipswich, Norwich and Cambridge. Tenor 9 cwt. 22 lb.

Donald B. Munro	*Treble*	H. Frank Pike	4
Alan R. Andrews	2	Arthur G. Button	5
Roy Duesbury	3	George N. Orman	*Tenor*

Conducted by Alan R. Andrews.

First peal in seven Surprise methods by all except the conductor.

TWYFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 23, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 960 each of All Saints', Reverse Bartholomew, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and 1,200 Grandsire. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr.

*David Cooper..	*Treble*	Roland H. Cook	4
†Alfred E. Hinman ..	2	†J. Harry Cook	5
Geoffrey A. Bowcutt ..	3	Frederick Watson.. ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. Harry Cook.

* First peal (aged 14). † 25th peal together.

Rung as an 80th birthday compliment to Mrs. Florence Spencer, mother of Roger Spencer, captain of the ringers at Twyford.

DERSINGHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Nov. 24, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 8 lb.

Alec E. Nurse	*Treble*	Tony Owen	4
Herbert Laskey	2	Walter Ford	5
Cecil V. Ebberson	3	William R. Catchpole	*Tenor*

Conducted by William R. Catchpole.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Nov. 24, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Denis,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents (six callings). Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in A.

Henry P. Collin	*Treble*	Denis A. Frith	4
James H. Musson	2	Walter Weston	5
Peter E. Parry	3	J. Michael Simpson	*Tenor*

Conducted by Denis A. Frith.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Thomas Henry Collin, father of the treble ringer and grandfather of the conductor.

RATTLESDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Wed., Nov. 27, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 11 cwt.

Henry Ivings	*Treble*	Hubert Mitson..	4
Richard Rose	2	Douglas H. Rooke	5
*Arthur W. Rolfe	3	Kenneth G. Brown	*Tenor*

Conducted by Kenneth G. Brown.

* 25th peal.

STANWICK, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Nov. 27, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Laurence,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent T.B., St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.

*Jennifer Giles	*Treble*	William J. Whitmore ..	4
Shelagh Collins	2	Brian Austin	5
Ray Idle	3	Bryan S. Cope	*Tenor*

Conducted by Bryan S. Cope.

* First peal. First peal on the recently augmented bells.

LITTLE MILTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Nov. 29, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Comprising seven extents in ten methods: (1) Chester and Munden, (2) Beverley and Surfleet, (3) Durham and York, (4) London, (5) Wells, (6) Ipswich, (7) Cambridge. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in F sharp.

Stephen Ivin	*Treble*	Donald H. Niblett	4
Dermot J. Roaf	2	Robin N. Pittman	5
Brian J. Howard	3	Howard W. Egglestone ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by Stephen Ivin.

WISSETT, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Fri., Nov. 29, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 10 cwt.

*Mrs. E. T. Chapman ..	*Treble*	Edwin T. Chapman	4
C. Jack Gibson	2	L. Edward Etheridge ..	5
Robert Plummer	3	John W. Blythe	*Tenor*

Conducted by John W. Blythe.

* First peal.

Rung for the Patronal Festival.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 1st, 660 Grandsire Doubles and 600 Bob Doubles: Margaret E. Perry 1, Pamela R. Gough 2, Diana M. Gough (first in two methods as cond.) 3, I. C. Forrest 4, H. W. Brown 5, D. A. Hibbitt 6. For Confirmation service.

APSLEY END, HERTS.—On Nov. 17th, 1,296 Surprise Minor (720 Spliced Ipswich and Cambridge, 576 Norwich): E. J. Upton 1, Joyce Good 2, W. Ayre (cond.) 3, W. J. Puddifoot 4, A. V. Good 5, K. B. Good 6. Rung prior to Confirmation service taken by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. E. J. Lester 1, P. R. J. Lester 2, R. E. Lester (cond.) 3, H. A. Mitson 4, J. J. Prentice 5, G. R. Goodship 6. Half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday Evensong.

BATH, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 1st, at St. Michael with St. Paul's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss B. Russell (cond.) 1, F. Mills 2, Mrs. K. Plank 3, R. Mills (first 'inside') 4, G. Hawkins 5, J. Hobbs 6.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Wingrove (cond.) 1, Dorothy Fletcher 2, Ann Sheils 3, J. Harrison 4, D. Lamb 5, J. Meads 6, A. Bridges 7, S. Hatfield 8. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day.

BRENTFORD, MIDDLX.—On Nov. 21st, 1,300 Doubles (40 Reverse Canterbury, 480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): D. B. Lewis (first quarter) 1, Jill Barron (first of Doubles and first 'inside') 2, Gillian Neal Smith 3, C. M. Bloomer 4, Dr. D. J. Neal Smith (cond.) 5, Meriel Holden Brown 6.

BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX.—On Dec. 1st, 1,260 St. Clement's: G. M. Rouse 1, S. W. Bigmore 2, E. Deacon 3, K. Everett (conductor) 4, A. T. M. Perry 5, H. Stebbings 6. For morning service.

CARLISLE, CUMBERLAND.—On Nov. 25th, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. A. Palmer 1, Miss A. Callum (first quarter) 2, J. Ling 3, R. Briggs 4, A. Hodgson 5, J. Boustead (cond.) 6, J. Butterfield 7.

CLITHEROE, LANCS.—On Nov. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Sylvia Wignall (first quarter) 1, E. J. Gower 2, Miss R. Parkinson 3, P. Norman 4, V. J. C. Wood 5, C. Wignall 6, W. E. Wilkinson (cond.) 7, F. Price 8. For Evensong.

CROYDON, SURREY.—On Dec. 1st, at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: E. W. Razzell 1, Mrs. F. E. Collins 2, Miss H. Talbot (first on ten 'inside') 3, R. Davies 4, G. H. Humphries 5, N. G. Steere 6, R. G. Abbott 7, F. E. Mitchell 8, F. E. Collins (cond.) 9, P. G. Humphries 10.

DALWOOD, DEVON.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Taylor 1, G. Walford (cond.) 2, I. Hughes 3, D. Salter 4, W. R. Trickey 5, D. Hart 6.

DERBY.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Nov. 29th, 1,061 Grandsire Caters: E. Walklate 1, S. Walklate 2, Miss P. Pearson 3, A. Morley 4, H. Letts 5, G. Freebrey (cond.) 6, A. Wright 7, B. F. Morris 8, F. R. Lowe 9, H. Bridges 10. For the festival of St. Andrew.

EWELL, SURREY.—On Dec. 1st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Maureen Candy (first quarter) 1, H. E. Good 2, Mrs. Pauline Spittle (first in method) 3, J. Hill 4, R. C. Spittle 5, J. E. Beams 6, D. Spittle 7, C. W. Munday (cond.) 8. For Advent Sunday.

GREAT STAUGHTON, HUNTS.—On Nov. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. W. Lack (cond.) 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, H. S. Peacock 3, T. Jefferies 4, J. F. W. Allen 5, F. Reeve 6. For evening service on the patronal festival.

HAMPTON, MIDDLX.—On Nov. 24th, 1,260 Minor (720 Amersham Alliance and Little Bob, 560 Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's and Childwall): Margaret Essen 1, Judith Essen 2, R. G. Leale (cond.) 3, R. Woodcock 4, W. S. Deason 5, S. J. Woodcock 6. For Evensong. Also on Dec. 1st, 1,440 Minor (720 Cromer Alliance and Crayford Little Court, 720 London Bob, Lytham Bob, College and Wavertree College): Judith Essen 1, R. Woodcock 2, R. G. Leale (cond.) 3, D. A. S. Hawkins 4, W. S. Deason 5, S. J. Woodcock 6. For Evensong.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Dec. 1st 720 Cambridge Surprise, 540 Bob Minor: C. J. Young 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, F. R. Nicholls 3, D. F. Murfet 4, H. S. Peacock 5, D. E. R. Knights (cond.) 6. For morning service.

QUARTER PEALS

KING'S SOMBORNE, HANTS.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. d'A. R. Blackwall (first quarter) 1, Margaret E. L. Beamish 2, Brenda M. Claridge (first quarter) 3, J. L. Queen (first 'inside') 4, M. V. White (cond.) 5, W. Batchelor 6. Rung by members of the Southampton University Guild, except for W. Batchelor, who is a local ringer.

LUPPIT, DEVON.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Morrell 1, I. Hughes 2, D. Salter 3, G. Walford 4, W. R. Trickey (first as cond.) 5, F. Taylor 6.

NAZEING, ESSEX.—On Dec. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss E. M. Burton 1, C. W. Sams (cond.) 2, C. Clayden 3, B. G. Burton 4, K. Wood 5, J. Sams 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Arthur F. Burton, a ringer at this church until failing health caused his retirement.

NORTHIAM, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Joan Garnet 1, R. Barnes 2, Mrs. R. Reece 3, J. Epps (first away from tenor) 4, W. Button (cond.) 5, F. Tedham 6. For morning service.

QUEDGELEY, GLOS.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. E. T. Tranter 1, A. Wixey 2, S. J. Pugh 3, P. T. Hurcombe (cond.) 4, C. F. Wixey 5, C. J. Leighton (first quarter) 6. First quarter on the bells since they were rehung on ball-bearings and in a steel frame. For morning service. Also on Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. F. Wixey 1, Miss A. Cox (first 'inside') 2, Miss P. Clark 3, F. E. T. Tranter 4, P. T. Hurcombe (cond.) 5, C. J. Leighton 6.

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'LEAD FULL & SNAP'

RAUNDS, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. J. C. Colson (first on treble) 1, H. Richardson 2, W. Copperwheat 3, A. Wilson 4, L. Witten 5, A. Gibbs 6, W. J. Whitmore (cond.) 7, F. Swan (first quarter) 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Canon Arthur Brown, for 34 years Vicar of Raunds, who died on November 23rd.

READING, BERKS.—At St. Mary's Church, on November 24th, 1,280 London Surprise Major: K. Cotterell 1, Helen M. Brant 2, A. Diserens 3, R. H. Begrie 4, W. Newton 5, J. N. Diserens 6, R. F. Diserens 7, N. J. Diserens (cond.) 8. First in method for 2 and 5. For Evensong.

REDHILL, SURREY.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss F. Illman 1, Miss B. Saggers 2, Miss F. Hankey 3, A. Streeter 4, F. E. Roberts (cond.) 5, H. Comber 6. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday. Also on Dec. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss F. Illman 1, Miss B. Saggers 2, A. Streeter 3, H. Comber 4, F. E. Roberts (cond.) 5, W. Clarke 6. First 'inside' for 4. For Evensong.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On Nov. 20th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: D. French 1, Miss M. Mills 2, Mrs. E. Chaddock 3, Miss E. A. Wardill 4, Miss S. Chaddock 5, J. N. Chaddock 6, G. S. Lee 7, F. Fisher 8, N. Chaddock (cond.) 9, P. Walker 10. Rung by the Sunday service band.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—On Dec. 1st, at the Cathedral, 1,311 Stedman Cinques: B. A. Cornell 1, M. D. Frost 2, G. Dodds 3, Miss P. Doorn 4, R. F. Ewer 5, J. E. Ewer 6, J. L. Cox 7, G. N. Blake 8, W. Little 9, W. J. Arnold (cond.) 10, G. Penney 11, W. A. Nicholls 12. First on 12 bells for 2, 4, 6 and 7. Rung as a farewell to J. L. Cox, who is leaving St. Albans for Streatham.

ST. LEONARDS-ON-SEA, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Ridd 1, J. Ridd 2, Miss K. Stisted 3, G. S. Piper 4, E. F. P. Bryant (cond.) 5, S. Bailey 6.

SELLY OAK, BIRMINGHAM.—On Dec. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Margaret Parker 1, Dorothy Battersby 2, A. Westwood 3, H. Yardley 4, A. Cox 5, Wm. B. Cartwright 6, N. J. Goodman (cond.) 7, H. J. Turner 8. For Evensong.

SOUTHGATE, N.—At Christ Church, on Nov. 28th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Ann Aldridge 1, Mary Piper 2, Pam Miller (first of Major) 3, M. Stanyon 4, J. Wallman (cond.) 5, S. G. Peck 6, F. Gilbert 7, C. Aldridge 8. Rung on the 5th anniversary of the first peal of Superlative Surprise Major in the Rochester Variation (now named Southgate Surprise), November 28th, 1907. Also on Dec. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mary Piper 1, Ann Aldridge 2, S. G. Peck 3, W. C. G. Wainwright (first of Triples 'inside') 4, M. Stanyon 5, J. Wallman 6, C. Aldridge (first of Triples as cond.) 7, J. Perrett 8. For Evensong.

TRENT, DORSET.—On Nov. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob and 780 Grandsire): Miss T. Barnett (first in two methods) 1, D. Sweet 2, E. Amey 3, R. J. Vardy 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5, H. T. Brooks (first quarter) 6. Rung (after meeting short for Minor) as a birthday compliment to the wife of the conductor.

WANDSWORTH, SURREY.—At Holy Trinity Church, on Nov. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss F. Brown 1, J. Tomsett 2, Miss J. Scrutton 3, J. Bell 4, A. Bishop 5, W. Wilson (cond.) 6, J. Euston 7, L. Bell 8. Rung for morning service on Remembrance Sunday.

WARGRAVE, BERKS.—On Nov. 30th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: Mrs. H. Smith 1, Mrs. B. C. Castle (first in method) 2, B. C. Castle 3, H. Smith 4, W. Hunt 5, R. H. Begrie 6, W. J. Paice (cond.) 7, A. J. N. Rance 8.

WILLINGHAM, CAMBS.—On Nov. 17th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: A. Denson 1, N. Robinson 2, D. Murfet 3, G. E. Crisp 4, D. E. R. Knights 5, G. A. Lucas (cond.) 6. Also on Nov. 29th, 1,320 Surfleet Surprise Minor: A. Denson 1, N. Robinson 2, D. Murfet 3, G. E. Crisp 4, D. E. R. Knights (cond.) 5, G. A. Lucas 6.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Dec. 1st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Sheila Douglas (first of Major) 1, J. Tomsett 2, Anne Garnett 3, E. Jacobs 4, A. Bagworth 5, Susan Jacobs 6, M. P. Moreton 7, M. Sinden (cond.) 8.

A 200-MILE DAY TRIP

A band drawn from Coleshill, Keresley, King's Bromley, Lichfield Cathedral, Little Aston and Shareshill set off in a Land Rover on November 16th for a day's ringing and covered a distance of 200 miles.

Activities started on the light set of six bells hung for ringing in a disused cottage by Mr. Arthur Jopp, of Staulton, near Pershore. They were mixed bells with a tenor of 56 lb., and eventually we succeeded in ringing rounds and Grandsire Doubles. Mrs. Jopp kindly provided us with a welcome cup of tea.

The early English church at Aston Cantlow, at which Shakespeare's parents are supposed to have been married, now possesses an easy-going ring of six, recently rehung, and are all that could be desired. Over the Oxfordshire border to Home Farm, Balcote, where Mr. Charles Jarvis let us spend an hour on his well-known ring of six.

With the long draught at Cropredy we had all forgotten Double Court, and even worse for 'go' were the six at Wardington, where rounds were more than sufficient. The recent restoration of the five at Stoneleigh, Warwickshire, has been well executed. The ring at St. Edith's, Monks Kirby, Warwickshire, the heaviest eight in Warwickshire (tenor 24–2–7), is indeed a peal-ringer's dream. A pleasing ground floor eight are at All Saints', Bedworth, and the day's ringing finished on the excellent little five at Keresley. Sincere thanks are tendered to incumbents and all who met us, and also to driver Eric. C. M. S.

BARCOMBE, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: M. Gearing (first quarter) 1, Miss R. Patching 2, Miss D. M. Gough 3, S. W. Brown (cond.) 4, B. Turner 5, M. Abbott 6.

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL

The University of Bristol Society chose the Bath area for their mid-week autumn term outing.

Leaving Bristol soon after lunch, the majority travelled by bicycle (the more lazy, in cars) and made the first stop at Corston, where the very light bells were found difficult to handle by most members and in consequence the striking was of a poor standard. The next tower was Newton St. Loe, and the six bells were kept going to Stedman, Grandsire and a course of Cambridge.

Then into Bath and to the 'well going' eight at Weston. By this time the ringing was improving and at the next tower, Bathwick, a well-struck course of Bristol was brought round by an all-resident band. The evening was brought to a close by a visit to the 6-bell tower of Kelston, followed by the customary refreshment 'across the road.'

Altogether, the outing proved very successful, and thanks are extended to the tower secretaries and incumbents of the towers visited. D. H.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

St. Albans District

The first meeting to be held at St. Stephen's, St. Albans, since the restoration of the bells was held on November 16th. The meeting was well attended considering the short notice. Mr. H. C. Frost took the chair, and two members of the St. Stephen's band were elected as probationary members.

Before ringing continued in the evening the Vicar took a short service. Methods rung were the usual mixed variety with rounds for beginners.

It is hoped that the next meeting will be held at Hatfield on December 21st. M. A. C.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Dorchester Branch at Charminster

A sparsely-attended but none the less enjoyable meeting of the Dorchester Branch was held at the ancient Church of St. Mary, Charminster, on November 30th, where the ringers were made welcome by the Vicar (Rev. Percy Anderson), who also gave a short but inspiring talk on the responsibilities attached to the office of bell-ringing. The lesson was read by Mr. J. D. Grigg, of Charminster, and Mrs. Trivett was the organist.

Following the service, tea was served in the Village Hall by Miss T. Barnett and Miss W. Harewood, two young members of the Charminster band, who were congratulated on behalf of the company by the vice-chairman of the Branch (Rev. P. J. Heaton, rector of St. Peter's, Dorchester). Apology for absence was received from the Rev. S. P. Rowcroft (Abbotsbury Branch chairman).

There being no business meeting, the ringers adjourned to the tower immediately after tea, and ringing on the six bells was continued throughout the evening, under the direction of Mr. H. J. Ford (Branch Ringing Master) and his deputy, Mr. J. W. Rose.

Methods rung ranged up to Treble Bob Minor, with plenty of chances for the learners. Ringers attended from Abbotsbury, Cattistock, Charminster, St. Peter's, Dorchester, Preston, Wool, Wyke Regis and Yetminster. J. H. H.

TIMBERSCOMBE, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. H. Reed 1, B. Jean Stevens 2, C. J. Stevens (cond.) 3, Pamela M. Stevens 4, F. A. K. Prime 5, A. G. Cook (first of Triples) 6, R. D. Short 7, R. Stone 8. First quarter on the bells since rehanging.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

In addition to the Christmas bell broadcasts published in our last issue, the bells of the 15th century church of St. Mary-the Virgin, Dedham, Essex, in the Constable country, will be heard for two minutes at 12.1 a.m. on Christmas night. This will lead into a 'Welcome to Christmas,' sung by members of the Dedham Choral Society, who will also take part in the first Communion of Christmas Day.

Mr. E. A. Barnett thanks the many who enquired after his welfare in connection with the Lewisham rail crash. He had an 11-mile walk and arrived home at 11.20 p.m.

From Sherborne, Warwickshire, comes a peal that will gladden the hearts of the Exercise. It is a peal of Grandsire Doubles in which every participant was ringing his first peal, making a worthy tribute to the founding of the Coventry Diocesan Guild 50 years ago on the same day (November 23rd).

ERRATA.—The peal of Gainsborough Surprise Major at Brenchley, Kent, on page 650, was rung on September 18th and not as stated. Also the composition of 12 Spliced Surprise Major, published on page 748, was first rung at Hernhill, Kent, on October 19th, 1957, conducted by Mark S. Lancefield.

To commemorate the 50th anniversary of the first peal of Superlative Surprise Major in the Rochester variation (now named Southgate) a quarter peal was rung on the bells at Christ Church, Southgate. Of the 1907 band there are three survivors—Mr. N. Tomlinson, who still rings at Christ Church; Mr. A. Glasscock, who chimes for the early morning service on Sundays, and Mr. J. Sharman, who lives in the Midlands. Others in the band were Messrs. J. Armstrong, F. Tegg, H. Miller, J. Miller and S. Wade (conductor).

When it became known that repairs to the tower of Leyland Parish Church would shortly be required, a friend, who wishes to remain anonymous, immediately came forward with a donation of £300. The ringers are especially appreciative of this generous gift, and wish the peal which was rung on St. Andrew's Day to be regarded as some measure of their appreciation. Five of the local band took part and it was an opportunity for two of them to score their first peal.

Mr. W. R. Marsh performed a good service when the peal attempt band arrived short at Rippingale. He stood in; the ringing in seven Minor methods was excellent throughout.

The peal of Ashtead Surprise Major at West Hallam on November 30th was to mark the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. W. Carlisle, of Nottingham, parents of a ringing family.

The band who rang the peal of Double Norwich at Waldron, Sussex, on November 30th express their thanks to Miss Margaret Ladd who, at very short notice, so ably rang the treble and scored her first peal in the method.

The bells will be heard prior to the service to be broadcast from St. George's Parish Church, Greenock, on Sunday, December 15th, at 9.45 a.m. in the Scottish Home Service. These bells are for chiming only and are a ten with a tenor of 18 cwt. 1 qr. in F.

The band who rang the peal at Rothwell for the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. P. Massam was the same that rang for the 21st birthday of their daughter, Valerie, five months ago. Each man rang the same bell in both peals. The band would like to place on record their thanks and appreciation for the hospitality provided by Mr. and Mrs. Massam on both these occasions.

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ROCK 'N' ROLL ROUND AFRICA

Dear Sir,—Having just returned from a cruise and a month's stay in Cape Town, may I, through 'The Ringing World,' be allowed to offer my very best and heartfelt thanks to the band at St. Mary's, Woodstock, for the right royal welcome my travelling companion and self received. Too much space would be required to record the many kindnesses showered on us during our stay, but I mention a few. On three Sundays Mr. John Wood (captain of the band) and his sisters took us in their car on afternoon drives of 70 or more miles each, and afterwards entertained us very hospitably at their homes. On the remaining Sunday Mr. Len Hewitt (one of the band) took us on a similar run. All were through very beautiful scenery, with one exception being back in time to ring for 7 p.m. service, the only Sunday I missed ringing for two services. From Mr. and Mrs. Vic Sheppard there was an ever-open door at the Old Town House, just round the corner from our hotel. Mr. Sheppard is steeple keeper, secretary ('scribe'), local bell-hanger and general handyman at Woodstock.

All the band turned up on the five practice nights, plus two Saturday afternoons; on the first a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was scored and on the second an attempt was made for a peal, which was unfortunately lost after more than 1,300 changes of tolerably good ringing. Our liner left Cape Town on a Tuesday, and as this is practice night, Mr. Wood arranged for Monday instead as a farewell to me, and afterwards entertained the whole band at his house for refreshments (both solid and liquid). At this very homely gathering a few hundred changes of our peal attempt were rung back to us from the tape-recorder, which had been arranged by Mr. Sheppard. Future visiting ringers will themselves be able to judge the striking.

Our cruise had been arranged to commence last March, but owing to the Suez crisis was postponed for six months to enable me to circumnavigate the African continent. During all this time Mr. Sheppard gave much help and advice by air mail. On arrival at Cape Town Mrs. Sheppard met and conducted us to our hotel, and on leaving, in the company of Vic and Miss Wood, came aboard to bid us farewell. I cannot possibly speak too highly of one and all at Cape Town. In Africa things are not done by halves.

The bells (eight, by Barwell, tenor 11 to 12 cwt.) were installed in 1902, and considering they've had no expert attention since, go very well, due to the energy of some of the band. Recently a new wheel for the fourth and half of that of the third were made locally and both replaced quite satisfactorily.

The first peal, Grandsire Triples, was rung in December, 1904; two of Grandsire Doubles have since been rung—one in 1951 and the other in 1953, both conducted by Bob Stickley, native of Hereford. These are the only tower-bell peals yet rung in Africa. The church (not the tower) will celebrate its centenary next year—a good opportunity for some enterprising band to pay a visit and collect a few 'firsts in the method' (continent), etc.

The band is mixed; nearly half are African-born and the remainder English, and includes a lay reader, organist, choir master and two servers, the latest additions being Mr. John Crump, from Hornsey, London, and Miss Bridgette Hamilton, Ireland (late of Oxford). Both arrived during my stay.

Continuing the voyage, with two ports of call in between, our liner reached Durban on Saturday, October 19th. Mr. Cyril Chambers (ex Kidderminster) came aboard on arrival and arranged ringing at St. Paul's (8, tenor 14 cwt.) for the same evening. On Sunday we rang for morning service at St. Mary's, Greyville (10, tenor 21 cwt.), and at St. Paul's for Evensong. On Monday evening, the last complete day of our stay, a special meeting at St. Paul's was arranged for my benefit. These are two good Taylor rings and both go well, but unfortunately the ringers are well scattered—most are eight or more miles from either tower. My very best thanks are due to Mr. Chambers for arrangements, and to the rest of the company for meeting and making it possible to rung at Durban.

At Dar-es-Salaam on November 2nd, I met Mr. Davis whose photo, together with his team of handbell ringers, appeared in 'The Ringing World' a few months ago. Although ashore the previous evening also, but through not knowing, I missed a performance by them at a social function. They are practising Bob Major as well as tune ringing.

It has now been my pleasure to meet and ring with our friends on four continents, viz.: Europe, America (also Canada), Australia and Africa. I should be interested to know how many there are who have rung (on tower-bells) on five.

Apart from the course of both liners, approximately 1,600 miles were added through almost indescribable scenery by various modes of travel down to and including rickshaw.—Yours, etc.,

Grundisburgh. JAMES BENNETT.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

An early start was made with ringing at the Northern District's nomination meeting on November 16th. Clapham Park bells proved popular from 2 to 3.30, and Holy Trinity, Wandsworth, from 3.30 to 4.30. The Vicar conducted a ringers' service in the church, which was followed by tea in the New Church Hall adjoining.

The routine business meeting was dealt with and at nomination time all the existing officers were nominated, and in addition Mr. Colin Champion for a seat on the committee. Votes of thanks were then passed to all who had helped, with special reference to Mr. J. Euston, who had made all the arrangements for the secretary, and Mr. Ford who had organised the service and the tea.

Ringing continued afterwards at All Saints', Wandsworth, until a rope broke, and at St. Mary's, Putney. W. P.

EIGHT PEALS MARK 850th ANNIVERSARY YEAR AT WYMONDHAM

The 850th anniversary year of Wymondham Abbey, Norfolk, has been marked by the ringing of eight peals on the bells. Each Branch of Norwich Diocesan Association rang a peal on the bells. Details of the peals are appended.

Opening peal, Advent Sunday, December 2nd, 1956: 5,088 Plain Bob Major.

May 18th, eight members of the Suffolk Guild: 5,120 Cambridge Surprise Major.

August 10th, eight members of the East Norfolk Branch: 5,056 Plain Bob Major.

September 7th, eight members of the West Norfolk Branch: 5,040 Plain Bob Major.

October 5th, eight members of the North Norfolk Branch: 5,040 Grandsire Triples.

October 12th, eight members of the South Norfolk Branch: 5,024 Kent Treble Bob Major.

October 22nd, eight members of the St. Peter Mancroft Guild, Norwich: 5,040 Stedman Triples.

November 24th, Thanksgiving Sunday: 5,040 Plain Bob Triples. Rung for the closing of the festival year.

PLYMOUTH'S MOTHER CHURCH RESTORED

The Mother Church of Plymouth, the Parish Church of St. Andrew, suffered severe damage by incendiary and high-explosive bombs during two heavy air raids on March 20th and 21st, 1941. The tower, with its fine old ring of ten bells, escaped serious damage, but the rest of the church was just a ruined shell. Shortly after its destruction a board with one word in bold lettering was fixed above the north porch doorway—*Resurgam*.

Over 16 years later, St. Andrew's Day, 1957, the restored church was reconsecrated by the Lord Bishop of Exeter, accompanied by the Bishops of Liverpool and Plymouth, and in the presence of H.R.H. the Princess Alice, Countess of Athlone.

Plymouth's Lord Mayor and other civic leaders, Service chiefs, visiting clergy, lay readers and representatives of the Free Churches formed a large part of the 2,000 who had accepted the invitation to attend. Extra seats were brought in for the occasion and every inch of space was occupied.

The ringers played their part on this great day. For an hour-and-a-half before the service the bells rang out to rounds on ten and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Caters. When the service had ended 395 Grandsire Caters was first rung; and then (after a break to adjust ropes, etc., and lock themselves in) 5,040 Plain Bob Royal was well and truly rung by ten members of the Guild of Devonshire ringers. The bells went off into changes at 5.4 p.m., and a fast beat set by Alan Carveth was consistently maintained, each part averaging a few seconds over 50 minutes, and they 'ran home' at 8.25 p.m.

The conclusion of the peal brought to an end the festivities of this memorable day—the first in a new chapter in the ministry of St. Andrew's Church, Plymouth. After a farewell handshake, the ringers made for their respective homes—the Rev. A. S. Roberts to Carbis Bay; Alan, David and Bob to Truro; Philip to Dover; and the rest . . . to within walking distance of St. Andrew's.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

Bells and Belles at Bolton

The Bolton Branch is enjoying very good meetings. The one at St. Mary's, Deane, on November 30th, was outstanding, with plenty of methods to suit all tastes. Youth was again prominent—a good omen for the future. From rounds to Spliced Surprise was the order of the day, and the striking, particularly in higher methods, was very good.

What constituted the success of this meeting? In the first place the bells were new and of a good tone; then there was a good chance of ringing in a variety of methods, and after all, variety is the spice of life. But above all it was a happy gathering, and the pretty young women who attended may have been a factor in the meeting's popularity—there were plenty of them and most of them were very capable ringers.

During the afternoon a band which rang a peal at Todmorden travelled the 25 miles to attend the meeting, and they were well rewarded. The Vicar, who is learning to ring, was present, and he was thanked for the use of the bells. Thanks were also accorded the head ringer and Mrs. Crook for providing cups of tea.

The annual Branch meeting will be held at Bolton Parish Church towards the end of January. A tea will be provided free at this meeting. P. C.

ST. ANN'S, STAMFORD HILL, HAS RING OF EIGHT

Saturday, November 30th, was indeed a very great day in the history of St. Ann's Church, being the culmination of ten years of real hard work and effort on the part of the local ringers, for on that day the dedication took place of the restored and augmented ring of eight bells.

The story of these ten years, as told by the Vicar in his address at the dedication service, should be a wonderful lesson and example to all of what can be done by keenness and enthusiasm. About 1946, Mr. Ernest J. Rowe asked permission of the Vicar to inspect the then ring of six in his tower, which was in a bad state, the bell chamber being in a filthy condition and the bells themselves likewise. Mr. Rowe, and the keen band of ringers which he built up, spent many hours in cleaning the bell chamber and ringing chamber and in improving the 'go' of the bells. The new band made rapid progress, and the bells were rung regularly for services in almost every conceivable Minor and Doubles method, often to quarter peals. The arrival of Brian Bladon helped to strengthen the band, which must now be one of the best Sunday service bands in the London area.

Right from the start the aim for the future had been the completion of the ring of eight. The old six, cast by Mears and Stainbank in 1865, were badly in need of retuning and restoration, and the opportunity arrived when a parishioner offered to present two new bells to the tower as a memorial. Before this could be done, it was necessary to move the works of the church clock from its position in the bell chamber to the floor below in order to leave room for the installation of the frame for the two new bells; the whole of this extremely difficult task was carried out by the ringers themselves, under the supervision of Mr. Rowe.

Finally, the six bells were lowered and removed to the Whitechapel Foundry for cleaning and retuning, the two new trebles were cast, and the new complete eight finally hoisted to the belfry once again—much of the work in the tower again being carried out by the local band. The final result is that St. Ann's now possesses a very fine light octave which 'go' and sound perfectly; the two new trebles being a perfect splice.

The local band, with Brian Bladon as Ringing Master, having run the whole gamut of Minor and Doubles methods, are now hard at work with Triples and Major: already several of the band have progressed to courses of London Surprise Major, and the standard of striking deserves emulation in towers far and near!

The dedication service was conducted by the Vicar of St. Ann's (Rev. F. J. Finch) in the presence of a large congregation of visiting and local ringers and interested parishioners. The service took the form of shortened Evensong, and after the third collect the procession, led by the cross bearer and choir, proceeded to the tower, and included the Ringing Master (Brian Bladon), the secretary of the Middlesex County Association (Mr. T. J. Lock) and a representative of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, Mr. Dennis Langdon. In the ringing chamber the new trebles and restored six were dedicated to the service of God and committed to the care of the Ringing Master. As the procession returned to the chancel the new octave were rung to rounds by members of St. Ann's band.

In his address the Vicar, after welcoming the visiting ringers, gave a most interesting account of the efforts of the local ringers which had led up to the present happy occasion, and a summary of which has already been given. As the choir and clergy left the church a well-struck touch of Stedman Triples was rung by members of the local band.

Light refreshments were served to visiting ringers and friends in the Church School Room, and during the evening the bells were rung to a wide variety of methods, ranging from rounds to Surprise Major.

The inscriptions on the bells are as follows:

Treble.—*Cantat in auredie.* Frederick James Finch, M.A., Incumbent of St. Ann's. Edith Theodora Finch. By Mears and Stainbank, London, 1957.

Second.—*Non clamor sed amor.* Albert William Wallis, James Palmer—Churchwardens. Ernest J. Rowe, Ringing Master. By Mears and Stainbank, London, 1957.

Third.—*Festo decoro.* Emily Robins. By Mears and Stainbank, London, 1865.

Fourth.—*Pestem fugo.* Almeria R. Letts. By Mears and Stainbank, London, 1865.

Fifth.—*Defunctus ploro.* I. W. Freshfield, *Obiit* 1864. By Mears and Stainbank, London, 1865.

Sixth.—*Congrego clerum.* John W. Letts, M.A., Incumbent of St. Ann's. By Mears and Stainbank, London, 1865.

Seventh.—*Plebem voco.* J. W. Robins, R. S. Barnes—Churchwardens. By Mears and Stainbank, London, 1865.

Tenor.—*Audem Deum Verum.* This peal of six bells was presented to this church by Fowler Newsam and Ann, his wife, 1865. By Mears and Stainbank, London, 1865.

Weight, after retuning, approximately 7¼ cwt. in A.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

Saxmundham District

Saxmundham District held a meeting at Benhall and Saxmundham on November 23rd, when ringers attended from many parts of Suffolk, including Higham, Stratford St. Mary, Lowestoft, Grundisburgh and Ipswich.

Ringing commenced at Benhall in the afternoon; a broken rope caused a hold up, but good use was made of the handbells while it was being spliced. The service at Benhall was taken by the Rector, who also gave an address. Thanks are due for all the trouble he took in finding an organist. Tea was taken at Saxmundham and in the evening the bells of Saxmundham were kept going until 9. Methods rung included Plain Bob, Oxford, Cambridge, London, Ipswich, Wells, St. Clement's and Double Court.

At the business meeting Mrs. S. Lowe, of Kelsale, was elected an honorary member and Mrs. E. Chapman, of Lowestoft, a non-resident life member. A collection for the Guild restoration fund amounted to 13s. An invitation was given to all ringers and friends to come to the dedication of Theberton bells on December 14th at 3 p.m.

A. R. B.

REDEDICATION

St. Cuthbert's, Benfieldside

Consett Iron Works stand as a landmark visible for miles on the high ground of north-west Durham and could hardly fail to attract the attention of the traveller, but the small village of Benfieldside nestling lower down on the steep side of the Derwent Valley would probably not be noticed. But Benfieldside does not pass unnoticed by ringers for it has a long record of loyal support of the Durham and Newcastle Association, and it was characteristic of it to invite the Association to be present at the service of rededication of the six bells of St. Cuthbert's after their recent restoration by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. on November 9th.

The service of rededication had been delayed for a few weeks and, with the bells having been used, one seemed to miss that usual eager anticipation of waiting to see and hear and feel the results of the bell-founder's work.

The service did not commence until 6 p.m., so tea was taken first. It was a parish tea and the ringers joined with many parishioners in the Church Hall. But this was not 'just another tea,' as was immediately obvious from the tables covered with beautiful tablecloths and set with delicate china tea services and a wonderful display of home-made fare. Each table was under the charge of one lady, who provided service to match.

The ringers had hoped to express publicly their congratulations and thanks to all concerned, but pressure of space in the main hall necessitated their adjournment to another room where a very informal meeting was held.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. E. H. Fenwick), and the rededication of the bells and dedication of a book table to the memory of Thomas Westgarth were performed by the Bishop of Jarrow (Rt. Rev. J. A. Ramsbotham). The lessons were read by Mr. K. Heppinstall, of the local band, and the president of the Association, Mr. K. Arthur. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells after the third collect.

The Bishop, taking as his text Rev. 21 v. 5. 'Behold I make all things new,' spoke of associations that he had had with bells, and suggested that the bells had a threefold message for their hearers. They proclaimed the good news of the Gospel of Christ; they sounded an alarm, warning of the need for repentance; they marked the passage of time and emphasised the need to prepare for the life eternal, wherein all would be made new.

The local band rang a few rounds immediately after the dedication, and a representative band rang changes as the congregation left the church. Thereafter, the bells were available for general ringing.

The tea had proved more than adequate and ringers were invited back for supper before they left for home after a memorable day.

COLERNE, WILTS.—On Nov. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (420 Grandsire, 360 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 240 each Plain Bob and April Day): R. G. James (first quarter) 1, G. J. Sheppard 2, T. Gray 3, G. C. Weeks 4, J. R. C. Tiley 5, M. B. Bogg (first quarter) 6, P. W. Weeks (cond.) 7, R. H. Clements 8. Rung half-muffled, with 4, 6, 8 covering, in memoriam Mrs. D. Frowde.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

DO OUR READERS AGREE?

Dear Sir,—The cartoon by R. J. B. in the 'R.W.' of November 29th is not funny: it is no joke but extremely bad taste. There is no harm done by bellringers having alcoholic refreshment after ringing the bells, as Our Lord once changed water into wine. Probably members of brass bands, orchestras, teams in various branches of sport do the same: but do they 'put up bills' about it or shout it from the 'house tops' in their periodicals? I doubt it. Then why should bellringers? For once in a way I am glad the 'R.W.' has not the circulation that some papers have, as a cartoon like this one could create a very bad impression.

Too many people are ever ready to get the opportunity to have a smack at ringers and bell ringing, as fewer attend church today than years ago. On the other hand, it is a happy thought that more ringers attend the service they have just rung for than in the days of long ago. Intoxicating drink is seldom seen in the ringing room today, thanks to the reforms brought about by our ringing associations.

Please, Mr. Editor, do not allow any more of this degrading stuff to appear in our paper. —Yours faithfully,

R. NEWMAN.

Holloway, N.7.

SURVIVOR OF THE FIRST PEAL BY QUEX PARK BAND

Dear Sir,—In an obituary notice contained in 'The Ringing World' of November 29th concerning the late Mr. A. H. Sayer, reference is made to the first peal by the Quex Park band on the Quex bells on May 23rd, 1885. In this peal the treble was rung by Mr. Charles Willshire; the band included his two brothers, Lionel (who I believe called Holt's Ten-part) and George, who rang the seventh. A previous attempt made on May 2nd, 1885, failed when 4,500 had been rung.

Mr. C. Willshire went to Canada in 1913 and now lives in Montreal. He will be 91 years of age on January 8th, 1958, and is probably the only survivor of the band who rang the peal on May 23rd, 1885.—Yours sincerely,

A. C. HAZELDEN.

Guildford.

GUILD OFFICE BOOKS

Dear Sir,—At the last general meeting of the Oxford Diocesan Guild a sub-committee was appointed to go into the question of revising the Guild Office Book. As a member of this sub-committee I have been given the job of collecting some preliminary information and materials, materials.

To do this I sent a circular letter to a number of Masters and Secretaries of other Guilds and Associations, and by their response have collected a number of other Office Books and various hymns. However, it occurs to me that there will be other people who might like to contribute material also.

The relation between ringing and worship must be built up and developed continually if the Exercise is to fulfil its function properly, and we on this sub-committee are very keen to present only the best in the new Office Book.

I would therefore much value any material that could be considered for inclusion, especially if such material is not widely known. I already have the Offices of Durham, Norwich, Worcestershire (prayers), Devon, Salisbury, Coventry, Peterborough, Chester, St. David's, Truro, Chelmsford.—Yours faithfully,

DAVID J. SMITH.

Merryfield House,
Witney, Oxon.

'INADVERTENT PLAGIARISM'

Dear Sir,—That a composer of Mr. E. W. Tipler's experience should put his name to compositions such as the 5,056 Yorkshire ('No. 21') and the 5,088 Superlative ('No. 31') which appeared in two recent issues is enough to make one weep. After all the years that people have been churning out peals it is impossible to produce an original composition of their kind, and while inadvertent plagiarism is forgivable when people are first putting peals together, Mr. Tipler has no such excuse.

Take the 5,056 Yorkshire (November 22nd). Who first produced it, goodness knows; but in 'The Bell News' of February 1st, 1908, there is a peal of Superlative ascribed to H. Dains in which the first 13 courses are identical with Mr. Tipler's peal, thus:—

23456	B	M	W	H
45236			—	—
25634		—		3
53246	X			3
52436			—	2
43526			—	—
53624		—		3

There must be a hundred different ways of filling in the last ten courses. Here are two of them:—

53624	M	W	H
34625	—		2
63425		3	—
35426	—		2
23456		—	3

53624	M	W	H
63425	—		
35426	—		2
42356		—	—
32654	—		3
62453	—		
23456	—		2

Of these, the first was used by Dains in the peal referred to above. The second was used by Arthur Knights in a composition of Superlative published in the Kent County Association report for 1913. It is also that used by Mr. Tipler in his peal, which is therefore half by Dains and half by Knights and, like almost every 5,056 of Superlative or Yorkshire with one bob Before, is only this three-course touch

23456	B	M	W
35264	X		
63254			—
23456		—	

'padded out' or, if you like, with enough Q-sets bobbed to produce 23 courses.

Thank goodness most composers nowadays seem to realise this.—Yours faithfully,

E. A. BARNETT.

NOTE.—The composition was not submitted to us by Mr. E. W. Tipler but by a member of a band which has rung many of his peals.—*Ed.*

SCOUTS AND RINGING

Dear Sir,—I recently picked up the weekly periodical 'The Scout.' In it was a full page of instructions on how to ring. It was a splendid article by F. F. Rigby. I was informed that this was a weekly contribution.

It would be interesting to know if these articles are bearing fruit in the way of swelling our ranks. To me they are very comprehensive and a splendid innovation.—Yours, etc.,

PETER CROOK.

Bolton, Lancs.

LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL'S OPEN DAY

Ringers from Kent in the south-east to Cornwall in the south-west, Westmorland in the north and North Wales, together with representatives from practically every midland and southern county, gathered together in Liverpool on November 9th for the open day on the Liverpool Cathedral bells. Following fog on the two previous days, the 9th turned out to be one of the brightest days of the month, with clear nights—moonlight on a white frost.

Five parties of some hundred ringers were allotted fixed times on the bells, and certainly as many again if not twice the number were accommodated in greater or lesser degree. It is too much to hope that all our visiting friends were completely content with their, or our, effort, energy and enthusiasm, but we did our best to improvise for those who just came, including a wonderful party of youths whom I left eventually on a distant country lane still seeking towers to 'grab,' even into the frosty moonlight. Meeting you all was a great pleasure. Back to the day, which was not without its misunderstandings; the rhymster has a saying about 'too many cooks'—in this case there appears 'no broth spoiled.'

Ringing generally was better than on previous open days and at times the standard was excellent. The first few rounds caused trouble on occasions, owing to the beat of 16 to 17 changes per minute, the light bells pulled off and 'tumbled in' instead of setting on the back stroke and waiting for the tenors. Where the 82 cwt. attempted to follow it found itself too far down readily to recover the position when the front-enders had restored their order. Mr. Peter Laflin's words of last year had not been too well taken to heart. It is every one of the band who make or mar the effort.

The Dean of Liverpool visited the belfry and welcomed all, thanking those who came for their interest, and meeting some of the happy personalities of the day, including Mr. Peter Bond. Mr. C. Crosthwaite was introduced to the Dean with the words that Preston and Liverpool ringers had been visiting each other's towers for more than 150 years. Youth was very much to the fore and very welcome; these young people cannot possible grow as ill-humoured and self-centred in their middle and old age as we. Liverpool has a 15-year-old who handles 55 cwt. with ease and assurance, but the handling of the 82 cwt. tenor by a youth of 16 from York was outstanding.

Youth generally showed a good style: there were, however, too many who bend in at the middle, damaging ropes and wasting effort. Things to remember are: a supple, bending knee: a straight back; putting the least possible effort into the longest possible distance; using the senses, eyes 10 per cent. and the ears 90 per cent., to develop a rhythm of sound, broken only by the small open handstroke leads.

The closing touch of the day—three leads of Kent T.B. Maximus—saw our own tenor ringer (H. S. Bailey) turn the 82 cwt. in with the same ease and skill as that shown on previous occasions by A. P. Cannon to Royal and Peter Border to Cambridge Major, while the fourth member of this group would assure aspirants that he has always found turning it in jolly hard work.

E. L. H.

BEXLEY, KENT.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,800 Minor (720 Cambridge, 1,080 St. Clement's): P. N. Bond 1, Miss B. A. Thompson 2, P. G. K. Davies 3, H. M. Williamson 4, P. P. Brown 5, J. L. Morris 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Harry Hoverd, whose ashes were interred at Crayford this day. Also on Nov. 24th, 1,260 Minor (720 St. Clement's, 540 Plain Bob): D. Mary Ward 1, Jean Jones 2, Susan Nicholson 3, Brenda Foster 4, Mary R. Andrews 5, J. L. Morris (cond.) 6.

REJOICE, AND BE MERRY

The most dismal corner of Oxford on a damp, dull October day does not give a very good send off to any ringing outing, and hearing the moans and groans of her O.U.S. escorts the 'cause' of the whole affair felt none too happy.

Eynsham was the first tower of attack and produced quite fair ringing in the Plain Bob, Stedman, Kent regime. However, we progressed with time, and after the tenor of the recently augmented ring at Hanborough had defeated even the combined attempt of three college youths (young variety) to pull it up the right way, it did not defeat efforts at Cambridge and Double Oxford.

Having recovered the organiser from the depths of the Vicarage garden, arranged and rearranged the good Mr. Sanders' hat, and waited a considerable time while Mr. Ivin decided how he looked most becoming, the band, by now slightly less miserable, was immortalised on celluloid. The organiser was then told that tea would fill the gap in his programme, and a somewhat primitive 'tea' of ginger beer and jam tarts made by the Oxford Walter was eaten (standing) in the gutter outside a village shop. The ginger beer seemed to produce the most odd effects and forms of amusement, which made the writer feel that the company was rather unfit for her and that she should join C. R. C. C., who was wearing a very sober expression as he consumed his daily 'Kit-e-Kat.'

At Yarnton, a heavy six, a permanent audience consisting of the Vicar and potential ringers watched with awed admiration as everyone left the appropriate gaps for the tenor in Plain Bob Minor; the object of 'make friends and influence people' was, however, accomplished so that we left with an invitation to return.

The more 'to be respected' types vanished in the direction of Bladon, the 'refuse' following at a suitable distance. At Bladon, most of the band stayed for a peal attempt. Mumbling and sighing seemed to seal its fate, but after a slow and stately beat had been established by the tenor the peal was rung.

It only remains to say that the band, which was nearly driven to Eynsham, decided that everything had been most enjoyable after all. The writer's only worry at the end of the day was that her short bike excursion had worn out at least two healthy young gentlemen to the extent that, having eventually reached Oxford again, their only cry as they wandered through the streets was 'Fish and chips'!

S. H.

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ANOTHER PROBLEM IN COMPOSITION

Dear Sir,—Herewith is a 720 in 18 methods which increases the maximum number of methods in seven 720's by five methods

	23456	Bastow L.C.
	42635	" "
—	64235	Spilsby Alliance
	35426	Gunby Alliance
	26543	Bicker Alliance
	43652	Gedney Alliance
	52364	" "
S.	64325	Kent L.C.
—	36425	" "
	43562	" "
	54236	" "
S.	25463	Gosberton Alliance
	56234	" "
	63542	" "
	34625	" "
	42356	" "
—	42563	College Ex. T.B.
	35642	Ockley T.B.
	26435	Norbury T.B.
	54326	Duke of Norfolk T.B
	63254	" " "
—	54263	Surfleet Alliance
	32654	Spalding Alliance
	46532	Pinchbeck Alliance
	23546	Wainfleet Alliance
	65423	Spilsby Alliance
S.	25436	Kent L.C.
	42653	Normanton Alliance
—	64253	Kent L.C.
	26345	Kent T.B.
	32564	" "
—	53264	Kent L.C.
—	25364	" "
	32456	" "
	43625	" "
	64532	" "
	56243	" "
—	25643	" "
—	62543	Kent T.B.
	56324	" "
	35462	Kent L.C.
	43256	" "
—	24356	Normanton Alliance
	32645	Kent L.C.
	63524	" "
	56432	" "
—	45632	" "
S.	64523	Sibsey Alliance
—	56423	" "
	45362	" "
	34256	" "
—	23456	

The Alliance methods may be produced from Treble Bob methods by omitting the 2nd and 3rd, and 22nd and 23rd rows (i.e., the two middle rows in the first and last sections of the lead), according to the following table.

Treble Bob	Special Alliance
Kent	Normanton
Oxford	Sibsey
Morning Star	Gosberton
London Scholars'	Gunby
Sandal	Gedney
Kingstone	Spilsby
Capel	Bicker
College Exercise	Spalding
Norbury	Pinchbeck
Duke of Norfolk	Surfleet
Ockley	Wainfleet

And to complete the picture for those unfamiliar with the battlefield, here are the two Little Court methods.

Bastow L.C.	Kent L.C.
123456	123456
214365	213465
213456	214356
124365	124365
142635	142635

Which, according to a well-known ringing friend of mine, are 'a load of rubbish!'; an observation which finds my fullest support, so much so in fact that I find it hard to resist the temptation of making comparisons between these miniature monstrosities and certain methods of the irregular variety, during the course of which the former would certainly suffer.

However, on examination of the above 720, the following facts may be deduced:

(1) If a lead of Sibsey is changed to Bastow the corresponding lead of Kent L.C. in the portion on the opposite side of a 'single' can be changed to Normanton Alliance.

(2) If a lead of Sibsey is omitted then its opposite number can be changed to Kent T.B.

(3) If a lead of Kent L.C. is omitted the corresponding lead of Sibsey can be changed to Oxford T.B.

The transposition of the 'opposite' number from 23456 is 24356 (or 23465—one is the lead head of the other or vice-versa).

It will be seen that by omitting the appropriate five leads of K.L.C. it has been possible to introduce a complete course of Treble Bob, i.e., Oxford=Coll. Ex., etc.

Four leads of Sibsey have been omitted and four of Kent T.B. introduced; also two leads of Sibsey changed to Bastow and two leads of Normanton introduced.

After this rather long, but perhaps necessary, preamble we come to the problem.

By sacrificing Gosberton and omitting the necessary five leads of K.L.C. four more Treble Bob methods could be introduced (London Scholars', etc.); in addition, by omitting the appropriate K.L.C. lead(s), Oxford T.B. could be introduced in place of Sibsey. So theoretically, 22 methods are possible in this 720.

So far I have been unable to pin them down *in a round block* (although I managed a 720 that didn't come round!), and as it is now my busy season I thought someone else may like to have a try.

I have tried to avoid a 'single' in Treble Bob. The last time I sent a problem to 'The Ringing World' I received a solution from Mr. C. K. Lewis almost by return of post. This was subsequently published in the 'R.W.'

I look forward to seeing the solution to this problem during the next few weeks. It is far more interesting than doing crosswords! And slightly more difficult.—Yours sincerely,

H. CHANT.

Ryhill, Wakefield.

5,152 RUISLIP SURPRISE MAJOR

By JOHN R. MAYNE

23456	M	W	B	H
52436		—		3
43526		—		—
(32465)			X	
42563	—			3
52364	—			3
24365	—			2
32546	4ths and In			3
(24365)			X	
32465				—
35426	4ths and In			2
23456		—		3

Rung at Willesden on June 6th, 1957, conducted by the composer.

STOCKLAND, DEVON.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Taylor 1, W. R. Trickey 2, D. Salter 3, D. Hart (first 'inside') 4, G. Walford (cond.) 5, L. Morrell 6.

80 YEARS AND TO-DAY

Durham and Newcastle's Commemoration Peal

To commemorate the 80th anniversary of the first ringing meeting of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association at Christ Church, North Shields, on Saturday, November 24th, 1877, a peal of 5,079 Stedman Caters was rung in the tower on November 23rd. Of the original meeting in 1887, the following report appeared in 'Church Bells' of December 8th, 1877:—

DURHAM DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION OF RINGERS

This Association held its inaugural meeting at Christ Church, North Shields, on Saturday, November 24. Shortly before 10 a.m. the ringing commenced, and several touches of Grandsire and Bob Minor were rung. At one o'clock the ringers sat down to dinner, returning to the belfry at two, when the ringing was again resumed until after four. A meeting was then held in the spacious belfry, the Vicar of Tynemouth presiding. The Secretary made a statement of the origin, progress, and purpose of the Association, and it was decided to form a committee to be composed of representatives from each band of ringers in union with the Association, and as many clergymen as are willing to join. At 5.15 a special service was held, and a very appropriate address delivered by the Vicar on I Cor. xiv. 7. After service some touches of Grandsire Triples and Kent Treble Bob Major were rung, and the bells were ceased at 9 o'clock. The Association at present numbers about ninety members, including several clergy, and the Archdeacons of Durham and Lindisfarne. On Monday morning, Nov. 26, a peal of Grandsire Minor was rung at Blaydon in 25 minutes, by Joel Hern, Hurworth, Treble; J. E. Hern, Hurworth, 2; W. Reed, Esq., North Shields, 3; E. Wallis, Newcastle, 4; J. Gaines, Hurworth, 5; F. Lees, Newcastle, Tenor, 7 cwt. Afterwards a peal of Bob Minor was rung at Winlaton in 27 minutes. Weight of tenor, 10 cwt. This is the first time a peal of six has been rung at either of these places, and was conducted at each place by J. Gaines.

In the afternoon a 5040 of Grandsire Triples was attempted on the All Saints' bells, Newcastle, but failed at the end of an hour, owing to the bells being out of order. It was conducted as far as it went by J. Power, Newcastle.

(We congratulate Durham on this beginning, but are very sorry to hear that more consideration was not paid to the requirements and wishes of the ringers from a distance as to time of holding the service, which many were unable to attend for fear of missing their trains.—*Ed.*)

NOVEMBER OUTING

On November 9th, a party from North Somerset had an outing to the southern extremity of the county. The towers they visited were Fivehead (6), Curry Mallet (6), Ashill (5), Kingstone (6), Hinton St. George (6). Arrangements had been made to eat their tea at Ashill. A chance knock at a door in the village resulted in the whole party being invited in and given the freedom of the kitchen to brew their tea. The householders were holding a children's party, and their thoughts of two adjacent rooms, one with 14 ringers and the other with 15 children, all in high spirits, must be left to the reader's imagination.

THE LADIES' GUILD

Central District

The bells of two riverside churches—St. Mary's, Hampton, and St. Mary-the-Virgin, Twickenham—were rung at the meeting held by the Central District on November 30th.

About 20 people were present but, although gentlemen guests were very welcome, we should liked to have seen more ladies at the meeting. However, various methods, including Stedman, Grandsire, Plain Bob, Double Norwich, Cambridge and Superlative were rung both at Hampton in the afternoon and at Twickenham in the evening.

A service, conducted by the curate, was held at St. Mary's, Hampton, and a collection was made to add to the proceeds of a bazaar being held by the church that afternoon.

At a short business meeting three new members were elected and the election of one member prior to a peal attempt was ratified. Mrs. Savoury, our vice-president, proposed votes of thanks to the incumbents for the use of the bells, Dr. D. J. Neal-Smith for making the arrangements, and the curate and organist at Hampton.

The annual general meeting will be held at St. Giles-in-the-Fields on March 29th.

S. H. D.

COMBINED MEETING AT CAERLEON

The combined meeting of the Monmouth Branch and the South Wales District of the Ladies' Guild, held at St. Cadoc's, Caerleon, on November 30th, proved most enjoyable.

Ringing on this pleasant light eight commenced early, and during the afternoon the ladies held their business meeting in the vestry. One new member was elected—Miss Mary Davies, of Builth Wells. It was decided to hold the next Ladies' Guild meeting at Llandaff Cathedral early in January.

The service followed, and was conducted by the Rev. Ivor Davies (Vicar of Caerleon), whose son kindly acted as organist. Tea was provided in the school, given and arranged by Mr. P. H. Stafford and Miss Stafford. Mr. Arthur Hoare thanked them on behalf of some 57 present.

At the business meeting Mr. David Pike, of Caerleon, was elected a member. Progress was reported at Penhow, and it was decided to hold the annual Branch meeting there. Members agreed to the arrangement of the proposed Branch dinner at Lovells, Newport, on January 25th.

J. S. K.

CUMBERLANDS & MIDDLESEX JOINT MEETING

Nearly 70 members and friends of both Societies were present at various times during the afternoon and evening on the occasion of one of the most successful of these annual events. Twenty-eight names had been received for tea, and a company of 53 eventually sat down to an excellent tea in St. Martin's canteen.

During the afternoon ringing, in various methods up to Cambridge Maximus, took place at St. Martin's, and after tea the Master of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths (Mr. F. J. Cullum) extended a very cordial welcome to the members of the Middlesex County Association. He said how pleased he was to see such a large company present, and expressed special pleasure at the large number of young ringers among them. All present were duly reminded of the annual general meeting on January 25th, and of the annual dinner on the following Saturday, February 1st.

Our Greetings Issue

We feature Christmas greetings in our issue of December 20th. Post at once to ensure insertion. Price 4s. for 36 words.

Messrs. T. J. Lock (hon. secretary, Middlesex County Association) and W. H. Coles suitably replied on behalf of the Association. Joint meetings of this kind, they said, were really excellent in ensuring friendship and co-operation between the members of both Associations, and they hoped that these meetings would continue to be as happy and successful as the present one.

A very cordial vote of thanks to all those who had contributed to the success of the meeting was passed with acclamation—to the Vicar and churchwardens of St. Martin's for use of the bells, and the canteen for tea; to the Vicar of St. Giles' for the use of the bells in his tower; to the ladies who had prepared and served such an excellent tea; and to Messrs. T. H. Francis and G. Parsons for having all in readiness in their towers.

After tea most of those present visited St. Giles-in-the-Fields, where ringing took place in various methods ranging from rounds to 6 Spliced Surprise. The bells were finally lowered at 8.45 p.m. to bring to an end a most happy and successful occasion.

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OBITUARY

MR. JAMES FERNLEY

The sudden death of James Fernley at the age of 53 on November 25th was completely unexpected, and it came as a very unpleasant surprise to his many friends. His parochial activities were varied and everything he undertook was carried out with that cheerfulness which was characteristic of him. Ringing was his chief interest, but he also had been a chorister and deputy organist; in addition he helped in some of the many social activities which Norbury Church had developed.

In the capable hands of his father, the late James Fernley, sen., young Jim made rapid progress once he had learned to master a bell, but as far as his first peal was concerned, his luck was out and he stood in many attempts ere he got it: since then he had rung over 200 peals for the Chester Guild alone. His last peal was one of Cambridge Surprise Minor rung at New Mills on November 12th, in which his daughter Carol took part. He rang the treble in the first peal of Minor in 35 methods, rung at Norbury on Tuesday, December 4th, 1923, conducted by his father. Now two only of that band remain, his brother William and John P. Fidler.

On the death of John W. Hartley, young Jim took charge of Norbury tower and had gathered around him some promising young ringers. He maintained the tradition of the Norbury band in making the stranger welcome, especially on practice nights.

In addition to the tower-bells he was interested in tune ringing. The Norbury handbell band possess a large number of bells and they are frequently called upon to play at concerts and in the church. An innovation of theirs, and one that is very popular, is to tour the parish at Christmas time playing carols. It was at the handbell practice that he collapsed and died. As will be appreciated, this was a severe shock to all present, amongst whom was his wife Eva, who also is a tower-bell ringer. To her and her daughter Carol we extend our deepest sympathy.

The funeral took place at Norbury Church on November 30th. The whole-pull and stand was rung with the bells half-muffled prior to the service, which was fully choral and conducted by the Vicar (Rev. E. Taylor), assisted by the curate (Rev. J. B. Woolridge). The large number of parishioners and ringers who attended testified in no small way to the high regard all had for him. In his short address Mr. Taylor expressed not only his own feelings but of those present.

It was an impressive moment when a perfectly rung course of Grandsire Triples was rung at the graveside by A. Potts 1-2, C. H. Lewis 3-4, J. Worth 5-6, P. Laflin 7-8. As the bells struck into rounds there was a hush: it was a silence that was pregnant with a depth of feeling which even the eulogy of the Vicar could not express. For many it was the first time they witnessed the traditional farewell to a brother ringer, and it made a deep impression on them.

The floral tributes came from all and sundry —his family, ringers, church workers, his fellow workers and management, neighbours and others too numerous to mention.

Amongst the ringers present were Messrs. F. Dunkerley, J. Worth, A. Potts, J. Whittaker, C. K. Lewis, R. A. Elkins, A. Brown, D. Vincent, T. Wilde, A. Barnes, T. Jenkins, A. Frost, J. P. Fidler, P. Laflin, B. Jones and many others. When the funeral was over a half-muffled peal of Bristol Surprise Major was rung.

HUNTINGDON.—At All Saints' Church, on Dec. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. T. Howes 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, C. J. Young 3, A. J. Davey 4, F. R. Nicholls 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For morning service.

MR. CHARLES J. NORTH

At one time a prominent ringer in London, Mr. Charles J. North died on November 24th at his home, West Street, Selsey, Sussex, aged 82 years.

A native of Winchester, where he learnt to ring, he soon mastered change-ringing and became a member of the Cathedral band. Coming to London he joined the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths and other metropolitan societies. He rang about 100 peals, many with the late Frank Bennett. These peals included Stedman Cinques at St. Martin's, a number of Surprise Major methods at St. John's, Waterloo Road, and elsewhere. Mr. North also took part in handbell peals with William Shepherd and the late Mr. Clement Glenn. The peals were Grandsire Triples, Mr. North ringing mostly 1-2. For Sunday services he joined St. Leonard's, Streatham, band.

He finished his ringing career at the beginning of World War I as business at Croydon took his attention. It was not long before he had a breakdown in health and had to retire from work. He never lost interest in ringing and looked forward to his 'Ringing World' from the day J. S. Goldsmith started it in 1911 to his (Mr. North's) death recently.

The funeral took place at Bandon Hill cemetery on November 29th. A number of friends attended as he was a Freemason. Mr. J. W. Chapman represented St. Leonard's, Streatham. He is survived by his widow. J. W. C.

THE REV. C. J. STURTON

AN APPRECIATION

With the passing of the Rev. C. J. Sturton the Exercise has lost another of its oldest and respected members, who was well known in the Grantham and Newark Districts as the cycling parson who in his younger days travelled miles on push-bike. He was vicar of Orston, Notts, from 1911 to 1937, and during that period was responsible for the restoration of the church. His great ambition was achieved in 1922 when the bells were restored and increased to a ring of six. Since then quite a number of peals have been rung on them, with the late Mr. Sturton usually on the third. He was a safe ringer in most plain methods. We of the older generation will retain happy memories of a dear friend.

After the funeral service the bells he loved were rung half-muffled to a 720 Bob Minor, those taking part being A. Mackears (conductor) 1, T. Goodwin 2, A. W. Ward 3, H. Squires 4, B. Box 5, L. Squires 6. The ringers of 1, 3 and 4 are long-standing friends. A. W. W.

MR. FRANK BENNETT

AN APPRECIATION

The passing of our old friend, Mr. Frank Bennett, at the advanced age of 89 years (except two days) leaves a gap in the ranks of ringers of the 'old school.' His presence will be missed by many old friends who have in the past been connected with him in his many performances. He was very thorough in organising his tours and left nothing undone to ensure complete arrangements.

As one who has taken a minor part in some of them I would wish to add my condolences to his family; and may I be permitted to say: Well done, thou good and faithful servant.

Peace be with you. A. J. H.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.—On Nov. 29th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: T. Henshall (15) 1, J. Adams (16) 2, K. Collier (16, first 'inside') 3, D. Holland (19) 4, F. R. Morton (17, cond.) 5. Rung as a 15th birthday compliment to T. Henshall.

TWO POINTS OF VIEW

Hell's
B——y bells!
The r——y row!
Why ever does the parson allow
It? I'd hang him up there
With them—ringers, too. How dare
He tell men
They are sinners, when
Crashing,
Bashing,
Clashing
Hulks of bronze make church
Towers lurch
And, worse,
A curse
To sanity?
Inanity!

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Ten ropes, ten massive,
Hollow, silent, passive
Shapes, dead, hanging, then—
Ten men!
No silence now,
For how
Can such a Message fail to make
The stones themselves awake,
Cry out
And shout?
So tumbling,
Rumbling,
One
By one,
They ring, sing, boom and hum:
'Tittùm, tittùm, tittum, tittum!'
'Tittum, tittum, tittùm, tittùm!'
—Soul-stirring sounds;
For Earth abounds
With Heaven's joy and must proclaim
It in His Name,
Who came
In shame
And brought us back from self to God.
How odd
That inarticulate bells, no use
Till men come up and loose
Their tongues, are made to be
Messengers to you and me.
Reminding us that even we
Are creatures, and could nothing be
Till Christ came down, from selves to set us free!

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JOINT MEETING AT SAFFRON WALDEN

The North-Western District of the Essex Association, the Eastern District of the Hertfordshire Association, the Ely Diocesan Guild and the Cambridge University Guild held a meeting at Saffron Walden on November 23rd.

A cold but bright day brought nearly 80 ringers to try the ring of 12 in the graceful tower attached to this gem of a Perpendicular church—one of the finest in Essex.

The service was conducted by the Vicar of Saffron Walden (Rev. M. R. Sinker), assisted by his two curates (Rev. D. R. Warrington and Rev. W. Uden). The organist was Mrs. D. Wood. Some 74 ringers sat down to tea in the Church Hall. After tea ringing was resumed until 8.30 p.m.

This is the first attempt by the North-Western District to hold a meeting with three other Associations. By its success, it should become an annual affair.

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MISCELLANEOUS

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Nominations for the election of honorary officers must reach me by February 1st, 1958 (Rule VI).—F. V. Gant, 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch, Essex. 1462

PACKWOOD, WARWICKSHIRE.—Ringing practice recommences today, Friday, 13th, at 7.30 p.m., and thereafter weekly at the same time. Beginners and ringers welcomed (local band rounds and simple ringing only). Bells have now been rehung by Taylors (6). 1459

TANWORTH-IN-ARDEN, WARWICKSHIRE.—Practice night is now on Saturdays from 7 to 8.30. Help from visitors will be much appreciated. 1464

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MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting, Saturday, Dec. 14th, Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C., 6 p.m. Ringing at St. Margaret's, Westminster, 4 p.m. —J. Chilcott. 1456

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Chesterfield District) and SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting (annual for Chesterfield District), Staveley, Saturday, Dec. 14th, 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to W. Dickenson, High Street, Staveley, Chesterfield.—A. B. Cooper, J. Segar. 1426

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—On Saturday, Dec. 14th, Leigh (6). Names to Mr. B. Pankhurst, Chestnuts, Leigh, Tonbridge.—C. A. Bassett. 1447

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge and Huntingdon Districts.—A joint meeting will be held at St. Neots (8) on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—E. W. Bullman, H. S. Peacock, Dis. Secs. 1440

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Tydd St. Giles, Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells (6) 2.30. p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. —J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 1431

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Annual meeting, Wotton-under-Edge, Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. —Mary Drew. 1470

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Annual nomination meeting at Farnborough (6) on Saturday, Dec. 14th, from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—C. J. Beadle, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1432

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Halling on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. —T. Barton, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1401

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at St. Ann's, Stamford Hill, on Saturday, Dec. 14th, 3 p.m. Business 4 p.m., tea to follow. Service and further ringing afterwards on the recently augmented ring of eight. Alight at St. Ann's Road from buses Nos. 623, 627, 659 or 679.—T. J. Lock. 1438

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oxford City Branch.—Annual meeting, Wolvercote, on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. 1410

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting, Felpham (6), Saturday, Dec. 14th. Tea 5 p.m. Service 6 p.m.—W. L. Weller. 1442

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A practice meeting will be held at Twyford (8) on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Tea 4.30 p.m. Service 5.15. Bells available 2.30 p.m. 1439

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Practice meeting, Farcham, Dec. 14th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea, Wallington Hill Guest House. 1453

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Meeting at Flitton on Saturday, Dec. 21st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., but *only* for those who send names to Mrs. Munday, The Old Vicarage, Flitton, Beds.—K. G. Spavins, Dis. Sec. 1468

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Dec. 21st, at St. Luke's, Derby (Parliament Street, off Uttoxeter Road). Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All very welcome.—Vivienne M. Horton, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1428

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Battle, Sussex, Saturday, Dec. 21st, 2.30 p.m. Bells (8). Tea names to Miss Stisted, Fordlands, Catsfield, Sussex. 1457

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting at Hatfield (10), Saturday, Dec. 21st, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing after until 7.20 only. Names for tea to S. Huckle, 39, Stonecross Road, Hatfield.—S. Huckle, Dis. Sec. 1466

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Ringing meeting at Manchester Cathedral, 5 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 21st. Nearby cafés. Note date.—R. Benson. 1473

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Evening practice at Stoke Poges (8) 6 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 21st (note date).—W. Butler, 17, Forest Road, Windsor. 1467

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Combined practice at All Saints', Wokingham, on Saturday, Dec. 21st, at 6.30 p.m. Special method for practice, Stedman Triples.—B. C. Castle. 1454

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Joint meeting with Beverley and Selby Societies at Goole on Saturday, Dec. 21st. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Christmas tea in Church Rooms at 5 p.m. Names by Dec. 19th to Mrs. J. J. Taylor, 165, Dunhill Road, Goole.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Sec. 1445

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Keymer (6), Saturday, Dec. 28th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in Church Hall for those who notify by Monday, Dec. 23rd. Please note change of date.—Geo. North, 11, Richmond Terrace, Brighton. 1463

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—Annual dinner, Saturday, Feb. 1st, 7.30 p.m., at the Cadena. Ringing programme later. Tickets 15s. 6d. Those interested in a peal attempt at noon should write to R. A. Jackson, Balliol College, Oxford. 1458

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By The Rev. C. ELLIOT WIGG

'NOW it came to pass, in those days, that there went out a decree from Cæsar Augustus that all the world should be taxed . . . .' With these words St. Luke opens his account of the Christmas story. The greatest event that the world has ever witnessed, the event which changed the whole destiny of the human race, the Birth of Christ: this stupendous event is introduced by the writer of the Third Gospel in connection with an exceedingly unpopular act of the civil government.

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'Yea, Lord, we greet Thee,
Born this happy morning.'

This Christmas in the year of grace 1957 will be spent by Christians in a world torn asunder by political issues —a world in which the voices of suspicion, fear, anger and hatred are very clamorous and very ugly. Politics loom very large for us today, and it is difficult for us to keep calm and resolute in the face of the many impending dangers that threaten us. Yet the true Christian has always known that the last word does not lie with the 'Prince of this world'—with the material forces of men of evil will, or with so-called 'power politics.' No! the real, the ultimate power on earth will be that same Power which rules triumphantly in Heaven—the Almighty and Everlasting Power of God's infinite Love, expressed, for all who have eyes to see, in the picture of a tiny, helpless Child in the arms of His gentle mother in a stable.

When He first came to earth, men vainly pinned their hopes on 'power politics.' As the poem of George MacDonald puts it so aptly:—

'They all were looking for a king
To slay their foes, and lift them high:
Thou cam'st a little baby thing
That made a woman cry.'

Millions today are doing the same thing, and therefore the world is still a place of spiritual darkness. But we Christians know the truth of those immortal words which form the Gospel for Christmas Day, in the Book of Common Prayer: 'The Light shineth in darkness, and the darkness could not overcome it.' That truth we Christian ringers must proclaim with might and main this Christmas season, through the strong, lovely voices of our church bells.

Ringers everywhere will gather together, coming through the darkness perhaps, or the half-light, very early on Christmas morning, passing through the wind-swept streets of some great city, or through the quiet lanes of the little villages, coming silently and unnoticed to the ancient cathedrals and parish churches of England. Then through the silence of the early morning, with startling, challenging suddenness, the voices of the bells will ring out their glorious message. 'Christ is born! The Light is come to the world of darkness! Peace on earth to all men of good will.'

TWELVE BELL PEAL

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Dec. 7, 1957, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 33 cwt.

HOWARD HOWELL	*Treble*	ERNEST STITCH	7
ERIC E. SPEAKE	2	FRANCIS BROTHERTON	8
STELLA HUGHES	3	*F. HECTOR BENNETT	9
HARRY GRIFFITHS	4	HARRY BOSWELL	10
BARNABAS G. KEY	5	EDMUND MALIN	11
GEORGE W. HUGHES	6	P. GEORGE GOLDER	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.
* First peal of Stedman Cinques.
Rung as an 85th birthday compliment to Mr. Herbert Knight and in appreciation of his 63 years' service in St. Peter's tower and for the Society.

TEN BELL PEALS

CANTERBURY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1957, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST,
A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 32 cwt.

WILLIAM T. GRICE	*Treble*	LOUIS HEAD	6
DENNIS A. CHAPMAN	2	GEOFFREY PEARSON	7
LEONARD MANNERING	3	BENJAMIN F. BAKER	8
FREDERICK A. LEESON	4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	9
JOHN R. COOPER	5	BERTRAM J. LUCK	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by LOUIS HEAD.
Rung in honour of Bertram J. Luck, who has completed 21 years as District Secretary of the Canterbury District, K.C.A.

LUTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Dec. 7, 1957, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 25 cwt. 24 lb. in D.

ALAN J. FROST	*Treble*	WILLIAM T. COOK	6
MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT	2	MICHAEL P. MORETON	7
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	3	JOHN HILL	8
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD	4	JOHN CHILCOTT	9
ROBIN G. LEALE	5	FREDERICK E. COLLINS	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by FREDERICK E. COLLINS.
This peal was rung immediately after the baptism of Jane Mary, daughter of the Rev. B. Butler, curate at this church, and Mrs. Butler.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., Nov. 18, 1957, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF SS. THOMAS AND EDMUND,
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in F.

H. DAVID HOLLAND	*Treble*	JOHN PINFOLD	5
PAUL J. RIGBY	2	GEORGE E. FEARN	6
DIANA J. PERRINS	3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN	7
RUTH M. JACKSON	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

KILBURN, LONDON, N.W.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 23, 1957, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8½ cwt.

AUDREY BARKER	*Treble*	A. HARRY CATLIN	5
*C. EDWARD LANKESTER	2	DOUGLAS C. BIRKINSHAW	6
ELSIE LANKESTER	3	JOHN CLARK-MAXWELL	7
STANLEY PACEY	4	RODNEY B. MEADOWS	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by R. B. MEADOWS.
* 200th peal.
Rung in honour of the silver wedding of Douglas and Florence Birkinshaw.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., Nov. 25, 1957, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

JOHN PINFOLD	*Treble*	NORMAN J. GOODMAN	5
DIANA J. PERRINS	2	H. DAVID HOLLAND	6
RUTH M. JACKSON	3	PETER BORDER	7
PAUL J. RIGBY	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM BARTON. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

LEEDS, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Nov. 27, 1957, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In two methods, comprising 2,528 changes each of Cambridge and Yorkshire, with 101 changes of method, and with all the work of the two methods for each bell. Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM C. MARSHALL	*Treble*	IAN H. ORAM	5
JOHN R. COOPER	2	RALPH BIRD	6
CRAWFORD T. HILLIS	3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD	7
GEOFFREY PEARSON	4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Nov. 28, 1957, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

RALPH HARRIS	*Treble*	JOHN THOMAS	5
MRS. J. THOMAS	2	HARRY PLUM	6
FREDERICK J. NURDEN	3	JOSEPH E. NEWMAN	7
W. NEWMAN	4	PATRICK HARRIS	*Tenor*

Composed by F. HOPGOOD. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.
Rung as a welcome to the Rev. W. B. Chapman as Rector at Hinton-on-the-Green.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1957, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

LESLIE G. BRETT	*Treble*	FRANK RUFFLES	5
PATRICIA M. CLARKE	2	ERNEST A. J. STEWARD	6
HARRY HALL	3	WALTER W. MILLER	7
WALTER RUFFLES	4	ALDERMAN LING	*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.
Harry Hall has now 'circled' this, his home tower.

HAMPTON, EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1957, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb.

LEONARD MILLS	*Treble*	WALTER H. RAXTER	5
*TERENCE SPARKES	2	ROBERT L. COLE	6
ERIC T. LEE	3	WILFRED J. NEWMAN	7
ANTHONY J. BRAZIER	4	HAROLD E. RAXTER	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by HAROLD E. RAXTER.
* First peal of Major. First peal as conductor.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1957, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,
A PEAL OF 5056 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9½ cwt.

WILFRED G. SAUNDERS	*Treble*	WILLIAM CLOVER	5
HERBERT F. LASKEY	2	JOHN R. SMITH	6
THOMAS E. SPIGHT	3	*WILLIAM R. CATCHPOLE	7
*FRANK C. J. ARNOLD	4	HENRY TOOKE	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDERICK H. DEXTER. Conducted by JOHN R. SMITH.
* First peal in the method 'inside.' First in the method as conductor.

NORBURY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1957, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Thomas,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

Peter Laflin	*Treble*	C. Kenneth Lewis	5
Fred Dunkerley	2	Leslie Boumphrey	6
Edward Jenkins	3	Brian Harris	7
Basil Jones	4	John Worth	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by John Worth.
Rung for the funeral of James Fernley, buried prior to the commencement of the peal: he was a ringer at Norbury since 1922 and leader of the band since 1934.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1957, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

*Jill Baldwin	*Treble*	Thomas E. Sone	5
Marion J. Parker	2	E. Winifred Keys	6
†Alexander Page	3	William Rogers	7
†A. Rowland Tysoe	4	W. Arthur Riddington	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by William Rogers.
* First peal of Major. † First peal of Cambridge Major.
Specially rung for the Patronal Festival.

TODMORDEN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1957, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
At Christ Church,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Transposition of a peal from the Clavis.
Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in E.

Roger Leigh	*Treble*	*John B. Pickup	5
*Margaret Ross	2	*Peter Scholfield	6
*Roger Maher	3	Norman Smith	7
†William G. Wilson	4	*David James	*Tenor*

Conducted by Roger Leigh.
* First peal of Plain Bob Triples. † First peal.
Rung to mark the 125th anniversary of the consecration of the church.

WALDRON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1957, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints and St. Bartholomew,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 7 lb. in G.

*Margaret A. Ladd	*Treble*	Stanley G. Ponting	5
Bernard V. Collison	2	Colin A. Tester	6
Frederick J. Lambert	3	Ernest J. Ladd	7
Charles A. Bassett	4	Frank H. Hicks	*Tenor*

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by Ernest J. Ladd.
* First peal in the method.

WEST HALLAM, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1957, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Wilfrid,
A PEAL OF 5056 ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

Jack Bailey	*Treble*	Albert E. Thompson	5
Patricia A. M. Forster	2	Robin G. Turner	6
Harold Taylor	3	G. Ronald Edwards	7
Gordon A. Halls	4	Denis R. Carlisle	*Tenor*

Composed by D. R. Carlisle. Conducted by Gordon A. Halls.
First in the method by all except the sixth ringer, and first rung for the Derbyshire Association.
Rung for the Feast of St. Andrew.

WHITCHURCH, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1957, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Alkmund,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb.

Frederick G. Beddow	*Treble*	F. Hector Bennett	5
Frederick A. H. Cattell	2	Clifford A. Barron	6
Molly P. Barron	3	Edward V. Rodenhurst	7
Reginald H. Newton	4	Ernest F. Willcox	*Tenor*

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by Clifford A. Barron.

WOODBRIDGE, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1957, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 26 cwt. in D.

Charlie Bailey	*Treble*	James B. Morley	5
Clifford R. Lovett	2	Peter M. Adcock	6
Alan G. Fever	3	Trevor N. J. Bailey	7
*Michael Stokes	4	†Leslie N. Melton	*Tenor*

Composed by Ernest Morris. Conducted by Leslie N. Melton.
* First peal of Major. † 25th peal for the Guild this year.
Rung to commemorate the birth of a son, Anthony, to Cpl. and Mrs. D. W. Melton, in Hong Kong on October 22nd, 1957.

ANSTEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 2, 1957, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10¼ cwt. in G.

Avril Thackray	*Treble*	Shirley Burton	5
Phyllis Poole	2	William A. Lacey	6
John A. Acres	3	S. Anthony Jesson	7
Ernest Morris	4	Herrick B. Bowley	*Tenor*

Composed by N. Pitstow. Conducted by Herrick B. Bowley.
Rung as a compliment to Betty Mason (only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur G. Mason) and Nirkn Sarkar, on the occasion of their marriage at St. Margaret's Church, Lee, London.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Dec. 5, 1957, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Ebbe,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

Stephen J. Ivin	*Treble*	*Dennis C. Bowen	5
*Christine M. Woodward	2	Donald H. Niblett	6
Alan R. Pink	3	J. Howard Freeborn	7
*Daphne R. Cloke	4	Edgar J. Smith	*Tenor*

Composed by Ernest W. Tipler (No. 21). Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
* First peal in the method.
Rung on the eve of the Feast of St. Nicholas.

GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Dec. 6, 1957, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5024 BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10¼ cwt.

Ernest J. Jelley	*Treble*	*Michael E. Brown	5
Ernest W. Rawson	2	John A. Acres	6
*Phyllis Poole	3	Peter J. Staniforth	7
†Alfred Ballard	4	E. Alan Jacques	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. Wilde. Conducted by Peter J. Staniforth.
* First peal in the method. † 750th peal.

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GORING, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 7, 1957, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8¼ cwt.

*ALFRED R. T. GREENOUGH	*Treble*	*FRANK GODDEN	5
*JAMES GODMAN	2	*MICHAEL BISHOP	6
JAMES P. BLOND	3	*JACK O. BERRY	7
*REGINALD TUCKWELL	4	ROBERT B. BLOND	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by ROBERT B. BLOND.
* First peal in the method.

GREAT DUNMOW, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 7, 1957, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, being 1,664 Superlative, 1,632 Cambridge, 992 London and 736 Bristol, with 104 changes of method. All the bells do all the work of each method. Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E flat.

H. WALTER SMITH	*Treble*	RONALD SUCKLING	5
HILDA G. SNOWDEN	2	HARRY J. MILLATT	6
TERRY EARLE	3	JOHN H. CRAMPION	7
*ALAN R. SYDER	4	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Composed by HAROLD G. CASHMORE. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
* First peal of 4-Spliced. The conductor's 250th peal of Surprise.

HATFIELD BROAD OAK, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 7, 1957, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt.

PERCY GREEN	*Treble*	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS	5
MARY DOWSETT	2	BRIAN J. HOWARD	6
ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON	3	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE	7
PATRICK W. SALTMARSH	4	PETER J. EVES	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by PETER J. EVES.
First peal in the method by all the band.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 7., 1957, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In 25 methods, being 320 each of Bristol, Claybrooke, Lindum, London, Pudsey, Rutland and Wordsworth, and 160 each of Acton, Aldenham, Apsley, Cambridge, Cray, Coddenham, Eastcote, Hereford, Hitchin, Lincolnshire, New Gloucester, Ripon, Superlative, Tring, Uxbridge, Watford, Wembley and Yorkshire, with 149 changes of method.
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

PETER LAFLIN	*Treble*	C. KENNETH LEWIS	5
FRED DUNKERLEY	2	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	6
EDWARD JENKINS	3	BRIAN HARRIS	7
BASIL JONES	4	JOHN WORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.
First peal in 25 methods (Major) by the Guild. 250th peal on the bells.
The band wish to associate the name of the late James Fernley with this peal.
A birthday compliment to A. Barnes, W. Gayes and P. Laflin.

OAKHAM, RUTLAND.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 7, 1957, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Washbrook's variation. Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.

ROLAND H. COOK	*Treble*	J. FREDERICK HUBBARD	5
MICHAEL D. STANIFORTH	2	*RONALD J. HILL	6
RICHARD E. MANTON	3	JOSEPH A. FENTON	7
*THOMAS TEMPLETON	4	†JOHN L. DAY	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOSEPH A. FENTON.
* First peal of Stedman. † First peal on eight bells.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 7, 1957, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 18¼ cwt.

GEORGE A. TRENDELL	*Treble*	JACK H. BRETT	5
CECIL BARKER	2	WALTER ARNOLD	6
FRANK CLAYDON	3	FRANK B. LUFKIN	7
*ROBERT J. LINDSELL	4	ARTHUR R. RUFFLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.
* First peal of Grandsire Triples.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

CLIFTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1957, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 17 cwt. (approx.).

MARK W. LEWIS	*Treble*	SYDNEY ADAMS	4
MARGARET E. HILL	2	F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER	5
*JAMES BUTLER	3	WILLIAM L. EXTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM L. EXTON.
* First peal. First peal on the bells since 1898.
Rung in memoriam Rev. Charles James Sturton, Vicar of Orston for 25 years, responsible for much church and bell restoration in this area, and Central Council representative for the Midland Counties Association, 1918–1920.

FOLKINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1957, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents (three callings). Tenor 13 cwt. (approx.).

*FREDK. W. PINCHBECK	*Treble*	*W. RUSSELL READ	4
*J. MICHAEL SIMPSON	2	†H. LESLIE SQUIRES	5
*PETER E. PARRY	3	DENIS A. FRITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by DENIS A. FRITH.
* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Cambridge Minor 'inside.' First peal of Surprise as conductor.
Rung for and on St. Andrew's Day.

HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1957, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in F.

*S. DEREK A. PRICE (14)	*Treble*	GEORGE BEENEY	4
†E. SYBIL M. TONKIN	2	BENJAMIN STEPNEY	5
FRANK H. BEENEY	3	*THOMAS J. MATTHEWS	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE BEENEY.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' The ringer of the fifth has now 'circled the tower' twice.
Rung for the seventh anniversary of the rededication of the bells.

OCKHAM, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1957, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 SATURN TREBLE BOB DOUBLES
Being 21 240's (four callings). Tenor 7 cwt.

MICHAEL P. MORETON	*Treble*	DAVID A. S. HAWKINS	3
WILLIAM S. DEASON	2	F. ERIC ROBERTS	4
ROBIN G. LEALE	*Tenor*		

Conducted by MICHAEL P. MORETON.
Believed to be the first peal of Treble Bob on five bells.

RIPPINGALE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1957, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Single Court, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.

WILLIAM R. MARSH	*Treble*	RONALD RUSSELL	4
PERCY D. BALDOCK	2	WILLIAM R. PARKER	5
LEONARD G. THOMPSON	3	JAMES H. MUSSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

SANDON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1957, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being extents each of London, Ipswich, Cambridge, Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

MICHAEL EDWARDS	*Treble*	*PERCY GREEN	4
MARY DOWSETT	2	PATRICK W. SALTMARSH	5
PETER J. EVES	3	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS	*Tenor*

Conducted by PATRICK W. SALTMARSH.
* First peal in seven methods. First as conductor.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

SPALDWICK, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr.

HAROLD S. PEACOCK	*Treble*	DONALD F. MURFET	4
GEORGE E. CRISP	2	DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS	5
*ALBERT J. DAVEY	3	†GEOFFREY A. LUCAS	*Tenor*

Conducted by DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS.
* First peal. † 50th peal.
Rung for St. Andrew's Day.

TARRING, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Oxford S.B., Kent and Cambridge, and two extents of Plain Bob and Oxford T.B. Tenor 9 cwt.

MERVYN FROMM	*Treble*	RICHARD WILSON	4
LEONARD STILWELL	2	HENRY C. WEAVER	5
DOROTHY K. SAUNDERS	3	RAYMOND P. WOOD	*Tenor*

Conducted by RAYMOND P. WOOD.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

WILLOUGHBY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
(The St. Andrew's Society, Rugby.)
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

*WENDY E. MOORE	*Treble*	†PETER T. FISHER	4
CLAUDE U. UNDERWOOD	2	JOHN G. UNDERWOOD	5
*PHILLIP D. HOWITT	3	SYDNEY G. OSBORNE	*Tenor*

Conducted by SYDNEY G. OSBORNE.
* First peal. † First of Minor.
Rung for St. Andrew's Day and as a birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

HARLESTONE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Dec. 1, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 20 cwt. 9 lb. in E flat.

JIM C. RAINBOW	*Treble*	*RICHARD G. CHATER	4
*ROBERT S. ROBERTS	2	ROBIN V. BAKER	5
*ERIC BILLINGS	3	GEORGE F. ROOME	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBIN V. BAKER.
* First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor.
Rung for the Patronal Festival prior to evening service.

SCULTHORPE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Dec. 1, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 8 cwt. in A flat.

*HENRY HUDSON	*Treble*	ROBERT ALLCOCK	4
TONY OWEN	2	SAMUEL H. WATERFIELD	5
†VERA NELSON	3	JOHN E. COUZENS	*Tenor*

Conducted by TONY OWEN.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' Rung for Advent Sunday.

APSLEY END, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 2, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

WALTER AYRE	*Treble*	WILLIAM J. PUDDIFOOT	4
*PETER HIGBY	2	AUGUSTIN V. GOOD	5
WILLIAM C. HUGHES	3	REGINALD E. J. SHEPPARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.
* First peal. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

SAXTHORPE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 6, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford T.B. and Kent T.B., and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 3 cwt.

WILFRED G. SAUNDERS	*Treble*	WILLIAM R. CATCHPOLE	4
JOHN R. SMITH	2	RAYMOND W. BALLS	5
HERBERT F. LASKEY	3	DERICK W. PARDON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. SMITH.

BELCHAMP ST. PAUL, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 6, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In 12 methods, being seven 720's: (1) Ipswich and Cambridge Surprise, (2) College Exercise and Norbury Treble Bob, (3) London Scholars' T.B., (4) College Bob IV T.B., (5) St. Clement's Bob and Childwall Bob, (6) Kent and Oxford T.B., (7) Double Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

PETER MAYLE	*Treble*	THOMAS BIRD	4
ROSEMARY J. SEABROOK	2	FRANK B. LUFKIN	5
SAMUEL J. TWITCHETT	3	URBAN W. WILDNEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.
First peal in 12 methods by all except the conductor.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Dec. 6, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in A.

LOUIS WILLDERS	*Treble*	G. LEONARD THOMPSON	4
JAMES H. MUSSON	2	WILLIAM R. PARKER	5
*AMOS INGALL	3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Tenor*

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES.
Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* 100th peal.

BOBBING, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 7, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

EMILY B. P. WALKER	*Treble*	*JOHN E. CLARK	4
HARRY SPRINGATE	2	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS	5
FRANCIS J. CHEAL	3	WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.
* First peal 'inside.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the sister of the third ringer; also for the wedding anniversary of the Rector of Rainham and his wife.

FARMBOROUGH, BATH, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 7, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 9 cwt.

JOHN W. OWEN	*Treble*	†TERRENCE T. JONES	4
*JOHN G. HOBBS	2	GEORGE J. HAWKINS	5
†ROBIN S. M. STUBBS	3	RONALD E. G. SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE J. HAWKINS.
* First peal. † First peal of Plain Bob Minor.

PASTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 7, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Oxford Treble Bob and two extents each of Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

*ROY E. CULLINGTON	*Treble*	WILLIAM R. CATCHPOLE	4
JOHN R. SMITH	2	DERICK W. PARDON	5
*WILLIAM H. HOLDOM	3	WILFRED G. SAUNDERS	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRED G. SAUNDERS.
* First peal in four methods.

HANDBELL PEAL

CLEATHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Nov. 29, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT CLEATHAM HOUSE FARM,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In six methods: Reverse, Double and Plain Bob, Wellington Little Court, Gainsborough Little Bob and Little Bob; 383 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.

JACK L. MILLHOUSE	1—2	GEORGE E. FEIRN	5—6
JOHN FREEMAN	3—4	C. AUBREY HARRISON	7—8

Adapted from N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

ABERGAVENNY, MON.—On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. W. Horsington (76) 1, G. Ward (cond.) 2, Rev. R. A. Sluman 3, Rev. F. A. Oswell 4, Rev. I. J. Richards 5, Rev. R. Hallet 6. Rung in honour of Canon M. E. Davies on the 40th anniversary of his induction to the parish of St. Mary's. Also on Dec. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 covering): Diane Avery 1, G. Ward (cond.) 2, Miss L. Temlett 3, B. Johns 4, N. Ward 5, R. Jones 6, G. Lewis 7, R. Horsington 8. Rung on the 40th anniversary of Canon M. E. Davies' first service in St. Mary's. First quarter for Sunday service by an entirely local band.

ARDLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Nov. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss D. Fairhead 1, F. Southgate 2, H. Bacon 3, F. Erith 4, C. A. Andrews 5, B. W. Fairhead (cond.) 6.

AYLESTONE, LEICS.—On Dec. 6th, 1,344 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. Wardle 1, J. Poynor 2, B. Wanick 2, Miss C. Wakefield 4, T. Bolingbroke 5, T. Roper 6, R. Morris (cond.) 7, B. Smith 8. Rung to welcome the Lord Bishop of Leicester for Confirmation service.

BANWELL, SOMERSET.—1,260 Doubles (240 each of Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob, Old, April Day and 300 Grandsire): E. Wickham 1, V. Roberts 2, Miss M. Legge 3, C. J. Brown 4, H. L. Parfrey (cond.) 5, W. Day 6. Rung after meeting short for a peal of Triples.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 8th, 1,272 Combined Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor: J. J. Prentice 1, P. R. J. Lester 2, Alice E. J. Lester 3, J. B. Morley (cond.) 4, G. R. Goodship 5, R. E. Lester 6. First of Kent and Oxford for 1 and 2. A farewell to Mr. E. Harwood, churchwarden, who is leaving for Devon.

BELPER, DERBYS.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (four callings): Jill Staton (first quarter) 1, I. White (first quarter) 2, J. G. Dark 3, J. E. Ryde 4, W. A. Morley (cond.) 5, P. Davies (first quarter) 6. First quarter by an all-local band on the bells. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day.

BLECHINGLEY, SURREY.—On Advent Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Valerie Hawkins (first on eight bells) 1, M. Olliver 2, Mrs. P. S. Cracknell 3, T. Bird 4, F. Bird 5, M. Johnson 6, B. Cracknell (cond.) 7, J. Burgess 8. For Evensong, and also a birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

BOLNEY, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Joseph Gasson 1, John Gasson 2, R. Simpson 3, R. V. Johnson 4, G. Packham 5, J. Jeffrey 6, F. Godsmark (cond.) 7, G. Gasson 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Thomas Gasson, father of the ringers of 1, 2 and 8, and in recognition of his ringing for 51 years at this church.

BRISTOL.—At St. George's Church, on Nov. 27th, 1,296 Little Bob Major: Miss M. Smith 1, F. G. Leaker 2, Miss M. Hall 3, F. C. Mogford 4, Miss E. Grime 5, D. J. Hunt 6, R. G. Hooper (first in method as cond.) 7, A. M. Tyler 8. First in method for 1, 3 and 6.

CAVERSHAM, BERKS.—On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss P. Hart 1, S. Osborne 2, D. Jones 3, T. Lanaghan 4, J. S. Taylor 5, E. Busby 6, H. Osborne (cond.) 7, V. Cherrill 8. For Confirmation.

CLIFTON REYNES, BUCKS.—On Nov. 10th, 1,259 Grandsire Doubles: K. Wakefield 1, B. Pattison (cond.) 2, Anne E. Amor 3, R. L. Piron 4, S. Foskett 5, R. Easson (first quarter) 6.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Jennings 1, A. Miles 2, F. Harkey 3, L. Penfold 4, S. Arnold 5, R. Elliot 6, W. Slaughter (cond.) 7, H. Padbury (first of Triples) 8.

CREWKERNE, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 8th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 covering): K. E. Pinney 1, W. H. Poole (cond.) 2, Dr. L. E. Wear 3, J. S. Hacking 4, M. W. Gilbert 5, R. G. Miller 6, W. S. Wills 7, H. S. G. Pike 8. First quarter in the method by all the band, except the conductor, and all are Sunday ringers.

DORCHESTER, DORSET.—On Nov. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. R. Worthington (first quarter) 1, C. Bongard (first quarter) 2, A. Kemp 3, T. Barnett 4, R. J. Vardy 5, D. E. Kemp 6, R. H. Duke (cond.) 7, B. J. Dyke 8.

QUARTER PEALS

EAST RETFORD, NOTTS.—On Dec. 8th, 1,260 Spliced Grandsire and Oxford Bob Triples: Miss A. Foottit (first quarter) 1, Miss W. Wilkinson 2, C. Cook 3, J. Morris 4, M. Kemp 5, W. Coates 6, K. Beardsall (cond.) 7, H. Denman 8.

FRIEZLAND, YORKS.—On Dec. 2nd, 720 Woodbine, 600 Oxford: J. Smith 1, G. Perrin 2, C. Henshaw 3, H. B. Schofield 4, J. Burgess 5, A. Farrand 6. Rung as a tribute to Mr. Jonathan Pilling, of Saddleworth, who died on November 18th, aged 93 years.

HALIFAX, YORKS.—At All Souls' Church, on Dec. 1st, 1,280 Spliced Yorkshire and Cambridge Surprise Major: Miss M. V. Copping 1, Miss J. Henderson 2, Miss P. Reeve 3, Miss F. Scott 4, V. Bottomley 5, C. Sweeney 6, J. H. Fielden 7, R. E. Moulds (cond.) 8. First of Surprise by 2, 3 and 4.

HASTINGS, SUSSEX.—At All Saints' Church, on Dec. 3rd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: K. E. Hirst 1, Mrs. I. Roberts 2, Mrs. G. Levett 3, S. F. Buckland 4, R. G. Roberts 5, C. A. Levett (cond.) 6. Longest length for all except 5 and 6. Rung as a farewell to the Rector, now Vicar of Heathfield.

HELMDON, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Haynes 1, Kathleen Humphrey (first 'inside' in method) 2, W. J. Chester 3, M. Saunders (cond.) 4, J. Seckington (first 'inside' in method) 5, G. Shellard 6. Rung as a 77th birthday compliment to John Dytam.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 8th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Miss C. M. Jupp 1, Mrs. C. A. Cruttenden 2, F. E. Cruttenden 3, F. W. Parsons 4, E. F. Packham 5, R. Langridge 6, F. Godsmark (cond.) 7, A. L. Ryman 8. For Evensong, and as birthday compliments to Mr. A. L. Ryman and Mr. E. F. Packham.

ITCHINGFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 10th, 1,320 Spliced Doubles, in 22 methods, 71 changes of method (120 each of Stedman and Grandsire, Plain Bob and Candlesby S.C., Reverse Canterbury and Raveningham S.C., New Bob and Itchingfield S.C., Huntspill and Oakley S.C., St. Simon's and Rugby S.C., St. Martin's and Slapton S.C., St. Osmund and Merton S.C., St. Nicholas and Longford S.C., Winchendon and Thornborough S.C., St. Remigius and Hascombe S.C.): G. M. Rouse (first of Doubles) 1, Miss S. A. Richardson 2, Miss V. Phillips 3, B. B. Dibben 4, G. Francis (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day service.

IWERNE MINSTER, DORSET.—On Dec. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. S. Spencer 1, E. C. Chant (cond.) 2, R. L. Wareham 3, J. M. Houghton 4, G. W. Dennis 5, W. Crabbe 6. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to Mr. Percy Spencer, father of the ringer of the treble.

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LEICESTER.—At St. John-the-Divine Church, on Nov. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Poynor 1, B. A. Hebborn (first 'inside') 2, V. Pratt 3, E. J. Jelley 4, W. Tanser 5, G. H. Hebborn 6, S. Harrison (cond.) 7, R. Morris 8.

MARSTON, OXON.—On Dec. 2nd, at St. Nicholas' Church, 1,260 Doubles (St. Simon's, St. Nicholas', St. Martin's and Winchendon Place): J. Stedman 1, D. R. Cloche 2, D. J. Roaf (cond.) 3, G. F. Jenkins 4, C. J. B. Taylor 5.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 St. Simon's Doubles: H. Hardwidge 1, L. Derrick 2, J. Brain 3, T. Phillips (first of Doubles) 4, C. Kortright (cond.) 5, M. Horseman 6.

NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. G. Osborne 1, W. C. Budd (first quarter) 2, Joan Cheney 3, H. G. Grant 4, A. G. Eveleigh (first 'inside' and as cond.) 5, T. G. Pickering (first quarter) 6.

NORTHAMPTON.—At the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, on Dec. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss N. G. Williams 1, F. Burgess 2, R. Finch 3, Miss J. A. Downing 4, Miss D. M. Miller 5, T. Jennings 6, G. F. Roome (cond.) 7, B. Linnell 8. Rung by the tower band for morning service. Also on Dec. 8th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss N. G. Williams 1, Miss J. A. Downing 2, Miss D. M. Miller 3, E. Billings 4, G. F. Roome (cond.) 5, R. S. Roberts 6. For evening service.

NORTHFIELD, BIRMINGHAM.—On Dec. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. R. Crump 1, Miss A. Barr 2, A. Simpson 3, W. W. Rich 4, G. A. Hughes 5, P. W. Webb (cond.) 6. For Evensong by Birmingham University Society.

OXFORD.—On Dec. 1st, at St. Thomas' Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. R. Corner (first quarter) 1, G. F. Jenkins (cond.) 2, C. Woodward 3, N. Maggs 4, J. Salter 5, R. Hodgson 6.

PRESTON, WEYMOUTH, DORSET.—On Dec. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Dr. C. A. G. Ward 1, Mrs. A. J. Slade 2, G. H. Perry 3, Miss B. Marsh 4, A. J. Slade (cond.) 5, H. T. Cornick 6. For St. Andrew's Day.

RAMSGATE, KENT.—On Dec. 2nd, at St. Laurence-in-Thanet Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Plane (first quarter) 1, L. T. Peters 2, R. L. Sheppard 3, S. J. Gee 4, G. C. Durham 5, A. J. Dadds (cond.) 6, T. W. Edwards 7, R. S. Weekes 8. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. Stanley Evans, recently appointed curate of this parish.

SWINTON, LANCS.—On Dec. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Bryan 1, Barbara Cooke 2, Gillian Bridgeford 3, D. Young 4, A. Sharples 5, D. W. James (cond.) 6. First of Bob Minor for all except the conductor. For Evensong on the Feast of St. Andrew.

TEMPLECOMBE, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. V. Gare 1, F. J. Hazzard 2, Mrs. Daphne Howcutt 3, Iris Down (first quarter) 4, H. P. Sparks (cond.) 5, F. Priddle 6. Rung on the occasion of the 21st birthday of the ringer of the 4th.

TWICKENHAM, MIDDLX.—On Dec. 1st, at the Church of All Hallows, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. J. Neal Smith 1, Elizabeth Hill Brown 2, Ann Muir 3, A. J. Muir 4, R. T. Goodman 5, J. B. Thorp 6, M. D. Hill Brown (cond.) 7, D. Hill Brown 8. First quarter in the method by all except 1 and 7. Rung to commemorate the Confirmation service held earlier in the day by the Bishop of London.

WHITTLESEY, CAMBS.—On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: G. Gilbey (first quarter) 1, M. J. Mossendew (first 'inside') 2, H. Naylor 3, K. Ingram (first quarter) 4, R. Morant (cond.) 5, B. Harding (first quarter) 6. First quarter in the method rung by a local band.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Dec. 8th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. Bishop 1, J. Tomsett 2, Anne Garnett 3, Susan Jacobs 4, A. Bagworth 5, E. Jacobs 6, M. P. Moreton 7, M. Sinden (cond.) 8.

WINSLOW, BUCKS.—On Oct. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Bull (first of Triples) 1, F. Vickers 2, F. Gibbard 3, H. France 4, C. Gough 5, J. Hall (first of Triples) 6, W. A. Yates (cond.) 7, G. W. Holland 8.

WOODDITTON, CAMBS.—On Dec. 3rd, at Sunny View, 1,264 Bob Major on handbells: J. R. Heath 1-2, A. E. Austin 3-4, A. R. Mann (first as cond. on 'inside' pair) 5-6, T. F. Varney 7-8.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Lewisham District Annual Meeting

The pleasure enjoyed by the 50 members who attended the annual District meeting fully justified the selection of Dartford as its venue. Ringing during the afternoon was under the direction of Miss M. R. Andrews (District Ringing Master), and was continuous until service time.

The Vicar (Canon Elliott-Mitchell) officiated at the service, and the curate (Rev. N. Osborne) led the singing at the organ. Tea was served in the Royal Air Force Hall, organised by Mr. R. A. Jenkins and Mesdames E. Jones and S. Ball.

At the business meeting the Vicar presided; three practising members were elected to the Association and the election of four members was ratified. A report of the year's activities was read by the District secretary and adopted.

Before proceeding to the election of officers, the meeting was informed that Mr. J. Dafters (Lewisham) had reluctantly refused renomination as District representative, as his professional duties prevented him attending the necessary meetings. Members expressed their gratitude to Mr. Dafters for his outstanding devotion to duty during the six years he had held this office. Mr. A. G. Hill was reappointed District secretary, and Mr. A. S. Richards (West Wickham) and Miss M. R. Andrews (Bexley) were elected District representatives, nem con. This was the first time the Lewisham District had appointed a woman to office on the general committee. Mr. A. S. Richards was appointed District Ringing Master in succession to Miss M. R. Andrews, who had just concluded two years' brilliant service in that capacity, and for which the meeting's thanks were warmly accorded her.

St. Mary's, Woolwich, was chosen as the place of next meeting, to be held on Saturday, January 18th. An application from the Vicar of Eynsford, for help in training a band of ringers, received a very gratifying response.

The meeting expressed a very cordial vote of thanks to the Vicar for his many contributions to a very happy meeting, to the organist for his services, and to the caterer and to Mr. R. A. Jenkins and the ladies for their benefactions.

Further ringing followed, supervised by Mr. A. S. Richards.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Northern District

December 6th being St. Nicholas' Day, it was most appropriate that the Northern District should meet at St. Nicholas' Church, Stevenage, the following day. Ringing began soon after 3 o'clock and continued until the service, which was conducted by the Rev. E. Cordingley. The was enjoyed at the Elite Café.

The annual District meeting will be at Hitchin on January 4th; the next ordinary meeting will be at Baldock on February 1st.

Ringing continued later. Unfortunately, the special method, Rutland Surprise, was still unsuccessful, but there was plenty of ringing to suit all tastes. J. S.

Who are the ringers in the advertisement for a certain brand of margarine? We have had a number of enquiries to satisfy 'burning' curiosity.

THE LADIES' GUILD

Midland District

A joint meeting of the Midland District was held with the Derbyshire Association on November 23rd at St. Peter's, Derby. The bells were rung to various methods during the afternoon. After an excellent tea the ladies adjourned to the tower for their meeting.

One new member was elected, and it was decided that the annual meeting should be held at St. John-the-Divine, Leicester (the date will be announced later). It is hoped that the April meeting will be held at Ruddington on April 19th.

The Ladies' Guild would like to thank the Derbyshire Association for making them welcome, and Mr. A. Mould for making the arrangements. B. A. B.

West Midland District

Rounds and call-changes to Spliced Surprise was the order of the day at the meeting on December 7th at Yardley. That these beautiful light eight are, indeed, ladies' bells, was proved by a good touch of Stedman, brought round by an all-ladies band.

A short service was conducted by the Vicar, and followed by tea and the business meeting in the nearby Trust School. More visitors during the evening sampled the bells to a variety of methods, aimed to include something for everyone.

SEVENOAKS, KENT.—On Dec. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: Miss D. Corke 1, P. N. Bond 2, B. Sutton (first of Major) 3, P. Turley 4, L. Turley 5, Miss D. Colgate 6, P. A. Corby 7, R. Collins (cond.) 8.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Did any of our readers while listening to the broadcast of the football match at Hunslet hear the bells of Leeds Parish Church on the air on Saturday, December 7th? The church is about a mile from the football ground and the commentator was heard to say: 'The bells are ringing, but that isn't helping Hunslet.' A peal of Plain Bob Royal was accomplished in 3 hours 36 minutes.

Mr. Peter Crook, of Bolton, apologises for a slip in his letter last week. The articles on change-ringing are appearing in 'The Guide' and not 'The Scout.'

We note from the meeting of the Chew Deanery Branch that Mr. Roger O. Fry is retiring from the office of general secretary of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.

From a cutting of the 'Hong Kong Tiger Standard' we note that the bellringers meet in the belfry every Monday for practice at St. John's Cathedral. Has any reader experience of these bells?

The 25th anniversary of the dedication of the Laura Spelman Rockefeller memorial carillon at the University of Chicago was marked by two carillon concerts given by Dr. Kamiel Lefevere, carillonneur of the Riverside Church, New York City. This and the Riverside Church carillon are the largest in the world. Both contain six chromatic octaves of bells.

Melton District ringers were thrilled to read Mr. W. Smith's letter (page 792) concerning memories revived by the Long Clawson meeting. 'We ought to thank your "Ringing World" for making this possible for an old ringer to read of activities in his native village 12,000 miles away,' writes our Melton correspondent.

The daughter of Mr. Arthur G. Mason, of Blackheath, S.E., was married on November 30th, and to honour the wedding a peal of London was arranged for December 7th at St. Mary's, Lewisham. The band met as arranged but because of the train disaster the previous Wednesday unanimously decided not to ring. St. Mary's Church is but a few hundred yards from the scene of the accident, and many of the casualties are being cared for in Lewisham Hospital which is within sound of the bells. It is hoped to ring the peal in the New Year.

Crewkerne, Somerset, ringers would like to thank Mr. Walter H. Poole for his untiring energy and patience in bringing the present band through rounds, the pangs of Grandsire Doubles and Triples, and now into Stedman. Plain Bob is now well under way.

A recent visitor to Cape Town was David Hulton, from Baldock, Herts, who is serving on the 'Athlone Castle.' It was the first time David (16) had rung with a strange band, and he acquitted himself well, writes Mr. V. Sheppard.

Additional broadcasts announced are: Sunday, December 22nd, in Scottish Home Service only, St. John's Parish Church, Perth, before morning service at 9.45; to be televised on Christmas Day at 10.30 a.m., St. Andrew's Parish Church, Plymouth (the rededication was featured in our last issue).

The Rev. F. C. Lawrence, Vicar of Little Horkesley, Colchester, Essex, writes on behalf of his Parochial Church Council expressing their warmest thanks to those who have given a total sum of £13 7s. towards the installation of bells in their new church. The bells were originally in All Saints' Church, Colchester.

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL

Dublin Meeting

PEAL ATTEMPTS

As the number of peals which it will be possible to attempt during the period of the Council's visit to Ireland is naturally very limited, will members who wish to be included in any peals which can be arranged please advise Mr. Fred E. Dukes, Meadow Cottage, Julianstown, Co. Meath, as soon as possible stating (a) duration of stay in Ireland, (b) where staying before and after the meeting, if other than Dublin.

This information will assist the Irish Committee in their endeavours to avoid disappointments. The next meeting of the Irish Committee will be held early in the New Year.

Accommodation: See 'The Ringing World' of December 6th. E. A. BARNETT,
Hon. Secretary.

MELTON MOWBRAY DISTRICT'S ANNUAL DINNER

The annual dinner, held on December 7th at the Harborough Hotel, Melton, was preceded by a peal of Stedman Triples, rung on the bells of Oakham Parish Church, to celebrate the occasion.

At 7 o'clock, 72 ringers and friends sat down to a good spread. The guests included Canon C. M. G. Clarke, the Rev. H. B. Holderness, Mr. E. C. Turner (vice-president) and Mrs. Turner, Mr. S. Burton (peal secretary) and Mrs. Burton, Mr. Brian G. Warwick (general hon. secretary), Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Williams (Great Glen), Mr. and Mrs. Eastland (Blythe) and Mr. and Mrs. F. Watson (Croft).

Proposing the toast of 'The Leicester Diocesan Guild,' the Rev. H. B. Holderness expressed his delight at seeing so many young ringers present. He said he had heard some of the lovely ringing earlier in the day at Oakham, and he had a special word for the youthful Roland H. Cook who had taken part in his 42nd peal. Mr. E. C. Turner replied for the Guild and said it was always a pleasure to visit the Melton District.

The chairman (Mr. J. H. Cook) proposed 'The Visitors,' and the toast was ably acknowledged by Mr. B. G. Warwick.

The social evening which followed was a hilarious occasion. 'The Kirby Twins' saw to it that everybody had a good time, especially 'Mr. Furse.' 'Auld Lang Syne' at 11 o'clock brought to a close a very enjoyable evening.

LEEDS & DISTRICT SOCIETY

The Society's last meeting of the year, held at Ossett on November 30th, was most enjoyable. By 3.15 p.m. the bells had been raised and the first touch of the meeting—Grandsire Caters—started. This was followed by a reasonable amount of 10-bell ringing—Stedman, Plain Bob and Kent, as well as Double Norwich, Cambridge and Yorkshire on eight.

Tea was served in the School and the 30 members and friends present sat down to a typical 'Ossett' tea, provided by the local ringers and ladies. At the business meeting three new members were elected. An apology was received from Mr. L. Drake, the Ringing Master, who had a fractured collar-bone as the result of an accident near his home. The best wishes of the meeting were sent for his recovery.

The vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens and local company included a reminiscence of the Rev. J. H. Marshall, sometime vicar of Shelley and a past vicar of Ossett, in whose time the present bells came into being.

Members were asked to note that the next meeting will be held on January 25th at Drighlington. Pudsey will be visited on February 15th and St. Michael's, Headingley, in March. All these meetings will be advertised.

EYE PARISH CHURCH

ONE of the glories of English church architecture is the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, Eye, Suffolk, and the photograph we reproduce above was taken by Supt. Claude Rush, which has formed the theme for Christmas cards and mounted photographs in aid of the restoration fund.

No restoration has taken place within living memory. Some of the bells need quarter turning, some wheels can be repaired, but most will have to be replaced. Clappers, headstocks, bearings, all need attention and in some cases replacing. The frame also needs attention.



The approximate weights and dates of the bells are as follows:—

Treble, 5 cwt; 1721 (J. Stephens).
Second, 6 cwt.; 1779 (Pack and Chapman).
Third, 6¼ cwt.; 1721—recast 1905 (J. Stephens —Mears and Stainbank).
Fourth, 8¼ cwt.; 1789 (Thos. Osborn).
Fifth, 10 cwt.; 1789 (Thos. Osborn).
Sixth, 11 cwt.; 1640 (Miles Graye).
Seventh, 15 cwt.; 1500 or perhaps earlier (Brasyer).
Tenor, 21 cwt.; 1640 (Miles Graye).

A peal of Bob Major is recorded on a wall tablet as far back as 1773, so it will be seen that even those three late-18th century bells had predecessors.

Throughout this year Mr. Rush has been vigorously prosecuting his campaign to raise funds. He has succeeded in collecting 41 tons of paper and rags, which he has sold for £230.

Last Christmas he started his Christmas cards sale of the above picture of Eye Church, and of these he has sold 13,000. The proceeds from their sale, plus the salvage and donations, has brought in £678 to date. He has 1,000 cards left which he is selling at 10s. a dozen, post free.

Mr. Rush's objective is to raise £1,000, but apart from the urgent work mentioned above, the chimes are out of order, the clock needs overhauling and lights are wanted on the staircase (52 steps to the ringing chamber).

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On Dec. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Patricia Woodward 1, A. J. Poynor 2, Glenys R. Bodycote 3, J. M. Jelley 4, R. K. Stretton 5, A. E. Bodycote 6, R. S. Morris (cond.) 7, V. Norman 8. For the visit of the Bishop for Confirmation.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Chew Deanery Branch and the Yeo Family

The annual meeting of the Chew Deanery Branch was held at Long Ashton on December 7th. Ringing in the afternoon continued until service time, then the Association form of service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. S. H. Cooke). Mr. Cooke, in his short talk, welcomed the members to Long Ashton and also apologised for not being able to attend the tea and meeting. Mr. David Yeo was at the organ.

Following an excellent tea, the business meeting was held, under the chairmanship of Mr. H. W. Knight. The minutes of the previous annual meeting (which contained notice of the secretary's intention to retire) were read and confirmed, and the election of officers for 1958 took place. Mr. H. W. Knight was re-elected chairman and Ringing Master, and Messrs. C. Bishop and L. Derrick as deputy Ringing Masters.

The chairman spoke of the retirement of Mr. Percy Yeo as Branch secretary after 37 years of service. As far as he could remember, there had never been an unhappy meeting during Mr. Yeo's term of office. He asked Mr. Yeo to accept the gift of a wrist-watch from his friends in the Branch. This watch is inscribed 'P. G. Y., from the ringers of the Chew Deanery, November, 1957.'

Mr. Yeo, in thanking members for the gift, said that 30 years ago the Branch had presented him with a clock—and it was still going! Mr. L. Pullin, former treasurer of the Association, said how dependent the efficient running of the Bath and Wells Association was on the Branch secretaries. During the difficult years of the war, Mr. Yeo had kept the Branch with the highest membership of the Association.

Mr. Knight then proposed from the chair that Mr. David Yeo should be elected as secretary, and this was carried unanimously. This election means that the affairs of the Branch will be in the hands of the same family over three generations, the retiring secretary having taken over from his father, the late Mr. George Yeo. The office of Branch secretary now automatically carries with it the job of representative on the general committee.

Two new members were then elected from Chew Magna. At this point some discussion ensued regarding the qualification for membership as passed by the annual meeting last Easter. It was decided that a resolution be sent to the general committee to the effect that—from experience since the amendment of the rules and in view of the number of heavy bells in the Branch—the qualification for membership rule should have the words 'able to raise and lower a bell' deleted. The Branch has noted that it has been losing new members who otherwise qualify.

Meeting were arranged provisionally for Kingston Seymour (quarterly in April) and practices at Portishead, Tickenham and Chew Stoke for January to March respectively. The Corporate Communion will be held at Wrington on the fourth Sunday in April.

The retirement of the Association's general secretary was noted, and nominations were asked for—one name was put forward.

The usual votes of thanks to all who had contributed to such a pleasant meeting were then accorded and the tower was again visited.

M. J. H.

Mr. Walter E. Wilkinson desires to thank the ringers of North Somerset who made his recent stay with R.A.F., Locking, such a happy one. He is now stationed at Bückeburg, Germany.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

720 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MINOR

Dear Sir,—I have been wondering where the 720 Superlative Minor has come from, as we used to ring 720's of London and Cambridge and so-called Superlative, which is simply Reverse Cambridge. We rang it as Superlative until the late Rev. H. Law James said to me: 'You are one who rings Reverse Cambridge and calls it Superlative.' He gave me a lead of real Superlative Minor, and said it was not possible to get a 720 of it.

I have an early 'Standard Methods' of Jasper Snowdon, and that is where we got it from: the method in it is called Superlative (which is only Reverse Cambridge). The Yorkshire Court is also in it, and is stamped *false*. It is over 50 years ago that we rang the Reverse Cambridge.

Would any kind friend either put in the 'R.W.' or send me the correct bobs and singles for Single and Double Court Triples, as this table of Mr. Blagrove is too far-fetched for us to understand.—Yours truly,

The Retreat, ARTHUR J. HOLMES.
Edenham, Lincs.

P.S.—We used to ring the London and Cambridge and what we called Superlative at Morton, Lincs, as we had only five bells at Edenham at that time.—A. J. H.

YORKSHIRE COURT

Dear Sir,—A peal of Minor in seven methods was rung on handbells at St. Albans by three brothers on June 3rd, 1891. The conductor was the late Mr. John C. Mitchell, and the peal was booked as the first of Minor on handbells for the Hertford County Association. A 720 of Yorkshire Court was included in the peal, and in view of the statement in Belfry Gossip (page 788) that it is generally thought that no true 720 can be obtained, I would welcome more definite information, preferably in these columns, regarding the authenticity of this statement.

Yorkshire Court, Superlative Surprise and many other Minor methods, now obsolete, were printed in the earlier editions of Snowdon's 'Standard Methods.' Apart from their more obvious defects, perhaps one of the members of the Methods Committee will show us exactly why they will not produce the extent, if such is the case.—Yours faithfully,

H. V. FROST, Gen. Sec.,
Hertford County Association.

St. Albans.

5,056 Ealing Surprise Major

By D. KNOX

23456	M	B	W	H
43526	—	X		—
53624	—			
46325	—			—
63425	—	X	—	2
35426	—			2
52436	—	X		3
42635	—			3
56234	—			—
35264			—	3
63254			—	3
23456	—			3

First rung at Willesden on November 2nd.

NOT 'OFF THE RAILS'

Dear Sir,—I hope, in this letter, to show that despite Mr. Price's letter on page 792 I am not 'off the rails.' In disputing my result that $A+B=B\times A$ he is, in effect, also disputing his own basic property.

In my first letter I said that any transposition A to B is equal to some transposition C to D where C=12345678, the transposition is thus uniquely defined by D, C being understood to be 12345678; e.g., in Mr. Price's notation on page 723, C to D is the same transposition as A to B, A being rounds. A similar argument applies to transfigures.

$A\times B$ is the permutation, such that A to $A\times B$ is the same transposition as 12345678 to B. Thus in Mr. Price's notation $C\times B=D$, and similarly $C+B=E$.

Mr. Price goes on to say: 'If A to B is the same transposition as C to D,' i.e., if $C\times B=D$, 'then A to C and B to D are identical transfigures,' i.e., $B+C=D$.

Thus, $B+C=C\times B$—the basic property.—Yours faithfully,

D. J. MARSHALL.

Cheltenham.

MORE ABOUT TRANSPOSITIONS

Dear Sir,—I wonder if Mr. B. D. Price has considered the usual dictionary definition of transfigure, i.e., 'to change the outward form or appearance so as to glorify it'?.

Surely, the simple facts of the two examples given are that one is a transposition by the scale 56124783 whilst the second is to the scale 47638251.

It would appear that new sciences or new arts would require new names or terms to describe new facts or conclusions, but for generations the lead-ends of odd bell methods and lead-heads of even bell methods have shown the peculiarity that Mr. Price has now discovered.

It would appear that the 'art of bellringing' is now becoming the 'science of campanology,' and as such, new and generally more cumbersome names are required for the same facts which have been adequately described by simple terms.

If new terms are required by the campanologists *new words* will have to be coined, and not old words debased to suit their requirements.

As for the term 'change,' it is, of course, in my opinion the basic term. A transposition is only a change in a set order.—Yours faithfully,

F. E. CORFIELD.

Wimbledon.

A COMPOSITION BY YORK GREEN

Dear Sir,—I would like to thank Mr. C. W. Roberts for pointing out to me the mistake that was made when I claimed the composition as my own. I was ignorant of the fact until the appearance of the letter in 'The Ringing World' of December 6th. But, as is pointed out, I am 50 years behind, so at least there is a little excuse for what has been done.—Sincerely yours,

E. W. TIPLER.

Lutterworth.

THANK YOU, COLLEGE YOUTHS

Dear Sir,—I would like to thank all my fellow members of the Ancient Society of College Youths, far and near, for their very delightful and useful present on my retiring after 38 years as treasurer. It is an honour and privilege to serve the Ancient Society, and I do appreciate their great kindnesses all through the years.—Yours sincerely,

A. A. HUGHES.

NOTE.—At a meeting of the Society on December 14th a cut-glass bowl with an inscribed silver top was presented to Mr. Hughes, and also an engraved cigarette case to Mr. A. B. Peck, in recognition of his 20 years as secretary of the Society.—*Ed.*

PEALS OF MINIMUS WANTED

Dear Sir,—In view of the apparently growing interest in four-bell towers and Minimus ringing in general, as evidenced by Mr. P. B. Knights' recent article and correspondence in 'The Ringing World,' I am wondering what the official reaction would be to peals of Minimus. The recently-published Central Council handbook makes no specific mention of Minimus in its list of the Council's Decisions, saying simply: '**On all numbers of bells** a true peal shall in all cases start from and end with rounds.' (Page 19.)

If memory serves aright, a 5,040 of Minimus was rung 'in hand' in the late 1920's or early 1930's and published as a 'performance,' not as a peal. However, on this occasion 1 and 2 were rung single-handed (contrary to the then current Central Council ruling on handbell peals) and it may well have been this that prevented its listing as a peal.

If such peals were to be recognised there is no dearth of extents for their ringers. In addition to Mr. Peter B. Knights' methods, which were published on pages 660 and 692, there are over 250 further hunt-dominated extents and 12 extents based on the Stedman Slow Six.—Yours sincerely,

CYRIL A WRATTEN.

Cheltenham.

IRISH ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

Dear Sir,—I am anxious to bring the non-resident life membership list up to date. I append a list of those about whom we have no information as to their present whereabouts. Should any of these members see this letter I would be grateful if they would please confirm their present addresses.

Frank Crawley, Barrow-on-Furness: P. Davis, Lichfield (elected in 1900): R. Judd, Gloucester: W. Simpson, Framlingham: R. Simpson, Framlingham: G. A. Smith, Tunstall: W. G. Thompson, Tunstall: William Wakley, Dawlish (elected in 1918): J. W. Washbrook, Manchester (son of J. W., of Oxford and Arklow).

Perhaps some of your readers may also be able to assist me. I would like to have the information by the end of the present month, if possible.—Yours faithfully,

FRED E. DUKES,
Hon. Secretary, Irish Association.

Meadow Cottage,
Julianstown, Co. Meath.

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ST. NICHOLAS', WARWICK, HAS NEW RING OF EIGHT

ST. NICHOLAS', Warwick, church bells were heard again on Thursday, December 5th, after a silence of nearly 30 years, when the recast ring was dedicated by the Bishop of Coventry (Dr. Cuthbert Bardsley). The church was packed to capacity, the service being conducted by Canon H. A. Hayden, vicar and rural dean. The service was attended by clergy from the surrounding district and representatives of many Warwick organisations.

After the dedication of a new chapel and the bells, the Bishop in his address gave a warning about the influence of television and newspapers. He said if people were stirred up too frequently without outgoing action, they could lose the capacity to be stirred.

'In newspapers we are fed by a vast number of indigestible facts. We merely look at them and do not read them. They could not possibly move us. We look at our television sets and there pours out a positive Niagara of emotion which makes us feel and yet not feel, see and yet not see. Week after week people are stirred if only mildly, and this can be an inoculation against the real thing. It is a great danger today.'

The Bishop said the dedication of the chapel and the bells reflected the care, hard work and generosity of many people. Ever since he had arrived in the diocese, one of the things he had longed for had been a ring of bells ringing in every church. We should not rest until Sunday by Sunday they all echoed forth a call to worship. While there were not enough bells and not enough ringers, it was sad that in some churches the bells were never used. St. Nicholas' bells were the first he had dedicated since he became Bishop, and he hoped that he would be called to many more similar functions.

For the act of dedication, rounds were rung by an all St. Mary's, Warwick, band, two of the band being learners who will form part of the St. Nicholas' band. The band selected for the ringing immediately after the conclusion of the service was representative of the Coventry Diocesan Guild, and were from the following towers: Allesley, Stoke St. Michael's, Coventry, Chilvers Coton, Harbury, Leamington and St. Mary's, Warwick.

The bells were available on Friday evening December 6th (St. Nicholas' Day), to all ringers, and good use was made of them.

On Saturday, December 7th, a peal of Plain Bob Major was rung in 2 hours 59 minutes by members of the Guild. Ringing for the morning service on Sunday was carried out by the ringers of Stoke St. Michael's, Coventry, who rang touches of Stedman, Grandsire and Plain Bob Major. For Evensong a mixed band, representing several towers rang a quarter peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major, followed by a course of Bristol Surprise and an excellent fall, which concluded the 'St. Nicholas' week, and really put the new bells on the local map once again. The Vicar and churchwardens must surely be proud to have acquired by their own efforts such a delightful ring of bells. Now it only remains to build up a band of ringers, which should not be too difficult in Warwick.

The bells, a grand eight with a tenor of 15 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in F, are a credit to the founders, Messrs. John Taylor and Co., who broke up the old bells and added some metal to make a ring with a total weight of 61 cwt. and rehung them in a new steel frame with all new fittings. The bells have been lowered in the tower, which has in the past given some trouble. The verdict of the band who rang in the peal and all the others who were able to try them out was that they were a grand lot which handled perfectly, despite new ropes.

Canon and Mrs. Hayden entertained the peal band to tea afterwards, when they all had the pleasure of hearing a recording of a part of the peal. Canon Hayden said how delighted he was that the first peal on the new bells had been accomplished, and said it would be recorded on a peal board to be hung in the ringing chamber. He expressed appreciation for the help he had received from officers of the Coventry Diocesan Guild, and said they would always be welcome at St. Nicholas'. J. L. G. H.

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RINGWOOD, HANTS.—On Dec. 4th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: R. Hoare (first in the method) 1, H. H. Abrahams 2, F. L. Harris 3, M. J. Butler 4, J. Hartless 5, L. F. Cobb 6, W. E. Cheater 7, R. N. Marlow (cond.) 8.

5,056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Two Methods (Cambridge and Yorkshire)

Arranged by MARK S. LANCEFIELD

23456	B	M	W	H	
52436			—		C Y C C Y C Y
34625		—	—		C Y C Y C C Y
26543		—	—		C Y Y C Y C Y
45362		—	—		C Y C Y C C C
63254		—	—		C Y Y C Y C Y
56234			—		C Y C C Y Y C Y
23564			—	—	Y Y Y C C C Y
52364				—	Y Y C Y C C Y
35264				—	Y C C Y C C C
56342	X				C Y C C
36245		—			C Y C Y Y C C
42563		—	—		C Y Y C Y C Y
64523			—		Y Y Y C C C Y
54326		—			C Y C Y Y C Y
23645		—	—		C Y Y C Y C Y
64235			—	—	Y Y Y C C C Y
26435				—	Y Y C Y C C C
42635				—	Y Y C Y C C Y
62534		—			C Y C C Y C Y
35426		—	—		C Y Y C Y C Y
42356			—	—	Y Y Y C C Y Y
34256				—	C Y C Y C C C
23456				—	Y Y C Y C C Y

Being 2,528 changes each of Cambridge and Yorkshire, with 101 changes of method, and with all the work of both methods for each bell.

First rung at Leeds, Kent, on November 27th, 1957, conducted by Mark S. Lancefield.

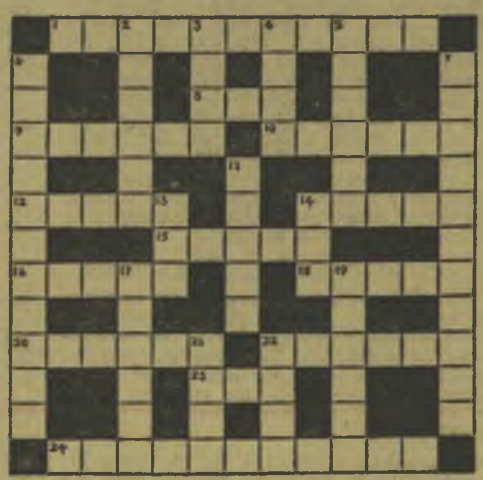
OUR CHRISTMAS CROSSWORD

CLUES ACROSS

1. Seat value reveals a border town with a Yorks 6 and a Lancs octave.
8. Sussex octave, tenor almost a ton.
9. Coastal town of Scotland.
10. Near or far, made round the treble.
12. Sudden view of the stay-bender who didn't let go.
14. A measurer.
15. One of Scotland's few octaves here.
16. Magnificently.
18. Christian name of a prominent East Anglian composer conductor.
20. Cantab, 19th century, author of 'Change Ringing.'
22. The full number of changes of which a method admits.
23. A sign of the Zodiac.
24. Devon resort with an octave, tenor 13.

CLUES DOWN

2. Christian name of a prominent handbells conductor.
3. For the this of ringing read Morris's 'History.'
4. It's enough to make you when a rope breaks in the last course.
5. Sussex ring of 6, tenor 8½.
6. Co. Durham ring of 6 where the bells bear inscriptions relating to their powers against storms.
7. Another Yorks 6 found in the opposite Riding to that in 1 Across.
11. And here's the heaviest ring of 10 of all.
13. One of the earliest woollen cloths made in England.
14. Only one ring of any number on this island.



17. Plain or with a stone, for a London octave.
19. Here on the Continent bells are rung up and down as in the British Isles.
21. London monument erected to the memory of Lord Shaftesbury.
22. Mohammedan title.

The prize of a book token will be awarded to the first correct solution opened on Saturday, January 4th, 1958. Address envelope: Crossword Competition, 'The Ringing World,' c/o Woodbridge Press, Ltd., Onslow Street, Guildford.

HINTS FOR INSTRUCTORS

THE RABBITS' HUMBLE PLEA

IT is now several months since 'The Ringing World' published an account of the foundation of the Rabbits' Guild, in the course of which was advanced, with reasoned argument, the claim that Rabbits are the backbone of the Exercise. Not a sentence, not a word, has appeared to challenge that claim. Coinciding so nearly with the meeting of the Central Council, perhaps the squeaking of the harmless, necessary animals has been drowned in the trumpeting of larger and the roaring of kinglier beasts, absorbed in a matter more contentious. Nevertheless, let silence imply assent, the Guild and the vital function of those it represents be acknowledged, and their opinions on subjects which nearly concern them be received with interest and respect.

As problems of recruitment and training are at present being somewhat urgently debated, it should therefore occasion no surprise that the agenda for its first annual general meeting included a proposal that the Guild should make known its own views on these and kindred subjects. A resolution to this effect, proposed and seconded in short but eloquent speeches, was put to the meeting, whereupon ensued a scene of the wildest enthusiasm, every member leaping on to his chair and waving his agenda in spontaneous token of universal assent, amid roars of 'We want teachers!'. The Master therefore proposed that when the business of the meeting was concluded, and after an interval for refreshments, members should reassemble, give evidence on teaching methods they have endured and make suggestions which might mitigate the fate of the learner. The proposal was approved with sustained applause.

When the meeting reassembled the Master opened the discussion by reminding members of their unique relation to the teaching of ringing. He said that all are the unsuccessful products of prevailing notions; all have, as it were, failed their 11-plus; all boast a long history of endeavour. Year by year, they watch recruits come—and mostly go. The stickers they see become—the more gifted of them—ringers, the remainder Rabbits like themselves. Especially they grieve to see Rabbits-in-the-making stumbling down the very path that they have trod. To prevent which strangling of fair hopes, Rabbits representing towers throughout the land, some yet of tender years and early blasted, others grown venerable in their dreary labours, shall garner their united wisdom and offer it in petition to their awful Masters.

GOOD RINGERS—GOOD TEACHERS

'We salute the Great Masters of the Exercise, past and present, but we ask, too, are good ringers necessarily good teachers? My own introduction to the Art,' he continued, 'was the instruction from one of the band to pull off the 9 cwt. seventh bell in a ring of eight, and I had never seen a bell-rope before! Was I scared!'

He then drew attention to the way many instructors have of impressing on their pupil the importance of knowing his place in each change and then undoing all the good work by standing behind him, and telling him every bell to strike over, thus ensuring that he becomes bell-instead of method-conscious. 'What they will not realise,' he said, 'is that *they* know their place unconsciously, while *we* have to be only too consciously aware of it.'

As soon as his voice could carry above the roars of approval he added that when an anxious Rabbit seeks information or clarification of some point he is too often blinded by an abstruse answer which leaves him groping and confused. 'Oh! why will they show off?', he asked.

He concluded in somewhat lighter vein by suggesting that in his tower the Master might have lost fewer than 90 per cent. of his recruits if he had displayed the slogan: Don't hang on the sally—the bell's much heavier than you!

He sat down, and immediately the meeting set to work to demolish their mentors and tormentors, leaving these latter but the bare shreds of reputation to cover their shame withal.

TIGERS NOT RABBITS

With few exceptions, and these mostly expert bands arrogantly careless of the future, there was no evidence that learners are unwanted; rather the contrary, if vague amiability counts for a welcome. Yet many a careworn witness deplored his mean estate as the result of his first reception into the Exercise. Young Jack Rabbit is certainly welcome to the tower if he cares to turn up. If not, no matter: he is no great loss, and never will be, it seems. The impudent creatures suggest that if Ringing Masters had the common sense to realise their need for Recruits, and showed it, they could breed not Rabbits but Tigers. Are they really too stupid to see the connection between young Jack and that vacant rope on Sundays? Must he get a few minutes of casual instruction if he happens to look in and then be dismissed from mind with an air only too obviously implying 'That's enough for him'? The born ringer goes elsewhere; the Recruit compounded of the sterner stuff that makes Rabbits, defying defeat, eventually stumbles through his Doubles; and the rest, where are they? If Jack were made to feel 'on the strength,' even as the humblest of probationers, and his absence rather than his presence remarked, the Guild ventures to suggest that he would come to more good in the belfry.

At the other extreme is the learner who is pushed along too fast, often because there is a vacancy in the band before it occurs to anyone that Recruits are needed. This unfortunate is put on to hunting his bell before he can even manage it properly. Many witnesses attributed their failure primarily to having suffered this treatment. One venerable Rabbit in steel-rimmed spectacles was emphatic that no learner should be allowed to attempt changes at all until he can ring good rounds with his eyes shut.

Many members who gave evidence deplored, even tearfully, the slovenly habits of bell-handling they were allowed to acquire; habits, which, they said, it caused them endless trouble to discard later, if, indeed, it were ever possible to do so. Some attributed their Rabbit status entirely to this and were sure they could have become Ringers had they been made to handle properly. Others, up-to-date, if ancient, shaking their bald heads, mumbled querulously that the young of today have those vital first steps made so easy for them, carefree College Youths, while they learned what they did learn, the hard way. 'Damme,' said one, 'if my dad could have sent me to college, I'd not be just a common Rabbit today!' This was received with much applause and paw-clapping. Others again said that, though their instructors handled well themselves, they dared not demand a like standard in their pupils, lest they leave in a huff, complaining that everything they do is wrong. There was entire agreement that this is an utterly mistaken view, that learners are lost through indifference, not reasonable discipline.

THE PERFECT ASSES' BRIDGE

Grandsire Doubles, as the first method to be taught, has at least one virtue—it baffles out of the Exercise, once and for ever, all who are neither born Ringers nor born and resigned to rabbitdom. In consideration of which dumb brutishness, the Guild determined on its motto, Dum in mundo tundo (While on earth I bash). Once out of the sheltered waters of the plain course, the mental gymnastics demanded by the method, in contrast to the comparative simplicity of Plain Bob, offer the perfect Asses' Bridge, and for this reason the Guild recommends it. On the other hand, it advises such as like to proceed the easy way, without testing the point of heartbreak, to teach Plain Bob first.

Evidence was gathered about study outside the tower, most witnesses believing in the value of expecting pupils to give some thought to the subject between practices. The absence of this they considered a general fault in training. Many of them said how they regretted that they had not been required to obtain and study some elementary work on ringing; some said a Handbook, others swore by a Manual; except latinity, what's in a name? The Council was shocked to learn that too many Rabbits had been actively discouraged from attempting any bookwork. One in particular, the father of a large family of Rabbits, had been told: 'Don't fill your head with that old rubbish.' Obediently, he had passed on the injunction to his sons, every one of whom is a member of the Guild; but he said in evidence how much he wishes that he had rebelled and nibbled the forbidden fruit.

Witnesses were practically unanimous that far more use should be made of diagrams to give pupils a clear understanding of methods they are to attempt; too often, verbal directions are rattled off beforehand and the wretched Jack, all confused, is pushed through his work, and none the wiser afterwards. There was strong support for the suggestion that to require Jack to study, say, his first touch in a method before he attempts to ring it would be vastly more profitable than the usual custom of unexpectedly tossing in a few bobs, as it were, seeming to hope that some magical intuition will enable Jack to perform the obviously impossible.

A SPECIAL DISPENSATION

Severe criticism was directed towards the practical teaching of method ringing. There was much caustic comment on the habit of many Masters of standing behind young Rabbit-to-be, telling him exactly which bell to follow, unknowing, unseeing, unthinking. Several witnesses complained that they had even been credited with quarter peals rung in this way! Indeed, as the ringing of a peal disqualifies from membership of the Guild, a special dispensation was required for one excellent Rabbit, who confessed that he had rung a peal of Stedman Triples, but vowed that he is still quite unsure of the method!

Many complained of the forcible feeding of pupils who are making some progress, in spite of their protestations, thereby effectively preventing their advancing any further. Remorselessly, instructors tell them exactly what to do, forcing on the victims the additional burden of closing their ears, as if to find their way were not struggle enough! One youngish Rabbit, his spirit not yet entirely crushed by adversity, squeaked: 'There'll be murder in our tower if that man tells me to go in slow again before I've even got near enough to try to go in quick.' In short, the Guild asks that the instructor at this stage should act as a very present help in trouble—*in trouble*.

Space is insufficient to allow publication of all the criticism given in evidence. There was constant emphasis on the idea that to permit a low standard of style and performance defeats the object; that learners will respond far better to an exacting discipline which makes considerable demands on them.

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Knocks For The Dead

In the ringing chamber of Marsham, Norfolk, Parish Church, there is an elaborate board with two columns of lettering boldly proclaiming the custom of that church. It reads:—

KNOCKS FOR THE DEAD

3 *for Girl*
4 *for Boy*
6 *for Maid*
7 *for Married Woman*
8 *for Bachelor*
9 *for Married Man.*

The board is signed: Edw Delf, clerk of this Parish in the Year 1773. *Tho Delf Jun in the Year* 1822.

These number of 'knocks' were not uniform in Norfolk, points out W. B. H. C. in 'The Eastern Daily Press.' The sexton's book of another parish gives the following instructions: 11 *for a man,* 9 *for a woman,* 7 *for a boy,* 5 *for a girl.*

In another Norfolk church the sexton pulled off 3 *times* 3 *for a man,* 3, 1, 3 *for a woman. Each was followed by one stroke for every year of the deceased person's life.*

Hints For Instructors—Cont.

A ROLL OF HONOUR

By no means all the criticisms received were adverse. Witnesses spoke with deep gratitude of instructors who took endless trouble with them, and attributed their lowly status entirely to their own stupidity. Others drew sympathetic attention to Masters of struggling bands who do their best to impart to their learners what they scarcely know themselves. The Guild wishes humbly to acknowledge the debt of the Rabbits to those instructors who have taught them intelligently, and faithfully sought to make real Ringers of them. In recognition of their gratitude it decided to institute a Roll of Honour. Admission to the Roll will normally be by nomination. The Guild, however, is prepared to receive applications from Ringing Masters and other instructors who may think their teaching sufficiently meritorious. Applications should be accompanied by a short statement of grounds for seeking admission to the Roll. If these are considered promising, the pretensions of the applicant will then be assessed by a panel of elder Rabbits, who will attend his tower for instruction. No appeal against their decision will be considered.

Roll of Honour Diplomas will be valuable documents, not only as evidence of the Guild's approval, but also as conveying permanent exemption from all 'strike' action. They will, of course, be issued free to those elected by nomination: those admitted by examination will be required to pay a small fee, the sum of half-a-crown (post free). The Rabbits' Guild, unlike older foundations, has no endowments: it requires no subscription of its members; clearly, the Roll of Honour must pay its own way. To disarm criticism, be it said that the Council hardly expects to grow rich on the proceeds.

In such wise, the Rabbits' Guild offers its contribution to the discussion on teaching, and presents its humble petition to those who teach. If it has allowed itself a little licence in detailing the antics of petitioners, that is balanced by strict regard to fact in describing the exploits of instructors.

Now let the storm break. 'Teaching their grandmothers to suck eggs, indeed!' Maybe. Maybe not.

T. B., Master.
B. M. W. D., Secretary.

OBITUARY

MR. JAMES FERNLEY
AN APPRECIATION

James Fernley, of Norbury (Hazel Grove), was laid to rest on November 30th in the shade of the tower in which he had spent so many hours, when a crowded church testified to the esteem in which he was held by the people of the village and parish and his fellow ringers. The service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. E. Taylor), who spoke movingly of the good which the deceased had done. At the graveside a course of Grandsire Triples was rung by four members of the band with whom he had been associated over a long period. Many ringers were present from neighbouring towers and further afield, and the Chester Guild was officially represented by its deputy Master and the chairman of the local Branch. There were representatives from the various parish organisations with which he had been associated, for not only did he take an interest in the tower but was deputy organist, church councillor, member of the operatic society (in which he took a leading part) and also leader of the Norbury Handbell Ringers.

He had a distinguished ringing career and rang his first peal in 1923 (the treble to a peal in 29 methods), and later in the same year he rang the treble to the first 35-method peal ever to be rung. He took part in the last peal on the old six at Norbury in 1925 and was in the first on the new bells in the same year. With the new ring of eight, under the leadership of his father, James Fernley, sen., the band set out to lay the foundations of Major ringing, and peals in various methods followed in which he took part. The first peal of Bristol in 1929 was the first by all the band except the conductor (Mr. T. Wilde), and this method soon became a favourite one at the 'Grove.' London followed in early 1931, and in the same year began an association with Mr. John Worth, which continued up to the time of his death. In January, 1934, he took part in the first peal of Spliced Surprise for the Guild, in two methods, and in April of the same year he married Miss Eva Hulme.

In October, 1934, his father died, and it seemed as time went on that his mantle had descended upon his son, who kept up the tradition of hospitality and training at Norbury and added lustre to the already famous name of Fernley. Early in 1935 he took part in the first peal of Four Spliced Surprise Major for the Guild, conducted by John Worth. About this time certain members of the band were becoming very interested in Spliced Minor and had, in fact, in 1933 put the record up to 38, and again at the end of 1935 to 39. Early in 1935 they carried it to 42, and in all of these Jim took a leading role. In the next few years they carried it even further by stages until in 1937 73 Treble Bob methods was reached, and in the following year 84 methods. These performances did not, however, prevent them from pushing on with Surprise Major ringing, and many good performances were recorded in which the name of James Fernley prominently appeared.

During the war he served in the Army Catering Corps, and was stationed for some time in Shropshire where he did much to encourage ringing in the dark days of silent bells. When peace came he returned and set about re-establishing a band at Norbury and was very successful, although to do so he had, like so many more, to make use of girls. Soon the practices resumed their normal pattern, and the question was 'What do we do next?' It was obvious that spliced was becoming increasingly popular and there was no more ardent advocate of it than Jim Fernley. He was always ready to press on to the next stage, and it was regretted that his work and his many other interests compelled him to miss some of the attempts. Perhaps this was one of the qualities which made him the leader he undoubtedly was, always ready to look up anything, and yet when the time came to step down in favour of someone *he* felt was more capable than he was. At the time of his death the band were practising for 25 methods, and this was rung on December 7th with another member of the group in the place he would have had, and the band wish to associate this peal with his memory.

He formed some years before the war a handbell tune-ringing band which became known as the Norbury Handbell Ringers and enjoyed considerable fame in the districts around, being in great demand for concerts. A few weeks before his death they had been successful in an audition with the B.B.C. and were looking forward to an engagement in the future. The annual carol service at Norbury is an event to which come practically all the parishioners and others from far and near, and the music is mainly provided by the Handbell Ringers. At the time of his death they were preparing for this service and it is understood that it will go on as in other years, for with his characteristic thoroughness he had ensured that the band was not solely dependent upon him.

He leaves a widow and daughter; both ringers, to mourn his loss, and to them all ringers who knew him will extend their sincerest sympathy.

C. K. L.

MR. JOHN BOOTH

The death occurred on December 5th of Mr. John Booth, of Standish, Lancashire. For over 50 years he had been a ringer at Standish Parish Church. He had rung 187 peals for the Lancashire Association, of which he had been a member since 1913. He was also a member of the A.S.C.Y. In addition to being a ringer, he was for about 30 years a sidesman and a member of the P.C.C.

Being very fond of tune ringing on handbells, he and his daughter (Mrs. Chamberlain) entertained at the local hospitals and concerts held all over Lancashire, from all of which he sought no reward. The bells were rung half-muffled before and after the funeral by members of the local band, assisted by Messrs. A. Tomlinson, W. Farrimond, W. Horner and C. Sharples, representing the Lancashire Association. So passes on one who was respected by all who knew him. May he rest in peace. J. W. G.

MR. ALBERT CHARLES HARDY

The older generation of visitors to Barking, Essex, East London and Southern Essex ringers during the late '90s and the early part of this century will remember Mr. Albert Charles Hardy, who died earlier in the month, aged 81. Taking no active part in ringing for the past 28 years, he was interested until the last as a regular subscriber to the 'R.W.' He was a member of the College Youths for over 60 years and had rung upwards of 50 peals. Strongly made, a splendid handler, a precision striker, rarely making a mistake, from treble to tenor he would excel, but we remember him as a very capable heavy-end man.

A competent handbell ringer of London Surprise standard, he was one of a limited number to ring Harrison's 8,896 Kent T. Bob, the extent of tenors together, on both hand- and tower-bells. He rang Barking tenor to this faultlessly. With more than a casual knowledge of composition and method construction, he could conduct if necessary, but preferred leaving this to others. Indifferent health limited his enthusiasm. A wreath from the present Barking company was a tribute to a former colleague, and Caleb Fenn, George Cottis and G. W. Faulkner were present at the funeral. G. W. F.

Christmas Greetings to all Readers

The Editor and Staff of 'The Ringing World' at Guildford and Mr. J. E. Jeater send their good wishes to all readers and thank the many correspondents for their cards and greetings.

The ringers of HOBART, Tasmania, send their fraternal greetings for Christmas and the New Year to all ringers in the Homeland and the world over.

The ringers of BRITISH COLUMBIA, Canada, send their best wishes for happy ringing this Christmastide to ringers the world over. —E. W. Izard.

To the 'Ringers of England' with the best wishes of the ringers at the CATHEDRAL, CHRISTCHURCH, New Zealand.

From CAPE TOWN's solitary tower, sincere greetings to the Exercise the world over. Hoping to see old friends return, we extend a warm welcome to visitors, and wish you all good health in 1958. 1412

APSLEY ST. MARY's ringers send Christmas greetings to their many ringing friends, especially those who have so kindly received them on the occasions of their annual outings. Good ringing and good luck in 1958. 1487

To 'ringers at home' and in faraway places I wish a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.—JENNIE ARMSTRONG, Morpeth.

A merry Christmas and a very happy and prosperous New Year to all our friends both near and far is the earnest wish from all members of the ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY, BARKING, Essex. 1490

Mr. JOHN BASS wishes to thank all his friends for their kind enquiries and sends them warm and sincere greetings for a happy Christmas and prosperous New Year. 1503

A very happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year to all our ringing friends in Kent and Sussex, and members of the Railwaymen's Guild.—Mr. and Mrs. C. A. BASSETT, Wadhurst, Sussex. 1505

Mr. PETER N. BOND sends cordial Christmas greetings and all good wishes for the New Year to all ringing friends, especially to members of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths. 1489

Mr. and Mrs. HERRICK B. BOWLEY, of 108, Anstey Lane, Leicester, wish all ringing friends a happy Christmas and all good wishes for the coming year. 1483

Christmas greetings to all ringing friends near and far, with a special wish to Suffolk ringers. May we have happy meetings and good ringing in 1958.—LESLIE G. BRETT, Framsden. 1491

Once again at this festive season Mr. and Mrs. R. H. BULLEN, of Station Road, Darley Dale, send greetings to all friends for Christmas, 1957, and the New Year. 1482

Many thanks to all who, in 1957, have entertained us at their towers, welcomed us at meetings and invited us to join outings. Best wishes and greetings to all friends.—PAUL & FLO FIELD, Knolc, Langport. 1522

To my many friends, hearty greetings, kind thoughts and all good wishes for Christmas and the New Year.—T. J. FOWLER, Cookham, Berks. 1498

A very happy Christmas, good fortune and good ringing in the New Year is our wish for all our ringing friends.—GEORGE (Air Headquarters, Malta), DAVID, FRANCES and HILDA MASSEY, Parbury Bungalow, Frome, Somerset. 1479

Christmas greetings and every good wish for the New Year to all our ringing friends.—Mr. and Mrs. F. I. HAIRS, Titchfield, Hants. 1492

To all my ringing friends, all good wishes for success, health and prosperity. No ringing myself; confined to house.—H. GOODWIN, 35, Farnworth Road, E. Herringthorpe, Rotherham, Yorks. 1507

Best wishes and hearty greetings to all ringing friends for Christmas and the New Year from Mr. and Mrs. H. W. KNIGHT, Masonic Hall, Yatton. 1480

All good wishes for Christmas and the New Year to ringing friends everywhere.—Mr. and Mrs. W. B. KYNASTON, 37, Vicarage Road, Swindon, Wilts. 1500

Mrs. LATHBURY and Miss SHORTER wish all their ringing friends a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.—15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames. 1510

Wishing all our ringing friends a very happy Christmas and a prosperous and bright New Year. Still some about you have not rung in. —N. S. T. G., NAILSEA. 1495

To all my ringing friends everywhere, a very happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year. —F. PRECEY, 7, Cologne Road, Bovington Camp, Dorset. 1512

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Christmas greetings and a happy New Year to all our friends of the Southampton District, and a big 'Thank you' for the help so kindly given us during 1957. — From ROMSEY ABBEY ringers. 1520

Hearty greetings for Christmas and the New Year to all ringing friends everywhere, with special greetings to Tom Cullingworth and his happy band of tourists. Good luck to you all. —RONALD J. SHARP, Sandbanks, 1, Flitwick Road, Maulden, Bedford. 1502

Heartiest Christmas greetings and all good wishes for a bright and prosperous New Year, with lots of good ringing and concord, is the sincere wish of Mr. and Mrs. FRANK SKIDMORE to all ringers and friends. 1499

SILSOE RINGERS wish all their friends a happy Christmas and prosperous New Year, and hope to see some of them at their dinner on January 17th. 1488

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. SMALLWOOD send greetings and best wishes for the festive season to all ringing friends, old and new.—16, Comeragh Road, London, W.14. 1485

To all my ringing friends both far and near, a very happy Christmas and sincere good wishes for the coming year.—HILDA G. SNOWDEN, Halstead, Essex. 1509

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. SONE, of Warrington House, Paddock Wood, Kent, send hearty Christmas greetings and wishes for a prosperous New Year to all ringing friends. 1506

Sincere Christmas greetings and good wishes for the New Year to all our ringing friends, from Mr. and Mrs. H. C. SPENCER, Craigentinny, Firleigh Road, Kingsteignton, Devon. 1472

To our many old and new ringing friends *everywhere*—now too numerous to mention individually—my many Guilds and Associations —especially our Railwaymen's and Women's Guild—'The Ringing World,' a good and cheap sixpennyworth, Mr. White, Editor, a very happy Christmas and prosperous new and succeeding years; also grateful thanks for many, many happy times and years.—W. FRANK and Mrs. STENSON, Crewe. 1477

Best wishes to all ringers and friends for Christmas and the New Year from Mr. and Mrs. E. STITCH, The Laurels, 233, Penn Road, Wolverhampton, Staffs. 1511

Best wishes for a very merry Christmas and good health and prosperity during the coming year to all my ringing friends wherever they may be.—EVELYN STEEL, Biddenham, Beds. 1494

Christmas greetings to all members of THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION, resident and non-resident, remembering especially at this time those members and friends who are sick and in hospital: from Reginald V. Johnson (Master). 1469

A very merry Christmas and best wishes for the coming year to all our ringing friends, from Martin, Paddy, Katharine and Penny THORLEY, Padmar, 146, Broadgate Lane, Horsforth, Leeds, Yorkshire. 1508

Christmas greetings to all my ringing friends, especially in the Darlington and Newcastle areas.—JOE THORNLEY, Farnworth, Lancashire. 1504

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD

In spite of inclement weather about 30 members attended the annual meeting of the Southern District at Sketty, Swansea, on December 7th. Ringing at St. Paul's commenced at 2.40 p.m. and continued under the direction of the Ringing Master until the service, which was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. H. C. Williams). In his address, he took as his text 'Many members but one body.'

Tea was provided by the ringers and friends, who were thanked by the Master (Mr. J. T. Williams) for their services rendered.

In the absence of the Vicar the chair was taken by the Master of the Guild. The District secretary reported great strides in the completion of St. Mary's, but could not give any date as to when the bells would be installed. There was still no sign of Morriston bells being rehung.

All officers were re-elected. (Someone was then heard to say that if they stayed on long enough they would get a pension.)

It was proposed that the next meeting be a joint one with the Llandaff Branch. It was also proposed that the secretaries of the St. David's Guild of the S. and B. Guild arrange an occasional joint practice suitable to both Guilds. The District secretary was asked to order a coach for the annual festival at Brecon on June 28th.

After the customary votes of thanks, proposed by the Master, ringing continued until 8 p.m. J. A. H.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.—On Advent Sunday, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: A. H. Worboys 1, J. Belcham 2, W. J. Ellis 3, R. D. Tomlin 4, P. J. Coward 5, D. Belcham 6, F. C. May 7, P. S. Sadler 8, A. J. House (cond.) 9, G. S. Sandwell 10. For Evensong.

PUTNEY, S.W.—On Dec. 8th, at the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Clayton (first quarter) 1, B. Coatsworth (first quarter) 2, E. Curson (first as cond.) 3, L. Allen 4, J. Bell 5, D. Vivian (first quarter) 6.

ST. LEONARDS-ON-SEA, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 9th, at Christ Church, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: R. G. Bailey 1, S. Bailey 2, Miss C. Whitfeld 3, J. Ridd 4, Miss K. Stisted 5, G. S. Piper 6, E. F. P. Bryant (cond.) 7, C. Hankinson 8. First quarter in method on bells and by all except 6th.

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BIRTH

SCOTT.—At 44, St. Leonard's Road, Newton Abbot, on Tuesday, November 12th, 1957, to Claire (nee Isles) and the Rev. John G. M. Scott, a son.

DEATH

EDDEN.—On December 3rd, at Deppers Bridge, Leamington Spa, Clarice Busby, beloved wife of R. J. Edden. 1478

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MISCELLANEOUS

BEDFORDSHIRE.—Silsoe. As from Thursday, Jan. 2nd, practice night will be on Thursdays instead of on Wednesdays. Visitors will still be made welcome. 1488

PACKWOOD, WARWICKSHIRE.—Ringing at Packwood has now recommenced. Practice night, Friday, 7.30 to 9. Beginners and ringers welcomed. Bells available for visiting change-ringing bands by appointment with the Vicar through Mr. Tallis; KNOwle 2425, evenings. N.B.—Sunday Evensong is at 3 p.m. 1460

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Monthly combined 12-bell practices at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, first Saturdays, commencing Jan. 4th, 1958, 4 to 8 p.m. Ambition, Yorkshire and Superlative Maximus. Ringers, mark your diaries!—G. Symonds, Hon. Sec. 1481

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MEETINGS

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Battle, Sussex, Saturday, Dec. 21st, 2.30 p.m. Bells (8). Tea names to Miss Stisted, Fordlands, Catsfield, Sussex. 1457

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting at Hatfield (10), Saturday, Dec. 21st, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing after until 7.20 only. Names for tea to S. Huckle, 39, Stonecross Road, Hatfield.—S. Huckle, Dis. Sec. 1466

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Evening practice at Stoke Poges (8) 6 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 21st (note date).—W. Butler, 17, Forest Road, Windsor. 1467

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Keymer (6), Saturday, Dec. 28th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in Church Hall for those who notify by Monday, Dec. 23rd. Please note change of date.—Geo. North, 11, Richmond Terrace, Brighton. 1463

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western and Northern Divisions.—Advanced ringing practice, Arundel, Saturday, Dec. 28th. Bells 3.30 to 5 and 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. Special method. Ashtead. Tea available—get your own.—G. Francis. 1513

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Combined practice, St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, Wednesday, January 1st. Bells (12) available 6.30 to 8 p.m. All very welcome.—Peter N. Bond, Hon. Sec. 1513

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Chester-le-Street meeting brought forward to January 4th as joint Northern and Western Districts meeting. Bells 2.30 p.m. Social evening with tea. Numbers, please, by Jan. 1st to Mr. S. Walker, 21, Avondale Terrace, Chester-le Street. 1515

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Annual meeting at Bocking, Saturday, Jan. 4th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to Mrs. M. Moore, 244, Broad Road, Bocking, Braintree. 1486

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Quarterly meeting at Brenchley, Saturday, Jan. 4. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, with cash, please (2s. 6d.), by Jan. 1st to Mr. C. Tester, The Cottage, Tawsden, Brenchley. 1452

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — General meeting, nomination of officers, etc., All Saints', Isleworth, Jan. 4th, 3 p.m. Tea and business in Church Hall 4.15. Service 6. Further ringing 6.30 to 8. Evening social in Church Hall. Practice, Jan. 6th, St. Mary's, Lambeth, 7.30. A.G.M., Feb. 8th. Dinner, April 19th. Names for tea, please.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth, ISL3921. 1518

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Tadmarton (6), Saturday, Jan. 4th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45. Swalcliffe (6) after 7 p.m. For tea please notify H. L. Roper, Adderbury, Banbury, Oxon. 1474

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Annual meeting, St. Martin's Hotel, at 6.15 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 4th. St. Martin's bells available 4.30 p.m.—G. E. Fearn, Hon. Sec. 1496

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 4th, at Nottingham. St. Mary's bells (10) available from 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements. Business meeting in belfry at 6 p.m.—C. W. Towers. 1516

UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.—Annual dinner, London, Saturday, Jan. 4th, 6.45 p.m., price 18s., Will any members who have not had a circular and wish to attend please send their payments quickly to me.—B. D. Threlfall, 26, Valley Road, Bromley, Kent. 1501

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual dinner, Saturday, Feb. 1st, 1958, Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn, 6 for 6.30 p.m. Tickets, price 13s. each, now available from J. L. Morris, 25, Lancing Road, Orpington, Kent. 1465

Peals At Bradley

Dear Sir,—Referring to the dedication of the bells of St. Martin's Church, Bradley, Staffs (page 790), there were two peals rung on the old bells, one each of Grandsire and Stedman Triples. Mr. William Bayliss took part in both these peals, also my brother, Alfred J. Wallater, who now resides at Oakland, California, U.S.A.

The Stedman Triples was rung on Wednesday, March 6th, 1907, in 2 hours and 56 minutes; a variation of Thurstans' Four-part, conducted by the late George Hughes, of Wednesbury, who was a native of Hanbury, Worcestershire. The band was George Hughes treble, Albert Blundell 2, Christopher Wallater 3, Alfred J. Wallater 4, Horace Belcher 5, William Fisher 6, Alfred Rowley 7, William Bayliss tenor — Yours sincerely,

C. WALLATER.

Willenhall, Staffs.

OBITUARY

MR. JOHN H. BROTHWELL

We regret to record the sudden death on November 30th of Mr. John H. Brothwell, of Treeton, near Rotherham, aged 83 years.

Mr. Brothwell joined the Yorkshire Association in 1893 and had rung 229 peals for the Association. He was very well known in Yorkshire, Lincolnshire, Notts and Derby areas, and attended a meeting on most Saturdays.

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SUMMERTIME IN SOMERSET

THE cars sweep up to the lych-gate; the occupants scurry into church and up the stairs; the bells ring out for twenty minutes or maybe half-an-hour; the ringers scurry downstairs and out to their cars, looking at their watches, and away they go, off to the next grab, busily entering the tower in their little books or crossing it off in their Doves. The tower-grabbers have been, and if you asked them what the church was like, few of them could tell you more than the 'go' of the bells. And if you ask them to turn off for a look at the little church half-a-mile off to the right, they'll look at the map, look at Dove, and say: 'No bells there,' and there's an end of it.

Happy the man who can use his eyes, and take a little time to look at the towers he rings in and the bells he rings—and even at the bells that he can't. The tower-grabbers don't know Sutton Bingham or Brympton d'Evercy: the poorer they.

Somerset is the land of the big fives and sixes to the ringer, but to the bell-hunter it's also a land of twos and threes perched in little bell-cotes and often undocumented and undated. Nobody since Ellacombe, who collected most of his Somerset material by correspondence, has 'done' Somerset, and there are still finds to be made by people who care to fetch ladders and do a little climbing. While I was holidaying near Yeovil in 1956 two churches were marked down for further investigation: Sutton Bingham and Brympton d'Evercy; this summer good fortune brought George Elphick down to Dorset, and we went to see what we could find there.

Travellers know Sutton Bingham as a sleepy halt; fishermen know it as a new man-made lake stocked with fat trout. Not many seem to know the tiny Norman church beside the lovely manor house, and that's a pity. Very few churches have such an atmosphere of having grown up out of the soil of England for a very, very long time. The stone of the walls, the stone slabs and the hoary timbers of the roof, the ancient paintings which cover most of the walls, all seem entirely part of the life of a very simple, very old, very English community; looking about it you don't think of great building bishops or lords or wealthy merchants as you might at Winchester or Framlingham or Northleach; you think of honest countrymen with mud on their boots and their hats held humbly in big, horny hands, coming to worship their Lord in the house their fathers built for Him. It's a good place to be.

In two little arches in the west gable-end hang two little bells, only about 12 feet from the ground. On the left is one cast over the way in Closworth by Thomas Purdue; the other uninscribed and as different in shape as could be. A ringer who wants to know how the shape of bells developed could not find anywhere a better example: on my left the village maiden, stocky, buxom, firm in the shoulder and a good armful round the waist. On my right the aristocrat, tall and slim and slender-waisted. Yet for all her more delicate looks the aristocrat is the stronger of the two, for Purdue's bell, dated 1684, has been broken in the crown, and it is the other which still rings Sutton Bingham to church, as she has been doing for round about 700 years.

The shape alone makes one pretty sure that this is a very old bell; a closer look makes one certain. The lip inside is flat for about an inch-and-a-half, sloping upwards at about 30°; the cannons were moulded by the waste-wax method, and a very critical examination of the surface of the bell convinced us that it was in fact all waste-wax moulded, and smoothed off with something very like the tool which is shown being used in the bell-founder's window at York. The bell shown in that window would be about the same size as this one, which is just over a foot in diameter. The bell once was swung, as the marks on the stonework of the niche indicate, but she has recently been rehung and is properly fitted for safe clocking.

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The road to Brympton d'Evercy takes you through some of those Somerset lanes which have carved themselves almost a tunnel in the soft sandstone, roofed with hornbeam and hazel and inhabited by sand martins. The last lap is down a fine avenue of trees and through a wood, and then you come out to see one of the loveliest scenes in England. Beyond the gates the drive runs straight to the front door of the house between wonderful lawns; the house is gabled and gargoyled and pinnacled and finialled and emblazoned as the most ardent feudalist could wish, and to the left of the lawns, on a terrace, is an absurd mediæval clock-house with a bell-cote on top. On the right is the 14th century priest's house, almost unaltered, and next to it the little parish church, carrying on its western gable one of those little 2-bell turrets which are a local speciality—corbelled out from a short stem like a chimney-stack, with two arched openings in each side and a pyramidal roof with a finial on each corner. No words of mine can hope to tell the beauty of Brympton d'Evercy: you must go and see it for yourself.

Only the tops of the two bells are visible from the ground, but the half-wheels looked interesting, and we were inclined to look closer, although both the vicar and the lord of the manor told us that a man from nearby who knew all about bells had been up to see them and said they were of no interest—one by Purdue and one uninscribed and undated and of no account. The lord of the manor lent us an aluminium ladder, and asked us while we were at it to look at the bell on the clock-house as well, so we went there first.

It was a breezy climb, and as I went up the fully extended ladder I used every trick of eloquence to prove to myself that aluminium ladders were immensely strong and that their flexibility was just another proof of it. I arrived at the top quite unconvinced and very glad to get on something that kept still, even if it was very small and very high and very full of bell.

The bell proved to be a nice one, bearing the name of the lord of the manor in 1723, when it was cast, and his arms on the waist. There was no founder's name or initials, but the decoration made us think that it was a Closworth bell, and at that date the founder would have been William Knight. The cannons were neatly cabled.

The ladder was moved to the church and had to be extended even further to reach the sill of the turret. It behaved if anything even worse, but I forgot about that when I brought my eyes level with the sill. In front was the Purdue bell, the larger of the two, and like all his work very neatly cast: but the other was plainly even older than the Sutton Bingham bell. Like it, it was very long in the waist—longer in fact—and the soundbow was less flared, and the inside of the lip was flat as at Sutton Bingham, but this time it was horizontal, so that if you'd put the bell mouth-downwards on the ground the whole of this 2" flat would have touched it. The bell seemed to have been moulded in the normal mediæval manner from a clay false-bell, but the cannons were a puzzle. They showed no sign of piece-moulds, and at the sharpest part of the curve they were flattened, as a tube is flattened

when you bend it. George made very careful casts of the cannons and argent, and when he got home experimented with all kinds of materials to see if he could reproduce the flattening. Wax was no good, but one thing did produce just the same effect—straw smoothed over with clay. The use of straw for moulding the cannons and argent tallied with the surface of part of the argent, where there were marks which might well have been the impression of straw imperfectly covered with the clay in a place which was difficult to smooth over. We estimate the date of this bell at about 1200.

The bells aren't ringable, for the frame is badly rotted and infested, and the old bell is resting on the sill one side where the frame-head has collapsed. The half-wheels are not old; they seem to have been copied from old ones by someone who was a good joiner but didn't know how to curve the sole of the wheel: he'd made saw-cuts halfway through the inner face of the sole about 2" apart all round.

It was a good day: two 13th century bells never previously identified so far as we know, and two lovely churches visited—for Brympton Church is outstandingly beautiful and contains some exceptionally fine mediæval tomb-figures, one of a priest who died while administering the Last Sacrament in the Black Death.

But what of the knowledgeable local ringer who pronounced the Brympton bell 'of no interest'? Could he be the man who, with his companion, immortalised his visit by chalking their names inside the bell-turret? I know that name, and its owner, and so does George, I think. But we won't tell. J. G. M. S.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 9, 1957, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,
At the Cathedral Church of St. Martin,
A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

Doreen D. Dutton	*Treble*	Richard E. Prime	7
*Avril Thackray	2	J. Frederick Milner	8
Herrick B. Bowley	3	John A. Acres	9
Phyllis Poole	4	S. Anthony Jesson	10
Ernest Rawson	5	Peter J. Staniforth	11
Shirley Burton	6	William J. Root	*Tenor*

Conducted by Herrick B. Bowley.
* First peal in 12 bells and first peal of Surprise.

TEN BELL PEALS

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 7, 1957, in 3 Hours and 36 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5180 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 42 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb. in C.

*Kenneth Ballington (13)	*Treble*	†Irvin Slack	6
†Alfred Smith	2	Vivienne M. Horton	7
J. Martin Thorley	3	Frederick Seager	8
Arnold Cole	4	†C. Michael Orme	9
Ronald H. Dove	5	Derek P. Jones	*Tenor*

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Derek P. Jones.
* First peal on more than six bells. † First peal of Plain Bob Royal.

SOUTHAMPTON.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 7, 1957, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 16¼ cwt. in F.

Nelia M. Leahy	*Treble*	Adrian J. Tumber	6
R. Roger Savory	2	Charles H. Kippin	7
Jessie M. Kippin	3	*Gwilym Salmon	8
Jean Powell	4	*Eric Naylor	9
Robert C. Kippin	5	*David Hoare	*Tenor*

Composed by F. E. Darby. Conducted by Charles H. Kippin.
* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Dec. 7, 1957, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Bartholomew,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

Henry H. Fearn	*Treble*	Norman J. Goodman	6
Muriel Reay	2	Arthur V. Pearson	7
Ruth M. Jackson	3	George E. Fearn	8
Ian M. Holland	4	Ralph G. Edwards	9
H. David Holland	5	Peter Border	*Tenor*

Composed by John A. Burford. Conducted by Peter Border.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 14, 1957, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 25½ cwt. in D flat.

Arthur W. Gravett	*Treble*	Leonard Stilwell	6
Raymond Overy	2	W. Arthur Riddington	7
E. Winifred Keys	3	*Arthur J. Hart	8
Albert W. Bond	4	Frank H. Hicks	9
William Rogers	5	William T. Beeson	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. Haley. Conducted by W. Arthur Riddington.
* First peal of Stedman Caters away from tenor. First as conductor in the method. Ringers of 2 and 5 have now 'completed the circle.'
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DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 14, 1957, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Thomas,
A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 20¼ cwt.

Howard Howell	*Treble*	Albert D. Collins	6
Christopher Wallater	2	R. Arthur Peakman	7
*C. Frederick Jukes	3	*William H. Cooper	8
William Davies	4	Frederick G. Handley	9
Ernest Stitch	5	Charles F. W. Eyre	*Tenor*

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Howard Howell.
* First peal of Stedman Caters.
The annual peal for the Guild and a golden wedding anniversary compliment to the parents of the ringer of the third.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

CRICH, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Nov. 28, 1957, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in F sharp.

*Brian R. Manning	*Treble*	Herbert E. Taylor	5
Ronald H. Bullen	2	Gordon A. Halls	6
*Patricia A. M. Forster	3	Vivienne M. Horton	7
*George H. Paulson	4	Derek P. Jones	*Tenor*

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by Derek P. Jones.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1957, in 3 Hours,
At the Church of St. Nicolas,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in G.

*Bridget Forder	*Treble*	David J. Forder	5
Reginald A. Reed	2	E. Keith Jordan	6
Norman Hayes	3	Frederick W. Burnett	7
Cedric Murphy	4	Harold P. Reed	*Tenor*

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*VALERIE CLIST	*Treble*	WILLIAM H. VIGGERS	5
TOM PAGE	2	DUGALD MACPHERSON	6
*STELLA TAIT-MITCHELL	3	CHARLES W. DENYER	7
†ROSEMARIE HIDE	4	EDWARD J. BRAGG	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES W. DENYER.
* First peal at first attempt. † First of Triples.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Dec. 5, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 28 lb.

HARRY HALL	*Treble*	JACK BRAY	5
RONALD CHAFER	2	*JOHN HALL	6
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	3	MICHAEL CROWDER	7
C. AUBREY HARRISON	4	GEORGE W. MOODY	*Tenor*

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by JACK BRAY.
* First peal in the method.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Thurs., Dec. 5, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21¼ cwt. in E flat.

C. JACK GIBSON	*Treble*	FRANK RUFFLES	5
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	2	WALTER W. MILLER	6
PATRICIA M. CLARKE	3	WALTER RUFFLES	7
LESLIE G. BRETT	4	JOHN W. BLYTHE	*Tenor*

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

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 7, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5016 TIVERTON LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb.

ERIC J. BRUNGER	*Treble*	GEORGE FRY	5
KATHLEEN M. YEO	2	BERNARD V. COLLISON	6
*STANLEY G. PONTING	3	STANLEY JENNER	7
EDWARD J. JENNER	4	CHARLES A. BASSETT	*Tenor*

Composed by H. JOHNSON. Conducted by STANLEY JENNER.
* 75th peal. First peal of Major as conductor. First peal in the method by all the band, and for the Association.

LONG SUTTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 7, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE R. G. BUTLER	*Treble*	STANLEY E. BENNETT	5
*MISS F. OLDERSHAW	2	*THOMAS H. CHARLTON	6
JOHN E. ALLEN	3	BRIAN AUSTIN	7
JOHN G. AMES	4	RONALD C. NOON	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.
* First peal in the method.

NEWBURY, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 7, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb. in D.

*GEORGE WIGGINS	*Treble*	†CEDRIC MURPHY	5
*REGINALD A. REED	2	†HENRY LAWRENSON	6
REGINALD W. REX	3	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM	7
*FREDERICK W. SCOTT	4	*HAROLD P. REED	*Tenor*

Composed by J. COX. Conducted by REGINALD A. REED.
* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob. † First peal of Treble Bob.
Arranged and rung for the Patronal Festival of this church.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 7, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

ERNEST WHITING	*Treble*	*PAUL D. T. CATTERMOLE	5
BETTY SYRETT	2	ROBERT PLUMMER	6
E. AUSTIN HEAD	3	GEORGE FILBY	7
*LEONARD H. MINNS	4	L. EDWARD ETHERIDGE	*Tenor*

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.
* First peal in the method.
A birthday compliment to Miss M. Kennington, aunt of the fifth ringer.

SHORE, LITTLEBOROUGH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 7, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's One-part. Tenor 10 cwt.

*WILLIAM G. WILSON	*Treble*	FRED PRITCHARD	5
ROGER MAHER	2	DAVID YOUNG	6
GILLIAN BRIDGFORD	3	LAWRENCE WALMSLEY	7
PETER SCHOLFIELD	4	COLIN S. TAYLOR	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRED PRITCHARD.
* First peal of Grandsire.

SILEBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 7, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's variation. Tenor 23 cwt.

MRS. P. J. STANIFORTH	*Treble*	J. FREDERICK MILNER	5
*JEAN A. KIRKMAN	2	†ERNEST J. JELLEY	6
ERNEST W. RAWSON	3	PETER J. STANIFORTH	7
*DEREK M. SAWYER	4	PETER MINCHEN	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.
* First peal of Stedman. † 250th peal.

SOUTHAMPTON.
THE SOUTHAMPTON UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 7, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION, BITTERNE PARK,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb.

JOHN L. QUEEN	*Treble*	J. HENRY GILBERT	5
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	2	DAVID J. FORDER	6
DEREK C. JACKSON	3	RAYMOND E. FINCH	7
DON C. EXELL	4	MICHAEL V. WHITE	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH.
First peal on the bells. First peal of Major for the Guild.

WARWICK.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 7, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in F.

FRANK W. PERRENS	*Treble*	L. MICHAEL CALLOW	5
ARTHUR H. BEAMISH	2	WILLIAM H. MALE	6
DAVID A. CARPENTER	3	HUBERT E. ASHLEY	7
WILLIAM COLLETT	4	JAMES L. GARNER-HAYWARD	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by J. L. GARNER-HAYWARD.
The first peal on the bells to commemorate their dedication by the Lord Bishop of Coventry on Thursday, December 5th, after recasting and rehanging in a new frame.

WITTON, NORTHWICH, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 7, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

*CYNTHIA MOORE	*Treble*	CECIL RADDON	5
ERIC HORNBY	2	JOSEPH THORNLEY	6
JOHN SCOTT	3	HENRY PARKER	7
VICTOR NEAL	4	HARRY W. HOWARD	*Tenor*

Composed by E. JENKINS. Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.
* First peal of Little Bob.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Moore, and a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. S. Cragg. Mr. Cragg is a local ringer.

WROTHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 7, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. George,
A PEAL OF 5024 GAINSBOROUGH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. 10 lb. in E.

Thomas E. Sone	*Treble*	*Leonard Stilwell	5
*Reginald L. Sills	2	*Ernest J. Ladd	6
Colin A. Tester	3	*William Rogers	7
*Doris E. Colgate	4	*W. Arthur Riddington	*Tenor*

Composed by Stephen Ivin (No. 2). Conducted by William Rogers.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. The ringers of treble and second have now 'completed the circle' at this tower.
This composition is now rung for the first time.

BARROW-ON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 9, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
At the Church of The Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation). Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr.

Norman Bell	*Treble*	Arthur Crowder	5
Jack Bray	2	Michael Crowder	6
C. Aubrey Harrison	3	Philip Barnes	7
Ronald Chafer	4	Septimus Neave	*Tenor*

Conducted by Jack Bray.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam H. Hallam, a life-long church worker and 50 years lay reader at this church.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., Dec. 9, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
At Bishop Ryder's Church,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

Ruth M. Jackson	*Treble*	Peter Border	5
Diana J. Perrins	2	Frank E. Haynes	6
Ralph G. Edwards	3	George E. Fearn	7
Arthur V. Pearson	4	Stephen J. Ivin	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Stephen J. Ivin.

MAULDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Dec. 10, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. in F sharp.

Stephen Ivin	*Treble*	Alfred E. Rushton	5
*Robert L. Piron	2	*C. Michael Orme	6
Andrew C. Sinfield	3	Philip Mehew	7
Ronald J. Sharp	4	C. Edward Jeffries	*Tenor*

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Stephen Ivin.
* First peal of Bristol. The first of Bristol on these bells.
A birthday compliment to C. W. Sinfield.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Dec. 12, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5088 CRICKLEWOOD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

C. Edward Lankester	*Treble*	Dennis Knox	5
Brian Bladon	2	Alfred J. House	6
Alick Cutler	3	Thomas J. Lock	7
Stanley E. Darmon	4	John R. Mayne	*Tenor*

Composed by Richard F. B. Speed. Conducted by John R. Mayne.
The first peal in the method. This is the 100th different Surprise Major method to be rung on these bells—the first tower to achieve this distinction.

BROMLEY, KENT
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 14, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Holt's Ten-part. Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in F.

*Gwendolen J. Silor	*Treble*	Philip A. Corby	5
David J. Kirby	2	Brian D. Threlfall	6
Arthur S. Richards	3	Percy J. Spice	7
David J. R. Martin	4	*Malcolm K. J. Powell	*Tenor*

Conducted by Philip A. Corby.
* First peal at first attempt. First peal attempt on the recast bells. Rung on the occasion of the consecration of the completed church.

CRICKLEWOOD SURPRISE MAJOR
58—36, 14, 58—12, 38, 14—14, 5, 16—34, 5.
2nds place lead-end; 4ths place bob.

BARTON-UNDER-NEEDWOOD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Dec. 14, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in F.

Clifford T. Blundell	*Treble*	Ralph G. Edwards	5
Joan Beresford	2	Harold Taylor	6
Peter Beresford	3	Edmund Malin	7
Arthur V. Pearson	4	George E. Fearn	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Arthur V. Pearson.

BURNHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 14, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5056 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 13½ lb

George Gilbert	*Treble*	*George Coussins	5
Mary R. Jaycock	2	E. Dennis Poole	6
*Howard Oglesby	3	Gordon W. Limmer	7
*Richard E. Dean	4	George W. Debenham	*Tenor*

Composed by Arthur Knights (No. 416).
Conducted by George W. Debenham.
* First peal in the method.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 14, 1957, *in* 5 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 10000 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 10 lb. in F sharp.

*William H. Dowse (14)	*Treble*	*John H. Allen (17)	5
*Stella Hughes (17)	2	Neil Bennett (19)	6
†Frank Osbaldiston (13)	3	Robert B. Smith (19)	7
Bernard Groves (14)	4	Brian J. Woodruffe (19)	*Tenor*

Composed by Sir A. Percival Heywood (C.C.C. No. 57).
Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.
* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method 'inside.' The conductor's 100th peal, 50th as conductor and first of Double Norwich Court Bob as conductor. The longest length rung by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association. The average age of the band is 17 years exactly.
The peal contains the 4th, 5th and 6th, the extent in 6ths place, with the 2nd and 3rd never together in 5-6.

MILES PLATTING, MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 14, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John,
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

Sydney Sage	*Treble*	Alexander Richardson	5
*Trevor Taylor	2	Derek Ogden	6
*Neil D. Lomas	3	*Derek Taylor	7
Sidney Hough, jun.	4	*Denis Mottershead	*Tenor*

Composed by A. Knights (C.C.C. No. 28).
Conducted by Denis Mottershead.
* First peal in the method.

OLVESTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 14, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18¼ cwt. in E.

Michael T. Sprackling	*Treble*	J. Henry Gilbert	5
David Heighton	2	Reginald G. Hooper	6
Joan Gray	3	*Frank D. Mack	7
Tudor P. Edwards	4	Philip M. J. Gray	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by Philip M. J. Gray.
* First peal of Surprise 'inside.' First peal in the method by all except the conductor. First peal in the method for the Association.

SHERFIELD ENGLISH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 14, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Leonard.
A PEAL OF 5088 GAINSBOROUGH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9¼ cwt. in A flat.

Don C. Exell	*Treble*	Jessie M. Kippin	5
Jean Powell	2	J. Michael Lakin	6
Adrian J. Tumber	3	Robert C. Kippin	7
Margaret E. Beamish	4	R. Roger Savory	*Tenor*

Composed by Arthur Craven. Conducted by R. Roger Savory.
First peal in the method by all the band, and on the bells.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

NORTH CREAKE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Nov. 10, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

Frieda A. Frost	*Treble*	H. John Larwood	4
Albert E. Dixon	2	Samuel H. Waterfield	5
Cecil V. Ebberson	3	Tony Owen	*Tenor*

Conducted by Tony Owen.

COLLINGBOURNE-KINGSTON, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 23, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 CHEVIOT TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being two 2,160's and an extent (C.C.C. Nos. 96-101, 94).
Tenor 19¼ cwt. in E.

Brian Bladon	*Treble*	Ralph Bird	4
John R. Mayne	2	Victor Griffin	5
Philip Mehew	3	Derek P. Jones	*Tenor*

Conducted by Derek P. Jones.
The first peal in the method (C.C.C. T.B. 20). The first peal of Minor on the bells.

UPAVON, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 23, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being an extent each of Chiltern, Cheviot, Cotswold, Mendip, Pennine, Quantock and Snowdon Treble Bob. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

Victor Griffin	*Treble*	Derek P. Jones	4
Ralph Bird	2	Philip Mehew	5
Brian Bladon	3	John R. Mayne	*Tenor*

Conducted by John R. Mayne.
The first peal in these seven methods, which are all named after hills and mountains.

ECCLESTON, near CHORLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents (six callings).

Albert Greenhalgh	*Treble*	†Geoffrey Lloyd	4
James Cunliffe	2	†David Burgess	5
*John Rigby	3	John Ashcroft	*Tenor*

Conducted by John Ashcroft.
* First peal. † First peal of Minor.
Rung for St. Andrew's Day, and in honour of the baptism of Andrew, son of the ringer of the third.

OLD HEADINGTON, OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 12 extents of Plain Bob and 30 extents of Grandsire.
Tenor 8¼ cwt. in A.

*Marion Gould	*Treble*	†H. Badger	4
Tom Smith	2	‡Dennys C. Bowen	5
*Verona Naylor	3	Reg Brown	*Tenor*

Conducted by Tom Smith.
* First peal. † First peal of Doubles 'inside.' ‡ First peal of Doubles.
Rung on St. Andrew's Day as a compliment to David Simms, a Headington ringer, and Miss June Ringe, on their engagement.

SHUSTOKE, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Cuthbert,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In three methods, being 240 April Day, 2,400 Plain Bob, 2,400 Grandsire (1,920 ten callings, 240 each of Morris's and Pitman's arrangement).
Tenor 12 cwt.

*Albert G. Ensor	*Treble*	Gordon H. Lane	4
D. Keith Lane	2	Edward H. Hill	5
William C. Rhodes	3	Harry J. Walker	*Tenor*

Conducted by Gordon H. Lane.
* First peal.
Arranged for the ringers of the treble and tenor, who have been ringing at this church for 40 years. Also to welcome the new Vicar (Rev. Mr. Yearsley) and Mrs. Yearsley.

TAXAL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Dec. 4, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In seven methods, being 720 Grandsire, 1,200 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 480 St. Nicholas' Bob, 1,200 Winchendon Place, 720 Plain Bob, 240 St. Simon's Bob and 480 St. Martin's Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

*John R. Kennett	*Treble*	*Alex Richardson	4
Bernard Groves	2	Robert B. Smith	5
	Brian J. Woodruffe	*Tenor*	

Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.
* First peal in seven Doubles methods.
Rung after being short for Minor.

BLYTHBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 7, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
At the Church of The Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being 720 each of Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in G.

Ernest S. Bailey	*Treble*	Jack Pilgrim	4
James M. Bailey	2	C. Jack Gibson	5
Raymond Peck	3	John W. Blythe	*Tenor*

Conducted by John W. Blythe.

EAST HARLING, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 7, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 11 cwt.

Jill Creasy	*Treble*	Dr. Paul H. A. Jonason	4
Charles E. G. Banham	2	Frank C. J. Arnold	5
Leonard W. King	3	C. Frank W. Phillippo	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. Frank W. Phillippo.
Rung for (1) season of Advent; (2) tenth anniversary of induction of the Rev. T. H. Child as rector of E. Harling; (3) farewell peal for Miss J. Creasy, who is leaving the district; (4) thanksgiving for Mr. L. King on his first peal since an operation earlier in the year.

HAYFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 7, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Matthew,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR
In 12 methods: (1) Norbury, College Exercise and Morning Star T.B.; (2) Duke of Norfolk and Ockley T.B.; (3) Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure, Sandal and Capel T.B.; (4) Oxford, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure and Sandal T.B.; (5) Cambridge Surprise; (6) Kent T.B.; (7) Oxford T.B.; 76 changes of method.
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in G sharp.

*John R. Kennett	*Treble*	Bernard Groves	4
†William H. Dowse	2	‡Frank Osbaldiston	5
‡Robert B. Smith	3	Brian J. Woodruffe	*Tenor*

Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.
* First peal in 12 methods. † First peal in 12 methods 'inside.' ‡ 25th peal together.
Rung as a welcome to the Vicar (Rev. D. R. Cooper), who was inducted here the previous week.

BRISTOL.
THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.
On Wed., Dec. 11, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael-on-the-Mount, Without,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Combined Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

Pauline F. Sprackling	*Treble*	Tudor P. Edwards	4
*Patrick J. Bird	2	†Brian J. Wylde	5
Maurice E. Downs	3	David Heighton	*Tenor*

Conducted by David Heighton.
* First peal of Minor in more than one method. † First peal of Minor 'inside.'

BATLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Dec. 12, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 10¼ cwt. in F sharp.

*Robert Appleby	*Treble*	Peter Dawson	4
Maurice J. Thurmott	2	Douglas Thorp	5
Harold B. Schofield	3	David Atkins	*Tenor*

Conducted by David Atkins.
* First peal. First peal as conductor.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Maurice J. Thurmott.

HANDBELL PEALS

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
At Whingarth, Ridge Road,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In seven methods, being 720 each of St. Osmund Bob, St. Nicholas' Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Simon's Bob, Winchendon Place Bob, St. Martin's Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor size 15 in C.
Bernard Groves .. .. 1—2 | Brian J. Woodruffe .. 3—4
Robert B. Smith .. .. 5—6
Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.
First peal of seven Doubles on handbells by all and for the Guild.

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Dec. 8, 1957, *in* 1 *Hour and* 59 *Minutes,*
At 7, Waterside,
A PEAL OF 5040 ST. MARTIN'S BOB DOUBLES
Being 42 extents (five callings). Tenor size 15 in C.
Bernard Groves .. .. 1—2 | Brian J. Woodruffe .. 3—4
*Frank Osbaldiston .. 5—6
Conducted jointly:
Frank Osbaldiston (11 extents), Brian J. Woodruffe (16 extents), Bernard Groves (15 extents).
* First peal on handbells. First peal in the method by all and for the Guild. 25th peal together by the band. Believed to be the first peal in the method on handbells.

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Dec. 8, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
At Whingarth, Ridge Road,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In ten methods, being 480 each of Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Reverse Plain Bob, St. Remigius' Bob, St. Nicholas' Bob, Winchendon Place Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, St. Osmund Bob, St. Simon's Bob, St. Martin's Bob and 720 Plain Bob. Tenor size 15 in C.
Bernard Groves .. .. 1—2 | Brian J. Woodruffe .. 3—4
Robert B. Smith .. .. 5—6
Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.
First peal of ten Doubles methods on handbells by all and for the Guild, and believed to be the most methods yet rung to a peal of Doubles for the Guild.

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BEDFORD.—At St. Paul's Church, on Nov. 24th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: S. Ivin 1, N. Inskip 2, Anne E. Amor 3, Jennifer M. Davis 4, M. Podd 5, G. Amor 6, S. Foskett 7, R. L. Piron 8, B. Pattison (cond.) 9, K. Wakefield 10. Rung for the visit of the Bishop of St. Albans.

BEOLEY, WORCS.—On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Barbara Langston (first quarter) 1, Gillian Jackson (first 'inside') 2, J. Merrell (first as cond.) 3, A. Ison (first quarter) 4, M. Davis 5, F. Ison 6. Rung in honour of the birth of a son to the Rev. and Mrs. E. N. Judge, and the christening that day by the Lord Bishop of Winchester.

BOLSOVER, DERBYS.—720 Kent Treble Bob (cond. S. Slaney) and 720 Plain Bob Minor (cond. A. B. Cooper): J. Saxton 1, C. Wright 2, Mrs. B. Holmes 3, D. Cooper 4, S. Slaney 5, A. B. Cooper 6. Specially arranged as a token of esteem for the memory of John H. Brothwell (Treeton), a very old friend of the Bolsover ringers.

BRENTFORD, MIDDLX.—On Dec. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Margaret Westcott 1, Jill Barron 2, Meriel Holden Brown 3, C. M. Bloomer 4, Gillian Neal Smith 5, Dr. D. J. Neal Smith (cond.) 6. For Evensong and to mark the 21st birthday of D. Brian Lewis. With this quarter the conductor completed 100 consecutive days of tower bell ringing in 36 different towers.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 10th, at the Church of the Good Shepherd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. J. Lewis 1, Miss F. M. Martin 2, J. W. Reynolds 3, S. G. Ridge 4, H. Stalham 5, C. W. Riddlestone 6, S. E. Armstrong (cond.) 7, N. J. Armstrong 8. Arranged for the 30th wedding anniversary of 1 and 6, and the conductor's birthday.

BRISTOL.—At St. Michael's Church (City), on Dec. 15th, 1,260 Doubles (60 Stedman and 1200 Grandsire): Miss B. Stephens 1, Miss P. F. Sprackling 2, D. Heighton 3, T. P. Edwards (cond.) 4, M. T. Sprackling 5, P. J. Bird 6. For Confirmation service by the University of Bristol Society.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.—On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. T. Norris 1, C. Cook 2, Miss S. Dorey 3, E. Ashby 4, C. Slade 4, N. Jenkins 6, J. Rootes 7, T. Norris (cond.) 8. Rung for the opening of Christmas sale.

CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA.—At St. Mary's Church, Woodstock, on Dec. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: O. Lamb 1, J. Riley 2, J. Wood 3, L. Hewitt 4, R. H. Stickley (cond.) 5, J. Ernstzen 6. Rung to celebrate the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Smith.

CLERKENWELL, E.C.—On Dec. 8th, at St. James' Church, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Miss F. C. Brown 1, Miss M. Prockson 2, Miss J. Scrutton 3, A. F. Lewry 4, G. Parsons 5, W. Prockson 6, W. G. Wilson 7, J. Euston (cond.) 8. For morning service.

COLESHILL, WARWICKS.—On Dec. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. G. Ensor 1, D. L. Hooper 2, E. H. Hill 3, G. H. Lane (cond.) 4, D. K. Lane 5, W. G. Lane 6, W. C. Rhodes 7, H. J. Walker 8. First of Triples for 1 and 6.

CRANFORD, MIDDLX.—On Nov. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Susan Parker 1, Barbara Marchant 2, June Richardson 3, G. Thrush 4, D. Fowles (cond.) 5, T. S. Baker (first quarter) 6. For Evensong. Also on Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Margaret A. Westcott 1, Jill Barron (first of Minor 'inside') 2, Meriel Holden Brown 3, C. M. Bloomer 4, Gillian Neal Smith 5, Dr. D. J. Neal Smith (cond.) 6. Rung for St. Cecilia's Day, and on the occasion of the 50th meeting of the St. Matthias, Richmond, Guild since its formation a year ago.

DOVER, KENT.—On Dec. 9th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Godfrey 1, Mrs. H. George 2, Miss V. Godderidge 3, G. George (cond.) 4, Miss A. Banks 5, J. Eagles 6, E. J. Walker 7, G. Gray 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of those who lost their lives in the Lewisham railway disaster.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYS.—On Oct. 31st, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: R. B. Wherry 1, S. Ellison 2, K. Ellison 3, J. R. Kennett 4, B. J. Woodruffe (cond.) 5. Rung by pupils of Buxton College.

FELMERSHAM, BEDS.—On Dec. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: T. Albury (first quarter) 1, P. Payne (first 'inside') 2, C. Payne 3, D. Cook 4, C. Lovell (cond.) 5, T. Hensman 6. A birthday compliment to Mr. C. Payne by the local band.

QUARTER PEALS

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Jean Croft 1, G. Cherry 2, S. H. Ashton 3, L. Runnacles 4, P. W. Croft 5, F. W. Croft (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also on Nov. 10th, 1,272 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: Jean Croft 1, G. Cherry 2, S. H. Ashton 3, L. Runnacles 4, P. W. Croft 5, F. W. Croft (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday. Also on Dec. 1st, 1,440 Bourne Surprise Minor: Jean Croft 1, G. Cherry 2, S. H. Ashton 3, L. Runnacles 4, P. W. Croft 5, F. W. Croft (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

HAWKHURST, KENT.—On Dec. 14th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (rung consecutively without standing): A. H. Kemp 1, B. Baker 2, W. Gorringe 3, R. E. Lambert 4, L. W. Jarvis 5, G. Pearson 6, R. J. Brown 7, T. Cullingworth 8. Kent conducted by G. Pearson, Grandsire conducted by W. Gorringe. Rung as a compliment to W. Gorringe on completion of 40 years' service with his employers. Birthday compliments to Mrs. R. Tappenden and Mr. G. Billenness.

HEMSWORTH, YORKS.—On Nov. 30th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: D. Cubitt 1, Miss J. Roper (first of Surprise 'inside') 2, P. Mehew 3, H. Scott 4, J. F. Milner 5, V. Bottomley 6, W. E. Critchley 7, W. F. Moreton (cond.) 8. A birthday compliment to Miss J. Roper.

LITTLE HOUGHTON, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 8th, 1,260 Doubles in 10 methods (120 each of Kennington, St. Simon's, Plain Bob, Chase Bob, Old Bob, London, Union Bob, Reverse Canterbury Bob, April Day and 180 Grandsire): A. Henman (cond.) 1, A. Ford 2, R. Henman 3, J. Kightley 4, L. Battison 5. For Evensong.

LONDON, S.W.—At Immanuel, Streatham, on Nov. 17th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss D. Crowe (first of Major) 1, M. Williamson 2, R. Hinde 3, J. Cook 4, J. Euston (cond.) 5, W. Wilson 6, E. Talbot 7, J. Prior 8. Also at St. Stephen's Church, Clapham Park, on Dec. 10th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: J. Tomsett 1, Miss S. Jacob (first of Treble Bob Major) 2, J. Euston (cond.) 3, M. Sinden 4, J. Cook 5, G. Parsons 6, R. Hinde 7, R. Sanders 8. For Confirmation service.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Hardwidge 1, Mary Powell 2, M. J. Horseman 3, Mrs. R. Quint 4, J. Brain 5, L. Derrick (cond.) 6. Rung for the opening of the annual sale of work for the Church Restoration Fund.

NETHER COMPTON, DORSET.—On Dec. 13th, 1,260 St. Simon's Doubles: Miss W. Harewood 1, D. Sweet 2, E. Amey 3, R. J. Vardy 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5. First in the method by all. A farewell compliment to the Rector, who is retiring at the end of the month.

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NORTH BRADLEY, WILTS.—On Dec. 8th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss S. Brown 1, P. Harding 2, D. Knight 3, J. Case 4, A. Knight 5, E. Hitchins 6, L. Hitchins 7, F. Slatford (cond.) 8. First of Major 1, 4, 5 and 6. For patronal festival by service band.

OFFWELL, DEVON.—On Dec. 14th, 1,500 Grandsire Doubles: A. Hodge 1, J. Real 2, C. Manley 3, W. Sparks 4, W. Webb (cond.) 5, G. Ackland 6.

RANMORE, SURREY.—On Dec. 7th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Miss F. Hankey 1, G. Oliver 2, E. G. L. Coward 3, A. Streeter 4, A. Smith 5, G. Francis 6, F. E. Roberts (cond.) 7, F. Hicks 8. First of Surprise for 1 and 4.

ROCKWELL GREEN, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Taylor 1, C. Webber 2, H. Taylor (first quarter) 3, D. Salter 4, R. Trickey (cond.) 5, A. Chapman (first quarter) 6.

SHIRLEY, WARWICKS.—On Dec. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Robinson 1, Mrs. K. R. Foot (first 'inside') 2, V. A. Hemming (cond.) 3, J. K. Foot 4, K. R. Foot 5, J. T. Gwilt 6.

SKETTY, SWANSEA.—On Dec. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Thorne 1, P. Whitworth 2, J. A. Hoare (cond.) 3, J. Dale (first quarter) 4, D. Astridge 5, D. Robinson (first quarter) 6. For Confirmation service by the Archbishop-Elect of Wales (Dr. A. E. Morris).

STAMFORD HILL, N.—At St. Ann's Church, on Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. J. Rowe 1, Miss P. Rowe 2, Miss L. Hawes 3, Miss F. Secker 4, M. Rowe 5, M. Cubitt 6, B. Bladon 7, L. Green 8. First of Stedman Triples for all except 1 and 7. Also on Dec. 8th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: H. Howson 1, Miss P. Rowe (12) 2, Miss L. Hawes 3, Miss F. Secker 4, W. Theobald 5, M. Cubitt 6, M. J. Rowe 7, B. Bladon (first of Surprise Major as cond.) 8. First of Surprise Major for all except 5 and 8. Both rung by Sunday service bands.

STANMORE, MIDDLX.—On Dec. 15th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: T. Carless (first of Treble Bob) 1, Miss J. M. Wilcockson 2, Mrs. A. C. Wenban 3, A. C. Wenban 4, W. Wenban (cond.) 5, R. Stoddard 6. For evening service.

STINCHCOMBE, GLOS.—On Nov. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss C. Browning 1, R. Cox 2, V. Jellings 3, R. Trotman 4, S. Poole (cond.) 5, O. Mills 6. For the glory of God.

STOKE ALBANY, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 4th, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob, 540 Plain Bob): R. H. Idle 1, Miss S. Collins 2, Miss D. Lawless 3, G. E. Watson 4, B. S. Cope 5, B. Austin (cond.) 6.

STOKE BISHOP, BRISTOL.—On Dec. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Brocklehurst 1, N. Buckland 2, P. Gray 3, W. Naylor 4, J. Laver (first as cond.) 5, Mrs. J. Gray 6.

TETTENHALL, STAFFS.—On Dec. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 covering): Miss B. Humphries (first quarter) 1, Miss B. Falkiner 2, R. Humphries 3, Miss C. Slater 4, A. G. Newman (cond.) 5, F. Southwick 6, E. Southwick 7, H. Harris 8. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to R. Humphries, ringer of the 3rd.

TOTTERNHOE, BEDS.—On Dec. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. J. Newman 1, R. J. Scott 2, Miss J. E. Gladman 3, J. G. Newman 4, W. Sear 5, J. W. Sinfield (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

WARSOP, NOTTS.—1,440 Plain Bob Minor (2nd hunt bell): Nancy Wilcox 1, B. Stevens 2, J. T. Rooke (first as cond.) 3, R. Lucas 4, F. Flint 5, H. T. Rooke 6.

WARWICK.—At St. Nicholas' Church, on Dec. 8th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: A. R. Guy 1, Ruth M. Jackson 2, H. Summers 3, P. Stone 4, W. A. Stote 5, L. M. Callow 6, J. L. Garner-Hayward 7, P. Border (cond.) 8.

WESTMINSTER, S.W.—At St. Gabriel's Church, Warwick Square, on Dec. 8th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: L. J. Batley 1, C. W. Ottley 2, T. H. Taffender 3, M. Hawkes 4, F. A. Ranson 5, F. P. Mead 6, P. J. Hutchings (cond.) 7, C. M. Meyer 8.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Appropriately for Plough Sunday (January 12th) the B.B.C. are going into rural Wiltshire to broadcast the Parish Communion service at the Church of St. Sampson, Cricklade, at 9.45. The bells will be heard before the service in the West and North Home Services. Mr. Walter Witts is captain of the ringers.

St. Margaret's, Westminster, bells will be on the air on Sunday, January 12th, in the Home Service at 9.45 a.m.

Mr. Albert G. Ensor, who has been ringing at Shustoke, Warwickshire, for 40 years, rang his first peal on November 30th.

Congratulations to the band who rang a peal of 10,000 Double Norwich Court Bob Major at Fairfield, Buxton, on December 14th, in 5 hours and 43 minutes. The peal constitutes a long-length record for the Derbyshire Association and was rung by a band whose ages range from 13 to 19.

Unfortunately, the peal of Stedman arranged at Hawkhurst to commemorate the 40 years' service with Esso Petroleum Company of the tower captain (Mr. William Gorringe) came to grief. Congratulations were, however, paid by two quarters—Kent T.B. and Grandsire—which were rung without standing. Afterwards the band was entertained to an excellent tea by Mr. and Mrs. Gorringe.

Five of the local band took part in the peal of Plain Bob Major at St. Nicholas', N. Stoneham, to commemorate the 21st anniversary of the granting of a Charter of Incorporation to the borough of Eastleigh. Twenty-one years ago, when the charter was presented to the town, a peal of Plain Bob Royal was rung, conducted by Mr. W. T. Tucker. Messrs. Reginald A. Reed and Harold P. Reed took part in both peals.

Since going to Leicester from Bedford, Miss Avril Thackray has been a regular ringer at the Cathedral for Sunday service and practice. She rang the treble to her first peal of Major on December 8th, and on December 9th rang the second to a peal of Yorkshire Maximus at Leicester Cathedral—her first peal on 12 bells and first of Surprise. A little nervous to start with, she soon settled down and rang a very good peal, to deserve the congratulations of the band.

Dr. P. Jonason, jun., enertained to supper the ringers of the peal at East Harling, which was a farewell to Miss Jill Creasy. His kindness was much appreciated.

Many who have enjoyed the hospitality of Bournemouth will regret the decision not to hold the ringers' rally and George Williams commemoration dinner in 1958 owing to the financial loss incurred with the 1957 function. We hope it is only temporarily in abeyance.

The peal of Superlative rung at St. Mary's Church, Anstey, Leicestershire, was also a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Harold G. Jenney on the 54th anniversary of their marriage. The band wish them many more happy years. Congratulations to Avril Thackray on her first peal of Major, in which she rang the treble perfectly. It was John A. Acres' and Herrick B. Bowley's 300th peal on tower bells.

The first peal on the recast bells of Bromley is not without interest. These bells were broken when the church was destroyed by fire in the bombing, and recast by Gillett's in 1950. In the last peal on the bells in May, 1939, Mr. P. A. Corby conducted, and did so again on December 14th, ringing on both occasions the same bell. Also ringing the same bells in both peals were Mr. Arthur Richards (captain of West Wickham ringers) and Mr. Percy Spice (Bromley's captain).

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THOSE I REMEMBER

By ERNEST MORRIS

(Continued from page 793)

IT was very nice of 'M. R. P.' (whoever he or she may be) to give me such an encouraging 'puff' in your leader of December 6th, but the note on the late Harry Withers, of Birmingham, stole a bit of my 'thunder'! I remember him on one occasion at a meeting in Loughborough giving us a very fine recital on the small carillon of 40 bells which formerly hung in the tower on Mr. Taylor's lawn. A lot of visitors crowded around the clavier to see him play; then, clearing us all out, he locked himself in, and tapped off a splendid course of London Surprise Major. Had there been eight experienced ringers ringing this they could not have performed it more correctly. There were 50 or 60 ringers listening to it and everyone testified to its perfect striking.

On another occasion at a meeting in Birmingham, at the time when that city was an 'outpost' of the old M.C.A., I saw Harry Withers play on his dulcimer a course of that little-practised method of John Carter's—Scientific Triples—one of the most intricate Triples methods yet produced, still to be 'conquered' for a peal! Also on that occasion he sat at the piano, with William Willson sitting at the other end of the room calling a touch of Stedman Triples, which Harry tapped perfectly. Then John Carter and James E. Groves rang a course of Grandsire Triples 'four-in-hand.'

RECORDED RECORD-LENGTH PEALS

The last time I met Harry Withers was at Oxford. He was the first man I saw on coming out of the tower of Christ Church Cathedral after we had rung the record peal of Stedman Cinques. I asked him what he was doing there, and he gave me several sheets out of a note-book, and said: 'Here is the peal you rang'—he had recorded it as we rang it.

He did a similar thing when the record long peal of London Surprise was rung at King's Norton, Worcs, on May 11th, 1903 (14,112 changes). He took down every lead as it was rung—a wonderful feat. His figures at the conclusion were exactly the same as a sealed copy held by Mr. J. S. Pritchett. Once he conducted a peal of Superlative Surprise at Selly Oak, Birmingham, from outside, in the churchyard, giving notice of the calls to the ringers up in the tower by pressing an electric bell-push.

KEITH HART

On several occasions I visited Brighton for August holidays—before the time of 'staggered holidays'—and invariably there would be present for Sunday service ringing some 20 to 30 visitors (almost like a meeting day). Keith Hart was then in charge and he saw to it that everyone had a ring, even though it would be only rounds. He was most strict that whatever was done for service ringing *must* be perfect striking; if not, he would stop immediately and fix another team in. The same applied to peal ringing. He put each man on the bell he knew he would ring best, and never allowed 'bigheads' on the tenor or wherever they wanted to go.

On my first visit he 'put the wind up' me by saying after Sunday evening service: 'We are going for a peal of Stedman Caters in the morning—you are calling it.' I was unprepared for this—but spent the rest of the evening on the pebbles *digesting* one of F. H. Dexter's compositions; and when next morning I called it, Keith Hart admitted it to be a fine composition but was worried stiff when after three hours of 7568's and 7698's (and the 5th in 2nd place) in alternate courses, he expected a rambling home-coming course. He was amazed when I dropped out a single at 15, bob at 16, and rounds came up.

On one occasion I called a peal of Royal at Southover, Lewes, and a peal of Superlative was arranged for a day or so after, at Steyning. One of the visitors was asked if he could treble this method, and to prove him capable he made us ring a course there and then! Just one of his ways! This is what the late editor of the 'R.W.' said of him: 'He was a graceful ringer and invariably performed at the back end. With his mastery of bellringing he found it difficult to understand how other rational beings could make errors. Indifference in ringing and striking he would not tolerate, and because of his criticisms (he had the reputation of a John Blunt) he was at times misunderstood. He died in 1947, having rung 1,164 peals.'

AT ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL

On returning from one of my early visits to Brighton (on a Sunday) I broke the journey home to call at London so that I might go to St. Paul's Cathedral. I had never visited the belfry so was anxious to do so. I did not then know the London ringers very well except those who rang with me in 1922 when the late Tom Langdon called my wedding peal at Stepney. Seeing a group of men near the Cathedral and noticing one had a bell tie-pin, I made myself known. One of the party said to me: 'You won't get a ring here. I belong to London and been up many times, but they don't invite me to ring.' I replied that I did not expect to ring, just wanted to say I'd been up that tower. The fellow was taken aback when shortly afterwards the genial and stately secretary—the late William T. Cockerill—came along and shook hands with me!

On ascending the tower to the ringing chamber that dear old character, Challis Winney, came and made me welcome, asking me questions all about Leicester and Charnwood Forest. He had relatives this way and had visited the district some years before. On the little warning bell ringing for the start of the service bells, Mr. Winney said: 'You ring my bell; I'll sit out!' This I did to the famous three-course touch of Stedman Cinques. At its conclusion Mr. Winney got behind me and said: 'When they say "Stand" you keep going and treble the middle six down.' I did this and then I was allowed to ring the tenor (62¼ cwt.) for the sermon bell. I never saw the 'dismal Johnnie' again who said they wouldn't let me ring!

In 1938 the late editor, Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, arranged a secretaries' peal of Stedman Cinques at Southwark Cathedral, when 12 secretaries from 12 different Associations and Guilds rang with bells half-muffled a tribute to the memory of Mr. W. T. Cockerill, who passed away during the week before. I had the great honour to be invited, and rang in this peal, of which Mr. Goldsmith wrote: 'A number of experts assembled outside to listen to the ringing, and the band received their congratulations upon having rung an excellent peal, which was conducted by Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, secretary of the Ladies' Guild.' Later that year (1938) the life-size bust of Mr. Cockerill—which had formerly been exhibited at the Royal Academy—was erected in the ringing chamber of St. Paul's Cathedral.

(To be continued)

BROAD HINTON, WILTS.—On Dec. 13th, 1,260 Doubles (120 each of Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury, Grandsire, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Osmund, St. Nicholas, Winchendon, St. Remigius and 180 Stedman): D. Manship 1, P. J. Shipton 2, J. C. Taylor 3, A. R. Peake (cond.) 4, J. E. G. Roast 5. First in ten methods 1 and 3.

'QUARTERS' AND SKITTLES

For several years it had been 'thought of' but suddenly over the pint pots in the 'local' it was more or less all fixed and all the ringers present were called upon by the two pioneers of the idea to make suitable notes in their diaries under 'St. Andrew's Day.' Thereafter there was much correspondence between our two pioneers, local clergy and others, and a programme was eventually sent out giving details of ringing for St. Andrew's Day—to be followed in the evening by a skittles match.

There are four towers in the Chew Deanery of the Bath and Wells Association dedicated to St. Andrew, and permission was given for a quarter peal attempt at each (an additional tower—not dedicated to this saint—was included to accommodate an excess of ringers!). Methods for the quarters were chosen to suit the capabilities of *all* the ringers of *all* the bands, viz.: Grandsire and Plain Bob—except the 'excess' at SS. Quiricus and Julietta, who rang mixed Doubles!

The advance party assembled at Chew Magna on the morning of November 30th, but rang only half-an-hour in an attempt for Grandsire Triples. Undaunted, they afterwards rang an excellent 1,260 Plain Bob Minor at Chew Stoke: Monica Fray 1, C. Clarke 2, J. Brain (first in method) 3, K. Prime 4, D. Miller 5, M. Horseman (conductor) 6. The same party during the afternoon visited East Harptree, Compton Martin and Ubley (all fine sixes) while another band attempted Grandsire Triples at Backwell. They also rang for only half-an-hour!

After a very satisfying tea at the house of our organiser-in-chief, both bands set off in cars—one to go to Clevedon for Grandsire Triples and one to Tickenham for mixed Doubles—and both were successful, viz.: 1,260 Grandsire Triples—Audrey Bailey 1, Monica Fray 2, J. Brain (first of Grandsire Triples) 3, T. Phillips 4, G. Cheetham 5, C. Clarke 6, R. Short (conductor) 7, J. Lott 8; 1,260 Doubles (being four extents of Stedman, three of Plain Bob, 3½ of Grandsire)—Mrs. R. Quint 1, W. Blake 2, K. Prime 3, D. Miller 4, L. Derrick (conductor) 5, H. Hardwidge 6.

The evening's entertainment was yet to come and a further augmented party met at The Ring of Bells, Nailsea, where the Bobs challenged the Singles (or vice-versa) to a skittles match. The winners, we were assured, would receive 'valuable prizes.' Although no one beat our sticker-up, who showed us how it should be done (during the interval), several ringers showed unsuspected skill, and those who didn't also had a prize! Votes of thanks, the promise of a return match at Bridgwater, and the singing of 'Ye Olde Ringers' Song' concluded a very enjoyable day.

A pleasing feature of the venture was that the ringing was of a high standard throughout. The ringers who took part represented 11 towers (including one each in Yorkshire, Norfolk and Hertfordshire). On the following day some of the party also rang at Hinton Blewett (5) for afternoon service and were joined by the local ringers.

M. E. F.

Bellringer's Diary

Readers have asked us to make two corrections to the Bellringer's Diary for 1958:—

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GRANDSIRE CATERS

Its Notation and Calling

BY EDGAR C. SHEPHERD

THE notation and calling of Grandsire Caters have always presented certain difficulties to the student. The method is blessed with an abundance of musical positions and a great variety of callings designed to produce or maintain these musical effects, and so it is not surprising to discover a multitude of ways in which courses may be called. What is not apparent at first sight is that many of these callings are the same thing expressed in different language, and that much of what is to the eye so complex may, with a little study and a grasp of some general principles, be resolved into an intelligible and comprehensible formula. To arrive at this desirable stage it may be profitable to consider briefly in what manner Grandsire Caters differs from the even-bell methods and, indeed, from other Cater methods. The two main differences are (a) the course end, and (b) the effect of calls.

Generally speaking, the even-bell methods have a fixed course end. In Major it is the backstroke row 1 . . . . 78, and on the other numbers of bells it is something analagous. Apart from certain unusual compositions this is the recognised course end, and all callings and calling positions are related to it and calculated from it. But in Grandsire Caters the course end may be one of many arrangements of the heavy bells. In the Tittums it may be . . . . 978 or it may be . . . . 7.89: in the Handstroke Home it is usually . . . . 879 and sometimes . . . . 7698: other musical arrangements of the heavy bells may offer the following course-ends: 7968, 7896, 9876, and many more like them. In fact, the student will readily perceive that using the back bells only to provide musical course ends, and the transpositions of 789 will provide six different course ends, and the transpositions of 6789 will secure twenty-four different course ends.

The effect of calls on the course, and on the heavy bells, provides the second important difference between Grandsire Caters and the even-bell methods, and also, in some degree, distinguishes Grandsire from certain other Cater methods. In the even-bell methods the tenors will usually be found to be unaffected (or little affected) by calls. Apart from one or two interesting and useful divergencies from the normal (such as the bob Before, the bob at 5 in Double Norwich, the In and Fifths in London) the standard even-bell methods leave their heavy bells alone and do not impair the normal length of the course. The cases of certain Treble Bob methods are peculiar and bring us nearer to the construction of Grandsire, while the Cater versions of Stedman and Double Norwich show an interesting combination of fixed and fluid courses, the heavy bells being affected by opening and turning courses and in the main undisturbed by standard callings.

In Grandsire it is in the nature of the method that most of the bells are affected by calls, and this means that the large bells cannot escape their share of bob making, although they will not lose their fixed formation. The length of the course, too, is modified by the calling of bobs and singles, the effect of calls being to advance the work of the bells and so shorten the course. The curious phenomena provided by the very early peals of Grandsire Caters, in which one bell was used as observation bell and was called Before for several courses, certainly provided courses of seven leads, a length identical with the plain course, but such compositions are musically valueless and can have little or no bearing on our present considerations. For all practical purposes it may be taken that bobs and singles in Grandsire Caters shorten the courses, providing six-lead, five-lead, and, in one peculiar formation, four-lead courses.

It is the aim of this essay to analyse and examine some of these callings in order to make clear what their notation implies and what transpositions their operation will perform.

It will be convenient to ignore, for the time being, the opening courses, and to take up straight away the examination and analysis of what may be described as the standard callings, that is, the callings that leave the heavy bells in the musical position into which they have been thrown. The Tittum placing of the bells, being one of the most usual, will serve for the first investigation.

The normal Tittum course end is . . . .978. In most well-constructed peals and touches advantage will be taken of the musical value of the 6th, and many course ends will be either . . . . 6.978 or . . . . 6978. Certain callings will preserve the formation of 978 and also leave the 6th in one of these two positions, but some of these will produce a five-lead course and some will produce a six-lead course.

Let us take first of all three important callings that preserve the 6th-place bell intact, and examine each separately. This calling, which is often described as 9 in 3, will be found also designated 9 in and 2 (which is perhaps more correct), or simply 9-3, which is a convenient and easily understood convention. It is, of course, 9 in and out of the hunt, with an added call to fetch 7 out of the hunt, because it is clear that if 7, 8 and 9 are to be kept together, none of the three must be allowed to remain in the hunt. The 7th, in this calling, as in several others, is an important guide; for the wise conductor, who does not trust to memory, knows that in calling 9-3 the third, and last, call is the one that brings 7 out of the hunt. This calling, it should be noted, also preserves the fifths place bell, and so may be used, if required, to keep 6, or any other bell, in fifths place.

A
23456978
— 95283746
— 78965423
— 46738295
43627589
42356978

Calling B is often described as 8 in 3, sometimes as 8 in and 2, and in the shorter form 8-3. These calls come at the second, third and fourth leads of the course, and at the last call 89 dodge together behind. It is this double dodging of 89 and the fact that 6 must be brought out of the hunt that provides proof that this is the last call of the course. The student will doubtless observe that the last call could have been omitted without destroying the Tittum position. This procedure would, nevertheless, leave 6 in the hunt, and so part it from its sixths-place position. This moving of the 6th will be referred to later. It should be noted that 8-3 retains the sixths-place bell but changes the fifths-place bell. The fact that the new fifths-place bell is the bell-in-the-hunt of the previous course end is a most important and influential matter.

B
23456978
25394867
— 89275634
— 67849325
— 34657289
35426978

While A and B each provide a five-lead course, C runs into six leads. There is no difficulty in calling the single, for it comes at the first lead after the course end, and from then on there is no further calling and the course end is allowed to run up plain. The two most interesting observations are first, that the big bells make thirds one after the other in the order 9, 8, 7, 6, and second, that once again the new fifths-place bell is the bell-in-the-hunt of the previous course end. The sixths-place bell is, of course, retained. This calling is designated 1s.

C
23456978
s 59283746
58972634
57869423
56748392
54637289
53426978

Experience has shown that no small number of conductors of Grandsire Caters, while perfectly comfortable with the callings 9-3 and 8-3, are far from happy in the matter of the long-course callings, two of which are shown at D and E respectively. It is indeed a long time to wait until the fifth lead in one case and until the sixth lead in the other, and some fairly precise observation is needed to replace the doubtful expedient of trusting to memory. Happily there is a safe and simple guide in this matter. It rests in an observation of the heavy bells and their successive making of thirds, and particularly in a scrupulous attention to the 7th, for the 7th is the key to the whole matter. Study of these long courses will soon reveal that when the first of the heavy bells makes thirds the Tittum position is temporarily lost, and no call is possible until that position is restored. The making of thirds by the next bell, the 8th, indeed brings 8 and 9 together, but 7 is still away from her companions. As soon as 7 has made thirds the Tittums position is fully re-established, and the ear, as well as the eye, will record the fact. The time has come for the call at 5. This calling is usually known as '89,' because it causes 8 and 9 to double dodge together behind.

D
23456978
25394867
29583746
28975634
27869453
— 46237589
43652978

E
23456978
25394867
29583746
28975634
27869453
26748395
— 34256978

For the calling E the same observations and the same acute scrutiny of the 7th must be carried out, but in this case the call is delayed one lead later, that is, two leads after 7 has made thirds and the Tittum position restored. This calling is known as '78,' because it causes 7 and 8 to double dodge behind and, in fact, brings up the course end.

The importance of using the 7th as an observation and a guide in these callings cannot be over-emphasised. The two callings F and G are interesting examples of a combining of C, D and E, and are by no means uncommon in certain types of composition. The first is often expressed as 1s and 89, but may also turn up in the conveniently shortened form, 1s, 4. The second is known as 1s and 78, but this, too, may be expressed as 1s 5. It should be noted that the calling F changes both the fifths-place and the sixths-place bells, and so is not likely to be used in a block that seeks to preserve a fixed bell in fifths or sixths. It is, however, a very useful calling for short touches where bells often have to be moved quickly from one position to another.

F
23456978
s 59283746
58972634
57869423
— 46537289
43625978

G
23456978
s 59283746
58972634
57869423
56748392
— 34526978

(To be continued)

STAMFORD HILL, N.—At St. Ann's Church, on Dec. 15th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Miss L. Howes 1, Miss P. Rowe 2, Miss F. Secker 3, W. A. Theobald (cond.) 4, H. Howson 5, M. J. Rowe 6, M. Cubitt 7, E. J. Rowe 8. First of Kent Treble Bob Major for all except the conductor.

TODDINGTON, BEDS.—On Dec. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. K. Spavins 1, W. Sear (first 'inside') 2, Ann Spavins 3, K. Spavins 4, P. Newing 5, T. Pett (cond.) 6, R. Bloxham cover bell. A 21st birthday compliment to the conductor.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CARTER'S ODD-BOB PEAL OF STEDMAN

Dear Sir,—I had the pleasure recently of 'bob calling' Carter's Odd-Bob peal of Stedman Triples at Gateshead, albeit at the fifth attempt. The version of the peal I called appears in Trollope's 'Stedman' (1938 edition, page 58), and this was also the peal Mr. W. E. Critchley first called for the Yorkshire Association at Doncaster in 1952 and which was published as being 'Carter's Odd-Bob (second version).'

I understood that the version Mr. R. G. Leale called some months ago in the Home Counties was what I know as the 'original' Odd-Bob, in which the singles are called in the opening courses of the composition.

Both of the above versions are generally published in this paper as Carter's Odd-Bob, yet they are very different to call.

Which version was called for the peal at Cookham by John D. Kape (page 767)? One presumes, as it is published as Carter's Odd-Bob Twenty-part, that it is the second version.

Would any learned Stedman expert give us the full history and details of the compositions and suggest some standardisation of the way in which the peals can be published? Is the 'original' harder to call than the No. 2?

Incidentally, the version William H. Barber called blindfold at Gateshead in 1908 was what I have called the 'original.'—Yours faithfully,

J. A. AINSWORTH.

Newcastle upon Tyne.

COMPOSITION No. 21

Dear Sir,—So far I have failed to see the reason of our learned friend getting so hot around the collar. I cannot see that I have done a great deal of wrong in bringing to light something that has been hidden for a period of many years. I wonder if anyone has ever done this before?

In a gentlemanly way, Mr. C. W. Roberts gave all particulars concerning the above; since then all claim has been withdrawn.

Now an interesting point arises. Mr. Roberts clearly states that the composition in question was composed and rung over 50 years ago, under the name of York Green. If this is correct, and I do not doubt it, coming from such a source, how is it that I am told a week later that the first 13 courses were by Dains and the last ten courses were by A. Knights? If this is so, who then does the whole belong to? Just fancy, and so soon after 1902.

Several times I have been offered compositions from friends to look through and comment on. I refused this offer on the grounds that I would not like to be accused of using another person's material. And yet I am accused of doing this very thing—no wonder he weeps. Many of my compositions were got out years ago, but are only now being rung. Should any of them clash with something gone before, then all claim will be waived. Experience is also mentioned (many thanks). For my experience tells me that wisdom is the difference between pulling your weight and throwing it about.—Yours sincerely,

E. W. TIPLER.

Lutterworth.

'THOUGHTS AFTER CAMBRIDGE MAXIMUS'

Dear Sir,—Over the first letter to you printed in 'The Ringing World' of December 13th readers are invited to register their agreement or disagreement with what has been written by R. Newman, Holloway, 7. May I for one say that I am wholly in agreement with the writer. Had an ordinary person with no previous knowledge of the publication come across that particular page with its so-called funny (what rot) cartoon, he would probably have thought he'd picked up a brewer's journal or something similar.

I have found in the two to three years that I have taken 'The Ringing World' that, to me, the most lowering feature of its contents is its attitude towards alcoholic drink. If you read the 1956 statistics this is still one of the country's greatest vices and increasingly so.

I read in another letter to you the statement that 'the "R.W." is a technical journal.' Perhaps so, but isn't it primarily the week-by-week report of the activities of a certain branch of church work, chiefly the calling of people to worship? As one who has served as a chorister for over 20 years and is now serving in the belfry, may I join with the aforementioned correspondent and respectfully ask that this matter of drink shall not be treated too lightly in what I like to feel is, I repeat, primarily a religious journal.—Yours, etc.,

N. ROBINSON.

Willingham, Cambs.

Dear Sir,—I think that your correspondent, R. Newman, ought to go and find a quiet corner and bury himself in gloom. Why should the fact that quite a number of bellringers like a drink of beer be hidden under a cloak? In these days I think there is too much reluctance in general for people to come out into the open and say what they think.

In my reply to R. N., I would like to say that in my experience as a former chorister and sidesman, now as a ringer, and connected with church all my life, I have found that the majority of good workers and organisers in the Church are the people who enjoy a drink of beer. So long as it is not abused, why shield the fact?

Far from being degrading, I think that the cartoon in question was very good, and worthy of publication. My opinion of all R. J. B.'s cartoons that have appeared in 'The Ringing World' is that they have been very good indeed and help to brighten the paper.

More power to your elbow, R. J. B., and any other artist who should aspire in this direction. Let's have a page of cartoons!—Yours faithfully,

FRANCIS R. LOWE.

Derby.

ANOTHER LAUGH

Dear Sir.—I would like to congratulate Mr. Newman in his letter on page 807 for managing to extract another laugh from the cartoon of November 29th. A sense of humour seems rare in the 'R.W.' these days.—Yours sincerely,

RICHARD SPEED.

Stretton-on-Dunsmore.

AFTER THE PEAL

Dear Sir,—Mr. Newman's letter amused me much more than the cartoon he takes to be in bad taste. One would gather that ringers in general made post-haste to the nearest hostelry as a matter of course, which I can assure him is not the case. In my experience it is too often the case that having rung at a tower away from home the band have had to dash to catch a bus or train, thus allowing no opportunity to realise the thoughts depicted in the cartoon.

It has been my pleasure in the last ten years to share the beverages to be obtained at the Griffin in Godshill with ringers from all over the country, and it is my hope that I may do so with many more in the years to come.

Best wishes.—Yours sincerely,

L. BAILEY.

Godshill, I.W.

P.S.—Did the trousers of last week's 'victim' ever reach the floor?—L. B.

OAKLEY, NEAR EYE, SUFFOLK

Dear Sir,—The six bells of St. Nicholas', Oakley, have just been taken down for overhaul and for a steel frame to be put in. Messrs. Taylor are doing the work. One of the bells is pre-Reformation, one a Dobson, one Mears and three are by John Goldsmith, 1711. The tenor is 10-11 cwt. Cut deeply into the frame, now dismantled, is 'GEO. DAY & SON, BELLHANGERS, EYE, 1879. GMP BJA.'

The job is costing over £1,000 and Oakley has half of it in hand.—Yours sincerely,

CLAUDE RUSH.

Eye, Suffolk.

MISUNDERSTOOD

Dear Sir,—I must apologise for having misunderstood Mr. Marshall's statements in his letter; they are correct, and I should like to amplify his example as follows.

Calling 'rounds' R:—

A 34187652	R 12345678
A+B 16278453	B 23165487
B 23165487	R 12345678
B×A 16278453	A 34187652

These four rows are merely switched round, and the fact that, in Mr. Marshall's terminology, A+B=B×A serves to illustrate what I termed the 'fundamental relationship.'—Yours, etc.,

B. D. PRICE.

35, Church Lane,
Brighouse, Yorks.

THE LIGHTEST TENOR

Dear Sir,—In 'The Ringing World' of December 13th you published an account of a day trip, when the bells at Staulton, near Pershore, were visited. I note that the tenor is 56 lb., and I would be very grateful if C. M. S. would send more details, as I thought that the bells at Balscote, whose tenor weighs 1 cwt. 21½ lb., were the lightest in the country.—Yours sincerely,

ROBIN J. TREBILCOCK.

Headington, Oxford.

The band of the peal at St. Andrew's, Old Headington, are very grateful to Miss Marion Gould for ringing at short notice. She took the place of Robin Trebilcock, who was prevented from conducting the peal by an attack of influenza.

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A SHAPE FOR THINGS TO COME

PART I.

TWO bellringers had been discussing the advancement of the ringing art and arising from their conversation was the inescapable idea that the Exercise is seriously handicapped by the size, weight and cost of the equipment needed to carry it on.

Of the two ringers, Dan Doubtful was the more down to earth in his outlook. 'I cannot believe,' he said, 'that the English game of football would have become world-wide if it required a tower of a hundred tons or more, and a couple of thousands pounds worth of metal in order to play it.' To his companion, Ned Neway, these words seemed like a challenge. A vision of the frail little tower of St. James' swam before his eyes—St. James', the daughter church of the Parish Church, at which he was a ringer. An idea was beginning to take shape in his mind—'Twelve bells at St. James'—just the tower for a light set—' his thoughts were being voiced aloud as he said goodnight to his friend.

Dan Doubtful was curious a few nights later. He had just locked up after the practice and everyone else had gone home except Ned, who was waiting for him at the foot of the stairs. 'What did you mean the other day when you said that St. James' would be a good tower for a light twelve? Why, the church has no tower, only that little turret with a spire.'

Ned Neway was silent for a moment. He had long since given up his once cherished aspirations to call a peal of Spliced Surprise. But Ned was none the less attached to the art, and was for ever on the look out for means of helping it that did not depend on his skill in actual ringing. It was said that he was a relative of that redoubtable Mr. Wol, whose resourcefulness once saved a peal by a remarkable feat of technical jugglery on the tenor (see 'The Ringing World,' May 11th, 1956: page 299), but the inherited resourcefulness came out in Ned in quite a different way.

Ned Neway: 'Yes, that's right. It is only a turret but it is bigger than it looks. The verger let me go up and see it. There is plenty of height in the bell-cot, and it is just over four feet across inside. Now what it wants is a set of fixed bells intermediate in size and character between tower-bells and handbells threaded on to a central shaft like clock chimes, and rung by electric clappers.'

Dan Doubtful: 'How do you mean "threaded on to a shaft"? I don't quite see.'

N. N.: 'Like a stack of flower pots, or nesting chairs, but with sufficient spacing to prevent actual contact. You could have them hung in a row instead, but there is very little room in the turret at St. James', and I suggest nesting them to economise in space. Then all you need below is a number of "dummy handbells" with contact switches in place of clappers and connected to a switchboard with flexible wires. Each "dummy" operates the electric clapper to a bell in the turret above. To ring, just switch on the current and use the "dummies" exactly as you use ordinary handbells.'

D. D.: 'Oh! but you could not call that ringing, could you? Why go to the bother of "dummy" handbells? Why not just a keyboard like a carillon?'

N. N.: 'Yes, you could have a keyboard as well if you liked, but, as I see it, the main point is to have an installation in which a band of ringers can ring to the glory of God as an act of worship. There seems to me to be no fundamental reason why they could not achieve this "in hand" as effectively as they can "on the rope."'

D. D.: 'But why have bells at all if you are going to have them electrically operated? Why not use the modern electronic method of reproducing bell sounds, or use ordinary handbells with amplifiers and loudspeakers, as has been done at Sutton, Surrey?'

N. N.: 'I certainly think that the system tried at Sutton is a step in the right direction, but bells have for many years been used by the church. The genuine bell has an appeal of its own, which no ecclesiastical juke-box, however good, can match.'

D. D.: 'What about the electric hammers? Surely they are out of keeping with tradition?'

N. N.: 'No more so than the electric organ blower, which is accepted without question.'

D. D.: 'It may seem all right to you, Ned, but count me out of it. Chiming changes on fixed gongs! Anyone who seriously contemplated it would be the laughing stock of the whole Exercise. Besides, there would be a widespread fear that if the idea of having ringing bells hung "dead" began to catch on it would mean the end of the art as we know it to-day.'

N. N.: 'I don't think that there would be any real danger to established towers in the forseeable future. After all, the arrival of the motor car did not force the railways out of business, nor did the cinema oust the theatre. Paradoxically, the introduction of new methods often stimulates rather than suppresses the old. I think there is a definite place for this new type of ringing in churches where, for lack of a suitable tower, conventional ringing is not practicable. The new method would supplement the old rather than destroy it, and I am sure it would make a special appeal to handbell ringers.'

D. D.: 'Possibly a few handbell ringers if you could find enough of them.'

N. N.: 'The establishment of "handbell" towers would give a new lease of life to handbell ringing. All sorts of erstwhile handbell ringers would reappear, and peals "in hand" where rung in such towers would acquire a new meaning and purpose.'

D. D.: 'You are far too much of an idealistic dreamer, Ned. You open "The Ringing World" and see only a small proportion of peals rung "in hand" and say "Ah! If only handbell peals could be rung to the glory of God, sounding forth from tower or steeple, there would be far more of them." The average peal ringer is often apt to forget this aspect of ringing in the intensity of concentration necessary to achieve the peal. There is more in tower bell ringing than in handbells, and that is the reason why there are more peals.'

N. N.: 'Oh, no. I don't think that you can say there is more in tower bell ringing except physically. Besides, ringers do regard their ringing as a service to the Church. This accounts for the prevalence of tower peals. Moreover, they would be keen to ring out the Church's call by whatever means were available and would not hesitate because it did not conform to their established ideas on how it ought to be done. I believe that every church has a right to the use of bells in its worship and everyone has a right to hear and, if inclined that way, to ring the bells of his own church, wherever he lives. If there is no suitable tower, or the cost of swinging bells cannot be faced, I think a cheaper substitute should be available.'

D. D.: 'I do not think that you are looking the true ringing facts of life quite fairly and squarely in the face. You must know that there are many fine old rings of bells about the country which are hardly ever heard, and often the reason is the difficulty of getting a reliable regular band. If what you say were true there would be a full ringing service, a complete band, and probably a lengthy waiting list of learners at almost every tower. If you cannot be sure of manning the ropes of a genuine peal, what hope would you have of manning a bunch of "dummy" handbells?'

N. N.: 'I often think that one of the causes why many of our towers are silent may well be the high degree of skill necessary to produce first-class ringing. There are many people who have been scared off ringing in the early stages by unfortunate experiences with a bell out of control. There are quite a number of people who are temperamentally unsuited to handling tower bells but who would make quite good handbell ringers, and of whom this scheme might be the only means of bringing into the Exercise.'

D. D.: 'I see. Your proposal then is to offer greater ringing opportunities and scope, but can this hybrid scheme really help?'

N. N.: 'All I claim is that some such scheme as I have outlined might help to awaken wider interest. Is the Exercise to adapt itself to the changing conditions of a changing world and survice and grow with the Church, or is it to remain hard and inflexible and, like the prehistoric monsters, gradually die out?'

D. D.: 'Well, yes, your argument sounds quite plausible put that way, Ned, but I think that the Exercise has survived, and will continue to survive, only by its insistence on the maintenance of the high standards set up by former masters of the art, not by makeshift substitutes. Now you want to introduce something which is alien to the accepted practice of swinging bells apparently on the grounds that it has become necessary in a changing world. What are the changing conditions that you have in mind?'

N. N.: 'First of all, Dan, don't forget that handbell ringing is an accepted practice already recognised to some extent by the Church, which owns quite a number of sets of handbells. My scheme merely proposes to extend the application of this principle. With regard to the changing conditions, I was thinking particularly of the need to economise in materials. Have you ever studied the construction of any of the flimsier of our new churches or compared them with the ancient parish churches? If so, you must have realised how utterly incongruous a huge buttressed tower and ring of bells would be. That is where my scheme would come in, and the established bellfounders are the people to tackle it.'

D. D.: 'I don't think you can quite say that. The idea that ringing—modern change ringing, what we now call the "Exercise"—is an act of worship, part of the service of the Church, is one which has never been generally accepted. In places where there has never been any ringing tradition there would be no demand for peals in any shape or form or at any price. Knowing this, bellfounders are hardly likely to waste time and money developing new types of bells.'

N. N.: 'I agree that the majority of people have not had the privilege of any personal experience of the spiritual, mental, social and other blessings which ringing brings. You and I, however, have had this privilege. We are fully aware that the rewards that ringing offers are not cheap. It often means a hard struggle and a lot of work. For many, the difficulties to be overcome are too great. They fall out by the wayside and are lost. Is it not right that we, who have won some measure of success, should be anxious to pave an easier path to extend the benefits of ringing to our less fortunate neighbours?'

D. D.: 'By substituting the strap for the rope: and what would you propose to do next?'

N. N.: 'The first step is that of sensing the opinions of others who might be interested, especially the clergy, and the diocesan chancellors who grant or refuse faculties for installations in churches, and, of course, the bellfounders.'

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A Shape For Things to Come—Cont.

D. D.: 'The bellfounders would not be at all happy about all those electrical bits and pieces. Hardly in their line, is it?'

N. N.: 'I see no real difficulty there. If the bellfounder did not wish to make these accessories he would appoint more suitable firms as sub-contractors and still retain the main contract for the whole installation. It is quite common practice.'

D. D.: 'You certainly seem to have got it all worked out, but what about the Ministry? What do they really think about the potential value of bell ringing, and how would they view the prospect of a minor revolution?'

N. N.: 'Where opinions exist at all they naturally vary. There is no doubt whatever that bell ringing undertaken in the right spirit is appreciated by many of the clergy, and indeed highly cherished even by top brass. You have only to read the speeches of bishops at ringers' annual meetings to see that the Ministry is not blind to the value of the services that a loyal band of ringers can offer. If the spirit of service and worship is there I do not think they would lose much sleep over the mechanical details of its execution.'

D. D. 'Do you think the diocesan chancellors would be likely to grant faculties?'

N. N.: 'I think they would be guided to a large extent by what they believed would be appropriate for the particular church concerned. I cannot say what else they might consider, but I know that they have in some cases granted faculties for recorded bells and other kinds of installations which do not offer anything like the same facilities for service and worship as my scheme does.'

D. D.: 'Good old Ned! I am sure this brainwave is going to see a revolution in ringing such as has not been seen since the introduction of the full-wheel, stay and slider.'

N. N.: 'I am afraid you will be disappointed then. I don't think the climate here in the 20th century feels right for this kind of thing, but perhaps it would be rash to rule out the possibility. In the past, many schemes have been proposed years before they were generally adopted. For example, several machines of the motor scooter type were made privately before the war but there was no sale for them. Then suddenly the fashion caught on and now there's no stopping them.'

D. D.: 'Yes, but how did they get started?'

N. N.: 'Scooters? Well, presumably the Italians, who pioneered the movement, had faith in their ideas, developed them, and took a chance and went ahead with their project and reaped their reward. It seems worth inquiring of the bellfounders whether something of this kind might not be done for bell ringing.'

D. D.: 'Using your ideas? They would need an awful lot of faith in their merits, and in the ideals that the scheme hopes to bring out. All the same, go ahead with your letter, and I wish you luck.'

C. E. V.

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Mr. A. V. Davis Retires as Secretary of Christchurch District

The annual meeting of the Christchurch District was held at Christchurch on December 7th, when 42 members and visitors were present at the service held in the Christchurch Priory, which was conducted by the Rev. Canon R. P. Price (Vicar of Christchurch) and the sermon preached by the Rev. J. B. Elliott (Vicar of Hordle.

The annual meeting followed tea in the Priory Restaurant. Rear-Admiral Everett was re-elected chairman, and Mr. W. T. Godfrey was elected District secretary to succeed Mr. A. V. Davis, who had retired after being secretary for 12 years. Tributes were paid to Mr. A. V. Davis for his devoted service during these years. Mr. W. E. Cheater and Mr. R. Marlow were re-elected joint Ringing Masters. Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay and Mr. D. T. Matkin were re-elected executive council representatives and Mr. R. Hurst was re-elected hon. auditor.

Following a report on the 1957 ringers' rally and George Williams commemoration dinner by Mr. D. T. Matkin, it was decided, with regret, that owing to the financial loss sustained in connection with the 1957 function no rally or dinner would be held during 1958. It was resolved that the matter should be discussed again at the next annual general meeting of the District.

BALDOCK RINGERS' DINNER

The Baldock ringers and their friends gathered for the annual dinner at the Rose and Crown on December 14th. The party was informally grouped; indeed, the only formal toast was that of 'The Queen,' proposed by Canon F. G. Brenchley. After an excellent meal, carols and methods were rung on the handbells.

The peal attempt in the afternoon was brought to a premature end because the striking was poor. J. S.

We are sorry to learn that Mr. G. Billenness, secretary of the Hawkhurst and District Guild and a member of St. Lawrence's, Hawkhurst, tower, is, owing to failing health, unable to ring.

Stuffed Owls To Keep Bats Away

At Gissing, Norfolk, where the five bells are unringable, two stuffed owls are kept in the church for the purpose of scaring bats.

From time to time one was placed on the pulpit and the other on a pew at the opposite end of the church. The birds were said to have the effect of discouraging bats from swooping low over the congregation and preacher during the services, but they did not appear to keep bats out of the church altogether.

It is argued that although bats are almost blind, they are aware of the shapes and textures of objects through echo-sounding, and according to a Gissing theorist there is no reason to suppose that they would fail to notice a stuffed owl inside a church even in the midst of the congregation.

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By JOHN R. MAYNE

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Rung at Willesden, Middx, on June 6th, 1957, conducted by the composer.

RUGBY, WARWICKS.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Dec. 13th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. W. Vann 1, C. Underwood 2, E. Hunt 3, J. Underwood 4, P. Howitt 5, P. Fisher 6, W. Vann (cond.) 7, S. Osborne 8. For Confirmation service.

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OBITUARY

MR. H. W. GIDDINGS

The death occurred on Wednesday, December 11th, after an illness of six months' duration, of Mr. Henry W. Giddings, of March, Cambridgeshire. His wife predeceased him in 1956, and two daughters are left to mourn their loss.

Mr. Giddings, who was in his 81st year, was a bellringer at St. Wendreda's Church. He was also verger, a position he held for over 30 years until ill-health forced him to relinquish this work some months ago. A devoted churchman, 'Harry,' as his many friends knew him, was a Sunday School teacher and clock-winder, and in addition to these duties was caretaker of the churchyard and church hall.

His chief interest, however, was bellringing, and he was well-known for his many fine poems, especially those referring to bells. For several years in his younger days he was secretary of the Ely Diocesan Association, and became a popular figure in that capacity.

Reserved in nature, Mr. Giddings possessed a fine philosophical spirit which is rarely observed in these days, and through his unassuming yet confident and helpful way he endeared himself to many in all walks of life. A Sunday School scholar once said that her idea of a Christian was to be like Mr. Giddings.

He loved to be with young people, and he taught many the art of ringing bells: nothing gave him greater pleasure than to see his pupils progress in this way. His knowledge of the theory of bellringing was hardly to be surpassed. He had no peals to his credit but was, first and foremost, loyal to his church in Sunday service ringing, and on practice nights it gave him great delight to 'climb the belfry stair and meet his brother ringers there.'

'Harry' was also an accomplished flutist and enjoyed method and tune ringing on handbells.

His fellow ringers paid their final tribute on the day of the funeral by ringing the bells half-muffled prior to the service, and following the interment a well-struck peal of Minor was rung half-muffled by Miss Freda P. Greaves, T. A. Bevis, M. Gathercole, W. Rose, F. S. Parsons and W. Harding (conductor).

Truly, Mr. Giddings' lasting memorial may be heard from the tower of St. Wendreda's, in which shadow he reclines—the bells, which were his pride and joy. T. A. B.

LATE NOTICES

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD.—Annual meeting, Huddersfield Parish Church (10), Saturday, Jan. 4th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. No tea arrangements, but plenty of cafes. Business meeting and bells afterwards. 1536

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Next meeting at Whitnash on Saturday, Jan. 4th, at 3 p.m., by kind invitation of the local ringers. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by a social in the evening at 7. All ringers and friends welcome. Names for tea by Jan. 1st, please.—H. M. Windsor, The Bakery, Long Itchington, near Rugby, Warwickshire. 1535

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'HILL' METHODS AMONG THE WILTSHIRE HILLS

Having sampled the intricacies of Chiltern T.B. Minor in an appropriate setting earlier in the year, Mr. Brian Bladon felt the challenge of ringing a peal in seven of those methods named after hills and mountains, and again chose his native county as a venue, another 'Weekend Wheatsheaf' at Swindon resulting, John Mayne and Victor Griffin joining the usual party. Once again overcrowded but reliable, if somewhat draughty, Morris Cowley transport was laid on from distant Derby.

A preliminary peal of Cheviot was first brought round in fine style on the good, heavy six at Collingbourne Kingston, to revise the unusual work involved, after which the 'Sally Lunn' restaurant at Collingbourne Ducis fortified body and mind ready for the main onslaught on Chiltern, Cheviot, Cotswold, Mendip, Pennine, Quantock and Snowdon at Upavon, a beautiful six on the edge of Salisbury Plain.

The member of the party with a Welsh name pointed out that Berwyn was also the name of a mountain range, but was overruled with the objection that it was bad enough to learn the difference between Cotswold and Mendip without learning an extra method. However, a good peal was duly brought round, Cotswold proving the main snag for some reason.

Service ringing on the fine heavy six at Purton next morning enabled us to renew acquaintance with Mr. Ralph Shailes and to ring a course of Burslem Delight, the method chosen for the afternoon peal attempt. Philip had already chosen our tower for us, but it was with some forebodings that we wended our way over 30 miles of chalk country to Edington Priory, a magnificent church beneath the Westbury Downs.

We were horrified to note the ominous rumblings and shudders from the maze of wooden framework that filled the low central tower as we raised the bells singly, a very heavy old six, upon which no peal has ever been known. We were even more horrified when the opening rounds not only revealed that the bells were in no recognisable scale, but also sounded down upon us with overpowering noise.

Conducting and conversation had to be done by signs, but things went better than expected, the bells having just been rehung (very skilfully) on ball-bearings by a local ringer. A good peal would no doubt have been rung but for three unfortunate discoveries. First, that every time the fourth got in a certain change the other bells acted upon their own initiative. Secondly, the necessary steady pace made it impossible to finish by service time. Thirdly—a dreadful shock—the light had not been switched on! John nearly caused disaster in attempting to reach for the switch.

As a result the peal was brought round, reluctantly, at the half-way mark; but this was probably the greatest length on the bells and of Burslem Delight to date.

Ralph then left us on his long, cold, motorcycle journey, while the rest went to catch trains at Chippenham or to take the long road to the industrial north—another most satisfactory Wiltshire weekend completed. D. P. J.

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BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Taunton Deanery A.G.M.

The Parish Church of St. George's, Wilton, Taunton, was the venue for the Taunton Deanery annual meeting on December 7th. Altogether ringers from 16 towers were present for the Guild service, conducted by the Vicar (Rev. T. M. Clark), which was followed by tea in the Schoolroom, and the business meeting.

The secretary welcomed the Association's Master (Rev. Harold Warren, of Exford), this being only the second occasion a Master had been present at a Taunton meeting during his period of office.

In his report the secretary referred to the sudden death at the beginning of the year of the Branch's vice-chairman (Mr. A. W. Hayward), one of the Association's oldest members and a member of the Wilton band. The meeting stood in silence in memory of a beloved member.

During the year the Branch membership had increased by eight to a total of 109. Ten peals were rung during the year, consisting of five of Doubles, three of Minor, one of Plain Bob Major and one of Kent Major.

Officers elected for 1958 were: Chairman, the Rev. Edwin Hirst; vice-chairman, Mr. S. G. Coles; Ringing Master, Mr. W. Gigg; secretary, Mr. A. H. Reed.

Nine new members were elected, eight of them being the complete new band at Ruishton, and one hon. life member (Mr. James Morley, of Ipswich).

Four meeting places were agreed upon for the ensuing year—the annual meeting at Milverton, quarterly meetings at West Monkton and Fitzhead, and the joint meeting with the Devon Guild at St. James', Taunton. The ringers afterwards returned to the tower to continued ringing until 9 p.m. F. W. S.

A HANDBELL DEDICATION IN DEVON

Last year the Newton Abbot Society for the Blind, under the leadership of the blind welfare officer, Miss Wakeham, embarked on the raising of money to buy a set of handbells, and this spring the bells were obtained from Messrs. John Taylor and immediately put into good use by a band of blind ringers who had previously been using a ring borrowed from one of the local churches.

Although the bells are 'secular,' it was very much the wish of the Society that they should be brought to church to be blessed, and on September 5th a service was held in St. Leonard's, Newton Abbot, when the 20 bells were blessed. The back ten were brought up to the altar by five of the ringers, the rest being already on the altar, and after the blessing they were returned to the ringers and a few minutes' rounds rung on them. The service continued with an act of thanksgiving for the bells themselves, the craftsmanship of their makers, and the generosity which had made it possible to buy them.

Under their captain (Mr. Saunders), who has for many years been a choirman at St. Mary's, Abbotsbury, in Highweek parish, the band are making good progress at rounds and call-change ringing, and it is hoped that before long they will be able to organise a competition for blind handbell ringers from various centres in the West Country. It is intended that the competition will be for rounds, call-changes or change-ringing, striking being naturally the chief criterion, but credit given to difficulty of method, so that very good rounds will be judged better than moderate changes, but good changes better than rounds of about the same standard.

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MISCELLANEOUS

BEDFORDSHIRE.—Silsoe. As from Thursday, Jan. 2nd, practice night will be on Thursdays instead of on Wednesdays. Visitors will still be made welcome. 1488

PACKWOOD, WARWICKSHIRE.—Ringing at Packwood has now recommenced. Practice night, Friday, 7.30 to 9. Beginners and ringers welcomed. Bells available for visiting change-ringing bands by appointment with the Vicar through Mr. Tallis; KNOwle 2425, evenings. N.B.—Sunday Evensong is at 3 p.m. 1460

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MEETINGS

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SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Combined practice, St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, Wednesday, January 1st. Bells (12) available 6.30 to 8 p.m. All very welcome.—Peter N. Bond, Hon. Sec. 1514

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 4th, at St. Peter's, Bedford. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Miss Phyllis Gray, 18, Durler Avenue, Kempston, Bedford. 1530

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Chester-le-Street meeting brought forward to January 4th as joint Northern and Western Districts meeting. Bells 2.30 p.m. Social evening with tea. Numbers, please, by Jan. 1st to Mr. S. Walker, 21, Avondale Terrace, Chester-le Street. 1515

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. —Annual meeting at Bocking, Saturday, Jan. 4th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to Mrs. M. Moore, 244, Broad Road, Bocking, Braintree. 1486

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Annual District meeting on Saturday, Jan. 4th, Hertford. St. Andrew's 3 p.m.; All Saints' after tea. Tea and meeting at Salisbury Arms. Please send names for tea to C. E. Hayter, 27, Sele Road, Hertford.—T. J. Southam, Sec. 1525

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Quarterly meeting at Brenchley, Saturday, Jan. 4. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, with cash, please (2s. 6d.), by Jan. 1st to Mr. C. Tester, The Cottage, Tawsden, Brenchley. 1452

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Annual meeting at the Cathedral on Saturday, Jan. 4th. Ringing 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Cups of tea provided.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 1526

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — General meeting, nomination of officers, etc., All Saints', Isleworth, Jan. 4th, 3 p.m. Tea and business in Church Hall 4.15. Service 6. Further ringing 6.30 to 8. Evening social in Church Hall. Practice, Jan. 6th, St. Mary's, Lambeth, 7.30. A.G.M., Feb. 8th. Dinner, April 19th. Names for tea, please.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth, ISL3921. 1518

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Tadmarton (6), Saturday, Jan. 4th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45. Swalcliffe (6) after 7 p.m. For tea please notify H. L. Roper, Adderbury, Banbury, Oxon. 1474

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—Annual meeting, Thrapston (8), Saturday, Jan. 4th. Names for teas by Tuesday previous, please.—L. Witten, 4, John's Street, Thrapston, Kettering. 1532

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Annual meeting, St. Martin's Hotel, at 6.15 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 4th. St. Martin's bells available 4.30 p.m. —G. E. Fearn, Hon. Sec. 1496

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Annual meeting, Devizes, St. John's (8), Saturday, Jan. 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service and tea. St. James' (6) and St. Mary's (6) available. Names for tea.—S. Cockell, 19, Craybourne Road, Melksham, Wilts. 1528

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 4th, at Nottingham. St. Mary's bells (10) available from 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements. Business meeting in belfry at 6 p.m.—C. W. Towers. 1516

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD. — Northern Section.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 4th, at St. Mary's, Brecon (8 bells). Service 4 p.m. 1519

DEVON GUILD.—N.E. Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Peter's, Tiverton, Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Jan. 6th.—W. H. Ware, 1, Holly Road, Cowleymoor Estate, Tiverton.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Annual general meeting, Hornchurch, Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. **Service 4 p.m.**, followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea, please, to Mr. F. Gant, 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch. 1521

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—Annual general meeting, Barnwood, Gloucester, Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells (8) 3 to 4.15 p.m. Tea 4.30, followed by business meeting. Service 6.30. Ringing till 8.30 p.m. Names for tea by Jan. 7th to Green, 30, Malvern Road, Gloucester. 1476

LADIES' GUILD.—Sussex Division.—Annual meeting at Seaford, Saturday, Jan. 11th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Jan. 8th, please, to Miss D. Lester, 9, Laton Road, Hastings.—Daphne Lester, Hon. Sec. 1534

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Annual meeting at Wroxham, Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Jan. 8th, to Mr. A. J. Boyce, Hoveton Hall Lodge, Neateshead, Norwich. 1461

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